



OPEN QUALIFIER ENTRY FORM

Date: Sunday and Monday, January 6 & 7, 2019

Venue: Yas Links, Abu Dhabi

Submission Deadline: 5.00pm, Friday, December 21, 2018

ABU DHABI HSBC CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY EGA, A ROLEX SERIES EVENT - OPEN QUALIFIER

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The fourteenth edition of the Championship will welcome not only 132 players including defending champion Tommy Fleetwood, but also the elevated status of becoming a Rolex Series event boasting increased prize money of USD 7,000,000.

Hosted by the Abu Dhabi Sports Council, the Championship will be played January 16 – 19, 2019 over the National Course of the Abu Dhabi Golf Club. This year, the Organising Committee are holding a 2-day, 54-hole Qualifying Tournament to provide the opportunity to compete on an international platform alongside some of the world's best.

THREE (3) QUALIFYING spots are being made available as follows.

- The overall winner
- Highest placed Emirati Amateur
- Highest placed UAE-based Pro or Amateur

EVENT INFORMATION

Venue: Yas Links, Yas Island, PO Box, 128008, Abu Dhabi, UAE

GPS Coords: 24.4775° N, 54.6006° E

Date: Sunday & Monday, January 6 & 7, 2019

Time: 7.15am & 12.45pm Shotgun start on Sunday January, 6 and 7.20am from the 1st tee on Monday, January 7.

Tees: Championship Tees

Available Spots: Up to 3 qualifying spots are available for the overall winner, highest placed Emirati Amateur and best UAE-based Pro.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The overall field will be limited to **72 male players**:
 - 40 spots will be reserved for professionals who must be a current member of a PGA and/or Amateurs with a **handicap of scratch or better** as of **December 21, 2018** under the handicapping scheme adopted by the Emirates Golf Federation, residing in the UAE holding a valid Emirates ID card. Should entries exceed 40, places will be determined by ballot.
 - 8 spots for Emirati Amateurs registered with the EGF with an attested handicap of 4 or better. Should entries exceed 8, places will be determined by handicap
 - 4 spots by invitation to GCC Amateurs
 - 20 spots for INTERNATIONAL PGA professionals who are non-resident in the UAE. Should entries exceed 20 in this category, the 20 professionals with the highest Official World Golf Ranking at the time of close of entries (December 21) would be selected to play

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- The Qualifier for the 2019 Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship presented by EGA will be decided by **54 holes of stroke play** at Yas Links.
- Players will play two rounds of 18 holes on day 1 after which there will be a cut to the top 30 and ties.
- Play on the first day will be in four-ball groups with a shotgun start in the morning and afternoon of January 6, 2018. The order of play for the final round on January 7 will be determined by the 36-hole scores.
- After 54 holes, the overall winner – the player completing the 54 holes in the lowest number of strokes; the leading Emirati Amateur and leading UAE-based player (pro or amateur) will qualify to play in the 2019 Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship presented by EGA, a Rolex Series Event under Sponsor's Invite.
 - N.B.
 - i. If no Emirati Amateurs make the cut, the qualifier from that category will be the Emirati Amateur with the lowest score after 36 holes.
 - ii. If the Qualifier is won by a UAE-based resident, there will only be 2 (TWO) overall qualifiers. The overall winner and the top Emirati Amateur.
- In the event two or more players tie for first place overall the tie will be determined by a hole-by-hole playoff. A playoff will also occur in the other qualification categories, if necessary.
- The qualifier will be run in accordance with the Rules of Golf as specified by the Royal & Ancient Rules Ltd., and include any additional local rules implemented by Yas Links and the Emirates Golf Federation.

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- In the interest of speeding up play and in the absence of Tournament Yardage Books, Range Finders may be used although it should be noted that their use will not be permitted in the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship.

APPROVED BALLS

Only those appearing on the current list of conforming golf balls may be used: Penalty – **Disqualification**

CADDIES

Caddies will not be permitted – all players must use the golf carts which will be provided on a complimentary basis.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Submission deadline: Friday, December 21, 2018 by 5.00pm (UAE time)

All amateur entry forms must include certification of the player's current handicap from their home club or by an authorized official of the Emirates Golf Federation.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION & FEES

Date: Sunday, January 6, 2019
Time: From 6.00am
Venue: Tournament Office, Yas Links
Breakfast: From 6.00am at Hickory's, Yas Links

Fees: AED 500.00 (Payable in Cash)

Notes:

- All players must register **by 6.30 am**.
- The Organising Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason

DRAW

The 1st and 2nd round Draw will be announced on Sunday, December 30, 2018.

The Draw for the Qualifier is at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Organising Committee.

CONDUCT

The Organising Committee may impose a penalty of disqualification for improper behavior or conduct, such as the use of undesirable language and any public display of anger on the Club's premises.

SPECTATORS

Spectators are not permitted to give advice to players during play. A spectator who disregards this ruling may cause the competitor to be disqualified from the tournament, especially if the person has received a prior warning from tournament officials.

PRACTICE ROUND / DRIVING RANGE

Complimentary practice rounds are available on Wednesday & Thursday, January 2 & 3, 2019. These can be booked by contacting the Yas Reception on 02 810 7710 or reception@yaslinks.com. Practice rounds to be booked a maximum of 48 hours in advance.

If competitors wish to play practice rounds on Friday & Saturday, January 4 & 5 the Member's Guest fee of AED580 per person will apply.

The Driving Range at Yas Links will be open for Qualifier Participants to practice from 6.00am on both January 6 & 7, 2019.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM – SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 5.00pm, DECEMBER 21, 2018

Please **email** the completed entry form to:

Attention: James Ibbetson

Email: jibbetson@yaslinks.com

Please indicate in which category that you are entering:

- EMIRATI AMATEUR UAE-BASED PRO/AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL PRO/GCC AMATEUR

Participant's Details (Please fill out legibly)

1. Name (Underline surname):
2. Nationality: Date of Birth:
3. Home Club: UAE ID card no. (if applicable).....
4. **FOR PROFESSIONALS ONLY:** Are you a member of a Professional Golfers' Association? Yes / No
Note: If you are not a member of a recognised PGA, your entry will be subject to approval from the UAE PGA
5. **FOR AMATEURS ONLY:** Handicap Index as at December 21, 2018:
6. Contact No (Mobile) Email Address:

Player's Declaration

I declare that the information I have given above is correct. I have read and understood all the conditions of entry and I hereby agree to abide by these conditions and all the decisions of the Organising Committee.

Signature: Date:

Certification by Club (For AMATEURS ONLY)

Name of Club.....

We certify that the above player is a current member of our Club and has a current index and/or handicap of:

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Club Official's Signature and Club Stamp