

Five-time major winner
Rory McIlroy

Triumphed at Hoylake at 2014 Open. Ended 11-year drought for major title at U.S. Masters – achieving golfing immortality by becoming only sixth man to win all four majors

The Open Championship 2025

JULY 17-20, ROYAL PORTRUSH, COUNTY ANTRIM

The 153rd Open Championship, the world's oldest golf tournament, returns to the challenging, undulating, windswept links of Royal Portrush for the first time since 2019

Open venues

Championship currently hosted at 10 courses in rotation, and total of 14 over its history

Host courses

Discontinued

GUIDE TO LINKS GOLF

Location: Traditionally played on coastal courses, harnessing topography of undulating dunes

Terrain: Typically sandy soil, leading to firm, fast-paced fairways

Gameplay: Natural features and native grasses replace heavily manicured landscapes

Weather: Strong, unpredictable winds require skillful shotmaking and adaptability

Hazards: Deep pot bunkers provide tough challenge to escape, and dense gorse bushes test recovery strokes

Xander Schauffele
2024 champion, at Royal Troon



St Andrews (30)

Carnoustie
Championships hosted: 8

Muirfield (16)

Musselburgh (6)

Links courses are considered by many as purest form of golf

Prestwick (24)
Turnberry (4)

Royal Troon (10)

Royal Portrush (3)
including 2025

Royal Lytham & St Annes (11)

Royal Birkdale (10)

Royal Liverpool (13)

Royal St George's (15)

Prince's (1)
Royal Cinque Ports (2)

Champion Golfers

Jersey-born **Harry Vardon** stands alone with six titles, followed by many of golf's most famous names. **Max Faulkner** (1951) and **Shane Lowry** (2019) are only winners at Royal Portrush to date

LEGENDS OF THE OPEN*

*Selected players only

6	Harry Vardon	JEY	1896, 98, 99, 1903, 11, 14
5	Peter Thomson	AUS	1954, 55, 56, 58, 65
5	Tom Watson	USA	1975, 77, 80, 82, 83
4	Walter Hagen	USA	1922, 24, 28, 29
3	Jack Nicklaus	USA	1966, 70, 78
3	Tiger Woods	USA	2000, 05, 06

Hole-by-hole scorecard

2019 statistics

*2025 yardage	Hughies (1st) Par 4	Giant's Grave (2nd) Par 5	Islay (3rd) Par 3	Fred Daly's (4th) Par 4	White Rocks (5th) Par 4	Harry Colt's (6th) Par 3
Distance*	420yds	575yds	176yds	502yds	372yds	193yds
Average	4.19	4.68	2.97	4.20	3.88	3.09
Birdies+	41	186	71	40	115	48
Pars	316	235	329	304	297	330
Bogeys+	101	37	58	114	46	80
Fairways hit	71.6%	53.1%	–	71.2%	42.1%	–
	Curran Point (7th) Par 5	Dunluce (8th) Par 4	Tavern (9th) Par 4	Himalayas (10th) Par 4	PG Stevenson's (11th) Par 4	Dhu Varren (12th) Par 5
Distance	607yds	434yds	432yds	450yds	475yds	532yds
Average	4.87	4.11	4.17	3.98	4.35	4.66
Birdies+	139	62	43	81	41	196
Pars	242	297	303	311	249	216
Bogeys+	77	99	112	66	168	46
Fairways hit	61.4%	68.3%	52.0%	59.2%	46.7%	52.8%
	Feather Bed (13th) Par 3	Causeway (14th) Par 4	Skerries (15th) Par 4	Calamity Corner (16th) Par 3	Purgatory (17th) Par 4	Babington's (18th) Par 4
Distance	199yds	466yds	429yds	236yds	409yds	474yds
Average	3.01	4.35	4.11	3.25	4.07	4.23
Birdies+	66	34	69	24	71	44
Pars	324	255	281	305	302	284
Bogeys+	68	169	108	129	85	130
Fairways hit	–	60.0%	67.5%	–	38.4%	70.4%

Total course length
7,381yds

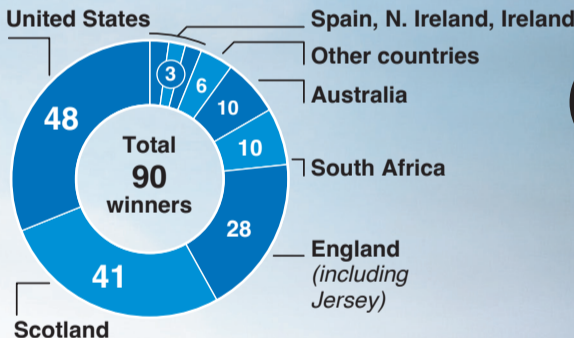
Driving distance leaders (average, 2025):
Aldrich Potgieter, 325.4yds
Rory McIlroy, 320.6yds

RECENT CHAMPIONS

Score

2024	Xander Schauffele	USA	-9	2019	Shane Lowry	IRE	-15
2023	Brian Harman	USA	-13	2018	Francesco Molinari	ITA	-8
2022	Cameron Smith	AUS	-20	2017	Jordan Spieth	USA	-12
2021	Collin Morikawa	USA	-15	2016	Henrik Stenson	SWE	-20
2020	Tournament cancelled			2015	Zach Johnson	USA	-15

OPEN CHAMPIONS BY COUNTRY: Inaugural 1860 tournament contested by eight professional golfers at Prestwick. Champion **Willie Park Sr** received **Challenge Belt**, bought from Edinburgh silversmith for £25 (around £3,890 / \$4,970 today)



THE OPEN
153RD ROYAL PORTRUSH

Claret Jug

Edinburgh silver, 20¾ inches tall. Introduced in 1872 after Young Tom Morris won Challenge Belt outright with third Open victory

Portrush Course

Course at record length in 2025, with changes made at 4th and 7th holes – increasing overall length by 37 yards

Clubhouse

