Nicos Severis
 Cyprus Junior Open Championships
 2025



Welcome to Secret Valley Golf Resort
and the
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7 - 9 February 2025





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GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. ELIGIBILITY

Entries for the **Nicos Severis Cyprus Junior Opens** (henceforth called the Championships) to be played between Friday, 7 February 2025 and Sunday, 9 February 2025, will be accepted from youth players (boys and girls) who are 18 years old or under as of January 1, 2025. All entries shall be subject to approval by the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, to subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision which shall be final. It also reserves the right to confirm the date of birth of a player either before or during the tournament and to disqualify any competitor making a false statement on their entry form.

2. FORM OF PLAY

The Championships will be decided by Stroke Play, in a 3-day event over 54 holes, played from the White tees for boys and Blue tees for girls. The boy player with the lowest gross score will be the **Nicos Severis Cyprus Junior Boys Open Champion 2025**, while the girl player with the lowest gross score will be the **Nicos Severis Cyprus Junior Girls Open Champion 2025**. In the event of a tie for either Championship, there will be an immediate "sudden death" play-off over hole 18, repeated if required. In the event of a tie for all other prizes (see paragraph 11 below), count-back procedures will be applied (best score over last 18, 9, 6, 3, 2, 1 hole respectively). The **Championships** are **handicap qualifying competitions** and players other than CGF members, should request CGF for a copy of their score cards for use by their home clubs for handicapping purposes. **Pace of play will be monitored and slow play may be penalised** at the discretion of the Course Referees.

3. AGE CATEGORIES & HANDICAP LIMITS

- **Under-16** Category players in possession of a valid maximum WHS Handicap Index of 28.0 for boys and 36.0 for girls and must be 16 years old or under as of January 1, 2025.
- **Under-18** Category players in possession of a valid maximum WHS Handicap Index of 18.0 for boys and 28.0 for girls and must be 18 years old or under as of January 1, 2025.
- Nations Cup: Countries/Federations represented by 3 or more players (boys and/or girls) in any age category will participate in the Nations Cup with the best 3 Gross scores counting.

At Registration, entrants must produce proof of current handicap issued by a WHS Handicap Authority within 5 days of the competition start date, i.e. certified on or after February 2, 2025.

4. Entry Applications & Fees

All applicants are required to fill-in and submit an on-line Entry Application Form (EAF) found on the CGF's website, https://www.cgf.org.cy. EAFs must be submitted by not later than Monday, February 2, 2025. All EAFs will be acknowledged by return email, but that does not constitute entry to play, and no credit card processing takes place at this stage. CGF aims to process EAF's and formally reply to applicants within 72 hours of submission of their EAF. Only successful applicant's credit cards will be processed and acknowledged in the formal reply. In the event of the tournament being oversubscribed a waitlist will be created.

The **Entry Fee** for either Championship (Boys and Girls) is €100 and includes 4 rounds of golf (practice round and 3 competition days), practice balls on competition days, daily snacks on completion of Rounds 1 and 2, prizes and a Closing Ceremony/Prize giving function on the final day. Additional practice rounds may be booked and preferential green fees will apply. In the event of withdrawal after the closing date for entry, the entry fee will not be refunded.

5. Buggies, Caddies & Trolleys

This is a walking competition and players may not use buggies or ride on any form of transportation. Exemption for players with relevant Registered Disabled status will be considered exceptionally prior to the event. Electric or manual trolleys may be used. **Caddies are allowed** but must register with the Registrar on a daily basis. For rules regarding caddies refer to the document <u>CGF Terms of Competitions</u> as published on the CGF's website.

6. SPECTATORS

With the specific exception of helping to search for a lost ball, spectators (team managers, relatives, friends, etc.) following play are prohibited from interacting with or offering advice to players. Spectators are observers only and must not walk on the fairways or in close proximity to players, must not communicate in any manner with them or interfere with any officials performing their duties during the competition rounds. The penalty for a player asking for and/or receiving advice from a spectator is two strokes and the spectator shall be asked to leave the course.

