



2016 ESTONIAN FOUR-BALL OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Conditions of the Competition

- TIME:** May 20-22 2016
- LOCATION:** White Beach Golf
- HEAD REFEREE:** Sander Vallaots
- COMMITTEE:** Piret Sepp, Rein Raudsepp, Sander Vallaots, Anu Kendra
- ENTRY FEE:** 80€ per player (160€ per team), caddie bib 10€
- FORMAT:** Four-Ball stroke play and Four-Ball match play
Men play 36 holes Four-Ball stroke play after which 16 best teams continue in Four-Ball match play.
Ladies play 18 holes Four-Ball stroke play after which all teams continue in Four-Ball match play.
- RULES OF GOLF:** The Rules of Golf as approved by R & A Rules Limited in addition to Local Rules as made and published by Estonian Golf Association (EGL Hard Card) and by the Committee of Estonian Four-Ball Open Championships shall apply in addition to the Conditions of the Competition. Players should familiarise themselves with these rules, particularly Rule 6: **Player's Responsibilities**.
- DECISION OF TIES:** The manner in which ties are to be decided will be by matching the tied score cards to determine the better score on count-back, as approved by R & A Rules Limited.
The ties in qualifying round (Four-Ball stroke play) are to be decided by matching the tied score cards on basis of the best score for the in side (holes no. 10-18). In the event of a tie for the 16th position in the qualification round, a hole by hole Four-Ball stroke play play-off will be held on the holes decided by the Committee before the play off takes place.
If a Four-Ball match ends all square, then the match shall be played off hole by hole until one side wins a hole.



CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY:

Ladies – up to 16 teams (minimum number of teams 8). Ladies play from the blue tees. HCP eligibility is max 26,4.

Men – up to 48 teams (minimum number of teams 8). Men play from the white tees. HCP eligibility is max 18,4.

Entrants must have an active EGA handicap (or equivalent). In the event of over registration the teams with lower handicaps are preferred and the teams with higher handicaps are refunded. Team handicap is the sum of handicaps of the players.

PLANNED SCHEDULE:

Fr 20.05	08:00 Men 1st qualifying round in Four-Ball stroke play (48 teams) Ladies qualifying round in Four-Ball stroke play (16 teams) 14:00 Men 2nd qualifying round in Four-Ball stroke play (48 teams)
Sa 21.05	08:00 Men 3rd round in Four-Ball match play (16 teams) Ladies 2nd round in Four-Ball match play (16 teams) 14:00 Men (8 teams) and Ladies (8 teams) quarter finals in Four-Ball match play
Su 22.05	08:00 Men (4 teams) and Ladies (4 teams) semi-finals in Four-Ball match play 14:00 Men and Ladies match for 3rd place and finals in Four-Ball match play

The Committee holds the rights to change the starting times and groups as they see necessary.

AWARDS:

The winner team of the Championship shall be the Estonian Four Ball Champion for a period of one year. The Championship Trophy shall be held by the hosting club of the tournament, which will be responsible for the cost of engraving, insuring and maintaining the trophy and should return it, before the next Championships, to an address named by the Estonian Golf Association's General Secretary.

The three best teams in both classes are awarded with a medal and diploma. Every team competing on the last day will be awarded by sponsor awards. The award ceremony will be held on May 21 approximately half an hour after the last match has finished.



ENTRY:

Entry closes at 20.00 on May 13th.

Entry form can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/EST4ball>. Entry fees must be paid to EGTM OÜ bank account EE561010220250252229, SEB Bank SWIFT (BIC): EEUH22X

The competitor must register his/her caddie during the registration to the tournament. Later caddie registrations will be ignored. The price for caddie is 10€ (caddie bib with team name).

Player/Team is considered as registered when entry fees are paid before 20.00 of 13th of May.

Entry fee includes all green fees and practice balls for every round.

Catering (3 courses) is available for 19€ per day on Friday May 20th and Saturday May 21th.

Accommodation packages can be bought separately upon request.

Registered players can play practice rounds from May 16th to May 19th for 29€ per round.

ADDITIONAL INFO:

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