

FINNISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – THE ERKKO TROPHY 2018

To International Golf Unions/Federations,

On behalf of the Finnish Golf Union we are pleased to invite your elite players to the Finnish Amateur Championship, The Erkkö Trophy 2018. The competition will be held at the traditional Helsinki Golf Club 24 – 26 August.

We would like to offer a free hospitality package for the first six national teams (maximum four male and two female players) registered. The package includes accommodation in a shared twin room from Tuesday to Monday and transportation between the airport, tournament hotel (Original Sokos Hotel Pasila) and Helsinki Golf Club. The hospitality packages will be given in the order of the entries received.

For the rest of the teams we can offer the hospitality package for the price of 200 euros per person (in a shared twin room). Hotel bookings are made by Helsinki Golf Club for those who choose to take the hospitality package. Hospitality packages are paid on arrival at the Helsinki Golf Club. Requests for the hospitality packages latest by 24th July 2018.

We also have a limited number of rooms pre-booked at the tournament hotel, Original Sokos Hotel Pasila at the rate of 120 euro/room/night (twin sharing) or 100 €/night (single room). When booking, please use the booking code: BERKKO18

Bookings through www.sokoshotels.fi

- phone +358 20 1234 613

- e-mail pasila.helsinki@sokoshotels.fi

Hotel rooms need to be booked at the latest by 24th July.

Hotel information: <https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/helsinki/sokos-hotel-pasila>

Please note that flight arrangements and costs related to this are the responsibility of each participant.

The entry fee for the tournament is 170 euros / player and the closing date for entries is July 24th. Entries by email only to: finnishamateur@golf.fi. The entries and requests for the hospitality package must be done by using the official entry form attached to this invitation.

There will also be an Am-Am competition on Thursday 23 August. All competitors are kindly asked to prepare themselves for being invited.

We are looking forward to seeing many international players in Finland again this summer!

For more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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FINNISH AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – THE ERKKO TROPHY 2018

Date: August 24th to 26th 2018

Venue: Helsinki Golf Club

Categories: Men / Ladies

Entries: Opening date – May 10th 2018
Closing date – August 10th 2018



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Conditions

Categories

The championship will be played in two different categories; Men and Ladies.

The total number of competitors will be limited to 129 players; 90 men and 39 ladies.

The championship also includes a Team competition for national and club teams. A men's team consist of three and a ladies' team of two players.

Format of play

The championship in each category will be played over 54 holes in three consecutive days. After the second day (36 holes), there will be a cut which will limit the number of players to 36 men and 18 ladies. These players are entitled to compete in the third round. Entitled are also players tying the 36th (ladies 18th) place after 36 holes.

In the event of tie for the championship in both categories, the winner will be decided by hole-by-hole playoff (stroke play) between the competitors concerned. Other tied results will be decided by last 36 holes, 18 holes, 9 holes, 6 holes and so on.

The team competition will be played over the first 36 holes. As the team result counts two scores from each round. In the event of tie in men's competition, the total non-counting score will be decisive. Mathematical method will be used in the ladies' competition.

Eligible competitors

The championship is open for all amateur players, who are members of a recognised golf club. Competitors will be selected in following order:

MEN

1. Invites by host club and the federation
2. National spots for hosting country
 - a. 15 national players by WAGR within 1 – 2400 (at the time of entry dead line)
 - b. 3 wild cards; hosting club
 - c. 3 wild cards; hosting country
3. WAGR within 1 – 2400 (at the time of entry dead line)
4. Handicap order, max. 3,4

LADIES

1. Invites by host club and the federation
2. National spots for hosting country
 - a. 6 national players by WAGR within 1 – 2400 (at the time of entry dead line)
 - b. 1 wild cards; hosting club
 - c. 2 wild cards; hosting country
3. WAGR within 1 – 2400 (at the time of entry dead line)



4. Handicap order, max. 5,4

There will be a reserve list, which will be put up in a similar order to categories. The reserve list will be used in case of cancellations.

Entries

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

<https://golf.fi/kilpagolf/kilpailukalenteri/?language=2057#/competition/1397366/info>

Other forms of entry will not be accepted.

Opening date for entries **Tuesday, 10 May 00:00 hrs.**

Closing date for entries **Friday, 10 August 18:00 hrs.**

Notes:

Late entries are not eligible.

All international entrants must send a handicap certificate to finnishamateur@golf.fi before the closing date, August 10th. This certificate must be undersigned by the player's home club or the national golf authority.

Entry fee

The entry fee is 170 € per player. There is no additional entry fee for the team competition. The entry fee must be paid before players tee time at the tournament office.

Included in the entry fee:

- **Tournament fee** for both individual and team competitions
- **One practice round** – Official practice day is 23th of August
- **Free use of practice facilities**
- **Lunches Aug 24nd – 26th**
- **Airport Shuttle, please provide flight information for pick ups from the airport**
- **Shuttle service between hotel and the club**

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 entry after the entry deadline must do so by contacting the tournament office or the Tournament Director.

A player is entitled 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 a championship medal. Other prizes will be given in accordance to the amateur rules.

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.

General information

The draw for each round will be posted on the official website.

The scoring area is located just outside the Clubhouse in a tent. Players are kindly asked to approach the scoring area immediately after they have finished play.

There will be a live scoring during the event, handled by volunteers. Players are advised to tell their scores properly when so asked. Live scoring screens are located in the Clubhouse and close to 18th and 9th greens.

Accommodation

Original Sokos Hotel Pasila, please use the booking code: BERKKO18

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Airport transport and shuttle service

- Shuttle service from the airport. Please provide flight information for airport pick up service
- Shuttle service available between hotel and the golf club

Practice Rounds

Tuesday-Thursday, tee times booking at toimisto@helsingingolfklubi.fi or +358 (0)600 550 982



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Tournament Programme

Wednesday August 22th	Arrival
Thursday August 23th	Arrival, Practice rounds, AmAm-event
Friday August 24th	First Round
Saturday August 25th	Second Round
Sunday August 26th	Third Round

Tournament Office

Tournament office will be open every day from 07.00 – 19.00

The Tournament office is located in the Caddiemasters office.

Contacts

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Venue

Helsinki Golf Club

www.helsingingolfklubi.fi

Club address, Talin puistotie 12

Driving instructions: Navigator settings,

- City: Helsinki
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