

Rome, 14th June 2022

To the International Golf Federations and Unions

Dear Sirs,

We have the pleasure to inform you that the Italian Golf Federation, in cooperation with the Biella Golf Club, will host this year the

15th Reply Italian International Under 16 Championship
Teodoro Soldati Trophy
31st August – 2nd September 2022

reserved to boys under the age of 16 at 0.00 a.m. of 1st January 2022, whose Handicap index not exceeding 4.4. **The field will be of 140 players + 4 wild cards.**

The Championship is listed among both the R&A World Amateur Ranking and the EGA European Men's Amateur Ranking counting events.

Entries opened on 14th January 2022

Closing date for entries: 18th August 2022 at 12.00

From 30th August to 2nd September the hosting Club will be pleased to offer **free accommodation, meals and transportation from/to the airport** to the 3 players selected by each Federation and taking part in the Nations' Trophy (Team 1) and 1 coach/team manager. To all participants and accompanying people who will stay at the Agorà hotel free transportation from/to the Airport and daily Hotel/Club.

Looking forward to welcoming you and your players in Biella.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY GENERAL
Marta Maestroni



PLAYERS INFORMATION

VENUE:

Golf Club Biella "Le Betulle"

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tel: +39-015-679151

e-mail: info@golfclubbiella.it - website: www.golfclubbiella.it

The course: 18 holes parkland, par 73, 6.534 meters, 600 mt. above sea level was designed in 1957 by John Morrison winding through dense woods of over hundred years old birches and beeches. It has always been recognized and appreciated by the most authoritative experts as a wonderful location, excellent design and really fast greens. During the past few years, many have become more and more convinced that also traditional courses, if well prepared, can compete with modern ones as their specific characteristics can be challenging also for the technology used in the new equipment.

AIRPORTS:

The official airports will be:

- Torino Caselle distance from Biella 87,50 km.
- Milano Malpensa distance from Biella 85,00 km

PROGRAMME:

Monday 29 th August	players arrival and practice round
Tuesday 30 th August	practice round
	7.00 p.m. welcome cocktail
Wednesday 31 st August	1st round
Thursday 1 st September	2nd round
Friday 2 nd September	3rd and 4th round – Award Ceremony

TRANSPORT:

Scheduled free transfers will be available daily, between the official hotel and the Golf Club, during Tuesday practice round and championship days. The distance from the hotel to the Golf Club is a 25 minute drive.

An official transportation service from/to the airports (Torino Caselle and Milan Malpensa) will be offered to the players staying at the official hotel Agorà.

The schedule will be arranged based on the visiting teams flights timetable in order to optimize the efficiency of the service. Reservations shall be made through the booking office: Bruniera Chauffeur e-mail: info@brunierachauffeur.it, filling the attached form. For emergency only, call Mrs Simonetta on the mobile ph. +39 335 8024373.

ACCOMMODATION:

Hotel Agorà 4*(www.agorapalace.it) – BIELLA
Bed & Breakfast service (prices per room per night)

Single room	€ 93,00
Double room	€ 108,00
Triple room	€ 135,00

ROOM RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

All rooms will be booked in the above hotel in preferential order and subject to availability. Reservations must be made through the reservation center open from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. - e-mail: info@agorapalace.com ph. +39 015 8407324 (miss Michela D'Elia). Room charges will be paid directly at the Hotel. To confirm bookings we require a credit card number as a guarantee.

PRACTICE DAY:

Tuesday 30th August is the official practice day.
Tee time may be booked by calling the Club's Secretariat.

DRIVING RANGE:

The driving range opens one hour before the first starting time and closes at 6.30 p.m.

DRESS CODE:

A proper dress code is expected at all times both on the course and in the Clubhouse. Denim pants, no-collar shirts, tracksuits are not permitted.
For the Prize Giving and the Closing Ceremonies, competitors and team officials are expected to wear their team uniform.

BAG STORAGE:

During days of competition the Caddy Master opens one hour before the first starting time and closes at 8.00 p.m.; on other days it opens from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

TROLLEYS:

Trolleys will be available at € 20,00 for all the event.

MEDICAL SERVICE:

A first aid service with a doctor and ambulance is available during the whole competition.

CLUB'S SECRETARIAT:

During days of competition, the Club's Secretariat opens one hour before the first starting time and closes at 8.00 p.m.; on other days it opens from 8.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.

PRO SHOP:

During days of competition, the Pro shop opens 30 minutes before the first starting time and closes at 6.00 p.m.; on other days it opens from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

BAR & RESTAURANT:

BAR opens 45 minutes before the first starting time
LUNCH open from 11.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.
DINNER open from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.
Food and beverages must be paid by cash or by credit card.

CREDIT CARDS:

All major credit cards will be accepted by the Hotels and Golf Club.

