



Tournament Fact Sheet

AIG Women's Open (R&A)

Royal Porthcawl Golf Club • Porthcawl, Wales, UK • July 31-August 3, 2025

Course Manager

Ian Kinley, GCSAA

Years as GCSAA Member: 15

Years at Royal Porthcawl: 16

Years as Superintendent: 21

Previous Courses: Glen GC (course manager), Lahinch GC (deputy superintendent), Old Course St. Andrews (greenkeeper), Royal Birkdale (assistant greenkeeper)

Hometown: Barrow-in-Furness, England

Education: Myerscough College

Professional Tournaments Hosted: Kinley has hosted three Senior Opens and three Wales Senior Opens in his career.

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Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Lance Evans, assistant; Wyn Hughes, equipment manager; Peter Evans, golf professional

Agronomy Employees: 13 / Tournament Volunteers: 18

Golf Course Dogs: Billy, Ruby, Wilma (all Staffordshire bull terriers)

Course Architect

Charles Gibson, original 9 holes (1891). Ramsay Hunter, 18 holes in current location (1895)

Renovation: J Simpson (1933), Martin Ebert (2012-present) with new bunkering, greens, tees, hole amendments

Notable

- The club's 18th hole will play as tournament hole No. 1.
- Royal Porthcawl has hosted seven The Amateur Championships, the Walker Cup (1995), the Curtis Cup (1964) and The Senior Open (2014, 17 and 23).

Tournament Setup

Par: 72

Yardage: 6,750 (unofficial)

Turfgrass

Greens: Bentgrass / fescue / poa .167" (4.25 mm)

Collars: Bentgrass / fescue / poa .315" (8 mm)

Approaches: Fescue .315" (8 mm)

Tees: Fescue .315" (8 mm)

Fairways: Fescue .395" (10 mm)

Rough: Indigenous links species 2" (50 mm)

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,500 sq. ft.

Acres of Fairway: 29 (12 hectares)

Acres of Rough: 10 (4 hectares)

Number of Sand Bunkers: 116

Number of Water Hazards: 2

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 4

Average Fairway Widths: 35-40 yards

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