

# MALTA JUNIOR GOLF OPEN 2025



**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> April 2025**  
(Practice Day: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025)



*under the auspices of the*  
**Malta Golf Association**

*hosted by the*  
**Royal Malta Golf Club**



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# TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

## 1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

### a) **Status of Players:**

Entries will be accepted from junior players who:

- Conform in all respects to the current Amateur Status of the R&A; and
- Not older than 16 years, 18 years and 21 years on the **1<sup>st</sup> January 2025** for the under-16, under-18 or under-21 category respectively,
- For the under-16 category, possess a valid maximum WHS handicap index of **27.0** for boys and **36.0** for girls.
- For the other categories, possess a valid maximum WHS handicap index of **18.0** for boys and **27.0** for girls.

*Participants must be active members of a recognised golf club and should produce proof of their WHS handicap index not later than at registration on the first day of the competition. The organising committee reserves the right to confirm the date of birth of the players at any time before or during the tournament.*

### b) **Entry Fee:**

The entry fee is **€ 150**. The fee includes the competition entry fee, practice round on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, water and fruit on the course, the warm food after each day of the competition and the prize giving reception on the last day.

All other practice rounds will be charged at the junior green fee applicable on the day.

## 2. FORM OF PLAY

a) The competition will be played in an individual medal stroke play format in a three-day event over 54 holes at the Royal Malta Golf Club (RMGC).

**b) All girls will play from the blue tees; and all boys will play from the yellow tees.**

c) There will be a requirement of a minimum of 6 players in each category. Should the competition become oversubscribed, the entries will be determined according to the (earliest) date of registration.

d) **The title of the *Malta Male Junior (respectively Malta Female Junior) Open Golf Champion 2025* will be reserved for the under-16 and the under-18 categories.** The girl player and the boy player with the lowest gross score over 54 holes will be the overall joint winners of the main competition. The Championship's Trophy\* will be presented to the winners. Prizes will be distributed for all categories.

e) In the event of a tie for first place, there will be an immediate sudden death play-off over the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, repeated if required. All other ties will be decided by matching scorecards (count back) according to paragraph 6 of Section 5A (Committee Procedures) in the *Rules of Golf*.

e) The draw for the first day of play will be generally made according to the registered handicap of the players. The draw for the consecutive days will be made according to the scores returned from the previous day of play but not necessarily that the players with the best scores will go out last. Flights could consist of both genders.

### 3. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- a) The competition shall be played in accordance with the *Rules of Golf* as approved by R&A Rules Limited and with the published Local Rules for the RMGC course.
- b) The organising committee will reserve the right to fix and/or alter the Terms of the Competition and/or Starting Times. Starting times will be published on the Malta Golf Association (MGA) website ([www.maltagolf.org](http://www.maltagolf.org)). They will also be available at the registration desk and posted on the Competition's Notice Board at the RMGC.
- c) Competition registration is mandatory and will take place at the RMGC on the morning of the event. Players are reminded that they must complete the competition registration and collect their scorecards on arrival at the RMGC at least 15 minutes before their starting time.
- d) A roaming referee will be available on the course during the competition, but the competition's officials will be the final arbiter of all on and off course disputes. A player, in doubt of a procedure, should play a second ball according to Rule 20.1c(3) of the *Rules of Golf*.
- e) *Dress code:* Soft spikes will be obligatory for players. If not respected, access to the golf course will be denied. Normal and appropriate golf attire will be required on the course. Denim jeans will not be allowed under any circumstances.
- f) *Suspension of Play:* Please see separate sheet.
- g) *Pace of Play:* The pace of play may be monitored, and slow play may be penalised at the discretion of the competition's officials.
- h) *Disclaimer:* On entering the competition, players agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal liability for all such risks.

### 4. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- a) *Time of Starting:* Rule 5.3a applies.
- b) *Caddies:* Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player must not have a caddie during the round. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which he is helped by a caddie. If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.
- c) *Advice:* Advice is prohibited to be received from spectators (team managers, relatives, friends, etc.) following the players during the rounds. Spectators are observers only and must not walk in close vicinity of the players, must not communicate in any manner with the players or interfere with any officials performing their duties during the competition rounds. The penalty for a player asking for and receiving advice from a spectator is the general penalty as per Rule 10.2 and the spectator will be asked to leave the course. Compliance with these rules is the responsibility of both the spectator and the player, though it is the player who will receive the penalty. Spectators may assist in the search for a player's ball to help speed play.
- d) *Audio and Video Devices:* Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device. The general penalty of two strokes will be applied for a first breach. The player will be disqualified for a second breach even if unrelated to the first breach of the Rule. A mobile

phone may exceptionally be used in case of emergency (for medical reasons) or danger (e.g. lightning).

