



## **THE 8th BULGARIAN AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**The Bulgarian Golf Association have great pleasure in presenting the 8th Bulgarian Open Amateur Championship from 6th to 8th September 2012 to be played over the courses of St. Sofia Golf & SPA and Pravets Golf & SPA**

This year's tournament will be played over two challenging golf courses situated near the capital of Bulgaria and we invite players from your country to participate.

Information about St. Sofia Golf & SPA and Pravets Golf Resort & SPA can be found on [www.golfbg.com](http://www.golfbg.com)

St Sofia Golf & SPA is located 20 minutes from Sofia and Pravets Golf Resort & SPA is just 40 minutes' drive from the capital.

- The Championship format will be stroke play over three rounds of eighteen holes.

Two rounds over Pravets Golf Resort & SPA and one round over St. Sofia Golf & SPA.

**Note: The event counts towards world amateur ranking points.**

Please note that all entries should be received by the Bulgarian Golf Association no later than **Friday 31st August 2011.**

If you need any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact the team of the Bulgarian Golf Association.

**ENTRY FORM**

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6th to 8th of September 2012

Please fill all the relevant areas and return or fax to the address below

**PARTICIPANT'S  
NAME:**

**HOME ADDRESS  
/STREET, CITY,  
COUNTRY,  
POSTCODE/**

**TEL.NUMBER:**

**FAX:**

**EMAIL:**

**DATE OF BIRTH:**

**CATEGORIE:**

Championship

**NATIONALITY:**

**HOME CLUB:**

**HANDICAP:**

**/PLEASE CHECK CORRECT/**

I declare that I am eligible under the conditions of the Bulgarian Amateur Championship 2012 and that I conform to the Rules of Amateur Status and that all of above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

**SIGNATURE:**

**DATE:**

The entry fee is 160 EUR (Adults) 20 EUR (juniors).

Payment should be made to the Bulgarian Golf Association in cash at the registration desk, no later than 05.09.2012

**TO BE COMPLETED ON BEHALF OF ENTRANT**

I hereby certify that the exact handicap of the entrant is ..... , under the handicapping system adopted in the country from which he has entered and to the best of my knowledge and belief, he is an amateur golfer in accordance with the rules of Amateur Status.

CERTIFYING AUTHORITY NAME:	
CERTIFYING AUTHORITY POSITION:	
TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH CODE:	
SIGNATURE:	

**RETURN TO: [bgopen@golfbg.com](mailto:bgopen@golfbg.com)  
Fax: +359 725 68 886; Tel: +359 888 698991**

1. Entries must be made on the Official Entry Form which must be completed in every detail.
2. All entries will be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision.
3. Entrants should comply with R&A Rules of Amateur Status
4. Handicap limit Championship Tournament:  
Men: Exact HCP 9  
Ladies: Exact HCP 12
5. Entry fee of 160 EUR for adults and 20 EUR for juniors must be paid by bank transfer to the Bulgarian Golf Association.

Bank Details:

**Bulgarian Golf Association**

**First Investment Bank**

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6. Entrance forms should be sent to the office of the Bulgarian Golf Association.
7. Entries will not be accepted after Friday, 31st of August 2012.
8. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor making a false statement on their entry form.
9. The exact handicap at the date of entry will be used for all purposes.
10. Entries will not be accepted by telephone. Only fully completed on-line entry forms.

#### COMPETITION CONDITIONS

1. Competitor must be an amateur as defined by the current Rules of Amateur Status.
2. Format of the competition
  - The Championship Division shall be decided over 54 holes Medal Gross which shall be played in accordance with the rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and in accordance with the local Rules approved by the Tournament Committee
3. There will be a Trophy for the Best Nett over 54 holes in the Championship Division

