

# MALTA JUNIOR GOLF OPEN 2018



**26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**(Practice Day: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018)**



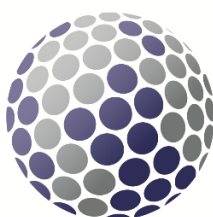
*under the auspices of the*  
**Malta Golf Association**

*hosted by the*  
**Royal Malta Golf Club**



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A COUNTING EVENT FOR:



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## **1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

### **a) Status of Players:**

Entries will be accepted from junior players who:

- Conform in all respects to the current Amateur Status of the R&A; and
- Born not before **1<sup>st</sup> January 2000** and possess a valid EGA or CONGU maximum exact handicap of **28.4** for boys and **36.4** for girls.

*Participants must be active members of a recognised golf club and should produce proof of their exact handicap not later than at registration on the first day of the competition. The Organising Committee reserves the right to confirm the date of birth of the players at any time before or during the tournament.*

### **b) Entry Fee:**

The entry fee is €80. The fee includes the competition entry fee, practice round on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March, water and fruit on the course, food after the competition days, the Sunday evening welcome reception and the prize giving reception on the last day.

All other practice rounds will be charged at the junior green fee applicable on the day.

## **2. FORM OF PLAY**

- a) The competition will be played in an individual medal stroke play format in a three-day event over 54 holes at the Royal Malta Golf Club (RMGC).
- b) Girls will play from the red tees; boys will play from the yellow tees.
- c) The girl player and the boy player with the lowest gross score over 54 holes will be the overall joint winners of the main competition and will be declared the *Malta Male Junior (respectively Malta Female Junior) Open Golf Champion for 2017* and will be jointly presented with the Championship Trophy\*.
- d) In the event of a tie for first place, there will be an immediate sudden death play-off over the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, repeated if required. All other ties will be decided according to paragraph 10(c) of Appendix 1 Part B of the Rules of Golf.
- e) The draw for the first day of play will be generally made according to the registered handicap of the players. The draw for the consecutive days will be made according to the scores returned from the first day of play. Flights could consist both genders.

## **3. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- a) The competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and with the approved Local Rules for the RMGC course.
- b) The Organising Committee will reserve the right to fix and/or alter the Competition's Conditions and/or Starting Times. Starting times will be published on the Malta Golf Association (MGA) website ([www.maltagolf.org](http://www.maltagolf.org)). They will also be available at the registration desk and posted on the Championship's Notice Board at the RMGC.
- c) Competition registration is mandatory and will take place at the RMGC on the morning of the event. Players are reminded that they must complete the competition

registration and collect their scorecards on arrival at the RMGC at least 15 minutes before their starting time.

- d) A roaming referee will be available on the course during the competition but the Championship Officials will be the final arbiter of all on and off course disputes. A player, in doubt of a procedure, will be advised to play a second ball according to Rule 3-3 of the Rules of Golf.
- e) *Dress code:* Soft spikes will be obligatory for players. If not respected, access to the golf course will be denied. Normal and appropriate golf attire will be required on the course. Denim jeans will not allowed under any circumstances.
- f) *Electronic equipment:* The use of mobile phones for communication and similar electronic devices (radios, MP3 players, pagers, etc) by a player while on the golf course during a stipulated round is considered distracting and inconsiderate. If any player is in possession of such a device it should be turned off or silenced before commencement of play. Any use of such device will result in the Organising Committee taking disciplinary action against the offending person(s) in accordance with the concluding paragraph of Section 1 of the Rules of Golf (Etiquette). Primarily this would mean the player being prohibited from playing in the next competition organised by the RMGC and or the MGA and, if the offence is persistent or very disturbing to others, in a penalty of disqualification of the player being imposed under Rule 33-7. A mobile phone may exceptionally be used in case of emergency (for medical reasons) or danger (e.g. lightning).
- g) *Disclaimer:* On entering the competition, players agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal liability for all such risks.

#### **4. CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

- a) *Time of Starting:* If a player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole.
- b) *Caddies:* A player is prohibited from having a caddie during a stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition is two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes. A player having a caddie in breach of this condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that he conforms to this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise the player is disqualified.
- c) *Advice:* Advice is prohibited to be received from spectators (team managers, relatives, friends, etc.) following the players during the rounds. Spectators are observers only and must not walk in close vicinity of the players, must not communicate in any manner with the players or interfere with any officials performing their duties during the competition rounds. The penalty for a player asking for and receiving advice from a spectator is two strokes as per Rule 8-1 and the spectator shall be asked to leave the course. Compliance with these rules is the responsibility of both the spectator and the player, though it is the player who will receive the penalty. Spectators may assist in the search for a player's ball to help speed play.
- d) *Practice:* Rule 7-1b of the Rules of Golf applies and therefore practice, on the competition course or testing the surface of any putting green, before a round on the days of the competition is prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: disqualification.

