



European Amateur Championship 2016

Estonian Golf & Country Club

3-6 August 2016



ESTONIAN GOLF
& COUNTRY CLUB



FOREWORD

President of the European Golf Association

On behalf of the European Golf Association, I extend a warm welcome to all competitors, officials and supporters for the 2016 European Amateur Championship.

Sincere thanks go to the Estonian Golf Association for organising this championship, also to the officials, staff and volunteers who do so much to make this event possible.

I also extend my thanks to the members and officials of Estonian Golf & Country Club for allowing us the privilege to play this championship on their excellent course.

This event is an important one with many past winners and medallists featuring in the Professional Tours, it is without doubt we will see golf of the highest standard and will be watching many of the stars of the future.

I would like to wish you all every success, an enjoyable championship and many fond and lasting memories.



Jean-Marc Mommer

President
European Golf Association

FOREWORD

President of the Estonian Golf Association

On behalf of the Estonian Golf Association I welcome you to the European Amateur Championship (EAC) prior to the Rio 2016 Olympic Games.

Golf is a fairly new sport in Estonia but we are working towards the future of the game so as to help produce new good Estonian players.

So far Estonia has Olympic winners from wrestling, track and field, swimming, fencing, lifting, cycling, basketball, volleyball and cross country skiing, but I truly hope that the European Amateur Championship will boost the game of golf here in Estonia as well.

The EAC is a good opportunity for us to get a lot of spectators and raise awareness about golf in Estonia. The opportunity to see European top amateurs competing here is both motivating and encouraging for our junior players. I hope that all players enjoy their visit to the Estonian Golf & Country Club and the future European Amateur Champion will produce a great overall score. This is the best thing for growing the game.



Marko Kaljuveer

President
Estonian Golf Association

FOREWORD

CEO of the Estonian Golf & Country Club

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Every year since 2006 at the Estonian Golf & Country Club our aim has been to organise at least one big international tournament. The first year we opened the Sea Course with the Finnish Tour and since then, we have hosted a number of European Championships including the Estonian Championships and two consecutive World Cup European Qualifiers. Some of the the best have competed to get one of the final three spots to represent their country in the World Cup final in Mission Hills in China.

We want to organise these events to learn from the best in the World and the Men's Individual European Championship is the highlight of the dream that took shape 10 years ago. I am sure that this year there will be many young local juniors who will walk with the players and try to learn as much as possible for the sake of their own game. They might be 8 or 12 today but they will remember the week here at the EGCC in 10 years time and hopefully have the chance to participate in the same tournament in the future. Many of you will play at the highest level – perhaps we will even see you in Masters 2026 and hopefully you will remember the great event that we had here in Estonia in 2016.

Thank you for your commitment to come here to Tallinn and the EGCC and to play at your best. We will do everything we can to help you to play to the best of your ability in the first week of August. I hope we can provide you with some great memories and I am sure our golf fans will receive the same from the tournament.



Hanno Kross

CEO
Estonian Golf & Country Club

THE VENUE – ESTONIAN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Opened in 2005, the Estonian Golf & Country Club (EGCC) is the finest and the most distinctive golf resort in Estonia, and part of the the European Tour Properties and World of Leading Golf. The club offers golfers an 18 hole championship level Sea Course and a 9 hole links style Stone Course.

For 4 consecutive years, Golf World magazine has selected our Sea Course as among Continental Europe's Top 100 Golf Courses.

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The Sea Course has twice hosted the Omega Mission Hills World Cup European Qualifier, in 2009 and 2011 where keenly contested matches between European Tour players like Joost Luiten, Robert-Jan Derksen, Felipe Aguilar, Mark Tullo, David Drysdale, Stephen Todd, Graham DeLaet, Jamie Donaldson, Alastair Forsyth and Jose Filipe Lima.

The club has a great access from Estonian capital Tallinn and is situated just 20 km from the city centre.