4. 80 competitors shall be eligible to compete in the Championship Division (ladies in a separate Championship Division). In the event of applications exceeding this number, all entries shall be decided by ballot, preference given to lower handicaps, which shall take place immediately after the closing date for entries. All unsuccessful entrants will be informed without delay thereafter.
5. Junior competitors must be 14 years of age or younger (born in 1998 and after)
6. The competitors in the Championship Division who tie for the first place shall play a hole by hole (sudden death) play-off to determine the winner, starting at hole No. 1. All other ties shall be decided by a card play-off over the final 18 holes or last 9, 6, 3 holes or last hole. If there is still a tie the scores for the second round shall be treated in the same way until a decision is reached.
7. Any competitor who is not present at their first Tee when called upon to start shall be disqualified.
8. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to set and/or alter starting times.
9. Participants are obliged to use golf balls and driving clubs, that are listed as conforming with the Rules of Golf on the R&A Rules Limited web-site [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org);
10. Players in the Championship Division shall walk at all times during a stipulated round.
11. A competitor shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his performance. Should a competitor show clinical evidence of use of drug for a non – therapeutic purpose, the Committee may require him to undergo a drug test. Any competitor infringing this condition may be disqualified.
12. Pace of Play condition will apply.
13. The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary the Championship Conditions if it is necessary.
14. Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited and sign the declaration in the entry form to that effect.
15. Entrants from outside Bulgaria shall enter through the Secretary of the recognized authority controlling golf in the country from which they enter. The secretary of such golf club, state association or authority shall sign the declaration in the entry form that, to the (best of his knowledge and belief), the entrant is eligible and conforms in all respects to the Rules of Amateur status.
16. The Championship Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor making a false statement on his entry form.
17. The completed and signed entry form must be received by the ‘Bulgarian Golf Association’ office not later than Friday, 31st of August 2012.
18. All disputes must be referred to the Head Referee who will resolve them by use of the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. If it is not possible to resolve a dispute, the Head Referee will place it before the Championship and Rules Committee and its decision shall be final.

## PLAYER INFORMATION

### PRIZES

- The winner in the Men's Championship Tournament will become the Bulgarian Amateur Champion for the year 2012
- The winners will receive Championship Trophies

### PROGRAMME

4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> of September 2012	08:30 – 18:30 Practice Round 18 holes on the tournament courses Final Registration at St. Sofia Golf Club & SPA and Pravets Golf Club before 18:00 – 5 <sup>th</sup> September 19:00 – Welcome Cocktail at St. Sofia Golf Club Starting times for the First round will be announced on the Welcome cocktail
6 <sup>th</sup> of September 2012	08:00 – 17:30 1 <sup>st</sup> Round – 18 holes Medal Championship Tournament – Pravets Golf & SPA
7 <sup>th</sup> of September 2012	08:00 – 17:30 2 <sup>nd</sup> round – 18 holes Medal Championship Tournament – St. Sofia Golf & SPA
8 <sup>th</sup> of September 2012	08:00 – 17:30 final round – 18 holes Medal Championship Tournament – Pravets Golf & SPA 08:00 – 17:30 final round - 18 holes Singles Stableford Plate Tournament 19:00 Prize-Giving and Closing Party at Pravets Golf & SPA

### ENTRANCE FEES

Junior golfers (14 years and younger)	20 EUR
Adult Entrants	160 EUR

### REGISTRATION

Competitors must register at the Tournament Office at St. Sofia Golf & SPA or Pravets Golf & SPA not later than 18:00 on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Practice rounds will only be allowed on the official practice days. Reservations for practice can be made by e-mailing to [bgopen@golfbg.com](mailto:bgopen@golfbg.com)

No practice rounds may be commenced until players have registered.

**N.B. Please note only one practice day per course is permitted**

# ***PROGRAM***

## **The 8th Bulgarian Amateur Open Championship and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior Bulgarian Amateur Open**

### **Tuesday & Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September – Practice days \***

\*In case that you would like to play a practice round please confirm your participation and requested practice tee time either via e-mail: [bgopen@golfbg.com](mailto:bgopen@golfbg.com) or call: +359 888 698991

09:00 – 18:00 Registration desk will be open at St. Sofia Golf & SPA and Pravets Golf & SPA during the day. Participants will receive welcome gifts and all relevant information at the club house when paying registration fee.

