



COGNIZANT CUP – FINNISH INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Hosted by Mikko Ilonen

To: International golf federations

Dear all,

On behalf of Finnish Golf Union and Kymen Golf Club, we invite your junior players to enter the COGNIZANT CUP - Finnish International Junior Championship 2024.

The tournament dates are from Wednesday, June 26th to Friday, June 28th.

We are also happy to welcome our new title sponsor for this event, COGNIZANT. With their great support we can continuously keep up the great international standard of this junior event! Thanks!

The tournament setup is the same as previous years; 54 holes stroke play without cut in four different categories: Boys and Girls U14 and U16.

Please note that only the U16 categories are eligible for the WAGR points.

We'd like to bring following to your attention:

- The host club for the 2024 tournament is Kymen Golf, located near the city of Kotka.
- Accommodation shall be booked and paid directly to the hotels.
- The entry fee includes free lunches for players on tournament days (Wednesday-Friday).
- Airport transfers are free for players and their accompanying people (captains, coaches, parents) accommodating in official hotels when arrival day is Mon 24th and departure is Sat 29th of June.

We hope that you can spread out this information to your players, coaches, golf clubs and all others who might be interested in coming to Finland and experience the fantastic Finnish summer!

With our best regards we hope to see you in Finland!

Finnish Golf Union – Tournament staff



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Date: June 26th to June 28th 2024

Venue: Kymen Golf Club, Kotka, Finland

Categories: Boys U14 / U16
Girls U14 / U16

Entries: Opening date – April 1st 2024
Closing date for international players – May 31st 2024
Closing date for Finnish players – June 19th 2024

NOTE: International players are accepted in the order of entries received. The number of international entrants is limited to 60.

CONDITIONS

Categories and age groups

The championship will be played in four different categories:

Boys U16	born 2008 – 2009	tee 61
Girls U16	born 2008 – 2009	tee 52
Boys U14	born 2010 – 2016	tee 56 (mens' clubtee)
Girls U14	born 2010 – 2016	tee 47 (ladies' clubtee)

Finnish National Junior Championship for same categories will be played simultaneously.

Format of play

The championship will be played over 54 holes Stroke play without handicap, during three consecutive days in each category. There is no cut.

In the event of a tie for the first place, the winner will be decided by a stroke play play-off between the competitors concerned. Play-off is played hole by hole until there is a winner. Play-off holes are determined by the Championship Committee. Other tied results will be decided by the last 36 holes, 18 holes, 9 holes, 6 holes, 3 holes, 1 hole and ballot. This applies to all categories.

Eligible competitors

The championship is open for all amateur players who are members of an acknowledged golf club and eligible as stated in the conditions for FIJC. Entrants must fulfill the following handicap criteria:

Boys 14,0 or under

Girls 18,0 or under

The number of competitors is limited to a total of 156 players.

Categories: Boys U16 – 33 spots reserved for Finnish players

Boys U14 – 33 spots reserved for Finnish players

Girls U16 – 15 spots reserved for Finnish players

Girls U14 – 15 spots reserved for Finnish players

Entries

Entries for all players must be done through the official tournament website:

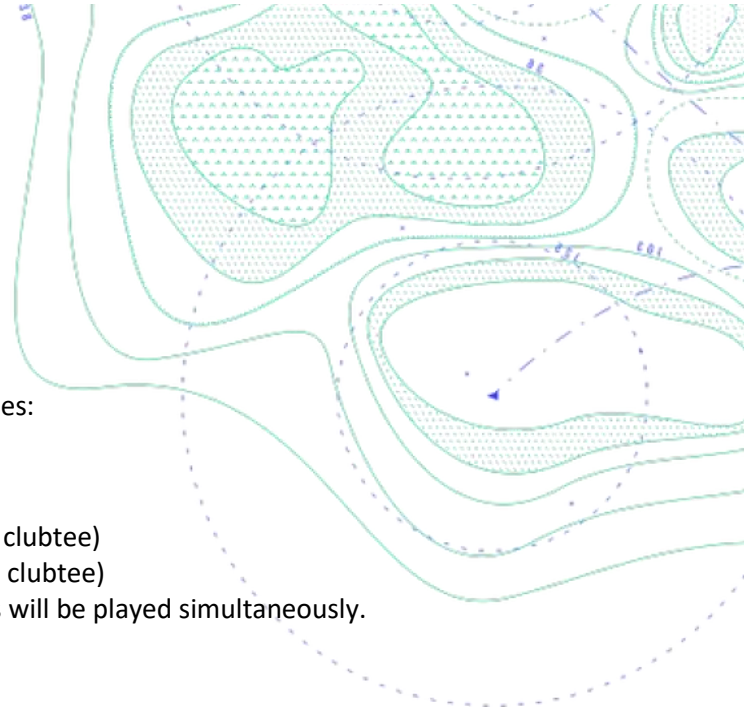
<https://golf.fi/kilpagolf/kilpailukalenteri/?language=2057#/competition/4247589/info>

Other forms of entry will not be accepted.