Our Sea Course has had the honour to host many different international events:

- 2006** Finnish Golf Tour
- 2007** Estonian Amateur Open by Floorin Finnish Golf Tour
- 2008** Estonian Amateur Open by Floorin Finnish Golf Tour
- 2009** Omega Mission Hills World Cup European Qualifier
Estonian Amateur Open by KPMG
- 2010** European Boys' Challenge Trophy
Estonian Amateur Open by KPMG
- 2011** Omega Mission Hills World Cup European Qualifier
Estonian Amateur Open by KPMG
- 2012** International European Mid-Amateur Championship
- 2013** International European Seniors' Championship
- 2014** International European Ladies' Amateur Championship
Estonian Stroke Play Championship
- 2015** Estonian Stroke Play Championship
- 2016** European Men's Amateur Championship
Estonian Stroke Play Championship

THE CLUB AND THE COURSES

Sea Course

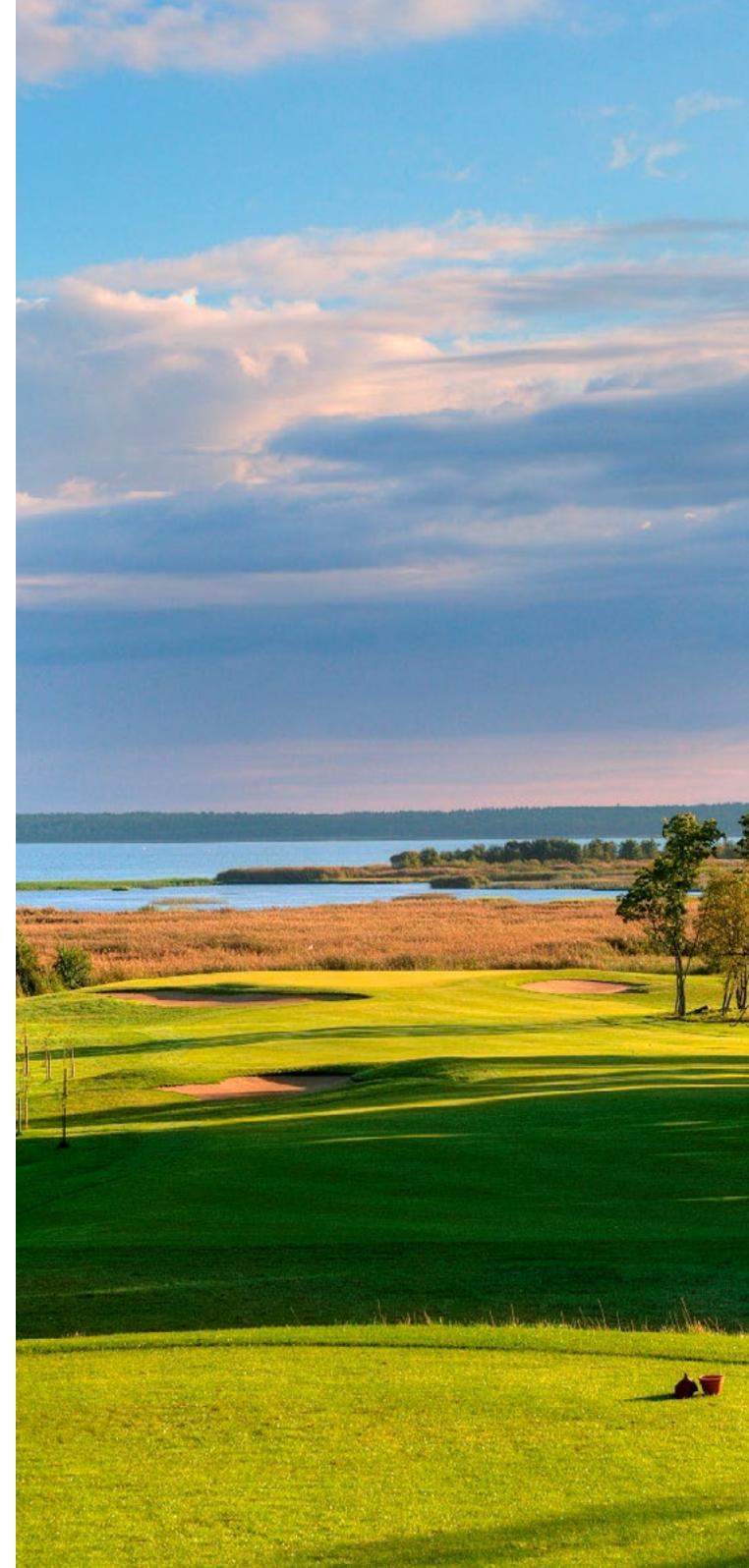
Sea Course, with its 18 holes stretching over 6500 meters (7,100 yards), is a true championship golf course, the perfect location for the European Amateur Championship 2016.

