

July 6-8, 2018 XXVI Niitvälja Karikas by Danske Bank



The oldest golf tournament in the Baltic States!
Total prize money for PRO golfers - at least 10000 €

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DATES AND VENUE

The first and the oldest competition in the Baltic States – Niitvälja Karikas by Danske Bank will take place for the 26th time on July 6-8. It is held in “the home of Estonian golf” Niitvälja Golf. Competition is organised solely by Niitvälja Golf Club and it offers R&A World Amateur Golf Ranking points.

The prize money for professional golfers this year is **10 000 €**.

One day prior to the competition a PRO-AM takes place. PRO-AM is played in a Best Ball format (shotgun start, two best stableford scores count) with 3 amateurs and 1 professional making up the team. Professionals will be assigned to teams by a draw.





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PROGRAM OF THE TOURNAMENT

July 4, Wednesday

- 09:00-17:00 Practice rounds
- 17:00 Course closed for maintenance

July 5, Thursday

Players arrive

- 09:00-19:00 Opening of the tournament office, registration
- ...-12:00 Park-course maintenance (course closed, practice areas open)
- 12:00-16:30 XXVI Niitvälja Karikas by Danske Bank PRO-AM -
Best Ball (shotgun start, two best stableford scores count)
- 16:30-17:24 Practice rounds tee-times
- 17:30- Park-course maintenance (course closed, practice areas open)
- 17:30 Gala dinner in Niitvälja Golf Club for Pro Am participants
- 19:00 XXVI Niitvälja Karikas by Danske Bank Opening Ceremony

July 6, Friday

- 07:00 Opening of the practice facilities, breakfast
- 08:00 Starts for the first competition round
- 11:00 Lunch for all participants at the club house (after finishing your round)

July 7, Saturday

- 07:00 Opening of the practice facilities, breakfast
- 08:00 Starts for the second competition round
- 11:00 Lunch for all participants at the club house (after finishing your round)
- 21:00 Cut procedure (3/5 of the field gets through), starting times for final round

July 8, Sunday

- 07:00 Opening of the practice facilities, breakfast
- 08:00 Starts for the final competition round
- 11:00 Lunch for all participants at the club house (after finishing your round)
- 12:00 TV broadcast on Delfi TV
- 17:00 Prize-giving ceremony on the final green, closure of the tournament



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ENTRANCE FEE AND ELIGIBILITY

The entrance fee for club-members **75 €**

The entrance fee for club-juniors (under 21) **60 €**

The entrance fee for all other amateurs **140 €**

The entrance fee for professionals **250 €** (includes 3 hotel nights)

Entries will be accepted from amateur golfers who present a 2018 HCP card. The main selection criteria for getting into the tournament is lower HCP.

PRO contestants will be selected by the competition committee based on the following criteria:

- Willingness to participate in the PRO-AM
- PGA membership
- Time of registration
- Country of origin (in order to have as diverse field of contestants as possible)
- World Golf Ranking

Entrance fee should be paid by July 1 to the bank account of AS Eesti Golfikeskus, account SEB Bank, IBAN:EE901010002019833007, SWIFT: EEUHEE2X.

The following services are provided to the participants as included into the entrance fee:

- limitless number of driving range balls from Wednesday to Sunday
- competition rounds from Friday to Sunday
- fruits and drinking water / sports drinks during competition rounds
- trolleys
- locker-rooms and saunas
- breakfasts and lunches





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TERMS OF COMPETITION

Maximum number of participants is 144 and the places are allocated as follows:

PRO group (44 places)

Men EGA exact HCP 0 – 18,0 (64 places)

Ladies EGA exact HCP 0 – 28,0 (18 places)

Men senior players (age 50 + incl.) EGA exact HCP 0 – 28,0 (10 places)

Ladies senior players (age 50 + incl.) EGA exact HCP 0 – 28,0 (8 places)

* The competition committee leaves itself a right to decide on the final list of competitors.

Form of play:

Scratch – 54 holes

- PRO's and men play from white tees
- Senior men play from yellow tees
- Ladies play from blue tees
- Senior ladies play from red tees

Minimum size of the group – 8 registered players.

