

Rome, 10th January 2018

To the International Golf Federations and Unions

Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to inform you that the

Italian International Amateur Championship 2018

will take place at **Acaya Golf Club (Puglia)** from 14th to 17th March 2018 and that the Nations' Trophy will be played during the first 3 rounds.

Entries will open on Sunday 14th January 2018
Closing date for entries: 27th February 2018 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 (CONGU, USGA or other equivalent) limit is **2.4** and that the field will be of **124 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

VENUE

Acaya Golf Resort & Spa
Strada Comunale di Acaya km. 2
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Fax + 39 0832 861384

Acaya Golf Club – Masseria San Pietro
Strada Comunale di Acaya Km 2
73029 Acaya (Lecce)
Tel + 39 0832 861378
Fax + 39 0832 861384

E-mail: info@acayagolfresort.com
Booking Department: reservations@acayagolfresort.com
Golf Club: info@acayagolfclub.com
Website: www.acayagolfresort.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"

TRANSPORT

There will be a free shuttle service to/from Brindisi airport to Acaya Golf Resort & Spa at the arrival on 12th and 13th March, 3 times per day: (timetable TBD) and at departure on 17th and 18th March (timetable TBD). Every player must book his seat (including luggage details) in the shuttle at least 10 days before arrival. You must book your seat by filling in the attached booking form.

For any further information please contact directly Acaya Golf Resort & Spa at:
reservations@acayagolfresort.com.

PRACTICE DAY

Tuesday 13th March 2018 is the official practice day. Tee times may be booked by calling the Club's Secretariat (Tel + 39 0832 861378).

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.1 Euro Coin to get balls from the electric machine (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)

USEFUL NUMBERS

Golf Club's Secretariat:

Tel. +39 0832 861378

Fax +39 0832 861384

Italian Golf Federation Championship Office:

Mob. Ph.+39 06 3231825

E-mail: campionati@federgolf.it

SOCIAL EVENTS

Gala Dinner.

The Closing Ceremony and The Nations' Trophy Prize-Giving Ceremony will take place on Saturday 17th March, followed by a cocktail party. All competitors are welcome.

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

OFFICIAL HOTEL

➤ ACAYA GOLF RESORT & SPA – on site

Acaya (Lecce)

Tel + 39 0832 861385

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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:	€.110,00
Classic Double room:	€.180,00
Classic Triple room:	€.235,00

Please visit our website <http://www.acayagolfresort.com>

Go to special section "BOOKING", select your favourite period, enter the following promo code: **ARCMG0318** and get your special rates only for Italian Amateur Championship 2018.

You can also book by filling in the attached form and sending it to :
reservations@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 2018 Italian Golf Federation Hard Card,
- the Conditions and Local Rules approved by the championship committee

and the conditions herein.



ITALIAN INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

14 - 17 MARCH 2018 - CIRCOLO ACAYA GOLF & COUNTRY



2. FORM OF PLAY

Qualification: 54 holes scratch stroke-play

14th March: 1st round (18 holes)

15th March: 2nd round (18 holes)

16th March: 3rd round (18 holes)

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

17th March: 4th round (18 holes)

3. ELIGIBILITY

The starting field will include **62** players members of a foreign National Association with an EGA Handicap (CONGU, USGA or other equivalent) not exceeding **2.4** and **62** players members of the Italian Golf Federation not exceeding an EGA Handicap of **2.4** and within the Italian order of merit with an amount of 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 an amount of points higher than 3.00;
- all other players by EGA Handicap.

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 **27th February 2018 at 23:59**.

Maximum number of entries: **124 + 8 wild cards (4 for Italian Golf Federation members – 4 for foreign National Association members)**.

Wild cards will be assigned by noon of the tenth day before the beginning of the competition (4th March).

5. WITHDRAWALS

Withdrawals, both before and 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 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 (12th March) and 11.30 a.m. of the day before the beginning of the competition (13th March) in order to confirm their attendance. In addition, players can also register at the championship office during opening hours at the golf club by 11.30 a.m. of the day before the beginning of the competition (13th March).

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

7. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee amount is € 100.00 and is reduced to € 50.00 for players under the age of 18, for Italian national team players and for all those players who are representing their countries in the Nations' Trophy.

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.

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 must be 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 stroke-play. For the final results the aggregate of the best two scores out of three on each day 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.

ACCOMMODATION BOOKING FORM

ALL RESERVATION SHALL BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE HOTEL FILLING IN THIS FORM

reservations@acayagolfresort.com - Tel + 39 0832 861385

COUNTRY _____

PLAYERS _____

Type of room	Number	Arrival	Departure
Double <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Twin <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Double (single use) <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
Triple <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____	_____
B&B <input type="checkbox"/> Half Board <input type="checkbox"/>			

DETAILS AND CONTACT FOR THE CONFIRMATION OF THE RESERVATION:

MR MRS _____

TEL _____ FAX _____

Email _____

TO GUARANTEE THE RESERVATIONS WE KINDLY ASK A 30% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT AS A DEPOSIT, WITH BANK TRANSFER OR CREDIT CARD

Owner Name _____

Credit card n° _____

Expire date _____ / _____



COURTESY BUS FORM

Please email this to: reservations@acayagolfresort.com
(At least 10 days before the arrival)

Name: _____

Association: _____

Number of persons: _____

Date and Time of Arrival: _____

Date and Time of Departure: _____

Arrival Flight Number: _____

Contact mobile number: _____

n. of luggage: _____

n. of Golf Bags: _____

Email address: _____