

Rome, 17th January 2020

To the International Golf Federations and Unions

Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to inform you that the

Italian International Amateur Championship 2020

will take place at **Acaya Golf Club (Puglia) from 18th 21st March 2020** and that the Nations' Trophy will be played during the first 3 rounds.

Entries will open on 18th January
Closing date for entries: 2nd March at 23.59

The Championship is listed among both the R&A World Amateur Ranking and the EGA European Men's Amateur Ranking counting events.

Please take note that the EGA Handicap (WHS, CONGU, USGA or other equivalent) limit is **2.4** and that the field will be of **112 players + 8 wild cards**.

We inform you that during the Championship anti-doping tests may be carried out.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



GENERAL SECRETARY
Maria Teresa Paparozzi

PLAYERS INFORMATION

ENTRIES

Entries open on the 18th January and close on the 2nd March at 23:59

Entries must be sent through the Italian Golf Federation website www.federgolf.it (instructions are in the attached online registration guide).

Each Federation will receive an email containing their password for online registration. It is recommended that passwords should properly remain for the exclusive use of each Federation, which will guarantee the reliability of the data on the entry form and certify that the handicap complies with point 3. Eligibility.

VENUE

Acaya Golf Club – Masseria San Pietro

Strada Comunale di Acaya Km 2

73029 Acaya – Vernole (LE)

Tel + 39 0832 861378

Golf Club: info@acayagolfclub.com

Website: www.acayagolfclub.com

HOW TO GET THERE

*From Lecce: follow signs towards TANGENZIALE and take road SP298, drive for about 8 km at the end of the road turn right towards OTRANTO than turn right towards ACAYA and follow signs to Resort.
From Brindisi Airport: Take road SS379/E55 towards TARANTO-LECCE-ZONA INDUSTRIALE keep driving into SS16 and SS613 towards LECCE for 33 km. Passing SURBO, close to LECCE turn right into NSA71/SS694 towards TANGENZIALE EST-OTRANTO-MAGLIE. Take exit 8B towards MARINE LECCESI and follow SP298 for about 8 km at the end of the road turn right towards OTRANTO than turn right towards ACAYA and follow signs to the Resort.*

GPS: N40° 20' 49"; E 18° 18' 40"

OFFICIAL HOTEL

➤ **ACAYA GOLF RESORT & SPA – on site**

Tel + 39 0832 861385

E-mail: info@acayagolfresort.com

Booking Department: reservations@acayagolfresort.com

Website: www.acayagolfresort.com

Rates per room per night B.B:

Classic Double single use:	€ 90,00
Classic Double room:	€ 140,00
Classic Triple room:	€ 175,00

Rates per room per night H.B:

Classic Double single use:	€ 112,00
Classic Double room:	€ 175,00
Classic Triple room:	€ 230,00

Please visit our website <http://www.acayagolfresort.com> Go to special section “BOOKING”, select your favourite period, enter the following promo code: **golfmen20** and get your special rates only for Italian Amateur Championship 2020.

You can also book by filling in the attached form and sending it to :
reservations@acayagolfresort.com.

TRANSPORT

There will be a free shuttle service to/from Brindisi airport to Acaya Golf Resort & Spa at the arrival on 16th and 17th March, 3 times per day: (timetable TBD) and at departure on 21th and 22th March (timetable TBD). Each player intending to use the service must fill in the attached booking form 10 days before arrival. For any further information please contact directly Acaya Golf Resort & Spa at: reservations@acayagolfresort.com

PRACTICE DAY

17th March 2020 is the official practice day. Tee times may be booked by calling the Club's Secretariat Tel + 39 0832 861378 or by email info@acayagolfclub.com

DRIVING RANGE

During days of competition the Driving Range opens one hour before the first starting time and closes at 6.00 p.m.; on other days it opens from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. (17 balls per € 1,00 coin).

LOCKER ROOMS

Locker rooms are available for players and team officials.
Keys can be found at the Club's Secretariat.

During days of competition locker rooms open one hour before the first starting time and close at 8.00 p.m.; on other days from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

GOLF BAG TAG AND NUMBER

It must be placed visibly on the golf bag.

DRESS CODE

A proper dress code is expected at all times both on the course and in the Club House.

Denim pants, no-collar shirts, tracksuits are not permitted.

For the Prize Giving and the Closing Ceremonies competitors and team officials are expected to wear their team uniform.

BAG STORAGE

During days of competition the Caddy Master opens one hour before the first starting time and closes at 8.00 p.m.; on other days it opens from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

MEDICAL SERVICE

A first aid service with doctor and ambulance is available during the whole competition.

CLUB'S SECRETARIAT

During days of competition the Club's Secretariat opens one hour before the first starting time; on other days it opens at 8.00 a.m.

PRO SHOP

During days of competition the Pro Shop opens half an hour before the first starting time and closes at 6.00 p.m.; on other days it opens from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

BAR & RESTAURANT

BAR open one hour before the first starting time;
 on other days it opens at 8.00 a.m.

