



# Emirates Golf Federation 2023-2024 Order of Merit

## **GUIDELINES**

### **Eligibility**

Any golf club in the UAE is eligible to host an Open provided they follow the Order of Merit guidelines set out by the Emirates Golf Federation.

### **Entry Forms**

1. Entry forms must be readily available online on host club and/or the EGF website.
2. Entry forms must be available at least three weeks prior to the entry closing date.
3. Key information that must be included on the entry form include:
  - Name, Club, Handicap, Tel, Email
  - Tournament dates
  - Course(s)
  - Entrance Fees: 4 fee structure: Visitor, EGF member, Club member, Junior (Professionals when applicable).
  - Handicap – UAE residents must have a valid EGF Membership/handicap in order to win Open competitions – host clubs can verify handicap status via EGF Handicap system. Non-residents/visitors must have a recognized World Handicap (to provide proof of handicap/certificate). Players who do not have a valid handicap must play off scratch or forfeit prizes.
  - Club contact information
  - Entry closing date
  - Order of Merit qualifying round logo (supplied by EGF)

### **Conditions / Formats**

1. A maximum of 36 holes, a minimum of 18 holes being played on one day (this is not including major events) This condition applies to general Order of Merit qualifiers, for Major qualifier please refer below.
2. Tournament schedules at club's discretion
3. Clubs have the option to host a one day Open for Ladies & Juniors.
4. All tournaments have the option to allow carts
5. All tournaments must be played under *an individual stroke-play format*
6. Second or final round draws must be decided on leader's out last order
7. All rounds are to be played under the Official Rules of Golf set out by the R&A in conjunction with any Local rules a club may have.
8. It is recommended that tournaments are to be played from the Club's standard tournament tees and not the Clubs championship tees.
9. Tees & Divisions
  - a. **Juniors' Open** – players must be under the age of 19 as at the first event in the series to participate in Junior Order of Merit events.
    - i. Boys aged 14+ - Division A (6400 – 7000 yds)
    - ii. Boys aged 10 – 13 - Division B (5200 - 5800 yds)
    - iii. Girls aged 14+ - Division A (5400 - 6000 yds)
    - iv. Girls aged 10 –13 - Division B (4500 - 5300 yds)
  - b. **Ladies Opens**
    - i. Ladies with handicap >0 – 14 Division A (5900 – 6300 yds)
    - ii. Ladies with handicap 15 –28 Division B (5300 – 5800 yds)
10. Course scorecard to be included in the format sheet.
11. Play must be in two/three balls only
12. Play can start either from 1<sup>st</sup> and/or 10<sup>th</sup> tee. This information should be recorded on the tournament entry form

### **EGF Order of Merit “Majors”**

1. Four (4) Men’s Opens will be selected by the EGF Championship Committee to host Major qualifiers.
2. Events deemed Major must be minimum 3 round/54-hole tournaments in order to qualify for WAGR status.
3. It is the responsibility of the hosting club / organiser to communicate and register with WAGR.
4. Players receive double points towards the EGF Order of Merit.
5. Champions of the “majors” to receive an invite to a Challenge Tour event hosted by the EGF. *terms and conditions apply.*
6. All WAGR ranked events hosted in UAE could gain EGF Order of Merit status, provided the club/organizer applies to EGF in advance (preferably before the commencement of the Order of Merit season or not later than 30 days before Round 1)

### **Prizes**

1. All tournaments are Strokeplay tournaments with Gross and net prizes
2. Prizes for Ladies and Junior (boys & girls) Opens should be given as follows
  - a. Division A – Gross
  - b. Division B – Net
3. In the event of a tie for the Championship, a playoff must take place.
4. Play off holes must be included in the conditions of play & format sheet
5. Ties for leading net, divisional and daily prizes must be settled on a score-card play-off
6. Score card playoff to be counted back on holes 9, 6, 3, & 1.

### **Scoring**

1. Final scores to be sent to EGF within 2 days upon completion of the rounds
2. Results must be provided to EGF in Excel format - Men in Gross order. Ladies in Gross (Division A) and Net (Division B). Juniors in Gross (Division A) and Net (Division B) for Boys & Girls separately
3. Score cards to be kept by the host club for a period of 30 days, for verification purposes

### **Order of Merit eligibility**

1. Players must be citizens/residents of the UAE
2. Must have a valid EGF handicap
3. Points allocated as per EGF Order of Merit points table, provided the category has an entry field of minimum 8 players

### **EGF Order of Merit Season winners**

1. The EGF OOM Championship will award double points to players for the Final OOM standings.
2. OOM Standings will be as follows:
  - a. Men’s
  - b. Ladies Division A
  - c. Ladies Division B
  - d. Junior Boys Division A
  - e. Junior Girls Division A
  - f. Junior Boys Division B
  - g. Junior Girls Division B

A felicitation ceremony will be hosted to award the winners of all divisions