



## ESTONIAN AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

### 1. GENERAL

#### 1.1 Date and place.

26.-27.5.2018. Saaremaa Golf Club

#### 1.2 Format.

The Champions shall be decided over 54 holes, first day 36 holes and second day 18 holes in stroke play in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the Estonian Golf Association Hard Card, the Local Rules approved by the Committee of the Championship and the Conditions herein.

WAGR points will be awarded in this competition.

#### 1.3 Winner and Prizes.

The winners of the Championship shall be the Estonian Amateur Open Champions for a period of one year. The Championship Trophy shall be held by hosting golf club, which will be responsible for the cost of engraving, insuring and maintaining the trophy and should return it, before the next Championship, to an address named by the Estonian Golf Association Secretary.

The winner shall receive a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy, the runner-up 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy and the third-placed competitor a 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy.

#### 1.4 Eligibility.

An entry will be accepted from any male amateur player who has EGA HCP 12 or lower and from any female amateur player who has EGA HCP 16 or lower.

The competition will be held in two classes – men and ladies.

A minimum number of players per class is 6.



### 1.5 Field Restrictions.

The starting field will comprise 78 competitors. If the number of entries exceeds 78, places in the starting field will be decided by the Committee based on WAGR ranking and then handicap ballot. Men's class size is at least 60 competitors and ladies at least 18 competitors. The Committee has also the right to include players with higher HCP if the number of competitors doesn't exceed 78.

### 1.6 Times of Starting and Groups.

The times of starting and groups of three will be decided by the Committee for the first day. Ladies start first on the first day. On the final day, the groups of three will be assembled using the players' 36 holes aggregate scores where the low scores start later. In the event of tied aggregate scores, the player who made a better score in the previous round is deemed to have the lower score. Ladies start first except the leading group which will start in front of the men's leading group starting last.

### 1.7 Cut.

The 60 lowest scores (54 men and 12 ladies) over the first 36 holes, including ties, shall qualify for the final 18 holes. If a competitor, who has posted a two-round total that will qualify for the final round, withdraws before or after the final round draw is made, the competitor's results will still be used to calculate the leading places and ties that will determine the cut line.

### 1.8 Caddies.

Caddie's outfit must meet the requirements set for the clothes of the player; footwear must be a sports shoes without spikes. Caddie must be registered beforehand with the Committee and the caddie must wear a caddie bib, if provided, during the competition rounds.

### 1.9 Decision of Ties.

In the event of a tie for first place between two or more players, the winner shall be decided by aggregate play-off over three holes in stroke play. Play-off holes will be decided by the Committee before the play-off takes place. The play-off shall start as soon as practicable after the last competitors have finished their final round. The competitor with the lowest aggregate score over the extra holes shall be declared the winner. The competitor with the highest score comes last in the play-off. If this does not produce a winner, the remaining competitors shall continue in sudden death format on the same holes. For competitors who



drop out from the play-off with equal scores, the places will be decided based on scores for the final 36, 18, 9, 6, 3, 1 holes. If the tie still exists, an 18-hole count-back will be used for the second round and then the first round, if necessary. If there is still a tie, then the better score is decided by lot. The same principle will be used for all other ties.

### 1.10 Tees.

**Men** – 6300 meters, CR 75,2 Slope 146

**Ladies** – 5500 meters, CR 77,1 Slope 139

## 2. ENTRIES

### 2.1 Entries.

Registration and confirmation can only be done online. Competitors can enter the competition via GolfBox: [Enter here](#). The competitor is considered as registered when the entry fee has been received in full and cleared by EGTM OÜ.

Beneficiary: EGTM OÜ

IBAN: EE347700771002570731

Bank: AS LHV Pank

SWIFT (BIC): LHVBE22

Please keep a printed receipt for your records of all online transactions. Players need to be aware that registration requires payment of entry fee. Bank transfers, major credit cards and/or debit cards or PayPal are accepted.

Registration closes at 18<sup>th</sup> of May 23:00 hrs.

*Note: Late entries will not be accepted.*

Link to the official website is [Estonian Amateur Open 2018](#)



## 2.2 Entry Fee.

The entry fee is 150 €.

## 2.3 Refunds.

Withdrawal from the tournament must be made by contacting the tournament office by phone +372 50 41 792 or by email [info@estoniantour.ee](mailto:info@estoniantour.ee).

Cancellations made before registration deadline will be refunded 100%.

Cancellations made after the registration deadline will not be refunded, except for those entrants who may be balloted out and those withdrawing for medical reasons. The player must present a medical warrant prescribed by a physician to the Committee when withdrawing for medical reasons.

All possible cancellation fees will be waived if a player finds a substitute to take his spot.

Refund is not possible once an entrant has teed off.

## 2.4 Reserve List.

Entrants will be allocated to a reserve list if entries exceed 60 competitors for men and 18 for ladies. Entrants in the reserve list shall be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entrance fees will be refunded to entrants who have been balloted out and do not subsequently compete.