



21st FALDO SERIES GRAND FINAL
Al Ain Equestrian, Shooting & Golf Club, Abu Dhabi, UAE
November 27th – 29th 2017

On behalf of my father Sir Nick Faldo, I am pleased to confirm your invitation to play in the 21st Faldo Series Grand Final.

Supported by The R&A, the European Tour, the PGA and IJGA, the Faldo Series Grand Final will be hosted by Nick Faldo and played at the Al Ain Equestrian, Shooting & Golf Club on 27th – 29th November, 2017.

The Grand Final will bring together more than 70 of Europe, the Middle East and South America's leading young golfers, plus five winners from the 2017 Faldo Series Asia Grand Final. Results will count towards the World Amateur Golf Ranking and Sir Nick will invite the champion in each age-category (three boys and two girls) to compete in the 2018 Asia Grand Final next March over his Faldo Designed course Laguna Lang Co, Vietnam. Sir Nick will also arrange for the overall boy and girl champion to play in a professional Tour event.

As ever, the Faldo Series Grand Final will be more than a unique tournament experience. Six-time Major winner Nick Faldo will spend time with you in order to pass on his advice and experience from over 35 years of playing at the highest level. The PGA will also be on hand, amongst many other experts, to educate you during the week on the many career paths there are available to you within the game of golf.

Venue

The Al Ain Equestrian, Shooting and Golf Club is located in the city of Al Ain (second largest city in the emirate of Abu Dhabi), and set against the picturesque backdrop on the Jebel Hafeet Mountain. Along with a selection of other sports it offers a Championship golf course of which the back nine is floodlight through to a 9-hole Academy Par 3 course along with a floodlight grass driving range. AESGC is the home to the annual Mercedes Benz International Pro-am, the Faldo Series Middle East Championship and has regularly hosted the MENA Tour Championships.

Set in exotic landscaped gardens, Hilton Al Ain offers a peaceful location in the heart of the city. From their three swimming pools and tennis courts, to their stylish rooms and selection of dining venues, you will feel worlds away from everything, yet the city attractions are just minutes away.

Al Ain is conveniently situated 90 minutes away from both Dubai and Abu Dhabi International airports.

Players are requested not to leave the golf club/hotel unless accompanied by an official, parent or guardian. The Faldo Series does not accept responsibility for players who leave the premises unaccompanied.

For more information please [click here](#) for the Golf Club and [click here](#) for the Hotel.

Entry deadline

Please return the attached entry and transfer forms to the Faldo Series office by **Friday 15 September** to confirm your entry.

Sir Nick and the team very much look forward to seeing you at Al Ain in November.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Faldo

Tournament format

The Grand Final will be played over 54 holes on the AESGC Championship Course with no cut. The format will be gross stroke-play with trophies awarded to the Boys' Under-21 winner, Boys' Under-18 winner, Boys' Under-16 winner, Girls' Under-21 winner and Girls' Under-16 winner.

The Faldo Series Champion's Trophy will be awarded to one overall champion, regardless of age-category or gender.

Players will be allocated their age-category according to their age on January 1, 2017. Players **WILL NOT** be allowed to use caddies; however, a limited number of pull trolleys will be available with a medical exemption from the pro shop. It is recommended to bring a light carry golf bag. Further tournament conditions and player briefing notes will be provided during tournament registration.

Registration and schedule

Tournament registration will be open from 15.00 – 16.45 on Saturday 25th November and 9.00 – 15.45 on Sunday 26th November. Registration will take place at the Golf Club in the Golf Reception. There will be an optional practice day on Saturday 25th November and the official practice round will take place on Sunday 26th.

Players may check-in from 14.00 on the day of arrival, Saturday 25th and must checkout by 11am on Thursday 30th. However luggage can be dropped off at the guest relations for check-in and checkout if needed at the hotel outside of those times. Golf bags can also be stored at the Golf Club throughout the week if required.

Clothing and apparel

The weather is expected to be between 25 - 30°C, while there is a small chance of rain and windy conditions it would be advised to pack a light wind/rain top. A Faldo Series cap and apparel will be supplied on arrival and must be worn as stipulated during the tournament. The dress code for the week will be smart golf attire at all times, with the gala dinner requiring a jacket.

Costs

The following costs in Al Ain will be covered for the players during the tournament period: double room hotel accommodation (check-out Thursday 30th), golf, range balls and official meals (please note this includes breakfast, lunch and dinner). Please note that all extras must be paid for in cash at the Golf Club or Hotel. Use of the Golf Academy facilities throughout the stay is included for all players and no prior booking is required.

PLEASE NOTE that the consumption of alcohol and tobacco throughout the whole week is **strictly forbidden** for all players.

Costs **NOT** covered include: travel to and from Al Ain, personal expenses (including The Halfway House) and extra nights' accommodation. Please contact Clair Daintree clair@indulge.travel for assistance with any travel requirements. If extra accommodation is required then players are requested to book directly through the golf club by emailing shane@aesgc.ae.

Transfers

Due to the various travel options into the UAE, players are expected to make their own way to and from Al Ain. However, if it becomes apparent once all entry forms have been returned that it would be convenient to do so from a given destination, a bus transfer(s) will be arranged. For individual or smaller group transfer options please email gavin@aesgc.ae for more information and rates.

Friends and Family

PLEASE NOTE that the Faldo Series does not take any responsibility for travel or accommodation required by friends or family. It is our recommendation for parents to stay at Hilton Al Ain also. For more information, and bookings please email shane@aesgc.ae Single deluxe room *half board: AED 400 per night Double deluxe room *half board: AED 500 per night

*Half board basis includes breakfast and evening meal, and all hotel taxes

Gala Dinner

Family and friends wishing to attend the Gala Dinner* (may purchase a maximum of two tickets direct from the Al Ain Equestrian, Shooting & Golf Club at a cost of AED250 per person (subject to availability). To purchase Gala Dinner tickets please email shane@aesgc.ae for reservations by **Sunday 19th November**. Further tickets **may** become available on a first come first serve basis up until Sunday 26th November of the tournament week, but ticket booking is advised prior to Sunday 19th.

