



Nicos Severis Cyprus Youth Golf Open Championship

9 -11 February 2018



Sponsored by Mrs Marie Severis and Secret Valley Golf Resort

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1. ELIGIBILITY

Entries will be accepted from youth players residing in Cyprus or internationally who have not reached the age of 18 years old at the time of the event.

All entries shall be subject to approval by the Tournament 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 Tournament 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. In the event of a division being oversubscribed a waitlist will be created.

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2. FORMS OF PLAY

Nicos Severis Cyprus Youth Golf Open (henceforth called the Championship): To be decided by Stroke Play played from the White tees for boys and Blue tees for girls, in a 3-day event over 54 holes, between Friday, 9 February, 2018 and Sunday, 11 February 2018. The player with the lowest gross score over 54 holes will be the **Nicos Severis Cyprus Youth Golf Open Champion 2018**. In the event of a tie for the Championship, there will be an immediate “sudden death” play-off over hole 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.

Severis Cup: Stableford competition over 18 holes to be played from the Yellow tees on Sunday, 11th February, 2018, starting from the 10th tee. In the event of a tie for first place the best score over last 9, 6, 3, 2, 1 holes respectively will apply.

9-Holes, 6-Holes, 3-Holes and Tiny Tots: to be played on Saturday, 10th February, 2018. For the 9-Hole competition (stableford), ties will be decided on the best score over 6, 3, 2, 1 holes respectively, for the 6-hole competition, best score over 3, 2, 1 holes respectively and for the 3-Hole competition 2, 1 holes respectively.

The **Championship, Severis Cup, and the 9-Hole Competition are handicap qualifying competitions** and players other than CGF members, may request CGF for a copy of 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

There are six categories of competition. Entrants must meet the following requirements: -

1. **The Championship:** Possession of an EGA or CONGU handicap of 18 or below, and must be 18 or under at commencement of competition. For any net prizes, a maximum Playing Hcp of 18 will be used.
2. **Severis Cup:** Possession of an EGA or CONGU handicap of 28 or below (a maximum Playing Hcp of 18 will be used), and must be 18 or under at commencement of competition.
3. **Nine-Hole Competitio:** Possession of EGA (or CONGU) Handicap of 54 or below, and must be 14 or below at commencement of competition.
4. **Six-Hole Competition:** Must be 12 or under at commencement of competition. No handicap required.
5. **Three-Hole Competition:** Must be 10 or under at commencement of competition. No handicap required.
6. **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 produce proof of current handicap certified within 14 days of the competition start date, i.e. certified on or after 29th January 2018.**

4. ENTRY APPLICATIONS & FEES

All applicants for the **Championship** and the **Severis Cup** are required to fill-in and submit an on-line Entry Application Form found on the CGF's website, <http://www.cgf.org.cy>. For the 9, 6, 3-holes and Tiny Tots competitions, players must register for the event through their club academies (Federations if from abroad) or through the application form available under the event's page on the CGF's website. Applicants must 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, 5th February 2018**. The Entry Fee is €50 for the Championship, which includes 4 rounds of golf (practice round and 3 competition days), €20 for the Severis Cup and €15 for all other competitions. The entry fee also covers practice balls on competition days (Championship and Severis Cup only), prizes and a Closing Ceremony/Prize giving function at the clubhouse on the last day (Saturday for the 9/6/3/TT categories). Payment should be submitted with the completed entry form. In the event of withdrawal after the closing date, 5th February 2018, the entry fee **will not be refunded**. All Entry Applications received will be acknowledged by email, fax or phone within approximately 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 Tournament Committee, exemption may be granted if a written request accompanied by a medical certificate clearly stating the medical condition of the competitor, stamped and approved by the competitor's home Federation is received by the Tournament Committee prior to the event. Trolleys may be used but **caddies are not allowed. Parents and/or coaches 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 Tournament Committee. The Tournament 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 Tournament 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 Secret Valley Golf Club on the morning of Thursday, 8th February (practice round) for the Championship event, on the morning of Saturday, 10th February for the 9, 6, 3-hole and Tiny Tots competitions, and on the morning of Sunday, 11th February for the Severis Cup. Preliminary starting times will be published on the CGF's website (www.cgf.org.cy) following the closing date for entries – Monday, 5th February 2018. Final starting times will be available and published on the CGF's website, available at the registration desk and posted on the Tournament notice board at Secret Valley Golf Club after the close of Registration, Thursday, 8th February. The Tournament 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 Secret Valley Golf Club on the day of the competition **at least fifteen minutes** 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 Thursday, 8th February, 2018. Local players who due to school commitments cannot play their practice round on Thursday, 8th February, may exceptionally request that their practice round be played on the weekend prior to the event, subject to the availability of tee times, by contacting SVGC's Director of Golf on directorofgolf@secretvalleygolfresort.com, at least 7 days in advance. All other Championship players must **book** their individual times directly with Secret Valley Golf Club Reservations (Tel: + 357 26 274000, email: reservations@secretvalleygolfresort.com). Bookings for additional practice rounds at the course on previous days may also be made, subject to tee time availability, by contacting the Secret Valley 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 Secret Valley Golf Club will be open daily prior to the first starting times and **free practice golf balls** will be provided on all competition days.

9. PRIZES.

The winner of the Championship will be “Nicos Severis Cyprus Youth Golf Open Champion” of the year. The Championship trophy will be retained in the offices of the Cyprus Golf Federation, while the Champion will receive a “keeper” trophy. There will also be trophies for 2nd and 3rd places as well trophies for best Net for each day. There will be trophies for the Winner, 2nd and 3rd placed players of the Severis Cup. For the 9-Holes, 6-Holes, 3-Holes and Tiny Tots, all competitors will receive a medal, while trophies will be available for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and these will be awarded on Saturday following the completion of these competitions. For the Championship and Severis Cup competitions presentation of trophies will be on the last day at the closing ceremony. ***On the final day (Sunday) the first competitor to achieve a Hole-in-One at a designated par 3 hole will win iPad Pro worth €1,000.*** **With the exception of the prize for a Hole in One, 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 Secret Valley 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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