



# Cyprus Senior Amateur Men's Open Championship

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*Minthis Hills Golf Club*



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## **1. ELIGIBILITY**

Entries will be accepted from gentlemen players who were born on or before 23 September, 1967, conform in all respects to the current Amateur Status Rules of the R&A and hold a current handicap under the handicap system adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in their country. **At Registration on Friday, 22 September, 2017, entrants (other than CGF Federated members) must also produce proof of current handicap certified by their relevant handicap authority within 14 days of the competition start date, i.e. certified on or after 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.**

## **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. The gentleman player with the lowest gross score over 36 holes will be the **Cyprus Senior Amateur Men's 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. In the event of a tie for all other prizes (see paragraph 10 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; the same count-back procedure will be applied for the first day scores. **This is a handicap qualifying competition** and players may request a copy their score cards from CGF to send to their home clubs, national Associations or Unions.

Pace of play will be **monitored and may be penalised** at the discretion of the Course Referees. CGF provides "ball spotters" at some holes to help speed of play. The draw for Day 1 will be in Handicap order, lowest handicap out first. The Day 2 draw will be made according to the placing of competitors after the end of play of Day 1, with the best scores out last.

## **3. HANDICAP LIMITS AND CATEGORIES**

The maximum Exact Handicap Limit is 26. For the purpose of any Net prizes, a maximum Playing Handicap of 28 will be enforced, while players with CONGU handicaps will have these converted to EGA handicaps according to the European Golf Association's recommended procedure. Handicap Divisions 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 the on-line application form under the event's page on the CGF's website ([www.cgf.org.cy](http://www.cgf.org.cy)). Payment should be submitted with the completed entry form. **No entry forms will be accepted unless accompanied by appropriate payment.** Credit Cards accepted are, Visa or MasterCard. In the event of withdrawal after the closing date, **18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**, the entry fee **will not be refunded**. All Entry Applications received will be acknowledged by email, fax or phone within 4 days of receipt. If acknowledgment is not received within the specified period all applicants are requested to enquire as to the status of their Entry Application directly with the CGF Offices. The Entry Fee is €140 (€80 for CGF members / €35 for Minthis Hills Golf Club members). The fee covers three rounds of golf (two for CGF members), practice balls on tournament days, a local drinks voucher, and a Prize-giving buffet at the clubhouse on the last day. CGF members who wish to play a practice round on Friday, 22 September, must book their round and pay for it at the course reception desk.

## **5. BUGGIES, CADDIES AND TROLLEYS**

This is a walking competition and no buggies may be used. Players must not ride on any form of transportation unless authorised by the Championship Committee. Players with relevant Registered Disabled status will be considered exceptionally prior to the event. Electric or manual trolleys may be used and caddies are allowed.

## **6. RULES.**

The Championship will be played in accordance with the rules of golf as approved by the R & A, the Cyprus Golf Federation, 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 all competition days.** 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**

On or after **the closing date, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017**, entrants should contact CGF office (Tel: + 357 22 449 874, Fax: + 357 22 449 876, or e-mail <[cgf@cgf.org.cy](mailto:cgf@cgf.org.cy)>) **to confirm acceptance of their entry unless already notified of their acceptance by CGF. Competition Registration is mandatory** and will take place at Minthis Hills Golf Club between 8.00am and 1.30pm on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the official Tournament Practice Day (see paragraph 8). Any player who cannot register on Registration Day must confirm his registration by phone by calling +357-99 629267. **Starting times** for all days of competition will be published on the CGF's website (<http://www.cgf.org.cy>) and will also be available at the registration desk and posted on the Tournament notice boards at Minthis Hills Golf Club. The Championship Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the starting times and amend the regulations as necessary. All alterations and amendments will be posted on the official notice board at the course. Starting times for **the second day** will be published on the CGF's website (<http://www.cgf.org.cy>) and will also be available at the registration desk and posted on the Tournament notice boards at Minthis Hills Golf Club 45 minutes after the last group on Day 1 checks in their scorecards. Players are reminded that they must complete **Course Registration** and collect scorecards on arrival at

Minthis Hills Golf Club **on each 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 Entry Fee for non-CGF members includes one free practice round to be played on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September. There will be a block booking of tee times at the course that day for practice rounds. Players wishing to avail themselves of this facility should **book** their individual times directly with Minthis Hills Golf Club Reception (Tel: + 357 26 842200) email: [golf@minthishills.com](mailto:golf@minthishills.com). 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; special green fees will be payable by non-Club members for such practice rounds. Players should note that, when playing practice rounds, the course **will not necessarily** be set up as for the Championship. Practice facilities (driving range etc.) at Minthis Hills Golf Club will be open daily, while on competition days, **free practice golf balls** will be provided for all competitors.

## **9. PRIZES.**

The winner of the Championship will be “**Cyprus Senior Amateur Men's Open Champion**” of the year. The Championship trophy will be held for that year by the winner's club. If the winner's club is not located in Cyprus, the trophy will be retained in Cyprus, at the offices of the Cyprus Golf Federation. There will also be other trophies in addition, to be decided after the closing date for entries. **No player may win more than one prize.**

## **10. MOBILE TELEPHONES.**

The use of mobile telephones even for SMS by players or their caddies 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 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 own expense.

## **13. CREDIT CARDS**

All major credit cards are ordinarily accepted in hotels, restaurants, the clubhouse, the pro-shop, and for payment of Entry Fees.

## **14. AIR AND LAND TRANSPORTATION.**

For further information please see the document “**CGF Travelling**” as posted on the CGF web site <http://www.cgf.org.cy>

## **15. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.**

For details of special rates offered by the Official Hotel as well as other recommended hotels please see the document “**CGF Travelling**” as posted on the event's section of the CGF web site <http://www.cgf.org.cy>

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