



# Latvian Mid-Amateur and Senior Open Championship 2026

## Competition REGULATIONS

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## Related Documents and Resources

This document establishes the organizational procedures and regulations for the Latvian Mid-Amateur and Senior Open Championship 2026.

- 1) 2023 Rules of Golf (<https://www.randa.org/rog/the-rules-of-golf>)
- 2) LGF Pace of Play Guidelines  
([https://0e8b7731-0d18-4294-9350-ad2509313aec.filesusr.com/ugd/7529c5\\_3c01325734054464b6e61f1f280b0b27.pdf](https://0e8b7731-0d18-4294-9350-ad2509313aec.filesusr.com/ugd/7529c5_3c01325734054464b6e61f1f280b0b27.pdf))
- 3) EGA Terms of Competition and Hard Card  
(<https://www.ega-golf.ch/content/terms-competition-hard-card>)
- 4) World Anti-Doping Code (<https://www.lgf.lv/antidopinga-politika>)
- 5) LGF Privacy Policy  
([https://0e8b7731-0d18-4294-9350-ad2509313aec.filesusr.com/ugd/2a9a8b\\_2e74e744419a4b28b0d9f7946d80281a.pdf](https://0e8b7731-0d18-4294-9350-ad2509313aec.filesusr.com/ugd/2a9a8b_2e74e744419a4b28b0d9f7946d80281a.pdf))
- 6) LGF Code of Etiquette (<https://www.lgf.lv/etikete>)



## 1. General Information

The Latvian Mid-Amateur and Senior Open Championship 2026 will take place from **May 23 to May 24, 2026**, at **Ozo Golf Club**, 16 Milgravja Street, Riga, LV-1034, Latvia.

### Competition Committee

**Ilze Krūskopa-Kaleine**, Chief Referee

**Irēna Vītola**, Referee

**Arnis Pekša**, Referee

### Format of Play

The Latvian Mid-Amateur and Senior Open Championship will be played in a stroke play format over two competition days, with 18 holes played on each day, in accordance with the Rules of Golf ([2023 Rules of Golf](#)) as approved by R&A Rules Limited, [the European Golf Association's Generic Terms of Competition and Regulations](#), and the [EGA Hard Card](#). Local Rules approved by the Competition Committee and other regulations included herein shall also apply.

### Eligibility

Participation in the competition is permitted only for players with Amateur status.

Age Groups	Mid-Amateur Men / Women (25+)	Men / Women (50+)	Men / Women (65+)	Men / Women (75+)
Handikapa limits	36	36	36	36
Tees (Men)	White	Yellow	Blue	Red
Tees (Women)	Blue	Red	Red	Red

A player's age group is determined based on their age on the first day of the competition. In all cases, the player's certified handicap on the date of registration will be used. When registering, players must provide proof of their handicap with a certificate issued by their



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national golf federation or home golf club. The Competition Committee reserves the right to verify a player's age and handicap at any time before or during the tournament.

Players have the right to compete in a younger age group by informing the Latvian Golf Federation in advance via email at [info@lgf.lv](mailto:info@lgf.lv).

**Penalty for breach of eligibility requirements:** Disqualification.

## Number of Participants

The maximum number of participants in the competition is 140. If the number of entries exceeds this limit, priority will be given to players with a lower handicap **in each age group**. The final decision on the list of participants will be made by the Competition Committee. If the number of participants in any age group is fewer than 6, the Committee reserves the right to merge participants into another age group

## Ties

In the event of a tie for first place after two rounds, the winner will be determined by a play-off in stroke play format on holes selected by the Competition Committee. The player with the lowest score on the additional hole(s) will be declared the winner. In the event of a continued tie, the play-off will be repeated on the same holes until a winner is determined.

In the event of a tie for 2nd and 3rd place, the ranking will be determined based on the results of the final round, then the last 9, 6, 3, and 1 holes of the final round. If the tie still remains, a 9-hole count-back from the first round will be used. If the tie still persists, the final ranking will be decided by lot.

## Starting Times and Groups

On the first day, the groups and starting times will be determined at the discretion of the Competition Committee.

On the final day, groups will be formed based on the players' results from the first 18 holes on the first day. Groups with better scores will start later.



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If players have equal scores after the first 18 holes, their ranking will be determined by comparing the results of the last 9, 6, 3, and 1 holes of the round. If the tie still remains, a 9-hole count-back will be applied. If the tie still persists, the final ranking will be decided by lot.

On the second day, the leading groups of each category will start last.

## Qualification for the Final Round

All players will participate on both days of the competition.

## Titles and Prizes

Winners will be awarded in all age groups in both the men's and women's competitions. The winner of each age group will receive a trophy.



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## 2. Registration and Withdrawal

**Entry fee:** EUR 140

**Registration closes on May 21, 2026, at 22:00 (Latvian time).**

**Registration link:** [Golfbox](#)

The entry fee can be paid online by credit card during the registration process. A player's entry will be considered accepted once their name is published on the official [List of participants](#).

