

EUROPEAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP 2026



LINNA GOLF, FINLAND
24 - 27 June 2026

WELCOME TO FINLAND AND LINNA GOLF!

Dear Players, coaches, officials and other attendants,

On behalf of the European Golf Association and Finnish Golf Union, I have the honor and privilege to welcome you to participate in the 2026 European Amateur Championship, played at Linna Golf in Hämeenlinna, Finland.

The tournament takes place in late June, when the Finnish summer welcomes you all to play for the trophy in endless daylight.

Tournament dates are Wednesday 24 June to Saturday 27 June. The course is also reserved for players during two official practice days: Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 June.

Our Organizing Committee will do their very best to assist you and ensure that you will have a memorable week in Finland. For your best experience, please check all details in this information package. Please do not hesitate to contact us regarding any matter related to the Championship.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Finland!

Juha JUVONEN

Sports Director

Championship Manager Finnish Golf Union

WELCOME MESSAGES

Message from the EGA President

On behalf of the European Golf Association, it is a pleasure to welcome players to the 2026 European Amateur Championship in Finland.

I sincerely thank the Finnish Golf Union and Linna Golf for their commitment to staging this elite championship. I would also like to recognise the important contribution of the officials, staff and volunteers whose efforts ensure that the championship is conducted smoothly and to the highest standards.

This event brings together some of Europe's most talented amateur golfers, offering a challenging and rewarding competitive environment at the highest level of individual golf. The winner will relish the opportunity of playing in the 2026 Open Championship at Royal Birkdale Golf Club. I extend my best wishes to all involved and trust that this championship will be both successful and memorable.

Joaquín CASTILLO

President, European Golf Association



Finnish Golf Union

As the President of the Finnish Golf Union, it is my great honor and privilege to welcome all players, coaches and officials to participate in the European Amateur Championship 2026. The hosting venue, Linna Golf, offers a world class course and facilities well worth the championship status.

We warmly welcome you all to come and experience the great atmosphere, the fantastic Finnish summer and the well-known Finnish hospitality!

Antti TIITOLA

President, Finnish Golf Union



Linna Golf

As the Chairman of the Board of Linna Golf, it is my great pleasure and honour to warmly welcome all players, coaches, officials, and guests to the European Men's Amateur Championship 2026.

Linna Golf is proud to host this prestigious championship, offering a high-quality course and facilities worthy of Europe's top amateur players. Our entire organization is committed to providing excellent conditions and ensuring a memorable championship experience for everyone involved.



We warmly invite you to enjoy the unique atmosphere of the event, the beauty of the Finnish summer, and the renowned hospitality of Linna Golf and Hämeenlinna.

Antti AHAVA

Chairman of the board

Linna Golf



VENUE INFORMATION

Linna Golf is part of the European Tour destinations network, which guarantees the quality and standards expected by the most demanding visitors.

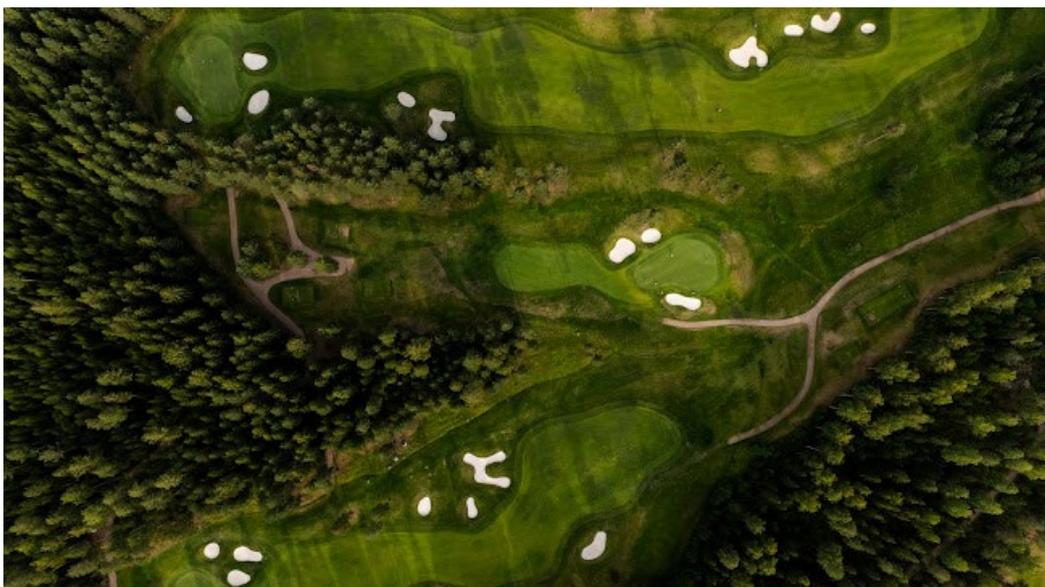
Linna Golf has been awarded multiple times as Finland's Best Golf Course, and in recent years, it has also gained increasing recognition in international rankings. For example, its rising position on Golf World's Top 100 list reflects the ongoing dedication and development of both our team and the entire Linna Golf community.