- e) *Practice:* Rule 5.2b (modified) of the Rules of Golf applies and therefore practice, on the competition course or testing the surface of any putting green, before or between rounds on the days of the competition is prohibited.
- f) *Trolleys & Buggies:* Electric or manual trolleys may be used but should not be taken onto tees or greens. This a walking competition and the normal use of golf buggies is prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: disqualification. In exceptional medical circumstances, the organising committee may, at its discretion, grant exemption for a buggy to be used. The competitor would need to submit a medical certificate stating the relevant medical condition. In the event of a stroke and distance penalty, the roaming referee can decide to grant a player a lift on the golf buggy to speed up play.
- g) *Driving Clubs:* Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is on the current list of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. The list is regularly updated and is found at [RandA.org](http://RandA.org). Exception: A driver with a clubhead that was made before 1999 is exempt from this Local Rule. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: disqualification. There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a stroke with a driver that is not on the list of conforming driver heads.
- h) *Returning a Scorecard:* Following each of the stroke play rounds, players must return their scorecards to an area designated by the organising committee. A player's scorecard is deemed officially returned when it has been recorded in the designated area.
- i) *Code of Conduct:* The player's standards of conduct during this competition is regulated by the MGA's published document to this affect. The document is available for viewing or downloading at <http://www.maltagolf.org/documents/71/code-of-conductpdf>.
- j) *Curtailment due to inclement weather:* The Committee may curtail the competition by either reducing the number of holes to be played or affect a cut on the number of players going forward to the next round(s).
- k) *Close of a Competition:* Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules must be referred to the competition's officials as soon as possible and before the conclusion of play on the final day. The competition will be deemed closed once the result is officially announced.

## 5. PRIZES AND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

For **each of the categories**, prizes will be presented as follows:

Overall best gross aggregate score from a:	girl player	boy player
2 <sup>nd</sup> best gross aggregate score from a:	girl player	boy player
3 <sup>rd</sup> best gross aggregate score from a:	girl player	boy player
4 <sup>th</sup> best gross aggregate score from a:	girl player	boy player

Additionally, a memento prize will be presented to the:

Overall best net aggregate score from an RMGC girl or boy player.

There will be a limit of one prize per participant. All prize winners are expected to attend the prize presentation, which will take place following the last round of the competition. No prize will be awarded to a competitor who is absent from the prize presentation unless there are very exceptional circumstances, and the organizing committee is so advised.

\* The Championship Trophy, although jointly presented to the overall winners, will be retained by the organising committee.

## 6. COMPETITION'S OFFICIALS

The decision of these officials, on any matter relating to the *Rules of Golf* or these Terms of Competition, shall be final and there shall be no right of appeal. No other club member or official will give a decision on a rule matter unless he has been authorised by the organising committee to give such decisions in its name.

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Practice Round for Main Competition  
 First round  
 Second round  
 Third round  
 Prize giving ceremony and reception

## ROYAL MALTA GOLF CLUB

The Royal Malta Golf Club was founded in 1888 and moved to its current locality in 1904. The course offers 18 holes of golf in stunning, historical, landscaped grounds, which are maintained daily. Today at par 68, the course is a good challenge for the more experienced, without being unkind to the novice.

The apparent simplicity of the course is deceptive as it is narrow demanding accuracy off the tee and controlled approach shots as the greens are small and well bunkered. Depending on the season, there is not much water on the course, but a few strategically placed penalty areas lie in wait.

([www.royalmaltagolfclub.com](http://www.royalmaltagolfclub.com)).

HOLE NO.	STROKE INDEX	WHITE CR/SR M&W 67.1/120 72.0/128		YELLOW CR/SR M&W 65.6/117 70.3/124		PLAYERS		PLAYERS		BLUE CR/SR M&W 63.4/109 67.8/119	PAR M/W	ORANGE CR/SR M&W 60.9/101 63.1/106		PAR M/W	
		PAR M/W	PAR M/W	A	B	RESULT	C	D	RESULT						
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1	15	288	4	260	4							243	3/4	206	3
2	17	280	4	248	4							236	3/4	179	3
3	1	435	4/5	420	4/5							386	4	346	4
4	3	425	4/5	407	4/5							395	4	341	4
5	7	213	3	197	3							161	3	129	3
6	11	161	3	150	3							142	3	104	3
7	13	152	3	140	3							131	3	83	3
8	5	510	5	483	5							474	5	439	4/5
9	9	346	4	325	4							296	4	242	4
OUT		2768	34/36	2631	34/36							2464	32/34	2075	31/32
10	4	398	4	376	4							341	4	279	4
11	12	349	4	339	4							294	4	256	4
12	2	462	4/5	441	4/5							360	4	308	4
13	14	174	3	166	3							138	3	131	3
14	8	314	4	304	4							287	4	240	3/4
15	6	523	5	504	5							467	5	388	4
16	10	201	3	178	3							161	3	115	3
17	16	145	3	133	3							120	3	91	3
18	18	282	4	269	4							256	4	238	3/4
IN		2848	34/35	2699	34/35							2424	34	2046	31/33
OUT		2788	34/36	2631	34/36							2464	32/34	2075	31/32
TOTAL		5616	68/71	5330	68/71							4888	66/68	4121	62/65
LESS HANDICAP										COURSE PLAYED - PLEASE TICK					
NET SCORE															