Holes built beside unspoiled forests reach out to the seashore and to the Jägala River. The elevation changes, oak-chip pathways, ice-age boulders and natural water hazards have given the Estonian Golf & Country Club a chance to create a golf course like few others in the world. With its length and complexity, the Sea Course is a real challenge even for the best golfers.

Stone Course

On the limestone plain, between junipers, reconstructed stone fences and heritage signs under national protection, you can find a special 9-hole golf course with various tales to tell. Stone Course, opened to winds, has an air of links spirits that is so common to traditional British courses. As a balancing factor, various heritage signs and findings tell their stories about Estonia hundreds of years back in time.

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The Future

In 2019 the new Annika Course designed by Annika Sörenstam and European Golf Design (EDG) will open at Estonian Golf & Country Club.

Annika Sörenstam's achievements rank her as one of the most successful female golfers in history. She won 90 international tournaments as a professional, making her the player with the most wins to her name in the ladies' game.

"The golf industry has been talking a lot about the need to develop golf facilities that are more flexible and family friendly, and Estonian Golf & Country Club is actually going to make it happen," said Annika, 10-time major champion.

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"My objective is to create a course that good golfers will find a strategic challenge, as well as visually appealing, while the design will utilize a variety of forward tees to make it equally enjoyable and engaging for newer golfers and young players. Ultimately, the layout will offer great versatility, from tournament play to resort golf, giving all golfers, no matter how far they hit the ball, a world-class experience."

In the next few years the Sea Course will also get a facelift from our architect Lassi Pekka Tilander. He was the first Finnish golf course architect to join the ranks of the European Institute of Golf Course Architects.



FACILITIES AND SERVICES

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Club amenities:

- Pro shop
- Conference room
- Restaurant
- Free WI-FI - area of wireless internet
- Lockers, showers and sauna
- Carts
- Pro lessons
- Club rentals
- Club fitting
- Golf demos and Green Card courses
- Corporate golf events and tournaments

Practice facilities:

- Large grass tee area
- 25 mats (10 covered)
- Pitching green
- Chipping green
- 2 putting greens
- 100 meter long short game area
- Bunkers for both fairway and green side practice

How to get to the Estonian Golf & Country Club:

By car

You can get to the EGCC within 30 min by Peterburi highway. Driving directions from the city centre can be seen [here](#)

By taxi

The official taxi transfer is offered by Tallink Taxi. You can order a taxi in advance or just by calling the company on the day. Contacts: [Tallink Taxi's webpage](#)

By official transfer

A daily shuttle service will operate from the official hotels to and from the golf course. The schedule for the transfer will be published on the EGCC webpage: www.egcc.ee

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CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

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Sunday, 31st July	Players Arrival
Monday, 1st August from 8:00 8:00 – 20:00	Players Arrival First Practice Day Registration at the Golfclub
Tuesday, 2nd August 8:00 – 12:00 from 8:00 18:30	Registration at the Golfclub Second Practice Day Opening Ceremony and Welcome Cocktail at the Golfclub
Wednesday, 3rd August from 7:30	1st Round
Thursday, 4th August from 7:30	2nd Round
Friday, 5th August from 7:30	3rd Round
Saturday, 6th August from 7:30 ca 18:00	Final Round The Closing Ceremony & Farewell Cocktail

Opening hours

Driving Range:

Monday and Tuesday: **7:00 – 20:00**

Wednesday to Saturday: **6:00 – 20:00**

Restaurant:

Monday and Tuesday: **7:30 – 22:00**

Wednesday to Saturday: **6:00 – 22:00**

Reception:

Monday to Saturday: **6:00 – 22:00**

Tournament Office:

