

The 2018 Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup

Competitor Information and Tournament Rules

Vilnius Qualifying Event, Sunday 17th June 2018

Venue

European Centre Golf Club

Golfo Street 24,
Girija Village,
LT 15130

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Website: <http://www.golfclub.lt>

Arrival

A bag drop will be available on arrival

Registration will take place from **08:00** in the **Main Reception**.

A full breakfast will be served in “**Golf & Grill 19th**” from **08:00**.

A tournament briefing and group photograph will take place at **09:30**. All participants are encouraged to attend where possible.

Golf

The practice facilities will be available for any players wishing to practice prior to play. Range balls will be given to each player before play.

Play will commence with a shotgun start at **10:00**. *Please register at least half an hour before your tee time.*

Please ensure that you know your allocated starting hole. A Drawsheet will be displayed in the registration area.

Format

Individual stableford, playing off full course handicap. Maximum handicap index is 24.0 for gentlemen and ladies. Any player with a handicap index of 24.1 and above will be allocated a 24.0 handicap index for the purpose of the event.

There will be a Nearest the Pin competition on hole 6 for gentlemen and for ladies.

One winner from each event will qualify to play in the Grand Final taking place in Belek, Turkey, between Saturday 27th October and Sunday 4th November 2018.

Please see the below Tournament Rules for full details and Grand Final eligibility.

Lunch

Lunch will be served in the “**Golf & Grill 19th**” from approximately **15:30**.

Prize Presentation

The Prize Presentation will take place immediately following **lunch** at approximately **16:30**.

Dress Code

General - Standard golfing attire is permitted. No training shoes, denim or collarless shirts allowed. Golf shoes are not permitted in the clubhouse.

Shoes - Participants must wear proper golf shoes, training shoes are not permitted on the course. European Centre Golf Club is SOFT SPIKE ONLY. Golf shoes with metal spikes must not be worn.

Lunch – Smart Casual

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones are strictly prohibited on the course.

Contact Details

For any queries on the day of the event, please contact:

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Tournament Rules

- Individual stableford competition off full handicap allowance.
- The maximum handicap index will be 24.0 for gentlemen and for ladies. Any player with a handicap index of 24.1 and above will be allocated a 24.0 handicap index for the purpose of the event.
- Gentlemen will play the yellow course from the black Turkish Airlines tee markers and Ladies will play the red course from the white Turkish Airlines tee markers.
- Current handicap certificates are required and must be shown at registration. Players who do not show their handicap certificate at registration may not be eligible to win a prize.

- The following prizes will be awarded:

Winner – Gold Trophy and model aircraft

2nd – Silver trophy and model aircraft

3rd – Bronze trophy and model aircraft

Best Gross Score – Red trophy and model aircraft

Ladies' Nearest to the Pin – Turkish Airlines trophy

Men's Nearest to the Pin – Turkish Airlines trophy

*please note that any player WILL be eligible to win more than one prize.

- The winner will progress to play in the Grand Finals, provided they are eligible to play according to the criteria set out in the Qualifying Competition Rules.
- In order to be eligible to progress through to the Grand Final, the winner must hold a handicap issued by a validated handicap system that confirms to the regulations set out by the governing body and must have played in at least three handicap qualifying competitions during the 12 months prior to the date of the qualifying event. **The winner must email proof of the THREE handicap qualifying competitions to events@ism.golf within 48 HOURS of the date of the qualifying event. Failure to provide this information by the deadline will deem the player not eligible to take part in the Grand Finals.**
- In order to be eligible to progress through to the Grand Final, players must be aged 21 or over on the day of the qualifying tournament.
- Employees of Turkish Airlines and their relatives are not eligible to win a prize or take part in the Grand Final.
- ***Please note that any player who has previously qualified for any Grand Final of the Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup Amateur Series (in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017) will not be eligible to progress to the 2018 Grand Finals should they be successful in the qualifying event.***

- In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by count back over the last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes then the 18th hole in that order until a winner is established. The last 9 holes will be considered to be holes 10-18 on the scorecard. If still tied, the front nine scores will then be counted by the same method.
- The Committee will settle all decisions on the rules. Their decision is final.
- The Committee reserve the right of modification.
- The Committee will be announced on the tournament day.

General

- Play will be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as laid down by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. Please see the scorecard or notice for local rules.
- Please arrive at your designated tee at least 10 minutes before your designated start time. Penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a:
If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes, which will be added to the players overall score for the round. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification.
- Play without 'undue delay' as Rule 6-7 will be enforced if necessary. Rounds should take no longer than 4 hours 30 minutes and players are requested not to putt out if they cannot score.
- If at any time you play a ball which you think may end up lost or out of bounds, for speed of play purposes play a provisional ball – Rule 27.
- Immediately after completing your round, thoroughly check, sign and return your card to the championship official. Penalty for breach of Rule 6-6b disqualification.
- Any discontinuance of play will be governed by Rule 6-8 and notified by a continuous blast from a claxon. In the event of play being unable to resume, the results will be decided based on the least number of holes completed by any player participating in the tournament – a minimum of six holes must be completed for the tournament to be valid. Winners will be determined by calculating their gross score then subtracting the appropriate percentage of their handicap at the point of suspension (i.e. if nine holes are completed, half of the players handicap will be subtracted from their gross score after that point). Any player recording a no score on a hole will be awarded a net double bogey on that hole for the purpose of calculating winners.

- The use of distance measuring devices is approved in all Qualifying Events and the Grand Finals of The Turkish Airlines World Golf Cup. For all play in the aforementioned competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Grand Finals Information

- To allow for the creation of a Grand Final tournament handicap, all Grand Finalists must provide to ISM a printout of the last ten competition results. This print out must be verified and signed by the handicap secretary from the Finalist's home club and must be provided to ISM by no later than Friday 13th October 2018. **Failure to provide this information by the deadline may result in the Finalist receiving a tournament handicap that may not accurately reflect their current handicap or playing ability.**
- If the winner is not able or not eligible to attend the Grand Finals, the trip will be offered to the next available and eligible player.

Approved by The R&A for the payment of expenses – Rule 4-2g RA/13/2018

Note: The R&A grants approval for the payment of expenses only in terms of the Rules of Amateur Status and such approval should not be considered as any general approval or endorsement of the competition or its organisers and/or promoters.