- e) *Trolleys & Buggies:* Electric or manual trolleys may be used but should not be taken onto tees or greens. This a walking competition and the normal use of golf buggies is prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: disqualification. In exceptional medical circumstances, the Organising Committee may, at its discretion, grant exemption for a buggy to be used. The competitor would need to submit a medical certificate stating the relevant medical condition. In the event of a stroke and distance penalty, the roaming referee can decide to grant a player a lift on the golf buggy to speed up play.
- f) *Artificial Devices & Unusual Equipment:* Players are allowed to use devices that only measure or gauge distance.
- g) *Driving Clubs:* The driver the competitor carries must have a club-head, identified by model and loft, which is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A Rules Limited. Note: Any individual driver on the List, if tested on pendulum testing apparatus approved by R&A Rules Limited, must not have a characteristic time greater than 257 microseconds Penalty for breach of this condition: disqualification.
- h) *Suspension of Play:* Please see separate sheet.
- i) *Pace of Play:* The pace of play may be monitored and slow play may be penalised at the discretion of the Championship Officials.
- j) *Returning a Scorecard:* Following each of the stroke play rounds, players must return their scorecards to an area designated by the Organising Committee. A player's scorecard is deemed officially returned when it has been recorded in the designated area.
- k) *Close of a Competition:* Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules must be referred to the Championship Officials as soon as possible and before the conclusion of play on the final day. The Competition will be deemed closed once the result is officially announced at the end of Day 3.

## 5. PRIZES AND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

Nine memento prizes will be presented as follows:

Overall best gross aggregate score from a:	girl player	boy player
2 <sup>nd</sup> best gross aggregate score from a:	girl player	boy player
3 <sup>rd</sup> best gross aggregate score from a:	girl player	boy player
Overall best net aggregate score from a:	girl player	boy player
Overall best net aggregate score from an RMGC girl or boy player.		

There will be a limit of one prize per participant. All prize winners are expected to attend the prize presentation, which will take place following the last round of the competition. No prize will be awarded to any competitor who is absent from the prize presentation unless there are very exceptional circumstances and the Organising Committee is so advised.

\* The Championship Trophy, although jointly presented to the overall winners, will be retained by the Organising Committee.

## 6. CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICIALS

The authorised officials for disputes and doubtful points are Nigel Hall and William Beck. The decision of these officials, on any matter relating to the Rules of Golf or these Conditions, shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal. No other club member or official will give a decision on a rule matter unless he has been authorised by the Organising Committee to give such decisions in its name.

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Practice Round for Main Competition  
Subsidiary Competitions  
Opening Ceremony and welcome reception  
Prize giving for Subsidiary Competitions

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March

First round followed by lunch

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Second round followed by lunch

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Third round  
Prize giving ceremony and reception

## ROYAL MALTA GOLF CLUB

The Royal Malta Golf Club was founded in 1888 and moved to its current locality in 1904. The course offers 18 holes of golf in stunning, historical, landscaped grounds, which are maintained daily. Today at par 68, the course is a good challenge for the more experienced, without being unkind to the novice.

The apparent simplicity of the course is deceptive as it is narrow demanding accuracy off the tee and controlled approach shots as the greens are small and well bunkered. Depending on the season, there is not much water on the course but a few strategically placed water hazards lie in wait.

([www.royalmaltagolfclub.com](http://www.royalmaltagolfclub.com)).

PLEASE AVOID SLOW PLAY AT ALL TIMES												
NAME	HOLE	PAR	MEN		PLAYERS			PLAYERS			LADIES	
			YDS	S.I.	A	B	RSLT	C	D	RSLT	YDS	S.I.
The Horseshoe	1	4	276	11							266	11
Twin Palms	2	4	256	17							253	17
The Mistral	3	4	432	1							390	1
Bougainvillea	4	4	426	5							406	5
Mimosa Run	5	3	196	9							186	9
Maid's Bedroom	6	3	159	13							143	13
The Trap	7	3	152	15							133	15
The Scirocco	8	5	512	3							481	3
The Marsa	9	4	344	7							283	7
	OUT	34	2753								2541	

NAME	HOLE	PAR	YDS	S.I.	A	B	RSLT	C	D	RSLT	YDS	S.I.
The Chapel	10	4	382	2							368	2
The Dyke	11	4	309	12							297	12
The Brook	12	4	403	6							368	6
The Ridge	13	3	171	14							167	14
Oleanders	14	4	321	8							318	8
San Bastian	15	5	523	4							467	4
The Knoll	16	3	210	10							172	10
Devil's Ditch	17	3	139	16							131	16
Hooker's Delight	18	4	273	18							274	18
	IN	34	2731								2562	
	OUT	34	2753								2541	
	TOTAL	68	5484								5103	

**NB:** The course layout (sequence of holes) will change by the time the Junior Open takes place.

