

FINNISH INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

Hosted by Mikko Ilonen

To: International golf federations

Dear all,

On behalf of Finnish Golf Union and Helsingin Golfklubi, we invite your junior players to enter the Finnish International Junior Championship 2026.

The tournament dates are from Wednesday, June 24th to Friday, June 26th.

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 2026 tournament is Helsingin Golfklubi, located about 18 km from Helsinki Airport in the heart of city of Helsinki.
- Accommodation shall be booked and paid directly to the hotels.

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 24th to June 26th 2026

Venue: Tali, Helsingin Golfklubi, Helsinki, Finland

Categories: Boys U14 / U16

Girls U14 / U16

Entries: Opening date – April 1st 2026

Closing date for international players – June 7th 2026

Closing date for Finnish players – June 15th 2026

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:

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| Boys U16 | born 2010 – 2018 | white tee |
| Girls U16 | born 2010 – 2018 | blue tee |
| Boys U14 | born 2012 – 2018 | yellow tee (mens' clubtee) |
| Girls U14 | born 2012 – 2018 | red tee (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 made through the official tournament website:

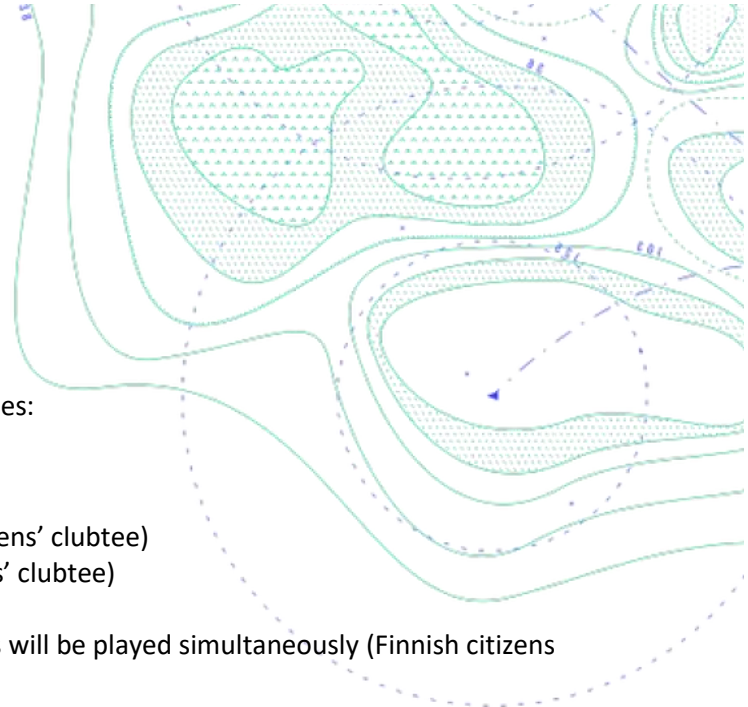
<https://golf.fi/kilpagolf/kilpailukalenteri/?language=2057#/competition/5325364/info>

Other forms of entry will not be accepted.

Note: Entries close for international players on Sunday 7th of June at 23:59 (Finnish Time) and for Finnish players on Monday 15th of June at 23:59.

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

Liability

Players and their parents are reminded that Finnish Golf Union and Helsingin Golfklubi 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

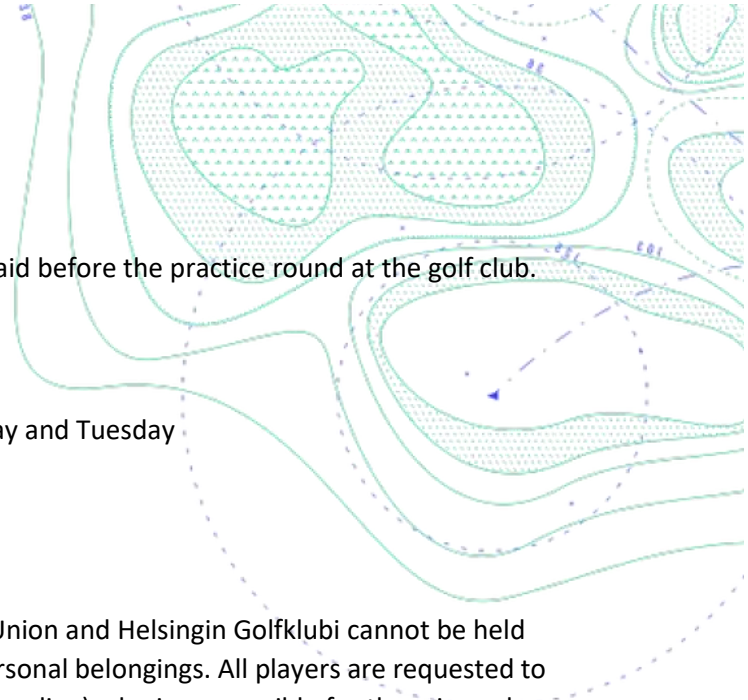
The winners will be presented with trophies and three best players in each category will be awarded in accordance to the amateur rules. Three best Finnish players in each category will be awarded with a championship medal.