*Family and friends staying at Hilton Al Ain for the tournament week will not need to buy Gala Dinner tickets, they are included in the room rate.



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PLAYER ENTRY FORM

Please complete and return to the Faldo Series office by Friday 15 September to confirm entry

SURNAME	_____
First name	_____
Gender	_____
Date of Birth	_____
Home address	_____
Country	_____
Faldo Series qualifying venue	_____
Handicap	_____
Shirt size (European men's / ladies S, M, L or XL)	_____
Hotel check-in date	_____
Hotel check-out date	_____
Personal mobile phone number	_____
Personal email address	_____
Local media contact email	_____

Please tick as appropriate:

- ☐ I accept Sir Nick's invitation to compete in the 2017 Faldo Series Grand Final
- ☐ I accept that it is my responsibility to have a current individual travel/personal accident policy. By ticking this box you accept that the Faldo Trust will not be held responsible for claims relating to travel disruption, cancellation or accident/illness whilst travelling

Player's signature _____

Parent/guardian signature (players under 18 only) _____



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PROVISIONAL PLAYER SCHEDULE

Saturday 25th November: PLAYER ARRIVAL			
<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Please note</i>
From 14.00	Hotel check-in	Hotel Reception	Luggage Storage for early arrivals available. Rooms available at 14.00
15.00 – 16.45	Tournament registration	Golf Club Reception	
11.00 – 13.00	Optional practice round, 1 st tee start	Championship Course	*Times need to be pre booked prior to arrival, up until Thursday 16 th November
17.00	Golf Club – Hotel transfers	Golf Club Car Park	
18.30 – 19.30	Player welcome and briefing	Hilton Ballroom	Mandatory attendance for players
19.30 – 20.15	Dinner	Hotel	Flavours Restaurant

***Optional practice round on Saturday 25th**

Tee times have been reserved from 11.00 – 13.00; players can pre book a tee time by emailing shane@aesgc.ae Tee times can be booked on the day of play or after the 16th, but are subject to availability and are not guaranteed

Sunday 26th November: PLAYER ARRIVAL & OFFICIAL PRACTICE ROUND			
6.30 – 9.30	Breakfast buffet	Hotel	Flavours Restaurant
7.30 onwards	Hotel – Golf Club transfers	Hotel Lobby	
9.00 – 15.45	Tournament registration	Golf Club Reception	
9.00 – 10.50	Official practice round, 1 st & 10 th tee start	Championship Course	Times allocated Saturday evening
13.00 – 15.45	Players lunch	Golf Clubhouse	Palm Greens Restaurant
16.00 onwards	Player seminars	Driving Range	
18.45	Golf Club – Hotel transfers	Golf Club Car Park	
19.45 – 20.30	Dinner	Hotel	Flavours Restaurant

Monday 27th November: TOURNAMENT ROUND 1			
6.30 – 9.30	Breakfast buffet	Hotel	Flavours Restaurant
7.30 onwards	Hotel – Golf Club transfers	Hotel Lobby	
9.00 – 10.50	Tournament round 1, 1 st & 10 th tee start	Championship Course	Times allocated Sunday evening, Academy open from 7.00
13.00 – 15.45	Players lunch	Golf Clubhouse	Palm Greens Restaurant
16.00	Official group photo with SNF	Golf Club Location TBC	Players attendance mandatory in Faldo Series apparel
16.30 – 18.45	SNF seminar	AESGC Academy	SNF & Keith Wood on hand
18.45	Golf Club – Hotel transfers	Golf Club Car Park	
19.45 – 20.30	Dinner	Hotel	Flavours Restaurant

Tuesday 28 th November: TOURNAMENT ROUND 2			
6.30 – 9.30	Breakfast buffet	Hotel	Flavours Restaurant
7.30 onwards	Hotel – Golf Club transfers	Hotel Lobby	
9.00 – 10.50	Tournament round 2, 1 st & 10 th tee start	Championship Course	Times allocated Monday evening, Academy open from 7.00
13.00 – 15.45	Players lunch	Golf Clubhouse	Palm Greens Restaurant
16.00 – 17.00	SNF seminar	AESGC Academy	SNF & Keith Wood on hand
17.00	Golf Club – Hotel transfers	Golf Club Car Park	
18.00	Player seminar	Hilton Ballroom	
19.45 – 20.30	Dinner	Hotel	Flavours Restaurant

Wednesday 29 th November: TOURNAMENT FINAL ROUND & GALA DINNER			
6.30 – 10.00	Breakfast buffet	Hotel	Flavours Restaurant
7.30 onwards	Hotel – Golf Club transfers	Hotel Lobby	
9.00 – 12.50	Tournament round 3, 1 st tee start	Championship Course	Times allocated Tuesday evening, Academy open from 7.00
16.30 – 17.00	End of final round	18 th Green	Players attendance around green
18.00	Golf Club – Hotel transfers	Golf Club Car Park	
19.30 – 21.30	Gala Dinner & prize-presentation, including Q&A with Sir Nick Faldo	Makani Garden Hilton Hotel	Dress code: formal Players must attend Tickets available for purchase for friends & family

Thursday 30 th November: PLAYER DEPARTURE			
6.30 – 10.30	Breakfast buffet	Hotel	Flavours Restaurant
	Players depart		Check-out by 11.00