Monday and Tuesday: **8:00 – 20:00**

Wednesday to Saturday: **6:30 – 20:00**

CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

2015	Penati Golf Resort (Svk)	Stefano Mazzoli (Ita)	269
2014	The Duke's St Andrews (Sco)	Ashley Chesters (Eng)	282
2013	Real Club De Golf El Prat (Esp)	Ashley Chesters (Eng)	284
2012	Carton House (Irl)	Rhys Pugh (Wal)	277
2011	Halmstad Golf Club (Swe)	Manuel Trappel (Aut)	278
2010	Vanajanlinna Golf & Country Club (Fin)	Lucas Bjerregaard (Den)	273
2009	Golf De Chantilly (Fra)	Victor Dubuisson (Fra)	277
2008	Esbjerg Golf Club (Den)	Stephan Gross (Ger)	280
2007	Sporting Club Berlin (Ger)	Benjamin Hebert (Fra)	277
2006	Biella Golf Club (Ita)	Rory McIlroy (Irl)	274
2005	Antwerp Golf & Country Club Rinkven (Bel)	Marius Thorp (Nor)	280
2004	Skövde Golf Club (Swe)	Matthew Richardson (Eng)	273
2003	Nairn Golf Club (Sco)	Brian McElhinney (Irl)	283
2002	Troia Golf Club (Por)	Raphaël Pellicioli (Fra)	284
2001	Odense Eventyr Golf (Den)	Stephen Browne (Irl)	270
2000	Styrian Golf Club Murhof (Aut)	Carl Pettersson (Swe)	263
1999	Celtic Manor (3 Rounds Only) (Wal)	Grégory Havret (Fra)	207
1998	Golf Du Médoc (Fra)	Paddy Gribben (Irl)	274
1997	Golf Club Du Domaine Impérial (Sui)	Didier de Vooght (Bel)	278
1996	Karlstad Golf Club (Swe)	Daniel Olsson (Swe)	276
1995	El Prat Golf Club (Esp)	Sergio Garcia (Esp)	276
1994	Aura Golf Club (Fin)	Stephen Gallacher (Sco)	278
1993	Dalmahoy Golf Club (Sco)	Morten Backhausen (Den)	276
1992	Le Querce Golf Club (Ita)	Massimo Scarpa (Ita)	284
1991	Hillside Golf Club (Eng)	Jim Payne (Eng)	281
1990	Aalborg Golf Club (Den)	Klas Eriksson (Swe)	279
1988	Falkenstein Golf Club (Ger)	David Ecob (Aus)	284
1986	Eindhoven Golf Club (Ned)	Anders Haglund (Swe)	282



ACCOMMODATION

A 4 star accommodation at the official hotels, Tallink City Hotel and Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel, will be offered at special rates for competitors and their guests. We strongly recommend to confirm your reservation as early as possible due to the limited hotel capacity. For bookings please visit www.tallinkhotels.com and state the promo code: **"CHAMPIONSHIP2016"** for the discounted rate.

Tallink City Hotel****

Being located in the heart of Tallinn, in close proximity to shopping centres and within just a few minutes walk from the marvellous Old Town, the 4 star hotel provides truly comfortable accommodation. The room price includes buffet breakfast and free Wi-Fi. Rates: Standard double/twin room €94

Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel****

The modern, glass-fronted Tallink Spa Hotel offers a luxurious spa area with indoor and outdoor pools. Tallinn's Old Town and Great Coastal Gate are just a 5-minute walk away. The room price includes buffet breakfast and free Wi-Fi. Rates: Standard double/twin room €107

Additional information:

Tallink Hotels Booking Centre in Estonia | Ph: +372 6300 808

Open: Mon - Fri 08:30-18:00 (local time) | hotelbooking@tallink.ee / www.tallinkhotels.com

Tallink City Hotel + 372 630 0800 | Tallink Spa & Conference Hotel +372 630 1000



ACCOMMODATION

An additional option, for guests who prefer a more luxurious hotel, the brand new Hilton Tallinn Park will be opened for summer 2016. As one of our official hotels, the shuttle service will be running to and from the hotel and golf course. For early reservations please contact Katrin Heinla via katrin@egcc.ee.

Hilton Tallinn Park – international upscale service hotel

Located in the city center, just steps away from the peaceful Politseiaed Park, this new upscale full service hotel is near Tallinn's main business area, the harbor and the Medieval Old Town. The room price includes breakfast, free Wi-Fi and access to Eforea Spa with pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, steam bath, fitness etc.

Hilton guestroom single €147

Hilton guestroom double €161

www3.hilton.com

For guests requiring the shuttle service from the official hotels above, please note that the service is included in the Gold package.



PLAYERS' INFORMATION

Please take a few moments to complete the player requirement form to allow us to make your experience a pleasant one. Please note [the player requirement form](#) should be submitted by Friday, 8th July 2016.

Packages

In order to make your stay as comfortable as possible, we have put together different packages which include the services you will need during the championship week. Players' packages are offered with special prices.