Note: Entries close for international players on Friday 31st of May at 20:00 and for Finnish players on Wednesday 19th of June at 18:00.

NOTE: The number of international entrants is limited to 60. International players are accepted in the order of entries received. The selection of Finnish players will be in handicap order. The handicap order applies also for the reserve list.

The exact handicap at the closing time of entries will be used for all purposes.



Entry fee

The entry fee is 120 € per player. The entry fee must be paid before the practice round at the golf club.

Included in the entry fee:

- Tournament fee
- One practice round – Official practice days Monday and Tuesday
- Trolleys
- Free use of all practice facilities
- Lunch during tournament days (Wednesday – Friday) served at the Clubhouse
- Airport Shuttle (International participants only, must be notified when entering the tournament)
- Shuttle between Sokos Hotel and Golf Club (scheduled, for international participants only)

Airport transfers at arrival are free of charge on Monday 24th of June and departure transfers are free of charge on Saturday 29th of June. Other transports can be organized by request and will be subject to a transportation fee.

Transfers will be scheduled due to arrival times, so for some arrivals there might be a waiting period.

Airport transfers are only to and from the official tournament hotels/accommodation.

Liability

Players and their parents are reminded that Finnish Golf Union and Kymen Golf Club cannot be held responsible for any loss of or damage to equipment or personal belongings. All players are requested to have an accompanying adult (= team captain, parent or guardian) who is responsible for the minor players all actions.

Withdrawal

Withdrawal is done online no later than the entry deadline. Withdrawal after the entry deadline is called cancellation.

Cancellation

A player who cancels his/her entry after the entry deadline must do so by contacting the tournament office or the Tournament Director. A player is obliged to pay full entry fee in all cases unless the player has acceptable reasons, i.e. injury evidenced by a medical certificate.

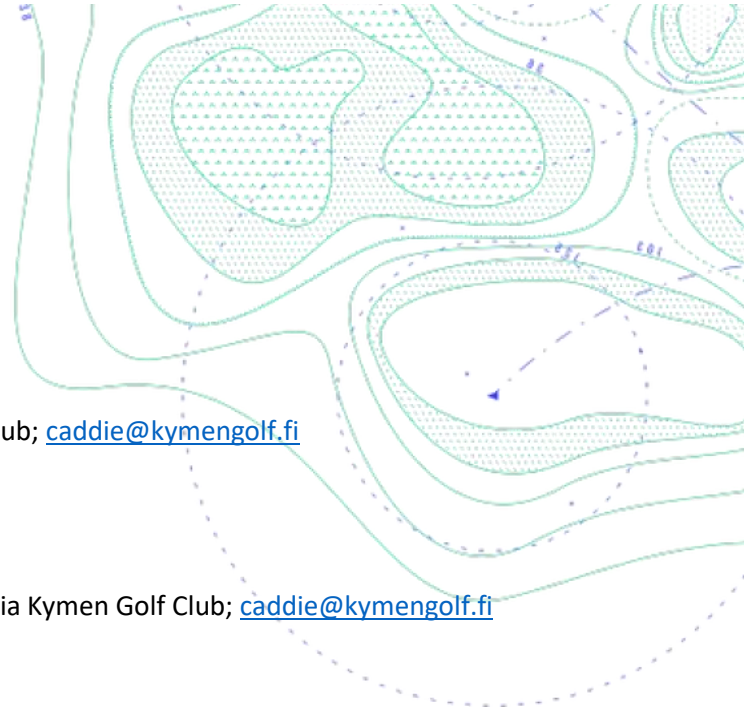
Prizes

The winners will be presented with trophies and three best players in each category will be awarded with prizes in accordance to the amateur rules. Three best Finnish players in each category will be awarded with a championship medal.

Rules

The competition will be played according to the Rules of Golf defined by the R&A Rules Limited. The local rules will be handed to all players and posted accordingly.