Italian Golf Federation Championship Office:

Tel. +39 06 3231825 - E-mail: campionati@federgolf.it

NOTE: Results and Press notes will be available on www.federgolf.it

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. RULES AND CONDITIONS

The Championship will be played in accordance with:

- the Rules of Golf, as approved by the *R&A Rules Limited*,
- the COVID-19 measures adopted by the Italian Golf Federation at the date of play
- the 2022 Italian Golf Federation Hard Card,
- the Conditions and Local Rules approved by the championship committee

and the conditions herein.

2. FORM OF PLAY

Qualification: 36 holes stroke-play

31st August: 1st round (18 holes)

1st September: 2nd round (18 holes)

The lowest 42 scores including ties will qualify for the final 36 holes.

2nd September: 3rd round (18 holes) and 4th round (18 holes)

3. ELIGIBILITY

The starting field will include:

- 76 players members of a foreign National Association with a maximum Handicap index (or other equivalent) of 4.4.
- 64 players members of the Italian Golf Federation with a maximum Handicap index of 4.4 and within the Italian order of merit with cumulative points higher than 3.00 and then taking into consideration their Handicap Index.
- 4 wild cards will be assigned by noon (CET) of the 23rd August.

If the maximum number of foreign players is not reached, the available places will be assigned to the enrolled players members of the Italian Golf Federation according to the waiting list. If the maximum number of Italian Golf Federation members is not reached, the available places will be assigned to the foreign enrolled players according to the waiting list.

The waiting list will include all other eligible players; in case of a player in the field withdraws, a member of the Italian Golf Federation will replace an Italian and a member of a foreign national association will replace a foreign. The waiting list will be ordered as follows:

- members of the Italian Golf Federation within the Italian order of merit with cumulative points higher than 3.00;
- all other players by Handicap Index (or equivalent).

Competitors must be under the age of 16 at 0.00 a.m. of 1st January 2022.

Note: each player with Italian citizenship but not resident in Italy, with double membership, must choose which Nation to represent and the choice will be reported in the WAGR. If the player represents Italy, he can entry through the Italian Golf Federation website www.federgolf.it. If the player represents a foreign Nation, he can entry only through the Federation he represents.

4. ENTRIES

Entries must be sent through the Italian Golf Federation website www.federgolf.it following the instructions on the online registration guide.

Closing date for entries is **18th August 2022 at 12:00.**

Maximum number of entries: **140 + 4 wild cards**

Wild cards will be assigned on 23rd August at 12:00

Each Federation will receive an email containing its password for the online registration. It is recommended that passwords should properly remain for the exclusive use of each Federation, which will guarantee the reliability of the data on the entry form and certify that the handicap complies with point 3. Eligibility.

5. WITHDRAWALS

Withdrawals, both before and after the closing date of entries, shall be made by each player's National Association on the Italian Golf Federation website www.federgolf.it following the registration guide, at the latest by 11.30 a.m. (CET) of the 29th of August.

After that time any withdrawal shall be communicated to the championship committee at the golf club. The entry fee will be refunded only in case of withdrawal by 11.30 a.m. of the 29th of August.

6. REGISTRATION

All players (already in the field and on the waiting list) must register sending an email at info@golfclubbiella.it between 5.00 p.m. (CET) of the 29th of August and 11.30 a.m. (CET) of the 30th of August to confirm their attendance; in addition, players can also register at the Championship Office during opening hours at the Golf Club by 11.30 a.m. (CET) of the 30th of August.

Players who fail the deadline for registration will be cancelled from the starting list and replaced.

7. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee amounts to € 60,00.

The entry fee must be paid online with credit card at the time of entry (instructions are in the attached online registration guide).

8. CADDIE & ELECTRIC TROLLEYS

Caddie: not allowed.

Electric trolleys: not allowed

9. TIES & PLAY-OFF

In the event of a tie for the 1st place, the winner shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off over one or more holes selected by the Committee; in the event of ties for any other place the Rules for ties adopted by the Italian Golf Federation will apply.

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to the winner, the runner-up and the third placed.

Challenge will be awarded to the winner.

NATIONS' TROPHY

FORM OF PLAY:

The Nations' Trophy is open to teams of three players that must be entered by their home Federation. Each country may be represented by a maximum of two teams.

The Trophy (36 holes stroke-play) will take place concurrently with the first 2 rounds. For the final result the aggregate of the best two scores out of two of each round will count.

TIES:

Any tie will be broken as follows:

- by taking into account the aggregate of the non-counting scores of the two rounds of each team;
- for further ties by the aggregate of the best individual scores of the two rounds of each team;
- if a tie still exists it will be decided by lot.

To break a tie a valid score counts more than a non-valid score (e.g. for absence, disqualification, no return or similar).

NOTE:

In the eventuality of a disqualification during or after the 1st round, a player's 2nd round score will count only for the Nations' Trophy.

PRIZES:

Trophies will be awarded to the first and second team.