7. LIVE SCORING

During play for all competition days, Live Scoring will be in operation, with scorers posted at predetermined places. Participants are required to cooperate with and assist the scorers in performing their duties.

8. Rules

The Championship will be played in accordance with the rules of golf as approved by the R & A and the Local Rules endorsed by the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to undertake random checks on conforming equipment. On-course Referees will give rulings, but the Tournament Committee is the final arbiter of all on and off course disputes.

9. REGISTRATION & STARTING TIMES

Competition Registration is mandatory and will take place at Secret Valley GR on the morning of Thursday, February 6 (practice round). Preliminary starting times for Day 1 will be published on the CGF's website following the closing date for Entry Application Forms. Final starting times will be available and published on the CGF's website, at the registration desk and posted on the Tournament notice board at Secret Valley GR after the close of Registration. The draw for Day 1 will be be in handicap order with the lowest handicaps out first. Day 2 draw will be in reverse order of Day 1 (highest handicaps out first), while Day 3 will be in reverse order of classification with the leaders out last. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the starting times and to amend the regulations as necessary. All alterations and amendments will be published on the CGF's website and posted on the official notice board at the course. Players are reminded that they must complete Course Registration on arrival at Secret Valley GR on each day of the competition at least fifteen minutes before their tee time. Failure to start on time: Rule 5.3a will apply.

10. PRACTICE

The Championship Entry Fee includes one free practice round to be played on Thursday, February 6, 2025. Players **must book their individual times** directly with the club (email: <code>reservations@secretvalleygolfresort.com</code> | phone: 26 274 000). Bookings for additional practice rounds at the course on previous days may also be made directly with the club, subject to tee time availability (green fees will apply). Local players who due to school commitments cannot play their practice round on Thursday, February 6, may exceptionally request that their practice round be played on the weekend prior to the event, subject to the availability of tee times, by contacting the club directly, at least 7 days in advance. Players should note that, when playing practice rounds, the course would not necessarily be set up as for the Championship. Practice facilities (driving range etc.) at Secret Valley GR will be open daily prior to the first starting times and **free practice golf balls** will be provided on all competition days.

11. PRIZES

The main Championship trophies will be retained in the offices of the Cyprus Golf Federation, while each Champion will receive a "keeper" trophy. There will also be trophies for 2nd and 3rd places overall as well as trophies for each age category and gender (1st, 2nd & 3rd gross scores for each), as well as best Net score overall for each age category and gender. The best Net score overall by a CGF player will be awarded the Severis Cup (retained by CGF) and a keeper trophy.

Presentation of trophies will be on the last day at the closing ceremony. On the final day (Sunday) a competitor (boy or girl) that achieves a Hole-in-One at a designated par 3 hole will win a €10,000 Travel Voucher (multiple winners share). With the exception of the prize for a Hole in One, no player may win more than one prize.

12. Mobile Telephones

The use of mobile telephones by players while on the golf course is allowed <u>only</u> as a GPS - Distance Measuring Device. Mobiles could also be used for emergency purposes or contacting on-course referees for a ruling. Any other use is <u>absolutely prohibited</u>, <u>even if in silent mode</u>. NO SMS messages are allowed during play. Breach of this Condition may result in <u>disqualification</u>.

13. LOCKERS

Club storage areas may be available; please enquire at the Secret Valley pro shop when booking your practice round or on registration, subject to availability.

15. Official Hotel

Amphora Hotel & Suites (<u>www.theamphoraresort.com</u>) has been designated the tournamen's Official Hotel. The hotel, which is centrally located in the town of Paphos, offers preferential rates for the tournament as well as a free shuttle service to and from the course (on predetermined and specific time morning and afternoon). Please see the following pages for the hotel's offer for individual players and for federations entring an official team. Federations enetring a team must request their accommodation from the CGF.

14. MEDICAL CARE

During play, a doctor will be on call at players' own expense.







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