



XI GMP WORLD AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP



RULES & EVENT DESCRIPTION



EVENT DESCRIPTION AND TEE TIMES:

Welcome to the XI GMP World Amateur Championship in Dubai 2026, supported by Score4Life HK Limited. This event is a Match Play competition played over 18 holes and is being held in Dubai, UAE. The event is exclusive to all Top 48 amateur golfers from the GolfMatchPlay Main Leaderboard 2025 and Wild Card holders with valid handicaps.

- **12th January - Monday - @Dubai Hills Golf Club**

09:00 am - Championships opening day - Welcome breakfast at the Address Montgomerie Dubai, followed by the briefing and Match Play rules explanation by the GolfMatchPlay CEO - **Claes Settergren**.

09:30 am - Random Lottery Draw to define competing pairs of Round 1.

10:00 am - 1st tee time

- **13th January - Tuesday - @Montgomerie Golf Club Dubai**

09:00 am - 1st tee time

- **14th January - Wednesday - Championship Yacht Party**

10:30 am - meeting @Dubai Harbour

- **15th January - Thursday - @Arabian Ranches Golf Club**

09:00 am - 1st tee time

- **16th January - Friday - @Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club**

09:00 am - 1st tee time

- **17th January - Saturday - @Montgomerie Golf Club Dubai**

09:00 am - 1st tee time

6:00 pm - All Tournament Participants and sponsors are invited to the Gala Dinner and the Awards reception (venue will be confirmed on December 1st, 2025).

IMPORTANT: *The Championship Green fees and activities will be covered by GolfMatchPlay, except Optional* contests and activities, which shall be booked and purchased by Golfers individually.*



FORMAT:

Match Play - 18 -hole individual match play rounds with HCP and slope.



THE DRAW:

Randomly – pairings are done randomly at the start of the Championship and after each round by the GolfMatchPlay Team.



REGISTERING SCORES:

It is mandatory to declare the winner of each match on the Golf Match Play website by paying USD 12.00 (it can be done at GMP registration desk or individually on the www.golfmatchplay.com website). It is as much the responsibility of the other player as it is of the winner in the flight to ensure the result is published on the GMP website. If the result is not published, the winner will be declared by lottery and the winner will be paired for the next round.



GOODIES AND ON COURSE PRIZES:

Longest Drive – Hole Nr. 9 (men), Hole Nr. 12 (ladies) – 12.01.2026

Nearest to Pin-Hole Nr. 13. – 12.01.2026

Hole in one on any hole. – 12.01.2026

Ambassador 2025

Surprise prizes



RULES:

- Gentlemen golfers to tee off from the Men's (Blue) tee box and ladies to tee off from the Red tee box (including kids).
- Strokes - lower handicap player will give strokes to his opponent based on the difference of the handicap. Individual handicaps are clearly marked in the pairings.
- To ensure fast play, please take note of the following:
 - All 4-balls to play 'Ready Golf' throughout the round.
 - If the ball goes in the penalty (hazard) area or in a water body, please take the next shot from the point of entry within 1 club length and 1 stroke penalty.
 - If the ball lies on the cart path or grill, a free drop on the fairway side is allowed at a 2 club distance from the cart path away from the pin.
 - If the ball is plugged (80%) in the play area (fairways & first cut), players may announce the same, take relief of up to 1 club length away from the pin and take the next shot without any penalty. A ball lying in deep rough or thick grass is NOT considered plugged.
 - Every hole should be decided by both players before leaving the hole, not delaying the game.
 - Players are not allowed to leave an 18-hole without deciding who has won the match. If they are even, then players can play 1 extra hole to define the winner. If the course is blocked by other players, then players can do a putting competition to define the winner. ***It should be decided before the game starts.***
- Please put out with the same ball that you tee off with on a hole (unless a change of ball is warranted under the rules of golf, you may also change & clean the ball while taking a drop). No separate putting ball is allowed.
- If the draw requires, there can be picked a Lucky loser(s) at the end of each round. The lucky loser becomes a player who has lost in the last round while having the lowest HCP amongst defeated players. Any player can become LL only once in the tournament.
- No Mulligans, please!
- Since this tournament is an individual match play, if a match is won before the completion of 18 holes, it is recommended to stop play to ensure fast play.
- Please adhere to the golfing rules and etiquette mentioned above and circulate from time to time on various forums for a fun and pleasant round.
- Given the large field and our efforts, holdups may occur. We urge you to be patient and considerate to your fellow Golfers.
- **The player must provide an extract from their local HCP system and at least 15 rounds played in the year 2025. This must be emailed to golf@golfmatchplay.com by 3 January 2025 at the latest.**
- Please be at your tee 10 minutes prior to the scheduled time for a timely tee-off. If a player were to report late, the group should tee off without that player. Holes would be conceded until such time that the player joined the group.
- We advise all the players to have a golf rule book during the competition.
- Caddies on the course are not allowed.
- All matches are played under "the official rules of golf".
- The organizer reserves the right to adjust the rules if necessary to ensure fair play and smooth progression of the tournament.

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