



# APGC JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

HAKONE COUNTRY CLUB, JAPAN 28-30 AUGUST 2019

**TEAM EUROPE SELECTIONS**

The European Golf Association is pleased to announce the four selected players and captain that will compete in this year's Asia-Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC) Junior Championship.

The two mixed teams, which have been invited by the APGC to the event for the fourth consecutive year, will be captained by former Dutch national ladies' team player, **Myrte Eikenaar**. Eikenaar won the first edition of the European Mid-Amateur Ladies' Championship at St. Laurence Golf, Finland earlier this year, and will travel with the two teams.

The 5<sup>th</sup> APGC Junior Championship will be played at Hakone Country Club, which resides in the Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park in Japan, from 28-30 August.

Teams play fourballs on the first day, foursomes on the second day and singles on the third day – with the four combined scores counting for each team's total.

The European contingent will compete as the defending champions. Europe Team 1, comprising England's Caitlin Whitehead and Finland's Sakke Siltala, won the championship at Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club in Hong Kong last year. After shooting the lowest scores in the girls' and boys' events individually, the pair then carded a 69 (-1) in the foursomes and a 61 (-9) in the fourballs to win by eight strokes and become the first Europeans to win the championship.

The selections, based on performance in last month's European Young Masters, are as follows:

**Michael Alexander Mjaaseth** added his name to a prestigious list of winners that includes Sergio Garcia and Rafael Cabrera-Bello in the European Young Masters at Golf & Spa Kunticka Hora. The Norwegian reached 14-under-par through 36 holes in the Czech Republic, which, after the third round was cancelled due to bad weather, was enough to win the gold medal.

**Lilas Pinthier** will join Mjaaseth in Europe Team 1. The French player earned two silver medals at the European Young Masters, one for finishing second in the Nations' Cup classification, and the other for finishing runner-up in the girls' individual event with a score of seven-under-par. Pinthier is currently ranked inside the top-200 of the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR), and, so far this season, has placed in the top-10 in the stroke play phase of the European Girls' Team Championship and at the German Girls' Open.

**Anne-Sterre Den Dunnen** will join Malik in Europe Team 2. The Dutch player carded the lowest round of the girls' classification in European Young Masters, a seven-under-par 65 on day two, to claim the bronze medal. Den Dunnen earned another podium finish the following week at the Dutch National U21 Match Play Championships, reaching the final and finishing runner-up.

**Yannick Malik** of Germany had played his way into contention in the Czech Republic when play was stopped on the final day of the European Young Masters. Despite being tied for the lead after round one, he eventually finished fourth, falling short of a spot on the podium by a single stroke. However, Malik's day one 64 (-8) did contribute to Germany's gold medal in the team event, adding to the silver medal he helped his country earn at the European Boys' Team Championship at Golf de Chantilly last month.

The daily draws and results will be available on the Japan Golf Association website at <http://www.jga.or.jp/>

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