



ITALIAN INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

23 - 26 April 2026 - Circolo Golf Villa d'Este

Rome, 26th February 2026

To the International Golf Federations and Unions

Dear Sirs,

We are pleased to inform you that the *Italian International Amateur Championship 2026* will take place at **Villa D' Este Golf Club** from **23rd to 26th April 2026** and that the Nations' Trophy will be played during the first 3 rounds.

Entries are open from 15th January 2026
Closing date for entries: 9th April at 12.00.

The Championship is listed among both the R&A World Amateur Ranking and the European Amateur Order of Merit counting events.

We are proud to inform you that our Championship is included in the **EAOM Front-Nine Rewards** programme. The winner of the 2026 Italian International Amateur Championship will be granted an invitation to participate in the DP World Tour event: **Italian Open**

Please take note that the Handicap Index limit is **2.4** and that the field will be of **108 players + 12 wild cards**.

The hosting Club will be pleased to offer **free accommodation (B&B) for three nights at Palace Hotel** (<https://www.palacehotel.it/>) 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 persons staying at the Palace Hotel.

We inform you that during the Championship anti-doping tests may be carried out.
Looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

SECRETARY GENERAL

Marta Maestroni

Official Automotive Partner





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PLAYERS INFORMATION

ENTRIES

Entries open on 15th January and close on 9th April at noon.

Only National Federations or Unions can enter the players, individual entries will not be accepted.

Entries must be made through the Italian Golf Federation website 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

Circolo Golf Villa D'Este

Via per Cantù, 13, 22012 Montorfano (COMO)

Tel + 39 031200200

Golf Club: info@golfvilladeste.com

Website: www.golfvilladeste.com

HOW TO GET THERE

Nearest Airports:

Milan Malpensa: 50Km

Milan Linate: 52 Km

By train (Malpensa Express):

From Milan Malpensa Airport, take the Malpensa Express train to Saronno, then change trains and continue to Como.

The total travel time is just over 1 hour.

From Como, the Golf Villa D'Este is approximately 15–20 minutes by taxi.

By car:

From Milan Malpensa Airport, take the motorway in the direction of Como, exit at Fino Mornasco.

Distance is approximately 54 km, with a driving time of about 45 minutes.

Then follow the signs to Montorfano / Golf Villa d'Este.

BAR & RESTAURANT

Catering Club Restaurant and Bar are in the same place of the golf course

BAR opens one hour before the first starting time;
on other days it opens at 8:00 a.m.

LUNCH open from 12.00 a.m. to 15.00 p.m.
€ 25,00 for buffet lunch (1 half Liter water included).

DINNER open from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., a la carte menu

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SOCIAL EVENTS

The Closing Ceremony and The Nations' Trophy Prize-Giving Ceremony will take place on Sunday 26th April followed by a cocktail party.

All competitors are welcome.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE ROUND

Wednesday 22nd April is the official practice day. Tee times may be booked by e-mail to the Club's Secretariat: info@golfvilladeste.com

DRIVING RANGE

During days of competition the Driving Range opens one hour before the first starting time and closes at 6.00 p.m.; on other days it opens from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tokens: € 2,50 coin for 30 practice balls to get from electric machine

Trolleys: Free of charge (practice round & competition days). Trolleys may be booked by e-mail to the Club's Secretariat : info@golfvilladeste.com

Electric trolleys: € 25 (18 holes).

CADDIES

Caddies are allowed. Anybody can caddie, rule 10.3 applies.

A player not qualified, that hasn't finished a round, or does not start a following round, can also caddie. Clarification 10.3a/2 applies. Electric trolleys are allowed.

Smoking is forbidden (including e- cigarettes).

LOCKER ROOMS

Locker rooms are available for players and team officials. Keys can be found at the Locker Rooms. During days of competition locker rooms open one hour before the first starting time and close at 8:00 p.m.; on other days from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

GOLF BAG TAG AND NUMBER

It must be placed visibly on the golf bag.