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	Cost	GOLD	SILVER
Shuttle from the official hotels	€14 return, €8 one way	X	
Lunch Menu	€16 per day	X	X
Tournament yardage book*	€20	X	X
Trolley	€3 per day	X	X
Rangeballs	€60 unlimited golfballs or €3 per 25 pcs	X	X

*Specially designed for European Amateur Championship 2016

GOLD

6 day package **€205**

(shuttle, lunch menu, unlimited range balls, trolley, tournament yardage book)

5 day package **€190**

(shuttle, lunch menu, unlimited range balls, trolley, tournament yardage book)

GUEST 6 days **€170**

(shuttle and lunch menu)

GUEST 5 days **€145**

(shuttle and lunch menu)

SILVER

6 day package **€160**

(lunch menu, unlimited range balls, trolley, tournament yardage book)

5 day package **€145**

(lunch menu, unlimited range balls, trolley, tournament yardage book)

GUEST 6 days **€90**

(lunch menu)

GUEST 5 days **€80**

(lunch menu)

Entries

The entry forms can be found on the European Golf Association (EGA) website .
All entries and payments must be made via EGA:
www.ega-golf.ch → Entry Forms

Bag Storage

A golf bag storage is located at the Clubhouse. It is open daily from 06.00 to 22.00

Catering

The Clubhouse's restaurant will be available exclusively for players and their guests for dining and resting. The price for daily Lunch Menu is €16.

Ceremonies

Tuesday, 2nd August at 18:30 - The official Opening Ceremony and a Welcome Cocktail at the Clubhouse.

Saturday, 6th August ca 18:00 - The Closing Ceremony, followed by the Farewell Cocktail at the Clubhouse.

Clubhouse

The facilities of the Clubhouse will be extended to players, Championship Committee, championship staff, sponsors, guests and press for the duration of the championship. The Clubhouse with dressing rooms, restaurant etc. will be open daily from 6:00 to 22:00.



Dress Code

A reasonable standard of dress is expected at all times, both on the course and in the Clubhouse. Jeans, sleeveless or collarless shirts and tracksuits are not permitted on the course. Only soft spikes are permitted on the course. The Welcome and Farewell Cocktails will be informal.

Information Boards

The Official Notice Board will be located in the Clubhouse. There will be information boards at the reception of the official hotels. Players should have a look at the information boards at regular intervals as important information will be displayed relating to tee-times, messages etc.

Internet Access

A complimentary wireless internet access is available in the Clubhouse area and in the official hotels.

Lockers

The locker rooms are situated in the Clubhouse opposite to the Reception. One locker for personal belongings will be made available for each player.

Practice Rounds

The official practice days are Monday, 1st and Tuesday, 2nd August. Please reserve your tee-time for the practice rounds directly at the golf club office: info@egcc.ee or by filling in [the players requirement form](#).



Practice Facilities

A practice putting green, practice bunker and a short game area as well as a full driving range are available next to the Clubhouse. Tournament packages for players include unlimited range balls and a pull trolley for the championship week. However, it is also possible to separately purchase range balls (€60 unlimited golfballs or €3 per 25 balls) and pull-trolleys (€3 per day). Electric trollies are available for €25 per day.

Registration

Registration is open on Monday, 1st August from 8:00-20:00 and on Tuesday, 2nd August from 8:00-12:00.

