

146th Open - Round Two Course Set Up Notes



Tees, Fairways and Rough

Tees cut height 7mm. Fairways cut height 11mm.

First cut rough (approximate width 3 metres) cut height 37mm just prior to Championship; second cut rough (approximate width 3 metres), last cut at 75mm in mid June. Uncut rough beyond.

Greens

The greens are a fescue and brown top bent grass dominant blend. Green preparation for Friday - to be confirmed.

Approaches/Surrounds

Approaches/surrounds cut at 8mm, and are similar firmness to the greens.

Additional Information

Course Manager - Chris Whittle (3rd Open at Royal Birkdale as Course Manager (1998, 2008, 2017), also did one Open at Muirfield as Course Manager (1992)). Birkdale has a permanent greenstaff of 11 looking after 18 holes. Assistance is also provided by the Royal Birkdale Artisans Golf Club. For The Open, the total greenstaff is 34. This includes a greenkeeper from each of the other 9 Open Championship venues, 3 R&A greenkeeping scholars and others from local Clubs. There are 123 bunkers on course.

Total Course Yardage for Round Two (tee marker settings to flagstick)

7088 yards (as compared to the full yardage of 7156 yards)

Hole-by-Hole Information

Hole	Full Yardage	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Comment on Hole for Round Two
1	448	435	448			
2	422	414	408			
3	451	454	448			Hole located on the more challenging right side of the green
4	199	193	198			Accessible mid to back left hole position with the hole playing down the forecasted SE wind
5	346	329	354			Accessible hole position but getting on the wrong side (right) of the spine could leave a tricky putt
6	499	490	485			Tee remains on the forward tee
7	177	164	181			Back championship tee being used again for Round Two
8	458	466	451			Hole will be much more challenging in Round Two when played into the forecasted SE wind
9	416	401	414			Accessible hole position in the middle right of the green
10	402	402	392			Front right hole position brings the sole greenside bunker into play
11	436	437	434			Hole position in middle left bowl is perhaps the easiest position on this difficult green
12	183	175	168			Hole on the front portion of the green will bring the bunkers into play
13	499	505	495			Hole will be much more challenging in Round Two when played into the forecasted SE wind
14	200	188	193			With the wind coming off the SE and the slope down the middle of the green, balls should feed into the hole
15	542	539	536			Accessible hole position for what should be an easily reachable par 5 with the SE wind
16	438	420	445			Back hole position brings the run offs at the back of the green into play
17	567	556	576			Hole cut on top tier of the three tier green
18	473	473	462			Front position brings the bunkers on each side of the green into play
TOTAL	7156	7041	7088	0	0	