Tournament Programme



Monday June 24th

- Players' arrival all day
- Practice round all day, bookings via Kymen Golf Club; caddie@kymengolf.fi
- Tournament office is open 14:00-20:00

Tuesday June 25th

- Cognizant Cup AmAm, Shotgun start at 09:30
- Practice round, shotgun start at 14:30, bookings via Kymen Golf Club; caddie@kymengolf.fi
- Tournament office is open 08:00-20:00

Wednesday June 26th

- Round 1 – 18 holes 07.30- and 12.30-, starting from tees 1 and 10
- Tee times for round 1 will be published on Monday 24th of June
- Tournament office is open 06:30-20:00

Thursday June 27th

- Round 2 – 18 holes 07.30- and 12.30-, starting from tees 1 and 10
- Tee times for round 2 will be published on Monday 24th of June
- Tournament office is open 06:30-20:00

Friday June 28th

- Round 3 – 18 holes 07.30- and 12.30-, starting from tees 1 and 10 (subject to change)
- Tee times for round 3 are available after round 2 has finished
- Prize giving ceremony
- Tournament office is open 06:30-20:00

Saturday June 29th

- Players' departure all day
- Please sign up for departure transfers at the Tournament office!

Venue

Kymen Golf Club

Located about 5 km from the city of Kotka and 130 km east of Helsinki. The course (opened in 1989) offers seascapes, pine forests and valley routes, as well as combinations of them. Greens are well undulated.

Club Address

Niinilahdentie 2, 48310 Kotka, Finland

Phone: +358 5 210 3700

Email: caddie@kymengolf.fi (practice rounds, information) www.kymengolf.fi

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation partners for Finnish International Junior Championship are Original Sokos Hotel Seurahuone, Kotka and Santalahti Resort

1. Santalahti Resort is situated about 300 meters from the tournament golf course. For the time of the tournament, we have reserved capacity for different accommodation categories until May 16, 2024, after which they will be released for general sale.

Important: All participants are fully responsible for arranging and paying for their own accommodation.

Contact information for Santalahti Resort:

Santalahti Resort, Santalahdentie 150, 48310 KOTKA

Phone: +358 5 260 5055, Email: info@santalahti.fi

Webpage in english: santalahti.fi/en

All reservations must be booked by emailing to groups@santalahti.fi

Remember to use booking code KOTKASMGOLF24

Following offers are for June 25—June 28, 2024.

Luxury apartment for 10 people

€ 890 / 1st day incl. VAT + possible additional day + €400 incl. VAT

Luxury apartment for 10 people, with 5 bedrooms and 2 separate beds in all bedrooms. 3 toilets, sauna section, common lounge and kitchen and terrace.

Check-in at 17:00 and check-out at 12:00.

<https://santalahti.fi/majoitus-santalahti/huvila-luksushuoneistot-luksushuvilat/>

Sauna cabins

€ 249 / day incl. VAT

32m2 cabin for 5 people (2-4 adults), kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, sauna and terrace. On the side of the living room is a sofa bed and a double bed and a loft bed suitable for a child in the bedroom.

Check-in at 15:00 and check-out at 12:00.

<https://santalahti.fi/majoitus-santalahti/saunamokki/>

Shower cabins

2-person shower cabin €159 / day incl. VAT.

The cabin has two separate beds, a kitchen and a shower and toilet.

Check-in at 15:00 and check-out at 12:00.

<https://santalahti.fi/majoitus-santalahti/vuokramokit-kotka/>

4-person cottage €179 / day incl. VAT

Sofa bed, bunk bed, kitchenette and shower and toilet.

Check-in at 15:00 and check-out at 12:00.

<https://santalahti.fi/majoitus-santalahti/saunamokki/>

2. Original Sokos Hotel Seurahuone, Kotka 24.-28.6.2024

Hotel Original Sokos Hotel Seurahuone, Keskuskatu 21, 48100 KOTKA, phone +358 10 7821 000

Rate / night 149.00 EUR Standard Queen or Twin as single use
169.00 EUR Standard Twin or Queen

Rates include buffet breakfast, guest sauna, gym and VAT.

Check-in and -out The check-in time on the day of arrival is 3.00 p.m. at the earliest, check-out time on the day of departure by noon at the latest.

Cancellation terms The reservation can be cancelled by 6.00 p.m. hotel local time on arriving date.

Reservations Book online at <https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/kotka>.
Reservation code is BGOLF2024.
Reservation needs to be guaranteed by credit card.

Reservations can be also made direct from the hotel by email kotka.seurahuone@sokoshotels.fi or phone +358 10 7821 000.
Please note the reservation code.

Reservations by 27.5.2024 subject to availability.

Airport transport and hotel shuttle

The airport transport schedule will be published after the closing of entries. For those of you using the airport transportation on arrival, please note that it takes about 90 minutes to drive from the airport to Kotka.

Hotel shuttle will be run between Sokos Hotel and the golf club. The schedule will be published after the draw is made.

Santalahti Resort is situated about 300 meters from the tournament golf course, so there is no need for transportation between Santalahti Resort and the golf club.

