

Latvian Mid-Amateur and Senior Open Championship 2018, 27th. - 29th. July
Ozo Golf Club, Riga, Latvia

Program of the tournament

Wednesday, 25th of July –

Registration deadline at 23:59

Thursday, 26th of July –

From 8:00 practice round; 15:30 tee-times published on www.golf.lv

Friday, 27th of July –

FIRST COMPETITION DAY 8:00 Round 1, Tee-times begins

Saturday, 28th of July –

SECOND COMPETITION DAY 8:00 Round 2, Tee-times begins

Sunday, 29th of July –

THIRD COMPETITION DAY, FINAL 8:00 Final round, Tee-times begins
ca 15:30 Award Ceremony

Entry fee: EUR 100.- *

* For the Seniors 65+ and 75+ playing 2 competition rounds EUR 75.-

* For the Seniors 65+ and 75+ playing 3 competition rounds EUR 100.-

Classes:

Mid-Am 35+* Tee ladies - Red; Tee men - Yellow; Holes to play - 3 x 18;

Seniors 50+* Tee ladies - Red; Tee men - Blue; Holes to play - 3 x 18;

Seniors 65+* Tee ladies - Red; Tee men - Blue; Holes to play - 2 x 18;

Seniors 75+* Tee ladies - Red; Tee men - Red; Holes to play - 2 x 18;

*Player's age on the first day of the competition 00:01. The player may apply for their age group or to the younger.

Entries should be made online at www.golf.lv. Payment will be taken by online banking payment system or by bank transfer after submitting the online entry form. Submitted entry forms with no entry fees are not considered. The following services are provided to the participants as included into the entry fee:

- Practice range token and trolley from Tuesday to Friday;
- Competition rounds from Wednesday to Friday;
- Fruits and water during competition rounds.

Practice round can be played on *Thursday, 26th of July*. The Green Fee price is 20 EUR payable before the practice round at the Ozo GC reception. Practice round Tee-time booking in advance at the Ozo GC reception ozogolf@apollo.lv or call +371 67394399.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. COMMITTEE

The LGF Championship Committee (further Committee) present is responsible for the sporting aspects of the Championship and reserve the right to amend the Championship Conditions.

The Committee may appoint referees whose decision on the Rules of Golf will be final.

2. FORM OF PLAY

The Championship shall be decided over designated number of holes for each group to be played over two or three days, in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the Hard Card of Latvian Golf Federation (LGF), the Local Rules approved by the Committee at the championship and the Conditions herein.

Form of play:

- Latvian Mid-Amateur Open Championship - Stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes each day;
- Latvian Senior Open Championship – Stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes each day for group 50+, Stroke play over two rounds of 18 holes each day for groups 65+ and 75+;

3. ELIGIBILITY OF COMPETITORS

An entry will be accepted from any male and female amateur player. The exact handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes. Player must provide a certified notice of their handicap from national or entrant's home club.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

4. NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

The starting field will comprise 144 competitors. If the number of entries exceeds 144, places in the starting field will be decided by handicap ballot. This decision will be taken by the Committee. The Committee reserve the right to change number of the players in the groups.

5. ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS

5.1. Entries should be made online at www.golf.lv. Payment will be taken by online banking payment system or by bank transfer after submitting the online entry form. Submitted entry forms with no entry fees are not considered. An entrant's form will not have been officially received until his/her name has been posted on players list. Late entries will not be accepted. All entries are subject to the approval of the Committee who reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason for its decision, which shall be final.

5.2. Refunds Following Withdrawal

Entry fees will not be refunded unless a written notice of withdrawal is received by the closing date of entries, entry is rejected by the Committee, entrants who may be assigned to the reserve list and who do not subsequently compete, or those withdrawing for medical reasons (medical certificate required).

6. REGISTRATION

Competitors are requested to register at the golf club reception at least 30 minutes before his/her starting time or pre-notify the Committee of their pending arrival time.

7. CUT

The cut will be determined by the number of players per group. The number of players in the cut per age group will be announced after close of entries and will be available with the starting list.

8. CADDIES

A competitor is prohibited from having a professional golfer serve as her/his caddie during any stipulated round.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).

The competitor is fully responsible for his/her caddie's actions. Any breach of rules, competition conditions or etiquette by the caddie results in a penalty to the player. Caddie's outfit must meet the requirements set for the clothes of the player; footwear must be sport shoes without spikes. Caddie must be registered at the starter and a marking given by the starter must be worn during the competition rounds.

9. BEHAVIOR

Players and caddies should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times.

10. DRESS REGULATION

Entrants shall comply with the by-laws, rules and dress regulations of the host club. Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

11. TRANSPORTATION

Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride by the Committee. The use of trolleys to carry the bag is permitted.

12. GOLF BALLS

All competitors in the Championship must play with a ball that is named on the current R&A List of Conforming Golf Balls (see www.randa.org).

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

13. 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 (see www.randa.org).

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

14. DISTANCE-MEASURING

In this competition a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

15. COMPETITION CANCELLED OR ALTERED

The Committee reserves the right to cancel any stipulated round, suspend or postpone play, cancel the competition or come to an equitable decision to achieve a result.

The signal for the suspension of play due to a dangerous situation will be:

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of a horn.

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive short notes of a horn repeated.

Resume Play: Two short notes of a horn repeated.

More specific evacuation arrangements will be provided by the Committee.

16. PACE OF PLAY

Procedure When Group is Out of Position:

- a. If a decision is taken to the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed.
- b. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
 - On a par three hole;
 - An approach shot; and
 - A chip or putt.

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

- c. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Note: In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

1 Bad Time – Player will be warned by the referee and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalized;

2 Bad Times – Penalty of one stroke;

3 Bad Times – Further Penalty of Two Strokes;

4 Bad Times – Disqualification.

Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round

If a group is "out of position" more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion.

Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalized if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

17. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

A player's score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the recording office/area.

18. CLOSE OF THE COMPETITION

Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules must be referred to the Committee as soon as possible and before the conclusion of play on the final day. The Competition will be deemed closed once the results are officially announced at the end of Day 3.

19. ANTI-DOPING

Any Player may be subject to a doping test upon the selection of the doping controller.

The doping control is carried out according to the regulations of the World Anti-Doping Code. Abidance of the Anti-Doping Code during the competition is overseen by Latvian Golf Federation, which in case of a breach notifies all the involved persons and organizations.

20. DECISION OF TIES

In the event of tie for first place after two or three rounds, the winner shall be decided by a play-off by stroke play over the holes to be selected by the Committee. The play-off shall start as soon as practicable after the last competitor group finished their final round. The competitor with the lowest aggregate score over the extra holes shall be declared the winner. In the event of a further tie, the winner shall be decided hole-by-hole over the same extra holes.

In case of tie for the second and third place, the places will be decided on the basis of the scores recorded for the final 18, 9, 6, 3 or last hole in that order.

21. PRIZES

Places one to three will receive trophies.

22. DISCLAIMER

On entering the competition player agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks as well as agree that personal data being processed during the competition and after it, any kind of video or images can be taken, and this material can be used for publicity needs.

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