



FINNISH INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

Hosted by Mikko Ilonen

To: International golf federations

Dear all,

On behalf of Finnish Golf Union and Keimola Golf Club, we invite your junior players to enter the Finnish International Junior Championship 2025.

The tournament dates are from Wednesday, June 25th to Friday, June 27th.

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 the following to your attention:

- The host club for the 2025 tournament is Keimola Golf, located about 15 km from Helsinki airport.
- Accommodation shall be booked and paid directly to the hotels.
- The entry fee includes free lunches for players on tournament days (Wednesday-Friday).
- Transportation between official hotel and Keimola golf course is free for players and their accompanying people (captains, coaches, parents) accommodating in official hotel. Transportation is available from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th of June. The timetable for transportation will be announced later on the tournament website. The need for transportation must be notified when entering the tournament.

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



A topographic map of a golf course, showing various green contours and a dashed purple line representing a path or hole layout. The map is partially visible on the right side of the page.

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Date: June 25th to June 27th 2025

Venue: Saras Course, Keimola Golf Club, Vantaa, Finland

Categories: Boys U14 / U16

Girls U14 / U16

Entries: Opening date – April 1st 2025

Closing date for international players – June 8th 2025

Closing date for Finnish players – June 18th 2025

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 2009 – 2010	tee 62
Girls U16	born 2009 – 2010	tee 54
Boys U14	born 2011 – 2017	tee 58 (mens' clubtee)
Girls U14	born 2011 – 2017	tee 49 (ladies' clubtee)

Finnish National Junior Championship for same categories will be played simultaneously (Finnish citizens only).

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 for prizes 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 (both categories) 14,0 or under

Girls U16 18,0 or under

Girls U14 22,0 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:

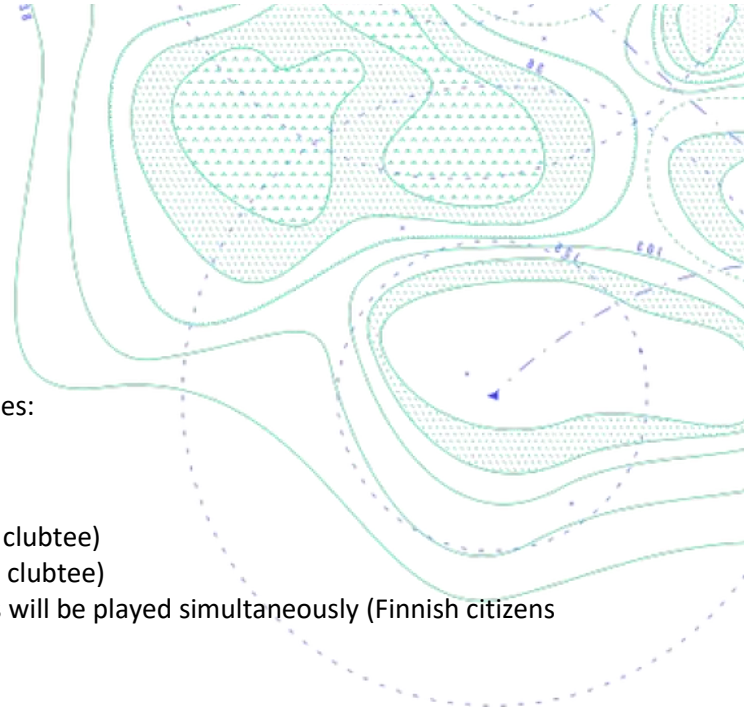
<https://golf.fi/kilpagolf/kilpailukalenteri/?language=2057#/competition/4771215/info>

Other forms of entry will not be accepted.

Note: Entries close for international players on Sunday 8th of June at 23:59 (Finnish Time) and for Finnish players on Wednesday 18th 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
- A yardage book
- Free use of all practice facilities
- Lunch during tournament days (Wednesday – Friday) served at the Clubhouse
- Shuttle between Hotel Scandic Aviacongress and Keimola Golf Club (scheduled, for international participants only)

Liability

Players and their parents are reminded that Finnish Golf Union and Keimola 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 a 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 23rd

- Players' arrival all day
- Practice round all day, bookings via Keimola Golf Club; keimolagolf@keimolagolf.com
- Tournament office is open 14:00-20:00

Tuesday June 24th

- Practice round all day, bookings via Keimola Golf Club; keimolagolf@keimolagolf.com
- Tournament office is open 08:00-20:00

Wednesday June 25th

- Round 1 – 18 holes starting at 08.00 from tees 1 and 10 (subject to change)
- Tee times for round 1 will be published on Monday 23rd of June
- Tournament office is open 06:30-20:00

Thursday June 26th

- Round 2 – 18 holes starting at 08.00 from tees 1 and 10 (subject to change)
- Tee times for round 2 will be published on Monday 23rd of June
- Tournament office is open 06:30-20:00

Friday June 27th

- Round 3 – 18 holes starting at 08.00 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 28th

- Players' departure all day

Venue

Keimola Golf Club – Saras Course

Located about 20 km from the city centre of Helsinki.

Club Address

Kirkantie 32, 01750 Vantaa

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Accommodation

The official hotel for Finnish International Junior Championship is Scandic Aviacongress

Scandic Aviacongress is a peaceful hotel next to Helsinki Airport. Versatile services, an indoor pool and an early breakfast ensure a successful visit. The large car park and bus stop for the free airport shuttle are conveniently right outside the front door.

We are happy to offer our guests a discount on room reservations at Scandic. Reservations can be easily made through the following link: [BOOK WITH SCANDIC](#). Through the link, you can directly book rooms at a discounted rate. Write Scandic Aviacongress as your hotel, choose the right dates for your stay and select the right number of rooms and guests. Check that your Booking code is EVNT. Then click red button "See rooms and prices".

Guests can choose their preferred room type and receive an additional discount when paying for the reservation upon booking. The cancellation policy for individual bookings depends on the booking type chosen by the guest. To confirm the reservation, guests must provide a valid credit card information. Rooms are subject to availability and should be booked 10 days before arrival at the latest.

Scandic Friends members should also check for available loyalty offers.

Airport transport and hotel shuttle

No airport transport is organized by the championship committee. The public shuttle bus service from the airport to the hotel is available every day from 4 a.m. until a bit after midnight.

The hotel shuttle organized by Finnish Golf Union and Keimola Golf will be run between Scandic Aviacongress and the golf club. The schedule will be published after the closing of entries. The need for the hotel shuttle must be notified when entering the tournament.

Car rental

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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 at the Clubhouse.

A small golf shop is located next to the caddiemaster's desk.

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

Noticeboard

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 from Monday, 23rd of June to Friday, 27th of June. The official practice days are Monday, 23rd of June and Tuesday, 24th of June. One practice round is free of charge, but an extra practice round costs 15 euros. The booking of practice round tee times must be done via caddiemaster of the Keimola Golf Club (keimolagolf@keimolagolf.com).

Press

Players are requested to be available for the 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/4771215/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 Keimola Golf Clubhouse.

A topographic map of a golf course, showing various contours, green areas, and a blue path. The map is rendered in shades of green and blue, with some areas filled with a dotted pattern. The contours represent different elevations, and the blue path likely indicates a fairway or a specific route.

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 competitive professional golf, Mikko has been active as a golf course designer and a golf ambassador.