DRESS CODE

A proper dress code is expected at all times both on the course and in the Club House.

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.

MEDICAL SERVICE

A first aid service with 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; on other days it opens at 8.00 a.m.

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PRO SHOP

During days of competition the Pro Shop opens half an hour 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.

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 2026 Italian Golf Federation Hard Card
- the Conditions and Local Rules approved by the championship committee and the conditions herein.

2. FORM OF PLAY

Qualification: 54 holes scratch stroke-play medal

23rd April: 1st round (18 holes)

24th April: 2nd round (18 holes)

25th April: 3rd round (18 holes)

The lowest 60 scores including ties will qualify for the final 18 holes.

26th April: 4th round (18 holes)

3. ELIGIBILITY

The starting field will include:

- 61 players members of a foreign National Association with a WHS Handicap Index of 2.4 or better at the closing date of entries, WAGR ranked from 1 to 1600 at the closing date of entries. The other foreign places will be assigned to players taking into consideration their Handicap Index at the closing date of entries.
- 47 players members of the Italian Golf Federation with a WHS Handicap Index of 2.4, WAGR ranked from 1 to 1600 at the closing date of entries. The other places will be assigned to players within the Italian order of merit with cumulative points higher than 3.00 and then taking into consideration their Handicap Index at the closing date of entries.
- 12 wild cards will be assigned by noon (CET) of the 15th April.

If the maximum number of Italian players is not reached, the available places will be assigned to the foreign enrolled players; if the maximum number of foreign players is not reached, the available places will be assigned to the Italian enrolled players.

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 player. The waiting list will be ordered as follows:

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- WAGR ranked players from 1 to 1600.
- members of the Italian Golf Federation within the order of merit with cumulative points higher than 3.00.
- all other players by Handicap.

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 may enter through the Italian Golf Federation website www.federgolf.it. If the player represents a foreign Nation, he may enter only through the Federation he represents.

4. ENTRIES

Closing date for entries is **9th April at 12:00**

Maximum number of entries: **108 + 12 wild cards**

5. WITHDRAWALS

Withdrawals, whether submitted before or after the entry deadline, must be processed by the player's National Association via the reserved area of the Italian Golf Federation website. Following the registration guide, **all withdrawals must be submitted no later than 12:00 (CET) on April 21st**. After that time, any withdrawal shall be communicated to the championship committee at the golf club sending an email to info@golfvilladeste.com.

Players on the waiting list are also required to withdraw as soon as they are aware that they will not be able to play. Refunds will only be issued for withdrawals submitted no later than April 21st at 12:00 CET

6. REGISTRATION

All players (including those in the field and those on the waiting list who remain available to play) must confirm their attendance by registering through one of the following methods.:

- **via E-mail:** send a confirmation to info@golfvilladeste.com between **5:00 PM (CET) on April 21st** and **11:30 AM (CET) on April 22nd**;
- **in Person:** register at the **Championship Office** at the Golf Club during opening hours, no later than **11:30 AM (CET)** on the day before the competition begins.

Any player who misses the registration deadline will be removed from the starting list and replaced by a player from the waiting list.

7. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is **€ 135.00** with a reduced rate of **€ 65.00** for players under 18.

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

8. TIES & PLAY-OFF

In the event of a tie for 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.

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9. PRIZES

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

Challenge Trophy 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 have been entered by their National Association. Each country may be represented by a maximum of two teams.

The Trophy (54 holes) will take place concurrently with the first 3 rounds of the stroke-play event.

For the final result, the aggregate of the best two scores out of three of each round will count.

National Associations are required to register their teams for the Nations' Trophy at the Championship Office no later than 11:30 a.m. on 22nd April.

TIES:

Any tie will be break as follows:

- by taking into account the aggregate of the non-counting scores of the three rounds of each team;
- for further ties by the aggregate of the best individual scores of the three 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 the second-placed teams.

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