
The Open Golf Championship 2022

St Andrews

10th – 17th July 2022

Introduction

The 2022 Open Golf Championships at St. Andrews is designated as a Major Event, where careful control of wireless allocations will need to be implemented in order to establish a successful working frequency plan.

This year the Event will be coordinated by Des Vitalis, who has managed PMSE spectrum use at numerous events in the calendar.



About Des...

“I have worked for Ofcom PMSE for 21 years, during which time I have been responsible for managing the spectrum requirements of hundreds of Major Events and thousands (too many to count...) of spectrum coordination applications for ad-hoc events and business as usual requirements.

“My experience spans many different genres of Major Event, from Wimbledon to Glastonbury, the London Marathon to the FA Cup Final and the Tour de France and everything in-between. I have also worked onsite at each of the last four Open Golf Championships. This experience given me the opportunity to appreciate various equipment and spectrum demands - so your application will be in safe hands.

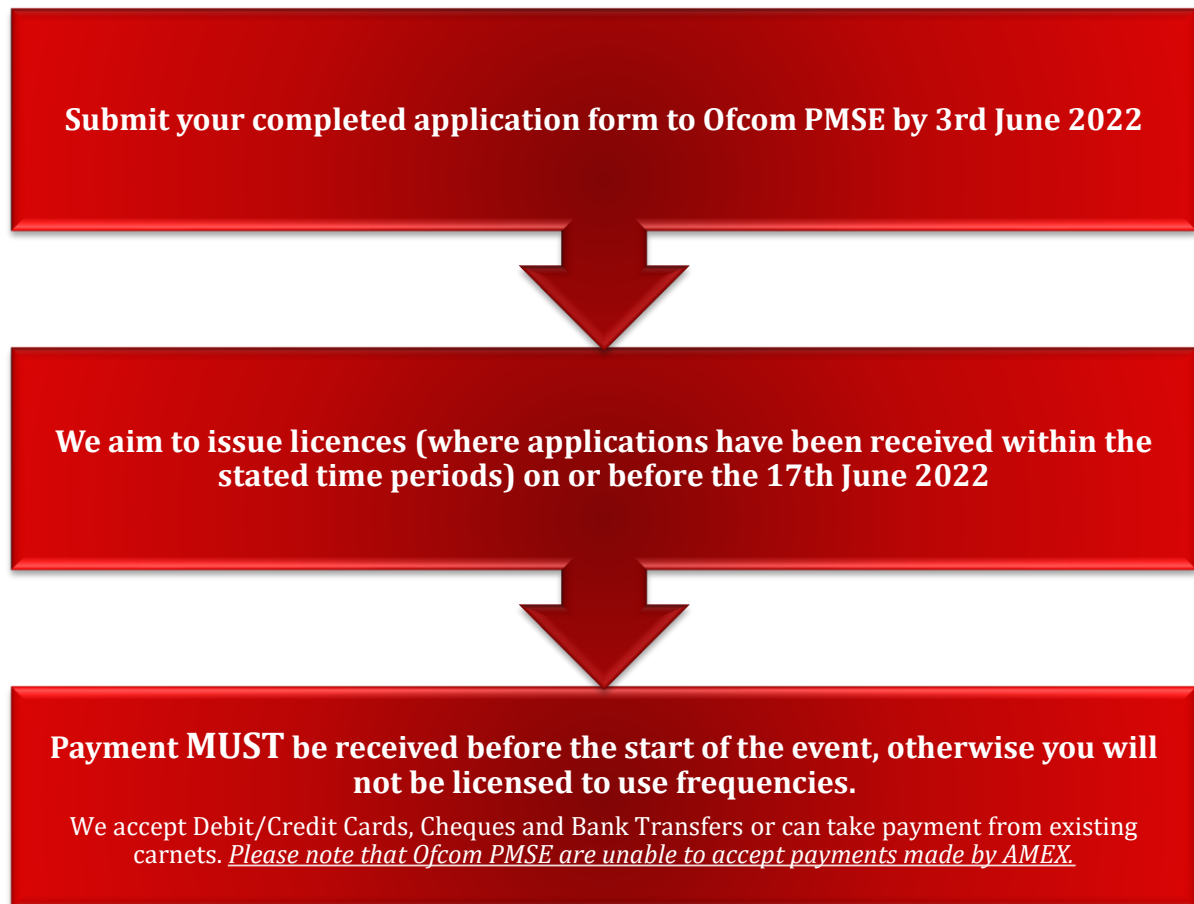
“On the following pages you will find information relating the British Open Golf Tournament which we hope you find useful. This information highlights each stage of the Major Event process from applying through to going live at the event. If there is any additional information you need then please do not hesitate to contact Des where he will be happy to help.”