AmAm event

There will be an AmAm competition for event partners on Tuesday 25th June. All players are expected to participate if invited. The invitations will be sent immediately after the closing date for entries.

Car rental

As an official partner of the Finnish Golf Union, **Hertz offers up to 15% off** on car hire for The Cognizant Cup – Finnish International junior Championship participants. Remember to book your car in advance. *The booking code (CDP) is 940440.* Find out more and book your car [HERE](#).

Catering

The buffet lunch is served in the Clubhouse during the tournament week.



Clubhouse

The Clubhouse with dressing rooms will be open daily from 06.30 to 21.00 hours.

A wireless internet access is available in the Clubhouse area.

A Golf Shop is located next to the caddiemaster's desk in the Clubhouse.

Dress code

All competitors are kindly asked to dress properly throughout the whole event. Casual and clean golf clothing is required on the course and inside the Clubhouse. No caps indoors, please! Teams participating are recommended to perform in national playing kit.

Golf bags

Players are kindly asked to store their bags in their rooms or in designated areas at the hotel.

Lockers

There are a limited number of lockers in the dressing rooms in the Clubhouse. Therefore, players are kindly asked to keep their items in their hotel rooms.

Medical assistance

A First Aid room with staff will be located in the Clubhouse, so immediate help can be provided if so needed. A doctor's assistance can be arranged within a 10-minute notice.

Notice board

All tournament information will be placed on notice board in the Clubhouse.

Payment methods

Cash and major credit cards are acceptable in all areas. The currency is Euro (€).

Practice

All practice facilities are available free of charge for players during Monday, 24th of June to Friday, 28th of June. The official practice days are Monday, 24th of June and Tuesday, 25th of June.

The booking of practice round tee times must be done via caddiemaster of the Kymen Golf Club (caddie@kymengolf.fi). A yardage book can be purchased from the Tournament office.

Press

Players are requested to be available for press after they have finished their rounds.

Tee times, scoring

The draw for each round will be sent to players' mobile phones and are available on the official website: <https://golf.fi/kilpagolf/kilpailukalenteri/?language=2057#/competition/4247589/teetimes>

There will be a hole-by-hole live scoring during the event, handled by players themselves using mobile phones and Golfbox Live Scoring. Live scoring screens are located inside the Clubhouse and close to 18th green.

Tournament Office

The Tournament office is located at the Kymen Golf Clubhouse.

THE PATRON AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE FINNISH INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP – MIKKO ILOINEN

The Amateur Champion 2000 – Five-time European Tour Winner Mikko Ilonen was born in Lahti, Finland. He won the 2000 Amateur Championship and turned pro in 2001, retired from professional golf in 2019. He played mainly on the European Tour, where he won five tournaments.

He won his first professional tournament at the 2007 Indonesia Open, an event co-sanctioned by the European Tour and Asian Tour. He was the first Finn to win a European Tour event and to feature in the top 100 of the Official World Golf Ranking. In 2007 he finished the season in a career best 34th on the European Tour Order of Merit.

In June 2013, Mikko Ilonen won the Nordea Masters event in Sweden for the second time in his career and third tour level victory overall.

In June 2014, Mikko Ilonen won the Irish Open at Fota Island in Cork. Ilonen led the tournament from start to finish and ended up one shot clear of Italian Edoardo Molinari.

Mikko's greatest victory came in Volvo World Match Play Championship 2014, where he beat both Graeme McDowell and Henrik Stenson on his way to win the trophy. Ilonen's best major championship finish was tied 7th at the 2014 PGA Championship. Mikko was also representing Finland in the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

After his retirement from professional competitive golf, Mikko has been active as a golf course designer and a golf ambassador.

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Cognizant is known for its expertise in helping clients modernize and optimize their businesses worldwide through digital transformation. Cognizant engineers modern businesses to help clients modernize technology, reimagine processes and transform experiences to stay ahead in a fast-changing world.

"Promoting well-being and equal opportunities in competitive sports is important for Cognizant much in the same way as investing in the future of technology. We want to contribute to building an intelligent and healthy society through sports and physical activity, leveraging technology and the power of intuition wherever possible," said Toomas Kalpio, Sales Director in Cognizant Finland.

Cognizant's involvement in sports is not new, with their notable partnership with [Aston Martin Formula One](#), as well as other significant long-term golf partnerships with [LPGA Cognizant Founder's Cup](#) and the Presidents Cup. Over the past 10 years, the Cognizant Founders Cup has raised nearly \$4 million for the organization. Those donations have enabled Girls Golf – a junior golf program in the US - to add 34 new sites, support growing locations and facilitate new players into the sport.

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