

# 2024 Junior Dubai Desert Classic



**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**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 2024 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 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

All players must have a valid handicap with a handicap index of 14.4 or below on the closing date of entries (15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – midday UAE time).

### **Rules of Golf**

The 2024 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 54 Mixed girls and boys. All players must be 18 years old or under on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

The Championship will be played over 36 holes (two x 18-hole rounds) of Stroke play. Round 1 will be played on the Faldo Course under the floodlights and Round 2 will be played on the Majlis Course. 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

Boys Distance – Approx 6,500 yards

Girls Distance – Approx 5,700 yards

### Majlis Round Two

Boys Distance – Approx 6,600 yards

Girls Distance – Approx 5,700 yards

**Note:** If the Championship course is declared unplayable or inclement weather prohibits play, and as a result it is not possible to complete 36 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 – 1,000 AED

Fees include – 2 rounds of golf (Faldo and Majlis Courses) / Gift pack / Award Ceremony and Lunch

Registration opens on 17<sup>th</sup> November at midday and closes on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 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](mailto: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 20<sup>th</sup> if their entry is confirmed. A payment link will then be shared. Entries are to be paid by January 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 2 rounds.

### 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                         |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan | Registration Opens  | 15:00                        |
| Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan | First Round of play | 17:00 shotgun                |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | Registration Opens  | 05:30                        |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | Final Round of play | From 07:30,<br>two tee start |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | Lunch               | Midday                       |
| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | Prize Presentation  | Post Lunch                   |

## Prizes

### **Best Gross Score**

Junior Dubai Desert Classic Champion

Callaway Driver 'Tour Custom Fit' Experience during HDDC tournament week.

Invite to the Dubai Desert Classic Star Player Demonstration

Invite to the Shubhankar Sharma Junior Invitational Final 2024, India.

Invite to the Faldo Series Grand Final 2024, Al Ain, UAE.

### **2<sup>nd</sup>**

Callaway Fairway Wood

### **3<sup>rd</sup>**

Odyssey Tri Hot Putter

### **Leading UAE National**

Ogio Golf Bag

Invite to the Shubhankar Sharma Junior Invitational Final in India

### **Leading Male/ Female – if not JDDC Champion**

Ogio Golf Bag

Invite to the Shubhankar Sharma Junior Invitational Final 2024 in India

Invite to the Faldo Series Grand Final 2024, Al Ain

### **Best Net Prize**

Callaway Bag

### **Other**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> place boy and 2<sup>nd</sup> place girl will also receive invites to the Shubhankar Sharma Junior Invitational Final in India

Players will be eligible to win more than one prize

Prizes are subject to change between entry and final allocations.

Golfers must meet junior qualifying criteria at reciprocal event invites.

## 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 round 1. Golfers must be 14 years of age or older to drive the carts.

All player must walk round 2, 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:

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| 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 – Simon Corkill

EGF – Robert Fiala

EGC – Jonathan O'Brien