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1. Application Process



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It is anticipated that a wide range of spectrum from VHF audio links to wireless cameras will be in use at the Open Golf Championships. As a result, applicants are asked to submit their frequency requests at the earliest possible opportunity. It is advisable to submit frequency applications by the **3rd of June 2022**, as applications submitted later than this may not be accommodated as required. As the Open Golf Championship is designated a Major Event, applications for frequencies will not be subject to Ofcom PMSE's usual three day turnaround rule. All frequency applications will be collated and worked on at the same time in order to achieve the best frequency allocation plan. Applications can be submitted via the online Event application process, or by submitting an application form in the usual manner. All application forms are downloadable from our website www.ofcom.org.uk/pmse.

With the impact of COVID-19 on the PMSE sector timeframes may be difficult to follow this year. However, the deadlines above will need to be adhered to in order to facilitate a successful frequency plan, whilst allowing time for any changes needed prior to the start of the event. On receipt of all frequency applications customers will be notified via email that their application has been received. Once applications have been reviewed, customers will be contacted if there are any immediate concerns regarding their requirements, or if any relevant information has been omitted.

2. Coordination and Licensing

General Information

The high demand for wireless spectrum for the Open Golf Championship is expected to exceed the quantities available from the PMSE bands; however, we will endeavour to satisfy all requirements. There will be areas of concentrated talkback use such as the Broadcasters' Compound, so it is vital from a coordination perspective that the locations of all talkback antennas are made known. If the locations of talkback antennas are not made known, Ofcom PMSE will call to obtain this information, which may delay the process. In addition, it is crucial to state which transmit or receive antennas will be mounted on hoists, and precisely how high the hoists will be elevated.

Information key to the coordination process includes:

- The number of wireless microphones, in ear monitors and wireless talkback systems and wireless cameras required
- The frequency range that equipment will tune across (greater flexibility will aid the coordination process)
- The dates and times that frequencies are needed
- Location of receive points
- Heights above ground level for frequencies transmitting or receiving on hoists.

Such information can be included on the application form or an accompanying email.

When Licences have been processed, a secure payment link will be emailed to the applicant if paying by credit or debit card. Once confirmation of payment has been received, the Licence will be issued and emailed to the applicant. Applications received within the stated time periods will have Licences issued on or before the **17th of June 2022** allowing sufficient time for equipment to be retuned or programmed. Payment can also be made via BACs transfer, cheque (made payable to Ofcom PMSE) or by carnet tokens.

3. Event Time

Ofcom PMSE will be onsite to provide support to the PMSE community during the Event, during which it is imperative that all frequencies are used within the terms and conditions of the Licence held. This includes transmission of frequencies only during the times and dates stated on the Licence, not exceeding the designated maximum power, transmitting frequencies only from the location specified on the Licence or as discussed with the Event Coordinator.

If interference is experienced during the Event the Event Coordinator will be available to assist onsite during office hours by way of investigating the possible cause of the interference. If the cause is identified the necessary steps will be taken. If interference occurs outside of office hours the Event Coordinator or Emergency Coordinator will be able to assist.

4. Useful Contacts

Event Coordinator Details

Email: pmse@ofcom.org.uk

Office Hours: Mon to Fri 09:00 – 17:00

Telephone: 0207 981 3803

Out of Hours Emergency Coordinator: 07866 423 619

Office Details

Our office hours are 9:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday

E-mail: pmse@ofcom.org.uk

Telephone: +44 (0) 207 981 3803

For help outside of these hours, please contact our out of hours PMSE Emergency Coordinator (Please note there is a £55 charge per schedule for bookings made via our out of hours service in addition to the licence fee) on emergency contact number: [+44 \(0\) 7866 423619](tel:+44(0)7866423619).