**N.B. ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER BEFORE 18:00 Friday 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER EVEN IF THEY DO NOT PLAY A PRACTICE ROUND**

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September – First tournament day**

First Round of the 8th Bulgarian Open Amateur Championship (Pravets Golf & SPA)

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Second tournament day**

Second Round of the 7th Bulgarian Open Amateur Championship (St. Sofia Golf & SPA)

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Third tournament day**

Final Round of the 7th Bulgarian Open Amateur Championship (Pravets Golf & SPA)

19:00 Official Prize Giving Ceremony Pravets Golf & SPA

A closing party will follow the prize giving ceremony.

### **Important Notes:**

- The '19<sup>th</sup> Hole Bar' at all the courses will be open on the practice days from 08:30 AM and from 06:30 AM during the Championship, for breakfast, lunch, refreshments and beverages
- The Scoreboards will be located in the Scoring Area at St. Sofia Golf & SPA and Pravets Golf & SPA and will be updated during the day as players finish their rounds
- There will be scoring areas at St. Sofia Golf & SPA and Pravets Golf & SPA where players must report immediately after their rounds.
- The Pro Shops at both courses will open their doors at 07:00 am – balls, gloves, waterproofs and other equipment will be available.

\*\* Tee times for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rounds and leader board will be posted at 19:00 and will be available at the Golf Courses, Hotels and Accommodation locations or you can call: 0888 698991 for start times between 19:00 to 21:30.

## ***REFEREES***

### Tournament Director

Konstantin Ikonov (Bulgaria)

Konstantin Ikonov, Bulgaria – Manager of the Bulgarian Golf Association.

### Tournament Secretary & Head Referee (Rules Official)

Konstantin Ikonov (Bulgaria)

Konstantin has completed the Referees School in 2009 and officiates at many local and international tournaments: EGA Men's Team Challenge Trophy in 2010, the PGA Pro-Am at BSR in 2010, State National Championship 2010

### Referee (Rules Official)

Boris Chakarov (Bulgaria)

Boris has completed the Referees School in 2010 and officiates at many local and international tournaments: EGA Men's Team Challenge Trophy in 2010, the PGA Pro-Am at BSR in 2010, State National Championship 2010

Alan Rogut (South Africa) – Golf Director of Pravets Golf Club & SPA

## ***VENUES***

### **St. Sofia Golf & SPA**

*St. Sofia Golf Club & SPA* is the closest golf club to Sofia. Located in the Village of Ravno pole, it is only 20 minutes away from Sofia city centre. The complex includes 18-hole golf course designed by Paul McGinley, golf academy, football field, petanque and croquet playgrounds, fitness, professional golf shop, restaurant, lobby bar, vitamin bar, SPA center with indoor/outdoor pool and conference room.

The St. Sofia golf course is an 18-hole “signature” golf course with classic “risk and reward” design by Irish golf legend Paul McGinley. The golf academy is suitable for all levels of tuition - from complete beginners to experienced golfers and includes driving range, 2 golf hole academy course, short game area with practice putting greens and computer analysis video system.

<http://www.stsofiagolf.com/en/>

### **Pravets Golf Resort & SPA**

**Pravets Golf SPA & Casino Resort** is located just 50 km away from Sofia - easily accessible with a 45 minute drive on the Hemus highway, yet distant enough from the daily stress of the big city.

The 242 luxury rooms in the RIU Pravets Resort hotel, three fine restaurants, a SPA area of more than 3 000 sq.m, a modern fitness centre, an indoor and an outdoor swimming pools provide a unique experience for the guests of the resort.

Pravets Golf Club, managed by Braemar Golf based at St.Andrews in Scotland, offers a Peter Harradine designed 18-hole, par 72, Championship golf course and a State-Of-The-Art golf academy with an extensive practice area. This parkland - style golf course boasts spectacular views of the local mountains and lake, framed by the impressive RIU Pravets Resort hotel. The par-three eighth hole is the signature hole with its challenging island green. The 9<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> greens are joined in one double green, a well-known feature from the Old Course in St Andrews. The driving range offers a unique experience with its special lighting for dawn or night golfing.

<http://pravets-golfclub.com/>

## ***CONTACTS***

### **Contact**

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