

Rome, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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

**17<sup>th</sup> Reply Italian International Under 16 Championship - Teodoro Soldati Trophy, from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

reserved to boys under the age of 16 at 0.00 a.m. of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024, with a WHS Handicap Index of 4.4 or better. **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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Closing date for entries: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024 at 12.00**

The hosting Club will be pleased to offer **free accommodation (B&B) for three nights**, to the 3 players selected by each Federation and taking part in the Nations' Trophy (Team 1) and 1 coach/team manager. A daily free of charge transportation from/to the official Hotel and the Club will be available for all participants and accompanying people who will stay at the Agorà hotel.

Looking forward to welcoming you and your players in Biella.

Yours sincerely

SECRETARY GENERAL  
Marta Maestroni





# 17<sup>TH</sup> REPLY ITALIAN INTERNATIONAL UNDER 16 CHAMPIONSHIP

TEODORO SOLDATI TROPHY

G.C. BIELLA «LE BETULLE» 4-5-6 SEPTEMBER 2024



## PLAYERS INFORMATION

### ENTRIES

**Entries open on 16<sup>th</sup> January and close on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2024 at 12.00.**

**Only National Federations or Unions can enter the players, it is not possible for players to enter individually.**

Entries must be done through the Italian Golf Federation website [www.federgolf.it](http://www.federgolf.it) (instructions are in the attached online registration guide). Each Federation will receive an email containing their password for 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.

**Other forms of entry will not be accepted.**

### VENUE:

**Golf Club Biella “Le Betulle”**

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e-mail: [info@golfclubbiella.it](mailto:info@golfclubbiella.it) - website: [www.golfclubbiella.it](http://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:

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September practice round  
7.00 p.m. welcome cocktail
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 1<sup>st</sup> round
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2<sup>nd</sup> round
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> round – Award Ceremony





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## 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.

## ACCOMMODATION:

Hotel Agorà 4\* ([www.agorapalace.it](http://www.agorapalace.it)) - BIELLA

Bed & Breakfast service (prices per room per night)

Single room	€ 98,00
Double room	€ 125,00
Triple room	€ 150,00

## ROOM RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Reservations must be made through the reservation center open from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 a.m. - e-mail: [info@agorapalace.com](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> September** is the official practice day.

Tee time may be booked by sending an e-mail to the Club's Secretariat:

[info@golfclubbiella.it](mailto:info@golfclubbiella.it)

## 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:

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

## MEDICAL SERVICE:





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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.

### 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.

### Italian Golf Federation Championship Office:

Tel.+39 06 3231825 - E-mail: [campionati@federgolf.it](mailto:campionati@federgolf.it)

NOTE: Results and Press notes will be available on [www.federgolf.it](http://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 2024 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

4<sup>th</sup> September: 1<sup>st</sup> round (18 holes)

5<sup>th</sup> September: 2<sup>nd</sup> round (18 holes)

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

6<sup>th</sup> September: 3<sup>rd</sup> round (18 holes) and 4<sup>th</sup> round (18 holes)

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

The starting field will include:

- 76 players members of a foreign National Association with a WHS Handicap Index of 4.4 or better.
- 64 players members of the Italian Golf Federation with a WHS Handicap Index of 4.4 or better and within the Italian order of merit with cumulative points higher than 3. The other places will be assigned taking into consideration only the Handicap Index.
- 4 wild cards will be assigned by noon (CET) of the 27<sup>th</sup> August.





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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 includes 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.

**Competitors must be under the age of 16 at 0.00 a.m. of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.**

**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](http://www.federgolf.it). If the player represents a foreign Nation, he can entry only through the Federation he represents.

#### **4. 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](http://www.federgolf.it) following the registration guide, **at the latest by 12.00. (CET) of 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

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 12.00. (CET) of 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

#### **5. REGISTRATION**

All players (already in the field and on the waiting list) must register sending an email at [info@golfclubbiella.it](mailto:info@golfclubbiella.it) between 5.00 p.m. (CET) of 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 11.30 a.m. (CET) of 3<sup>rd</sup> September to confirm their attendance; in addition, players can also register at the Championship Office during opening hours at the Golf.

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

#### **6. 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).





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## 7. CADDIE & ELECTRIC TROLLEYS

Caddie: not allowed.

Electric trolleys: not allowed

Smoking is forbidden (including e- cigarettes)

## 8. TIES & PLAY-OFF

In the event of a tie for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 9. PRIZES

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

Challenge will be awarded to the winner. The Trophy will not be handed over 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.

Teams for nations Trophy must be communicated at the Championship Office by 11.30 a.m. of 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

### TIES:

Any tie will be break 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 1<sup>st</sup> round, a player's 2<sup>nd</sup> round score will count only for the Nations' Trophy.

### PRIZES:

Trophies will be awarded to the first and second team.