As a successful host of several high-class international events for both professionals and elite amateurs, Linna Golf has established itself as a true indicator of competitive skills, testing all parts of the elite game. Among current elite players, who have played at Linna Golf at these events, we are proud to mention Tommy Fleetwood, Jon Rahm, Thomas Detry and the number one Finn, Sami Välimäki.

The golf course is directly attached to the Vanajanlinna resort, offering many different options for comfortable accommodation and high-class restaurant services.

Even though the championship week is full of golf, we recommend you to have a relaxing trip to the city of Hämeenlinna, situated only a few kilometers from the golf course. Take a boat cruise on the beautiful Lake of Vanajavesi and enjoy the Finnish summer at its best!

[GOLF COURSE INTRODUCTION | Linna Golf](#)



Course layout



NOTE: Holes 8 and 9 will be played as holes 17 and 18 and vice versa. Hole 10 will be played from yellow tee (440 m) and then par is 4.

Scorecard

Front nine				Back nine			
Hole	Par	Meters	Yards	Hole	Par	Meters	Yards
1	4	356	389	10	4	440	481
2	5	492	538	11	4	301	329
3	3	199	218	12	4	370	405
4	4	375	410	13	3	201	220
5	4	393	430	14	4	421	460
6	4	434	475	15	5	487	533
7	3	196	214	16	3	190	208
8	5	544	595	17	4	417	456
9	4	373	408	18	4	376	411
Out	36	3362	3677	In	35	3203	3503
				Out	36	3362	3677
				Total	71	6565	7180

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entries

Entries for all players and teams must be done through the EGA website (Login required). Other forms of entry will not be accepted.

NOTE: Entries close on Monday 18 MAY 2026, 12:00 p.m. (noon) CET, late entries will not be accepted.

Tournament Office

The tournament office is located close to the clubhouse and will be open every day:

Monday 22 -Tuesday 23 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 24 – Saturday 27 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Registration and practice rounds

Players are requested to register at the tournament office prior to their first official practice round, but no later than 12 noon on Tuesday 23 June. The official practice days are Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 June.

Bookings of tee times for practice rounds shall be done latest on Sunday 21 June.

email: office@linnagolf.fi

After that, bookings at tournament office only, subject to availability.

All practice facilities are available free of charge for players from Monday 22 to Saturday 27 June.

Yardage book, trolleys

A professional yardage book can be purchased at the tournament office. Price 28€. Pull trolleys are available free of charge for all competitors.

Ceremonies

An Opening Ceremony with a snack bar will be held at the clubhouse area on Tuesday 23 at 6:30 p.m. Players are invited, but attendance is not mandatory.

The Closing Ceremony will be held at the clubhouse 30 min after play has finished on Saturday 27.

Clubhouse and catering

The clubhouse with dressing rooms and lockers will be open daily during 06:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

The buffet lunch is available daily in the clubhouse during 11:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. The cost for buffet is 15€.

Payment methods are preferably major credit cards in all areas. The currency is Euro (€).

Golf bags

Players are kindly asked to store their bags in their rooms as there is no bag storage at the golf club.

Golf shop

A Golf Shop with a limited selection is located in the clubhouse.

Medical assistance

First Aid will be located in the clubhouse, so immediate help can be provided if so needed. A doctor's assistance is available during the tournament week.

Liability

Competitors, officials and guests are reminded that the Linna Golf, the Finnish Golf Union, the European Golf Association or the Official Hotels cannot be held responsible for loss of or damage to equipment or personal belongings.



TRAVEL INFORMATION

HOW TO GET THERE?

All participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements. The nearest airport is Helsinki International airport. The average driving distance with car is 100km / 1h10min by car.

There are also bus and train connections from the Helsinki airport to Hämeenlinna train station. Please check the airport webpage for further information: [Finavia](#)

CAR RENTAL

Save up to 15% off on car hire with Hertz

Are you participating in The European Amateur Championship at Linna Golf, Finland? With the help of a rental car, you ensure smooth and safe travelling to the competition and the surroundings. As a partner of the Finnish Golf Union, Hertz offers **up to 15% off** on car hire. Remember to book your car in advance. Rental cars for the summer are being booked now.