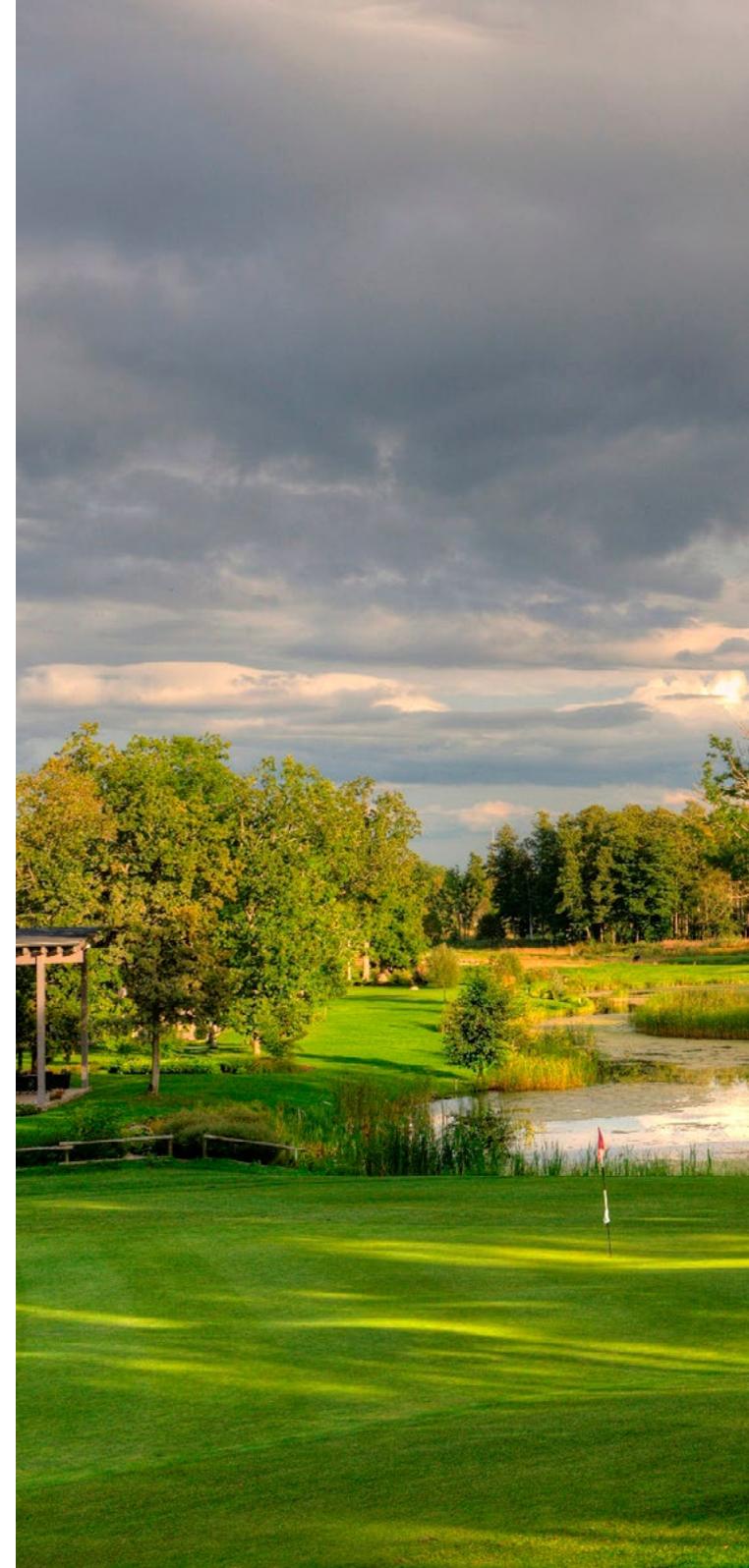
Competitors are requested to register at the Clubhouse immediately upon arrival but not later than 12:00 on Tuesday, 2nd August 2016. A competitor's failure to meet this deadline or to pre-notify the Committee of his pending arrival time may result in the competitor losing his place in the starting field.

Tournament office

The tournament office is open on Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 – 20:00 and Wednesday to Saturday from 6:30 – 20:00.