LUNCH open from 12.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.
 (€20,00 for buffet lunch – beverage not included).

DINNER open from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. (at the Resort, 3 courses menu € 32.00– beverage not included)

SOCIAL EVENTS

Gala Dinner 18th of March

The Closing Ceremony and The Nations' Trophy Prize-Giving Ceremony will take place on 21st of March, followed by a cocktail party. All competitors are welcome.

Italian Golf Federation Championship Office:

Tel.+39 06 3231825

E-mail: campionati@federgolf.it

NOTE: Results and Press notes will be available on www.federgolf.it and www.acayagolfresort.com

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. RULES AND CONDITIONS

The Championship will be played in accordance with:

- the Rules of Golf, as approved by the *R&A Rules Limited*,
- the 2020 Italian Golf Federation Hard Card,
- the Conditions and Local Rules approved by the championship committee

and the conditions herein.

2. FORM OF PLAY

Qualification: 54 holes scratch stroke-play

18th March: 1st round (18 holes)

19th March: 2nd round (18 holes)

20th March: 3rd round (18 holes)

The lowest 60 scores including ties will qualify for the final 18 holes.

21st March: 4th round (18 holes)

3. ELIGIBILITY

The starting field will include **56** players members of a foreign National Association with an EGA Handicap (WHS, CONGU, USGA or other equivalent) not exceeding **2.4** and **56** players members of the Italian Golf Federation not exceeding an EGA Handicap of **2.4** and within the Italian order of merit with

cumulative points higher than 3.00; the other Italian places will be assigned taking in consideration the EGA Handicap only.

If the maximum number of Italian players is not reached, the available places will be assigned to the foreign enrolled players; if the maximum number of foreign players is not reached, the available places will be assigned to the Italian enrolled players.

The waiting list will include all players; in the eventuality of an entry, a member of the Italian Golf Federation will replace an Italian and a member of a foreign National Association will replace a foreign. The waiting list will be ordered as follows:

- members of the Italian Golf Federation within the order of merit with cumulative points higher than 3.00;
- all other players by EGA Handicap (or other equivalent).

Note: a player with the Italian citizenship but not resident in Italy will be considered as foreign if member of a foreign National Association.

4. ENTRIES

Closing date for entries is **2nd March 2019 at 23:59**

Maximum number of entries: **112 + 8 wild cards**

5. WITHDRAWALS

Withdrawals, before or after the closing date of entries, shall be communicated to the Italian Golf Federation by each player's National Association following the registration guide available on the IGF website www.federgolf.it at the latest by 11.30 a.m. of the day before the beginning of the competition.

After that time any withdrawal shall be communicated to the Championship Committee at the golf club. The entry fee will be refunded only in case of withdrawal by 11.30 a.m. of the day before the beginning of the competition.

6. REGISTRATION

All players (entered and on the waiting list) must register sending an email at the address info@acayagolfclub.com between 5.00 p.m. of the second day before the beginning of the competition (16th March) and 11.30 a.m. of the day before the beginning of the competition (17th March) in order to confirm their attendance. In addition, players can also register at the championship office during opening hours as established by the Tournament Director.

Players who fail the deadline for registration will be cancelled from the starting list and replaced.

7. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee amount is € 120.00 and is reduced to € 60.00 for players under the age of 18 and Italian national team players.

8. TIES & PLAY-OFF

In the event of a tie for 1st place after 4 rounds, the winner shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off over one or more holes selected by the Committee. In the event of ties for any other place the Rules for ties adopted by the Italian Golf Federation will apply. If, for any reason, a play-off is not possible, the score of the last 36 holes and then the last 18 holes will count. In case of further tie, the last 9, 6, 3 and last hole of the last round will count. If still tied at 18, you return to 17, 16, 15 and so on until hole 1; if still tied it will be decided by lot.

9. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the winner, the runner-up and the third placed.
Challenge will be awarded to the winner.

NATIONS' TROPHY

FORM OF PLAY:

The Nations' Trophy is open to teams of three players that have been entered by their home National Association. Each country may be represented by a maximum of two teams.

The Trophy (54 holes) will take place concurrently with the first 3 rounds of the stroke-play event. The aggregate of the best two players scores from each of the three days will count.

TIES:

In the event of a tie, the place will be decided as follows:

- a) by taking into account the aggregate of the non-counting scores of the three rounds of each team.
- b) for further ties, by the aggregate of the best individual scores of each team in the three rounds
- c) if still tied, it will be decided by lot.

To decide a tie a valid score counts more than a non-valid score (e.g. for absence, disqualification, no return or similar).

Note: In the eventuality that a player gets disqualified during or after the first round, his second or third round (if played) will only count for the Nations' Trophy.

PRIZES:

Trophies will be awarded to the first and the second team.