* Senior players, who would prefer to play in men's or ladies' group and from tees according those groups, should inform the organizer of the competition well ahead.

Rules:

The official R&A Rules, local golf rules and conditions of competition apply. On the first day of the competition players tee off in flights of three in the following order: senior ladies, senior men, men. All players qualify for the second round and the players tee off in the opposite order in the competition groups. On the third day 3/5 of the top players in each competition group (+ tied results) will tee off, starting from the highest total scratch score. In case of a tie for the first place, a sudden-death play-off on holes 1 and 18 will be held. The competition committee is entitled to make adjustments to these conditions should it consider it necessary.



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Registration:

- Registration deadline June 19th at 8 p.m. at Niitvälja caddiemaster, phone +372 678 0454 or e-mail info@niitvaljagolf.ee or www.niitvaljagolf.ee. When playing for the first time please also fill in the attached registration form.
- The final list of players and the start list will be sent to all participants via e-mail and will be available on the website www.niitvaljagolf.ee on July 3, 2018.

Practice round:

Registration for a first practice round on July 4 (all players) and 2nd practice round July 5th (for foreign players only, tee-times 16:30 – 17:30) can be made at Niitvälja caddiemaster +372 678 0454, e-mail info@niitvaljagolf.ee

Prize giving ceremony:

Official closing and prize ceremony is held at Niitvälja Golf Club approximately 30 minutes after the last team has finished the round on July 8th (approximately at 5 p.m.). In each group the winner will receive the first prize and the runner-up a runner-up prize. The name of the amateur winner and PRO winner of XXVI Niitvälja Karikas (group: men playing from white tees) will be engraved on the oldest golf cup in Estonia.

Competition committee:

Karli Kütaru, Kristo Tohver, Veronika Bogdanova, Kristel Mülle-Vaik

Rules official:

Karli Kütaru

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Tournament director:

Kristo Tohver

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ACCOMMODATION

Professional players will be accommodated at two hotels. Lodging for the first 10 registered PROs will be provided at Hestia Hotel Ilmarine (in Tallinn city centre) and for the following 30 PROs at Hestia Hotel Laulasmaa Spa. Stay will be in single rooms, breakfast included.

Cost of the accommodation for the 3 nights July 6-8 is included in the registration fee of 250 €. You are welcome to stay longer and in this case the cost for extra nights (75 €) will be paid to Niitvälja Golf.

If you require extra nights we are happy to book those for you based on the dates submitted on your registration form.





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PAST WINNERS:

1993 J. Rohumaa, A. Hiis
1994 A-M. Kivimägi, R. Luojumäki
1995 Charles K. Park
1996 Yrjö Vanhanen
1997 Jaan Martinson
1998 Tiit Kask
1999 Jaan Martinson
2000 Marko Palm
2001 Mait Schmidt
2002 Marko Palm
2003 Marko Palm
2004 Arturs Krukovs (LAT)
2005 Mark Suursalu
2006 Robert Pärna
2007 Paul Põhi
2008 Paul Põhi
2009 Egert Põldma
2010 Egert Põldma
2011 Jonathan Nylen (FIN)
2012 Egeti Liiv
2013 Karlis Broders (LAT)
2014 Casper Simberg (FIN) / Pro class Toni Karjalainen (FIN)
2015 Egeti Liiv / Pro class Niklas Dahlgren (FIN)
2016 Rymer Smith ENG] / Pro Peter Gustafsson (SWE)
2017 Carl Hellat / Pro Peter Gustafsson (SWE)



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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

GROUPS: _____

- ☐ PRO
☐ Men, EGA exact hcp 18,0
☐ Men Senior players EGA exact hcp 28,0
☐ Ladies Senior players EGA exact hcp 28,0
☐ Ladies EGA exact hcp 28,0

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE/MOBILE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

HOME CLUB: _____

NATIONALITY: _____

EXACT HCP: _____

PGA MEMBERSHIP (country): _____

Please tick the box if applies ☐

I wish to reserve a hotel room from _____ July to _____ July, ☐ single room ☐ double room

PRO's only - I am willing to participate in the PRO-AM ☐

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

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