

Open Golf Championship 2015

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13 May 2015 12 June 2015 The BBC has applied for Ofcom's consent to broadcast exclusive live coverage of the Open Golf Championship 2015 on BBC1 and BBC2 (and their interactive streams). The tournament is due to take place between 12 and 19 July 2015.

This is a Group B Listed Event which means that the rights to broadcast highlights or deferred coverage must have been offered to broadcasters providing services in the other category from BBC1 and BBC2, as specified in the Broadcasting Act 1996. The rules which apply are set out in the <u>Code on Sports and Other Listed and Designated Events</u>.

In the case of the Open Golf Championship, Ofcom understands that rights meeting (at least) the minimum requirements for secondary coverage as set out in the Code have been offered to broadcasters in the other category but so far no such rights have been acquired.

Ofcom notes that the BBC will also transmit live radio coverage of this event on one of its national network radio services.

Ofcom is now inviting broadcasters, and any other interested parties, to comment on the BBC's request. Comments should be sent by 12 June 2015 to:

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Unless confidentiality is requested, all comments will be available to view on Ofcom's website after the consultation has closed.