



OPEN CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE PRIZE FUND DONATED TO SEVE BALLESTEROS FOUNDATION

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The R&A have donated the Open Champions Challenge prize fund of £50,000 to the Seve Ballesteros Foundation. The prize was due to be awarded to the winning team in the Champions Challenge but the event was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.

Last night, at the Champions Dinner, the Past Champions who were due to compete in today's event agreed that the winning team would award the prize money to Seve's charity. The R&A had made the sum available for the team of Champions that won the Challenge to give to a charity of their choice.

The Foundation aims to channel funds into ongoing research, particularly into brain cancer, the condition with which Ballesteros was diagnosed in October 2008. It also aims to support young golfers with limited economic resources to develop their career in the game.

Ballesteros had planned to attend the 150th Anniversary Open Championship and intended to play in the Champions' Challenge. Last month, however, he was advised by his doctors against making the trip to St Andrews.