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.

Caddies

Caddies are not allowed. Penalty for breach of this condition of the competition is two strokes for each hole at which breach occurred. Maximum penalty is 4 strokes. Penalty for repeating this breach is disqualification.



Tournament Programme

Monday June 22nd

- Players' arrival all day
- Practice round all day, bookings via Helsingin Golfklubi; caddiemaster@helsingingolfklubi.fi
- Tournament office is open 14:00-20:00

Tuesday June 23rd

- Practice round all day, bookings via Helsingin Golfklubi; caddiemaster@helsingingolfklubi.fi
- Tournament office is open 08:00-20:00

Wednesday June 24th

- 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 22nd of June
- Tournament office is open 06:30-20:00

Thursday June 25th

- Round 2 – 18 holes starting at 08.00 from tees 1 and 10 (subject to change)
- Tee times for round 2 are available after the 1st round has finished
- Tournament office is open 06:30-20:00

Friday June 26th

- Round 3 – 18 holes starting at 08.00 from tees 1 and 10 (subject to change)
- Tee times for round 3 are available after the 2nd round has finished
- Prize giving ceremony
- Tournament office is open 06:30-20:00

Saturday June 27th

- Players' departure all day

Venue

Helsingin Golfklubi – Tali

Located in the city centre of Helsinki.

Club Address

Talin puistotie 12, 00380 Helsinki

email: caddiemaster@helsingingolfklubi.fi (practice rounds, info)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Accommodation

Booking instructions for individual reservations:

Allotment Break Sokos Hotel Flamingo 23-26.6.2026

96EUR/Standard room in single use

96EUR/Standard twin room

116EUR/Standard twin room with extra bed

The allotment is available until 16.6.2026 4:30 PM (Finnish time)

Please notice that there is a limited amount of rooms available with the special rate

Reservations: Sokos Hotels Sales Service Centre

Telephone: +358 300 870 000 / individual room reservations

E-mail: sokos.hotels@sok.fi

Please quote the allotment code TALI26 when making a reservation.

www.sokshotels.fi/en - Reservation code BTALI26

Guarantee All reservations are to be guaranteed by credit card or paid upon booking. An individual reservation from the allotment can be canceled free of charge 4 days prior to the arrival, Kindly note that due to security reasons credit card details should not be sent via email.

Payment Method of payment is cash or credit card. Each guest is responsible for their own accommodation expenses

Airport transport and hotel shuttle

This year we are not offering any airport transport or hotel shuttle since the golf course is situated in the heart of Helsinki.

Car rental

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Are you participating in The Finnish international Junior Championship at Helsinki Golf Club, Finland? With the help of a rental car, you ensure smooth and safe travelling to the competition and the surroundings. As a partner of the Finnish Golf Union, Hertz offers **up to 15% off** on car hire. Remember to book your car in advance. Rental cars for the summer are being booked now.

Find out more and book your car

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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 07.00 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.

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, 22nd of June to Friday, 26th of June. The official practice days are Monday, 22nd of June and Tuesday, 23rd of June. One practice round is free of charge, but an extra practice round costs 20 euros. The practice round tee times must be booked via caddiemaster of the Helsingin Golfklubi (caddiemaster@helsingingolfklubi.fi).

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/5325364/teetimes> There will be a hole-by-hole live scoring during the event, handled by players themselves using mobile phones and Golfbox Live Scoring. Big live scoring screen is located near the Clubhouse.

Tournament Office

The Tournament office is located opposite of Caddiemaster's office.

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 title is overlaid on the top left of the map.

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.