



Swiss Golf International Championship

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Entry conditions

The Championship is open to male and female amateur golfers as defined by the current Rules of Amateur Status. All competitors must be members of a golf club which itself is a member of its national federation/union/association or be in possession of a Swiss Golf Card since at least 3 months.

Handicap limits

- Men 3.5
- Ladies 5.0

The organizing club has the right at any time to require a player to confirm his handicap. In games that are played over several rounds, the handicap is adjusted only after the end of the tournament.

Number of players

Entry is limited to 144 competitors (90 men and 54 ladies).

The following competitors will gain automatic entry, provided they meet the entry criteria and their entry is received before the closing date:

- Men: 2 players from each of the countries finishing in the Top-8 teams at the previous European Amateur Team Championship
- Ladies: 1 player from each of the countries finishing in the Top-5 teams at the previous European Ladies' Team Championship
- Men & Ladies: the past 5 winners of the Swiss International Amateur Championships
- Men & Ladies: the reigning Swiss National Stroke Play and Match Play champions
- Men: 10 Swiss Golf Wildcards
- Ladies: 8 Swiss Golf Wildcards

Only players who have registered within the deadlines set out in the regulations will be eligible to receive a Wild Card.

All remaining entries will be accepted according to firstly the WAGR ranking (up to rank 1000 for the Men and up to rank 1500 for the Ladies) and secondly, by handicap. Competitors with same handicaps will be accepted by ballot. Changes in handicap will be accepted only until the entry deadline (6pm 9.07.2021) after which no changes can be made to the handicap.

Waiting List & Admission List

Players who do not gain entry will be placed on a list of reserves and will be contacted when their turn arrives, provided they indicate an email address on their entry form. Furthermore, accepted entries and reserves lists will be published on our website www.swissgolf.ch.

Withdrawal – No Show

Any player wishing to withdraw from the championship must inform Swiss Golf or the host club before the draw. Entry fees will not be refunded for no-shows. The Swiss Golf Disciplinary Committee may sanction players who contravene repeatedly.

Draw

Ladies and Men form distinct groups. For the first round, the draw is done in 3 groups:

- Group 1: Amateurs with lower handicaps
- Group 2: Amateurs with higher handicaps
- Group 3: Ladies

The order of the groups remains the same for the first 36 holes. Only tee times are changed so players who start early on the first day start late the second and vice versa.

For the last two rounds, the players will be placed according to their result, the best starting last.

For the last two rounds, the draw is made for the whole day with simultaneous starts on tees # 1 and # 10. The groups remain unchanged, except that the players who start at tee 1 will start at tee 10 in the afternoon and vice versa, so that the competitors will start once at tee 1 and once at tee 10. The players with the best results will start at tee 10 in the morning.

The starting list is published at the latest two days before the championship at 2 pm.

Format

The Championship shall comprise 72 holes of stroke play over 3 days. The first two rounds are played on Wednesday and Thursday, the remaining two rounds on Friday. There will be a cut after 36 holes. The 39 best scores of the men's field (and all ties) and the 21 best scores of the ladies' field (and all ties) will qualify for the last two rounds on Friday.



Bad Weather

if either the first or second rounds are cancelled due to bad weather, the cut will be determined according to the only round played.

Tee

Championship Tees (Back Tees).

Ties

In case of a tie for 1st place, the winner shall be determined by sudden-death play-off on at beforehand announced holes. In case of a tie for any subsequent places: the last 36 holes will be decisive, then in case of new tie, the last 18, then the last 9, then the last 6, then the last 3, then the last hole, in the order of the scorecard.

Practice rounds

Participants may play two practice rounds free of charge.

Prize

Swiss Golf offers the men's and women's trophies rewarding the winners of the Swiss International Amateur Championship.

The other souvenir prizes are offered by the organizing club or the sponsor.

Note: The winner of the Swiss Golf International Women's Championship will receive an invitation to participate (provided she remains an amateur) in the VP Bank Swiss Ladies Open (Ladies European Tour) taking place in Ennetsee, September 9 to 11, 2021.

The winner of the Swiss Golf International Men's Championship will receive an invitation to participate (provided he remains an amateur) in the Omega European Masters (European Tour Event) taking place in Crans-Montana, 26 to 29 August 2021.

Entry Fee and Score Card

The entry fee must be paid directly upon inscription online.

The entry fee for the Championship is CHF 120.- per competitor. The scorecard is handed out at the 1st tee for all rounds.

Entries and Closing Date

All competitors must register online at www.swissgolf.ch.

The closing date for entries is 9 July 2021 at 6.00pm. Entries should reach Swiss Golf by this time at the latest.

Transport

Competitors are not allowed to use Golf Carts on the course.

Anti-Doping

A competitor must not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his performance. A competitor must, if requested, submit to a random drug test. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

The regulations of Swiss Olympic apply.

Distance Measuring Devices

Distance Measuring Devices are allowed during tournament play, provided conditions stated in Rule 4.3 are observed.

Rules

The championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Ltd, the Swiss Golf General Rules, the Swiss Golf Hard Card and with the additional Local Rules approved by the Committee.

The General Rules (French & German) and Hard Card (English, French, German & Italian) may be accessed on our website: <http://www.swissgolf.ch/en/our-sport/handicap-rules/rules/>

Swiss Golf Regulations Committee

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