



Nicos Severis Cyprus Youth Open Championship

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1. ELIGIBILITY

Entries will be accepted from youth players residing in Cyprus or internationally. There are four categories of competition. Entrants must meet the following requirements: -

1. **Main Championship.** Possession of an EGA or CONGU handicap of 28 or below, and must be 18 or under at commencement of competition.
2. **Nine-Hole Competition.** Possession of EGA/CONGU or Club Handicap, and must be 14 or below at commencement of competition.
3. **Three-Hole Competition.** Must be 10 or under at commencement of competition. No handicap required.
4. **Tiny Tots Competition.** Must be 7 or under at commencement of competition. No handicap required.

Other than for CGF federated members, the player's Club, or National Golf Federation or Union must certify a player's amateur status and exact handicap on the Official Entry Form. **Additionally, at Registration, entrants (other than CGF Federated members) must also produce proof of current handicap certified within 14 days of the competition start date, i.e. certified on or after 30th January 2016.**

All entries shall be subject to approval by the Championship Committee which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, to subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision which shall be final. The Championship Committee reserves the right to enter an individual into a different tournament category than a player has entered and disqualify any competitor making a false statement on his entry form.

2. FORM OF PLAY

The Championship will be decided by Stroke Play in a 2-day event over 36 holes to be played at Minthis Hills Golf Club. On Day 2, Sunday, 14th February, there will be also 2 additional stableford tournaments, which will be played over 9 and 3 holes respectively for the younger participants, as well as a special 3-hole Tiny Tots competition for the absolute beginners. The player with the lowest gross score over 36 holes will be the **Nicos Severis Youth Open Champion**. In the event of a tie for the Championship, there will be an immediate "sudden death" play-off over holes 17 and 18, repeated if required. In the event of a tie for all other prizes (see paragraph 9 below), the following procedures will be applied in sequence to decide the result: Best score over last 18, 9, 6, 3, 2, 1 holes respectively. For the 9-Hole competition, best score over 6, 3, 2, 1 holes respectively and for the 3-Hole competition 2, 1 holes respectively. **This is a handicap qualifying competition** and players other than CGF members, may request CGF for a copy their score cards for use by their home clubs for handicapping purposes. Pace of play will **be monitored and slow play may be penalised** at the discretion of the Course Referees.

3. HANDICAP LIMITS AND CATEGORIES

The maximum Playing Handicap Limit for the 36-hole Championship is 28 EGA or CONGU. Handicap Categories (if any) will be decided after the closing date for entries. If oversubscribed, a waitlist will be formed.

4. ENTRY APPLICATIONS & FEES

All applicants are required to register for the event through their club academies (Federations if from abroad) or through the on-line application form available under the events page on the CGF's website (www.cgf.org.cy). Applicants unable to use the on-line application form can download, print, fill-in and submit their applications by fax or email. Entry forms must be submitted to reach the Cyprus Golf Federation office at the address below not later than the closing date, **Monday, 8th February 2016**. The Entry Fee is €50 for the Championship, including 3 rounds of golf (practice round and 2 competition days) and €15 for all other competitions. The entry fee also covers practice balls, prizes and a Closing Ceremony/Prize giving function at the clubhouse on the last day. Payment should be submitted with the completed entry form. In the event of withdrawal after the closing date, 8th February 2016, the entry fee **will not be refunded**. All Entry Applications received will be acknowledged by email, fax or phone within 4 days of receipt. Should acknowledgment not be received within the specified period applicants are requested to enquire as to the status of their Entry Application directly with the CGF Offices.

5. BUGGIES, CADDIES AND TROLLEYS

This is a walking competition and no buggies may be used. In extreme circumstance and at the discretion of the Championship Committee, if a competitor cannot walk due to a medical condition, exemption may be granted if a written request is received by the Championship Committee prior to the event, accompanied by a medical certificate clearly stating the medical condition of the competitor. Trolleys may be used but **caddies are not allowed. Parents are not permitted to come in contact with the competitors during their round.**

6. RULES.

The Championship will be played in accordance with the rules of golf as approved by the R & A and in accordance with the Local Rules endorsed by the Championship Committee. The Championship Committee reserves the right to undertake random checks on conforming equipment. **Distance measuring devices as provided for in the Local Rules are permitted.** On course Referees will give rulings, but the Championship Committee is the final arbiter of all on and off course disputes.

7. REGISTRATION AND STARTING TIMES

Competition Registration is mandatory and will take place at Minthis Hills Golf Club on the morning of the event. Starting times will be published on the CGF's website (www.cgf.org.cy) following the closing date for entries – 8th February 2016. Starting times will also be available at the registration desk and posted on the Tournament notice board at Minthis Hills Golf Club. The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the starting times and to amend the regulations as necessary. All alterations and amendments will be published on the CGF's website and posted on the official notice board at the course. Players are reminded that they must complete **Course Registration** and collect scorecards on arrival at Minthis Hills Golf Club on the day of the competition **at least fifteen minute** before their tee time. **Failure to start on time: Rule 6-3 will apply.**

8. PRACTICE

The Championship Entry Fee includes one free practice round to be played on Friday, 12th February, 2016. Players must **book** their individual times directly with Minthis Hills Golf Club Reservations (Tel: + 357 26 642231, email golfers2@cvtanet.com.cy). Bookings for additional practice rounds at the course on previous days may also be made, subject to tee time availability, by contacting the Minthis Hills Golf Club Reception directly (normal green fees will apply). Players should note that, when playing practice rounds, the course **would not necessarily** be set up as for the Championship. Practice facilities (driving range etc.) at Minthis Hills Golf Club will be open daily prior to the first starting times and **free practice golf balls** will be provided on all 2 competition days.

9. PRIZES.

The winner of the Championship will be “Nicos Severis Cyprus Youth Open Champion” of the year. Subject to CGF approval, the Championship trophy will be held for that year by the winner's club. Otherwise, the trophy will be retained in the offices of the Cyprus Golf Federation. Additionally the Champion will receive a “keeper” trophy. There will also be 1st, 2nd and 3rd trophies in addition to trophies for each handicap/age category to be decided after the closing date for entries. Prizes will be awarded on the last day at the closing ceremony. **No player may win more than one prize.**

10. MOBILE TELEPHONES.

The use of mobile telephones even for SMS by players while on the golf course is **absolutely prohibited**. Breach of this Condition will result in **disqualification**.

11. LOCKERS.

Club storage areas will be available; please enquire at the Minthis Hills Golf Club Golf Shop when booking your practice round or on first day registration, subject to availability.

12. MEDICAL CARE

During play, a doctor will be on call at players' own expense.

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