Entries are valid only after approval by the Competition Committee. The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry at its discretion, and its decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

The entry fee will be refunded only if a written withdrawal request is received before the registration deadline. Entry fees will also be refunded if the player's participation is declined by the Competition Committee, if the player is placed on the waiting list and does not gain entry into the competition, or in case of withdrawal due to medical reasons (supported by a medical certificate).

### Registration

Immediately upon arrival at the course on the day of the competition, players must register for the tournament at the reception. Players must report to their designated starting point no later than five (5) minutes before their assigned starting time.

- 1) If a player arrives at the starting point late, but **no later than five (5) minutes** after their assigned starting time, the following penalty will apply:

**Penalty:**

Two (2) penalty strokes will be added to the score of the first hole.  
The player is allowed to continue participating in the competition.



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- 2) If a player arrives at the starting point **more than five (5) minutes** after their assigned starting time, the player will be disqualified.

**Penalty:**

Disqualification (DQ)

The Competition Committee may **waive disqualification** if the delay was caused by exceptional circumstances beyond the player's control. Such circumstances may include, for example:

- a sudden medical incident,
- an organizational error,
- other objective and unavoidable external factors.

The decision to apply an exception will be made at the sole discretion of the Competition Committee.



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## 3. Other Regulations

### Practice

Practice on the championship course is not permitted on the day of a competition round, either before or after the round. An exception applies if a player has completed their final competition round and there is no reasonable possibility that the player will need to participate in a play-off in the championship. However, if a player practices on the championship course after their final round and is later required to participate in a play-off, the penalty for breach of *Rule 5.5* will apply.

1. **Penalty:** Two (2) penalty strokes applied to the player's score on the first hole.
2. **Penalty:** Disqualification.

### Code of Conduct and Dress Guidelines

Players and their caddies must comply with modern golf dress etiquette and guidelines. Players and caddies are not permitted to wear clothing with text, images, or embroidery that do not meet the highest standards of conduct. Caddies are not permitted to wear golf shoes while on the course. Players and caddies must behave in a disciplined manner and follow the principles of courtesy and sportsmanship. The Competition Committee may penalize any player or advisor for failure to comply with the [EGA Code of Conduct and the LGF Code of Etiquette](#).

### Caddies

The player is fully responsible for the actions and conduct of their caddie. If a caddie breaches the Rules, the competition regulations, or the code of etiquette, the penalty will be applied to the player. A player's caddie must not be a professional or a non-amateur. The caddie must be registered with the starter and must wear the identification provided by the starter at all times while on the course.

#### **Penalty for breach of this section:**

Two (2) penalty strokes for each hole on which the breach occurred.



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## Transportation

Players must walk during the round unless the Competition Committee has granted individual permission to use transportation. An exception applies to the *Men's 75+ and Women's 75+ age groups*, who may use transportation approved by the Competition Committee. If a player requires a golf cart for medical reasons, this must be requested in advance by contacting the LGF at [info@lgf.lv](mailto:info@lgf.lv) no later than the registration deadline. The number of carts is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Penalty for breach of this section:

Two (2) penalty strokes for each hole on which the breach occurred.

## Golf Trolleys

The use of trolleys to transport golf bags is permitted during the competition. Motorized trolleys are also allowed.

## Modifications for Players with Disabilities

Players who believe they are eligible for the Rules applicable to players with disabilities (*Rule 25*) must contact [info@lgf.lv](mailto:info@lgf.lv) during registration. Only players with a valid EDGA Access Pass or WR4GD Pass are eligible for *Rule 25* modifications.

## Suspension or Cancellation of Play

The Competition Committee reserves the right to cancel the championship, suspend, postpone, or cancel any round to ensure a fair result and decision.

### Signals for suspension of play:

- **Immediate suspension of play:** One prolonged horn signal,
- **Suspension of play:** Three consecutive short horn signals,
- **Resumption of play:** Two consecutive horn signals.

While play is suspended, all practice on the course is prohibited until further notice from the Committee.



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After the decision to resume play, players will be given 20 minutes to warm up before play resumes.

## Scoring

Competition results will be recorded exclusively in the Golfbox scoring system. A link to the scoring will be provided on the competition days no later than one hour before the first starting time.

## Closing of the Competition and Dispute Resolution

Any dispute or doubtful situation related to the Rules must be reported to the Committee as soon as possible. The competition will be considered closed once the official results have been announced at the end of the second day and the championship trophies have been awarded to the winners of each category.

## Anti-doping

Any player may be subject to doping control at the discretion of the doping control officer. Doping control will be conducted in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code. Anti-doping procedures during the competition are overseen by the Latvian Golf Federation, which will notify all relevant persons and organizations in the event of a positive test.

## First Aid

First aid services will be provided during the competition. The exact location will be determined, and players will be informed at least one day before the first competition day.

## Liability

By registering and participating in the competition, the player and/or the player's representative acknowledges that golf involves inherent risks and accepts full personal responsibility for such risks. The player also agrees that personal data may be processed during and after the competition, and that any video or photographic material may be used for publicity purposes.