

..... 2024 AEGEAN MESSINIA PRO-AM .....

COSTA NAVARINO, GREECE  
21 – 23 NOVEMBER 2024

**COMPETITOR INFORMATION**

[VERSION 01]

**01. ELIGIBILITY**

**Professionals**

The “2024 Aegean Messinia Pro-Am” is open to all PGA Members and trainees as recognised by their respective National PGA. A limited number of exemptions may be considered provided that the Professional is a member in good standing of an organisation that is considered a Professional Member of the International Golf Federation. Any doubts as to eligibility will be decided by the Confederation of Professional Golf (CPG) Board of Directors whose decision will be final.

**Amateurs**

Amateur participants must be in possession of a valid handicap certificate.

**02. TOURNAMENT ITINERARY**

Tuesday 19 November	Arrivals & Optional Practice Round
Wednesday 20 November	Official Practice Round & Welcome Reception
Thursday 21 November	Round 01
Friday 22 November	Round 02 & Social Evening Event
Saturday 23 November	Round 03, Gala Dinner & Prize Giving Ceremony
Sunday 24 November	Departures

**03. REGISTRATIONS AND COMPETITOR BRIEFING**

**CPG Registration:**

Online team registration via Golf Genius for Professionals will be operational from 10:00hrs on Tuesday 05 November (information sent via email prior to the tournament and accessible at the tournament noticeboard). This **MUST** be completed before 10:00hrs (local time) on Wednesday 20 November.

Physical registration desks for whole team registration will be operational from the beginning of the tournament week (location TBC). All players are required to register by 12:00hrs on Wednesday 20 November in person.

It is the Professional’s responsibility to confirm their Amateur Teammates current handicap upon registration and **MUST** provide an updated handicap certificate, dated within two weeks of the start of the event, either as a print-out or as a document/image that can be shared with the Event Staff/CPG via email. Failure to do so will result in the amateur playing off a handicap of 0.0.

**Data Use:**

Participants agree that their personal data may be given to third parties for reasons related to timing, results' ranking and announcement on the internet. Personal data of the participants required during the registration procedure are stored and will be used for purposes only related to the staging of the event (unless otherwise opted-in to). By submitting an entry form, each participant consents to the storing of his/her personal data and its use for the purposes of the event.

Participants consent to the use of their image during the event by the organisers, sponsors, or other partners of the event for promotional purposes, with no right to claim full or partial compensation for that reason.

#### 04. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

The event shall be played under The R&A Rules of Golf, the Tournament Regulations of the CPG, the 2024 CPG Conditions of Competition and the local rules for The Dunes Course, The Hills Course and International Olympic Academy Golf Course, as determined by the CPG Chief Referee.

##### **Professional Competition:**

The Professionals will compete in a 54-hole individual strokeplay competition.

##### **Team Competition:**

Teams (consisting of 1 Professional and 3 Amateurs) will compete over 54 holes stableford with the best two scores from the team of four to count on each hole.

The handicap index limit is 28 for men and 36 ladies. This handicap index will be sloped first, then reduced to a 75% allowance. The resulting playing handicap will also be limited to 28 for men and 36 for ladies. The World Handicapping System (WHS) will apply to the tournament and each amateur will play from the applicable playing handicap.

##### **Prizes (Subject to Change):**

###### Amateurs

- 4 overall team prizes (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>) will be awarded in the 54-Hole Pro-Am
- Nearest the Pin (male amateurs); Nearest the Pin (female amateurs)
- Longest Drive (male amateurs); Longest Drive (female amateurs)

In the event of a tie in the Pro-Am category, prizes will be determined by a card countback based on the scores achieved over the last 18 holes, then 9, 6, 3, and last hole.

###### Professionals

- Prize Fund - The Professional Prize Fund is €51,000 based on 51 teams competing in the Pro-Am. The Prize Fund is subject to change, and subject to a CPG 5% Levy.
- Nearest the Pin – Professionals; Longest Drive - Professionals

Any disputes regarding the interpretation of these Conditions of Competition will be settled by the CPG Tournament Director in consultation with Aegean Airlines and Costa Navarino and will be binding.

