



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

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

- The Plate tournament will be singles stableford played over three rounds of eighteen holes. One round at Pravets Golf Resort & SPA and two rounds St. Sofia Golf & SPA.

Please note that all entries should be received by the Bulgarian Golf Association no later than **Friday 31st August 2012.**

If you need any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact 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: Plate

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
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 Plate Tournament:

*Men: Exact HCP 10 – 19

*Ladies: Exact HCP 13 -24

*Men`s players may enter with maximum 24 handicap but must play off 19.

*Ladies players may enter with maximum 28 handicap but must play off 24.

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 Plate Division shall be decided over 54 holes Singles Stableford 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. 60 competitors shall be eligible to compete in the Plate 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.
4. Junior competitors must be 14 years of age or younger (born in 1998 and after)
5. 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.
6. Any competitor who is not present at their first Tee when called upon to start shall be disqualified.
7. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to set and/or alter starting times.
8. 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;
9. Players in the Plate Division may use buggies which should be reserved at the pro shop at both courses as there are a limited number of buggies available. Any player with medical certificate receives priority in booking a buggy. Copy of the medical certificate should be send with the request for booking a buggy 3 weeks before the tournament.
10. 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.
11. Pace of Play condition will apply.
12. The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary the Championship Conditions if it is necessary.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. The Championship Committee reserves the right to disqualify any competitor making a false statement on his entry form.

16. The completed and signed entry form must be received by the ‘Bulgarian Golf Association’ office not later than Friday, 31st of August 2012.
17. 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 Plate Tournament will become the Plate Champion for 2012
- The winners will receive Championship Trophies

PROGRAMME

4 th & 5 th 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 th September 19:00 – Welcome Cocktail at St. Sofia Golf Club & SPA Starting times for the First round will be announced on the Welcome cocktail
6 th of September 2012	08:00 – 17:30 1 st round - 18 holes Singles Stableford Plate Tournament – St. Sofia Golf Club & SPA
7 th of September 2012	08:00 – 17:30 2 nd round - 18 holes Singles Stableford Plate Tournament Pravets Golf & SPA
9 th of September 2012	08:00 – 17:30 final round - 18 holes Singles Stableford Plate Tournament St. Sofia Golf Club & SPA 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 Club & SPA or Pravets Golf & SPA not later than 18:00 on Wednesday 5th 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

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 2nd Senior Bulgarian Amateur Open

Tuesday and Wednesday, 4th and 5th September – Practice days *

*In the event 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 or call: +359 888 698 991

09:00 – 18:00: Registration desk will be open at St. Sofia Golf Club & 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 WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
EVEN IF THEY DO NOT PLAY A PRACTICE ROUND**

Thursday 6th September – First tournament day

First Round of the Plate Championship (St. Sofia Golf & SPA)

Friday 7th September – Second tournament day

Second Round of the Plate Championship (Pravets Golf & SPA)

Saturday 8th September – Third tournament day

Final Round of the Plate Championship (St. Sofia Golf & SPA)

19:00 Official Prize Giving Ceremony Pravets Golf & SPA

A closing party will follow the prize giving ceremony.

Important Notes:

- The '19th 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 2nd and 3rd 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 9th and the 18th 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/>

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