



# ESTONIAN SENIOR OPEN

## CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

### 1. GENERAL

#### 1.1 Format

The Champions shall be decided over 36 holes in stroke play. Competition is in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the Estonian Golf Association Hard Card and Code of Conduct, the Local Rules approved by the Committee, Generic Terms and the Conditions herein.

#### 1.2 Eligibility, classes

Estonian Senior Open is an international competition for all senior male and female amateur players, who according to their age qualify in any of the classes listed below on the first day of the competition. All participants who own WHS™ H.I.™ can participate in the competition. H.I.™ should be 36 or better.

The competition will be held in seven classes:

- men 50 years and older
- men 60 years and older
- men 65 years and older
- men 70 years and older
- ladies 50 years and older
- ladies 60 years and older
- ladies 65 years and older

Minimum number of players per class is 6.

#### 1.3 Number of competitors

The starting field will comprise of maximum 144 competitors. If the number of entries exceeds 144, places in the starting field will be decided by the Committee based on entrants' WAGR ranking and preferring players with lower H.I.™. The Committee has also the right to include players with higher HCPI if the number of competitors doesn't exceed 144. There are a minimum of 12 starting places for each class.



## 1.4 Decision of ties

If the first place is shared by two or more players with equal results, the winner shall be decided in a sudden-death format play-off immediately after the competition on holes decided by the committee. Winner will be the player with the lowest score after the play-off hole. The player with the highest number of strokes will be the last in the play-off. If the lowest score is achieved by two or more players, then the play-off will continue on the holes decided by the committee until the winner is identified. If two or more players drop out with the same score, then their rankings will be determined under the principle better result in stroke play on the last 18, 9, 6, 3, and 1 holes. If the tie remains, then the better result is decided by lot.

If the rest of the medals (except for the first place) remain shared by two or more competitors, then their rankings will be determined under the principle better result on last 18, 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes. If the tie remains, then the better result is decided by lot.

The medals of the Estonian Championship will be divided according to the rankings of the class.

## 1.5 Starting times and groups

On the first day, the groups and start times will be determined by the Committee's decision. Veteran groups start first, followed by seniors. Inside the age groups, ladies start first, followed by male groups. On the final day, groups will be assembled using the players 18 holes aggregate scores so that the lower-scored competitors start later. If the players' score of the first 18 holes on the first day is equal, then their rankings will be determined under the principle better result in stroke play on the last 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes. If the tie remains, better result is decided by lot.

On both days women's groups start first in their age group. On the second day, the final groups of each class will start last.

## 1.6 Cut

There is no cut in the competition.

# 2. PRIZES

## 2.1 Winner

The winners of each class shall be the Estonian Senior Open Champions for the year 2026. In addition, the first three places in each competition class will be awarded with prizes.

Link to the official website is: [Estonian Senior Open](https://www.golf.ee)