



TGF BALKAN SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

Venue:

TGF Silivri Golf Facilities – Silivri / Istanbul

Dates:

8 – 10 April 2026 (Wednesday – Friday)

Eligibility:

Male and female players holding a valid sports licence and handicap card, born in 1976 or earlier, are eligible to participate in the tournament. Participants must also meet the handicap limit requirements set by the tournament.

The total number of participants is limited by course capacity. Should the number of applications exceed the available quota, the final selection will be made based on the players' current exact handicap ranking.

Categories and Handicap Limits:

CATEGORY	HANDICAP LIMIT	MAX. PLAY HCP	AGE
Senior Men's & Ladies' Championship Stroke Play	Max. Exact HCP 9.9	–	50+
Senior Men's & Ladies' Championship Gross Stableford	Max. Exact HCP 9.9	–	60+
Senior Men's & Ladies' Championship Net Stableford A	Exact HCP 10.0 – 18.0	18	50+
Senior Men's & Ladies' Championship Net Stableford B	Exact HCP 18.1 – 36.0	28	50+

The Turkish Golf Federation reserves the right to increase, reduce, or merge the number of categories based on the total number of confirmed entries. The handicap ranges for each category will be finalised by the Competition Committee after the registration deadline, in accordance with the final participant distribution.

Registration:

Applications for participation in the tournament will be submitted online via the TGF website (www.tgf.org.tr). Players may apply individually, or clubs may register their players through the same system.

The registration deadline has been extended to Monday, 6 April 2026 at 17:00. The list of players admitted to the competition and the reserve player list will be announced on the TGF website.

Foreign players not registered in the TGF system must submit their applications by e-mail to info@tgf.org.tr, including their full name, date of birth, country, nationality, package fee payment receipt, and a valid handicap certificate approved by their national federation.

Players who do not hold a course membership at TGF Silivri Golf Facilities are required to pay the tournament package fee by the registration deadline and send the payment receipt to info@tgf.org.tr.

Format of Play:

The championship will be played over three days, comprising 54 holes in total, in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf, the Turkish Golf Federation Competition Regulations, and the Local Rules to be determined by the Competition Committee. The Stroke Play category will be scored by total gross strokes, while the Gross Stableford and Net Stableford categories will be evaluated using the Stableford points system.

Practice Round:

No official practice round will be organised as part of the TGF Balkan Senior Open Championship. Players wishing to play a practice round prior to the tournament must contact TGF Silivri Golf Facilities directly to make a reservation; this is entirely the player's own responsibility.

Reservation: +90 212 710 13 00

Starting Times:

Tee times will be published on the Turkish Golf Federation website prior to the tournament dates. The Competition Committee reserves the right to amend tee times and starting hours. Men will play from the yellow tees and ladies from the red tees.

Prizes:

The TGF Balkan Senior Open Championship Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Stroke Play category. A trophy will be presented to the top three finishers (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place) in each category.

In the event of a tie for first place in the gross ranking, a Play-Off will be held. Once first place is determined, ties for remaining positions will be resolved by comparing gross scores over the last 18, 9, 6, 3, and final holes. In the net ranking, ties will be resolved by comparing net scores over the last 18, 9, 6, 3, and final holes.

Accommodation:

Players are responsible for arranging and covering their own travel and accommodation expenses.

General Rules:

- The Competition Committee may adjust tee times and starting hours at its discretion and may amend local rules as necessary.
- Amateur players will use golf buggies during the competition.
- All competitors are expected to demonstrate exemplary conduct both on and off the course in accordance with golf etiquette, and must ensure that their attire is neat and appropriate. The Committee may disqualify players who fail to comply with the rules.

Slow Play Policy:

Player Responsibilities

- It is the sole responsibility of each player to complete holes within the maximum time allocations indicated on the scorecard.
- Referees will warn players who fail to comply with the time restrictions.
- Even if a group falls out of position due to a lost ball search or a lengthy rules ruling:
- Playing within the designated time allocations, and
- Regaining the allocated time as quickly as possible (with referee assistance if necessary) remains the responsibility of the players.

When a Group Falls Out of Position:

- Referees will warn the group to regain their position. If the group is significantly behind position, referees may commence timing immediately.
- If the group has not regained its position within two holes of being warned, or fails to make any apparent effort to do so within one hole, the referees will commence timing.
- If a group is immediately behind the preceding group, timing will not be applied to the following group.

Timing Procedure:

- The maximum time allowed per stroke is 40 seconds. An additional 10 seconds is granted in the following situations:
- For the player hitting the first tee shot on a par-3 hole,
- For the player making the first approach shot to the green,
- For the player making the first putt or chip shot.
- A player will not be penalised if they are walking quickly to their ball and play their stroke within 40 seconds.

Penalties for Slow Play:

- 1st offence = Verbal warning that a penalty will be applied upon the next offence
- 2nd offence = One stroke penalty
- 3rd offence = Two additional stroke penalty
- 4th offence = Disqualification

Competition Committee:

To be appointed by the Turkish Golf Federation.

Referees:

To be appointed by the Turkish Golf Federation.

Observer:

To be appointed by the Turkish Golf Federation.

Tournament Package (8–10 April)

The package includes the following:

- 3 Green Fees (Buggy included, 3 rounds)
- Halfway house refreshments (all competition days)
- Closing dinner on the final day (open buffet)
- Tokens (unlimited)
- Water (unlimited)

Package Fee: 350 Euro

PAYMENT:

- **Package fees are to be paid by bank transfer or EFT to the account details provided below. Cash payments will not be accepted.**
- **Players holding a course membership at TGF Silivri Golf Facilities are exempt from the package fee.**
- **Cancellation requests submitted after the registration deadline (Friday, 27 March 2026 at 17:00) will not be eligible for a package fee refund.**
- **If payment is made in Turkish Lira, the Euro selling exchange rate published by the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey (TCMB) on the date of payment shall apply.**
- **When making the payment, the participant's full name and the tournament name must be included in the payment description.**

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Account Holder : GENÇLİK VE SPOR GEN. MÜD. GOLF FEDERASYONU BAŞKANLIĞI

Bank Name : Halkbank

Branch Name : Anıt Ankara Branch

EUR Branch Code : 0411

Swift Code : TGBATRIS

TRY Account IBAN : TR97 0001 2009 4110 0005 0000 51

EUR Account IBAN : TR27 0001 2009 4110 0058 0038 57