



ESTONIAN MATCH PLAY OPEN 2018

1. GENERAL

1.1 Date and Place

8th–11th of June 2018. Estonian Golf & Country Club, Stone Course

1.2 Format

The Champions shall be decided in match 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.

A match is won when one side leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played.

If there is a tie after 18 holes, the competitors will continue the match from the 1st tee and play until one side wins a hole and the match.

WAGR points will be awarded in this competition.

1.3 Winner and Prizes

The winners of the Championship shall be Estonian Match Play 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 the address named by the Estonian Golf Association Secretary.

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

1.4 Eligibility

Entries will be accepted from any male amateur player whose EGA HCP is 18 or lower and from any female amateur player whose EGA HCP is 24 or lower.

Professional and non-amateur players without a handicap can participate with HCP 0 unless the



player's home club has kept track of his/her handicap. In that case, the correct handicap will be used on the ballot.

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

The minimum number of players per class is eight.

1.5 Field Restrictions

The starting field consists of 32 male and eight female competitors qualified from Estonian Amateur Open, granted seeds and from the qualification round.

The field size of the qualification round is at the minimum 16 male and eight female players and at the maximum 96 players total with players of other age classes. The Committee will hold a handicap ballot if the number of entries exceeds class limits and will prefer competitors with lower HCPs.

The Committee also has the right to include players with a higher HCP if the number of competitors doesn't exceed class limits.

1.6 Seeding

Male players with the best Estonian Amateur Open scores who register to the tournament will qualify for seeds 1–8 (a better score will get a better seed).

Female players with the best Estonian Amateur Open scores who register to the tournament will qualify for seeds 1–2 (a better score will get a better seed).

The number of granted seeds is the same as the number of players who register and qualify from Estonian Amateur Open but not more than eight players for men and two for ladies.

The next up to eight seeds for men and up to two seeds for ladies amongst players with a handicap of 4,4 or better will be decided first by WAGR positions and then by HCP ballots.

The remaining seeds will be decided by an 18-hole stroke play qualification round played on Friday, 8th of June.

Amateur players with a handicap of 4,4 or better who have been seeded and professionals who are PGA members are exempt from the qualification round. All other players (including non-amateurs



without a handicap) must participate in the qualification.

1.7 Decision of Ties in the qualifying round

The ties in the qualifying round are to be decided by matching the tied score-cards on the basis of the best score for the last 18, 9, 6, 3, 1 holes. If that does not produce a winner, then the better score is decided by lot.

1.8 Caddies

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

1.9 Tees

Men – at least 5800 meters

Ladies –at least 5020 meters

2. ENTRIES

2.1 Entries

Registration and confirmation can only be done online. Competitors can enter the competition via GolfBox using the following address: [Entry for men](#) and [Entry for ladies](#)

The competitor is considered 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 and PayPal are accepted.

Registration closes on 1st of June at 11:00 p.m.

Note: *late entries will not be accepted.*

The link to the official website is <https://www.golf.ee/voistlused/estonian-matchplay-open-2018/>.

2.2 Entry Fee

80 euros

2.3 Refunds

Withdrawal from the tournament must be made by contacting the tournament office by phone (+372 504 1 792) or by email (info@estoniantour.ee).

Cancellations made before the registration deadline will be 100% refunded.

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/her spot.

A refund is not possible once the entrant has teed off.

2.4 Reserve List

Entrants will be allocated to a reserve list if entries exceed class limits. 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.