In the event of a tie in the Professionals' tournament there will be a sudden death play-off, which will take place immediately after all players confirmed their scores following Round 3. The play-off will take place on The Dunes Course (subject to change) and the holes that will be used will be confirmed on the tournament noticeboard.

#### 05. DRAWS

The starting times for Round 01 of the Pro-Am will be published on the noticeboards in the Costa Navarino House of Events and sent by email by 14.00hrs on Wednesday 20 November. The starting times for Round 02 will be published on the noticeboards in the Costa Navarino House of Events and sent by email following completion of Round 01 and so on.

Teams will be split into 3 flights, each playing a different course each day – i.e. 3 courses will be in simultaneous rotation. Teams MUST remain in the same flight for the duration of the tournament.

**NOTE:** No changes to the draws will be permitted once they are posted and the decision of the Tournament Director will be final.

## 06. STARTING & TEES

All competitors are required to be at their starting tee 10 minutes prior to their start time. This is to allow the starter to provide pin positions, local rules and additional information to each player. This also ensures that all team members are present and able to start on time.

**NOTE:** Female Professionals will play from a course that is not shorter than 10-14% shorter than the total course yardage of the course played by the male Professionals. The Chief Referee will vary the tees as necessary to ensure the fairness of the courses and the event.

Male Amateurs that are 65 years or older are permitted to play from the red tees on all 3 courses (using the men's red slope). **If you require one of your amateurs to play from the red tees, please send an e-mail to [aw@cpg.golf](mailto:aw@cpg.golf) by no later than 19:00hrs on Tuesday 19 November.**

Missing team members including the PGA Professional may be subject to penalty if the team in question fails to meet the points highlighted in 20.1 of the CPG tournament Regulations.

**NOTE:** When both Professional and the team are subject to a two-stroke penalty for lateness on the tee, the team total for the first hole will be increased by two shots prior to any penalty being added to the Professional's individual score for that hole.

## 07. BUGGIES

All competitors will be permitted to ride in buggies for the practice rounds and the tournament rounds of the Pro-Am.

## 08. RECORDING OF SCORES

The Professional and one amateur will record scores using the Golf Genius app. Please ensure you have downloaded the Golf Genius App on your smartphone in advance of the tournament.

All scores **MUST** be finalised at the relevant Tournament Office/Scoring Area immediately following play. Failure to do so can result in disqualification.

## 09. RULINGS & DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE

There will be a CPG Rules Official on each course at all times to deal with any disputes. If, however, there is no Rules Official present the player may invoke Rule 20.1c(3) (two ball rule). The player must nominate the ball with which he wants to score, should the rules permit, and report the facts to a CPG Official immediately after the conclusion of play. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

## 10. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

All competitors will be permitted to use distance-measuring devices provided they measure **distance only**. If a player has any doubt as to whether a device is conforming, they should seek the advice of a CPG official.

## 11. PACE OF PLAY POLICY

For everyone's enjoyment we ask for each team to "keep up with the team in front, and not in front of the team behind". **If a player is not going to score on a hole, he/she is requested to please "pick up"**. A Pace of Play will be enforced on the courses.

It will be the Professional's responsibility to ensure that the team's pace of play adheres to the guidelines of the Tournament Director. A pace of play policy will be published for each course and **MUST** be followed by all participants.

## 12. BAD WEATHER / PLAY FORESHORTENED OR CANCELLED

In the event of bad weather and an overall result not being possible, the overall result will be decided over completed rounds.

All players should make themselves aware of the Suspension of Play Policy, which can be found on the CPG Hard Card – Section A11. In all instances when there is a threat of lightning the player should put their own safety first and seek shelter as soon as possible.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances any decision made by the CPG in consultation with Aegean Airlines and Costa Navarino will be binding.

### 13. DRESS REGULATIONS

Normal Golf clothing is to be worn during the tournament or the equivalent after golf. Professionals are permitted to wear shorts throughout the practice and tournament rounds.

Dress code will be indicated for each advertised function.

### 14. CURRENCY

The local currency is Euro [EUR].

### 15. OFFICIALS AND CONTACTS

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