Transportation

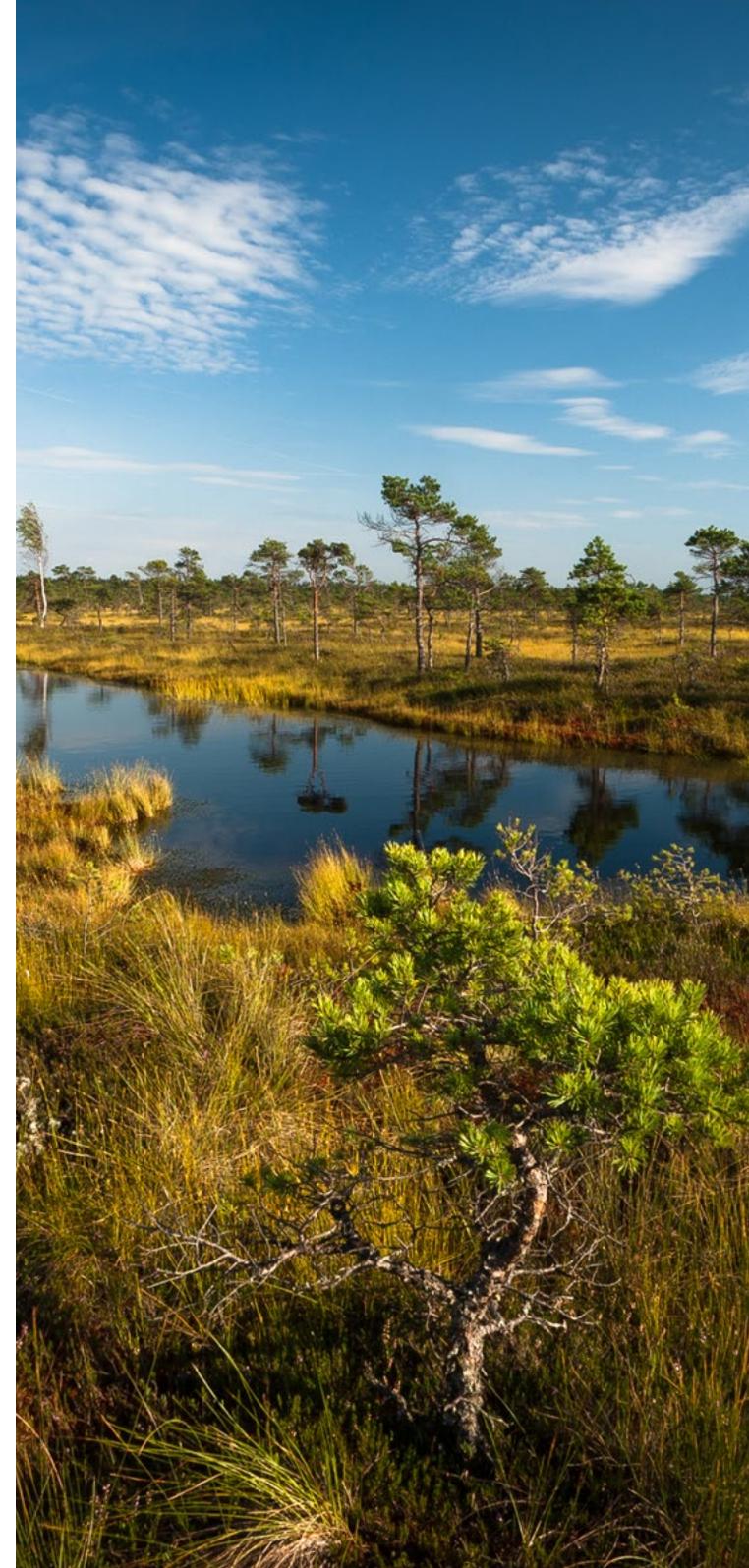
A daily shuttle service will operate from the official hotels to and from the golf course. Transfer schedule will be attached on the separate sheet in the player's portfolio. The price for shuttle service tickets are €8 for one way and €14 for return. Taxis from the airport to the official hotels cost up to €14. Players may wish to contact their hotel to pre-arrange a transfer.



ABOUT ESTONIA

Some facts about Estonia

- Geographically, Estonia is on the north-eastern edge of the European Union, bordering Russia and Latvia
 - The official language is Estonian, though everyone in tourism speaks good English and often German, Russian and Finnish too!
 - Since 2011, the official currency in Estonia is Euro
 - Estonia is in the Schengen Area so we have open borders with the rest of Europe
 - In 2011 the capital of Estonia, Tallinn, was the European Capital of Culture
- Tallinn has a mystic and mesmerizing Medieval Old Town. Most of the cobblestone streets and buildings dating back as far as the 11th century, are preserved in their original form.
- In 2012 the World Health Organization issued a global air quality ranking and Estonia was ranked 1st place: the cleanest air in the world.



How to get there

Travelling to Estonia is easy – by plane, train, automobile or boat (ferries and cruises).

Citizens from EU, USA, New Zealand, Canada or Australia do not need a visa to enter and neither do you need one, if you are travelling with a Schengen visa.

The biggest international airport in Estonia is located in Tallinn and you can fly direct from most major cities in Europe.

Information about airlines, schedules and customs is also available on the homepage of [Lennart Meri Tallinn Airport](#).

[Please click here](#), to see the list of airlines (including their contacts) which are operating scheduled passenger flights to Tallinn Airport.

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Welcome to Estonia and see you soon
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