JUNIOR DUBAI DESERT CLASSIC

PRESENTED BY EGA

Friday 15th, Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th January 2027

HOSTED BY – FALCON GOLF & EMIRATES GOLF FEDERATION (EGF)
AT EMIRATES GOLF CLUB (EGC)

The following Event Information and Conditions of the Championship apply to the 2027 Junior Dubai Desert Classic at Emirates Golf Club. For the full text of Conditions of Competition, please refer to Appendix 1 of the current edition of the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited on the pages indicated.

EVENT INFORMATION & CONDITIONS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Eligibility

All players must be junior amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status of the R&A. A Junior is a golfer who is aged 18 years or under on Friday 15th January 2027.

All players must have a valid handicap with a handicap index of 4.9 or below on the closing date of entries (Friday 11th December 2026 – midday UAE time).

Rules of Golf

The *2027 Junior Dubai Desert Classic at Emirates Golf Club* will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by the R&A Rules Limited and any Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee.

Format

The Field will be made up 64 Mixed girls and boys. All players must be 18 years old or under on Friday 15th January 2027.

The Championship will be played over 54 holes as follows:-

- Friday 15th January, Faldo Course 6pm shotgun.
- Saturday 16th January, Faldo Course 1pm shotgun (CUT AFTER ROUND TWO)
- Sunday 17th January, Majlis Course, AM tee times.

After Round 2 there will be a cut, with the Top 30 players and ties (gross scores) qualifying for the final round.

Disqualification of a player under the Rules of Golf in any round will not be effective for any subsequent round unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise.

Course Set Up – Boys Tee & Girls Tee

In accordance with DP World Tour guidance, there will be an approximate difference of 15% between the boys and girls tees.

Faldo Round One & Two
Boys Distance – Approx 6,500 yards
Girls Distance – Approx 5,700 yards

Majlis Round Three
Boys Distance – Approx 6,600 yards
Girls Distance – Approx 5,700 yards

Note: If the Championship Courses are declared unplayable or inclement weather prohibits play, and as a result it is not possible to complete 54 holes of play in the period in which the Championship is scheduled, the Championship will not be extended beyond the last scheduled day and the Championship Committee will decide the number of holes to be played.

Entry

Tournament Fees – 1,495 AED

Fees include the following for ALL players
- 2 rounds of golf on Faldo Course
- Gift Pack

Top 30 and ties who make the cut will also include
- 1 round of golf on the Majlis Course
- Award Ceremony and Lunch

The entry fee is the same for all players, regardless of making the cut or not.

Registration opens on 3rd November at midday and closes on 11th December at midday.

Upon closing of entries, a handicap ballot will take place to decide the field. Entrants may notify the Championship Committee (joe.way@falconandassociates.ae) of any reduction in handicap before close of entries. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to ensure their handicap index is up to date prior to the close of entries. The handicap index at close of entries will be used for the ballot and any subsequent changes disregarded.

Players will be notified by December 18th if their entry is confirmed. A payment link will then be shared. Entries are to be paid by January 8th. If payment is not received by this date the player will be removed from the event.

Any entrants balloted out will be placed on a reserved list and contacted where relevant.

Once player entries are confirmed and payment made, refunds are not permitted.

Scoring / Scoring Area

In each 18-hole round, only the Gross Score will be recorded and added to the total of 3 rounds.

Cut after Round Two

Following the conclusion of Round Two, a cut will be completed to decide those who qualify for Round Three.

The Top 30 players (and ties) will qualify for Round Three. Total gross score across the opening 36 holes will be used.

Decision on Ties

Additional holes will decide the winner of the Championship if required, with the Championship Committee determining the holes that will be played. Players will draw numbers for the order of play.

Subsequent positions will use a card count back using the 18 hole second round score. If still a tie, the last 9 hole (or 6 or 3 or 1) will be used.

Schedule

Day & Date	Content	Time
Friday 15th January	Registration Opens	16:00
Friday 15th January	First Round of play	18:00 shotgun
Saturday 16th January	Second Round of play	13:00 shotgun
Sunday 17th January	Registration Opens	05:30
Sunday 17th January	Final Round of play	From 07:30
Sunday 17th January	Lunch	Midday
Sunday 17th January	Prize Presentation	Post Lunch

Prize Categories

Champion (Best Gross Score)
2nd
3rd
Leading UAE National
Leading Male/ Female – if not JDDC Champion
Best Net Prize

Specification of Clubs (14 Clubs Per Bag) and the ball

List of Conforming Driver Heads

Any driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of condition – Disqualification.

b. List of Conforming Golf Balls

The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A.

Caddies / Carts

Caddies will not be permitted in all tournament rounds.

Golf carts will be provided for rounds 1 & 2. Golfers must be 14 years of age or older to drive the carts.

All player must walk round 3, pull carts will be available.

Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7)

Time Target: 4 hours

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

Definition of Out of Position:

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

(b) Procedure When Group is Out Of Position:

If a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a Rules official. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed.

The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
On a par three hole;
An approach shot; and
A chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Note: In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

1 Bad Time	-	Player will be warned by the official and told that if he has a further bad time, he will be penalized.
2 Bad Times	-	Penalty of One Stroke
3 Bad Times	-	Further Penalty of Two Strokes
4 Bad Times	-	Disqualification

(c) Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round:

If a group is "out of position" more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalized if he/she has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b)

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren
If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7.

Note: All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the Championship Committee has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Discontinue Play: Three (3) consecutive notes of siren.
Resume Play: Two (2) short notes of siren.

Practices between Holes (Note 2 to Rule 7)

Between the play of two (2) holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played and must not test the surface of the putting green of the hole last played by rolling a ball.

Advice / Spectators

Spectators are allowed only on cart paths. No advice is allowed to be accepted from spectators.

Close of Competition

The competition is deemed closed when the Championship trophy has been presented to the winning player at the closing ceremony.

Measuring Devices

Measuring devices are allowed, however the ability to measure slope and wind must be disabled.

Championship Committee

FALCON GOLF – Joe Way
EGF – Kieren Pratt
EGC – Jonathan O'Brien