Find out more and book your car: [Hertz](#)

ACCOMMODATION

Vanajanlinna Hotel & Resort (on site)

82 rooms / apartments situated on site, short walking distance to the clubhouse. Breakfast included. Booking code: **BEAC26**. Rooms reserved until 31 May.

Standard Ratsula: EUR 109 / night for one person, EUR 122 / night for two

Superior Ratsula or Standard Castle: EUR 119 / night for one, EUR 132 / night for two

Superior Castle, Mini Suite or Ateljé Ratsula: EUR 139 / night for one, EUR 152 / night for two

Castle Suite or Club Suite: EUR 179 / night for one, EUR 192 / night for two

Vanajanlinna Villas, two bedrooms: EUR 243 / night for two, EUR 269 / night for four

Grand Suite, two bedrooms: EUR 290 / night for two, EUR 360 / night for four

Standard one-bedroom apartment: EUR 109 / apartment / night

Standard two-bedroom apartment: EUR 198 / apartment / night

Standard three-bedroom apartment: EUR 297 / apartment / night

Booking via the website www.vanajanlinna.fi or by contacting the Vanajanlinna reception, tel. +358 3 61020, email: vastaanotto@vanajanlinna.fi

Sokos Hotel Vaakuna, Hämeenlinna

50 Standard-class hotel rooms. Situated in Hämeenlinna, driving distance 10 km/15 min by car from Linna Golf. Booking code: **BEAC26**

Standard / Solo single room: EUR 139 / room / night

Standard double room: EUR 159 / room / night

Standard double room with extra bed: EUR 184 / room / night

The special rate is available by mentioning the booking code when making the reservation.

Sokos Hotels nationwide sales service: +358 300 870 000 or Original Sokos Hotel Vaakuna Hämeenlinna, tel. +358 20 1234 636, email: vaakuna.hameenlinna@sokoshotels.fi

OR via the website www.sokoshotels.fi

(select the correct city and accommodation dates; enter the code in the "Booking codes" field)

25% of unreserved rooms will be released for sale on 16 May 2026, 50% released on 24 May 2026 and the remaining unreserved rooms will be released for sale on 14 June 2026

Hotel Emilia

7 Standard/ 7 Superior -class hotel rooms. Situated in Hämeenlinna, driving distance 10 km/15 min by car from Linna Golf. Booking code: **GOLF EM**. Rooms reserved until 22 May.

Standard single room: EUR 119 / room / night

Standard double room: EUR 129 / room / night

Superior single room: EUR 129 / room / night

Superior double room: EUR 139 / room / night

Booking directly by contacting the Hotel Emilia reception, tel. +358 3 6122106 or via email: hotelliemilia@hotmail.fi

Scandic Hotel Aulanko/ Hämeenlinna City, Hämeenlinna

Reservations can be easily made through the following link (booking code **EVNT**) [Scandic](#)

Guests can choose their preferred room type and receive an additional discount when paying for the reservation upon booking. The cancellation policy for individual bookings depends on the booking type chosen by the guest. To confirm the reservation, guests must provide a valid credit card information. Rooms are subject to availability and should be booked 10 days before arrival at the latest.

CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAMME

Monday 22 June	Players arrival all day Registration 1st Practice Day
Tuesday 23 June	Players arrival all day Registration, no later than 12:00 noon 2nd Practice Day Opening Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. (informal, with snack bar)
Wednesday 24 June	1st Championship round, 18 holes
Thursday 25 June	2nd Championship round, 18 holes, cut 96 lowest scores + ties
Friday 26 June	3rd Championship round, 18 holes, cut 60 lowest scores + ties
Saturday 27 June	Final round, 18 holes Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony, 30 min. after play has finished.



COMMITTEES AND CONTACTS

Honorary Committee

Joaquin Castillo, EGA President
Antti Tiitola, Finnish Golf Union, President
Antti Ahava, Linna Golf, Chairman of the board

Championship Committee

Lisbeth Riggelsen, EGA Championship Committee Member, acting as Chairman
François Lautens, EGA Championship Committee Member
Arnaud Baratçabal, EGA Championship Director
Josh Parkyn, EGA Communications Manager
Arto Teittinen, Finnish Golf Union, EAC Tournament Director
Pekka Lindroos Finnish Golf Union, Rules & Chief Referee

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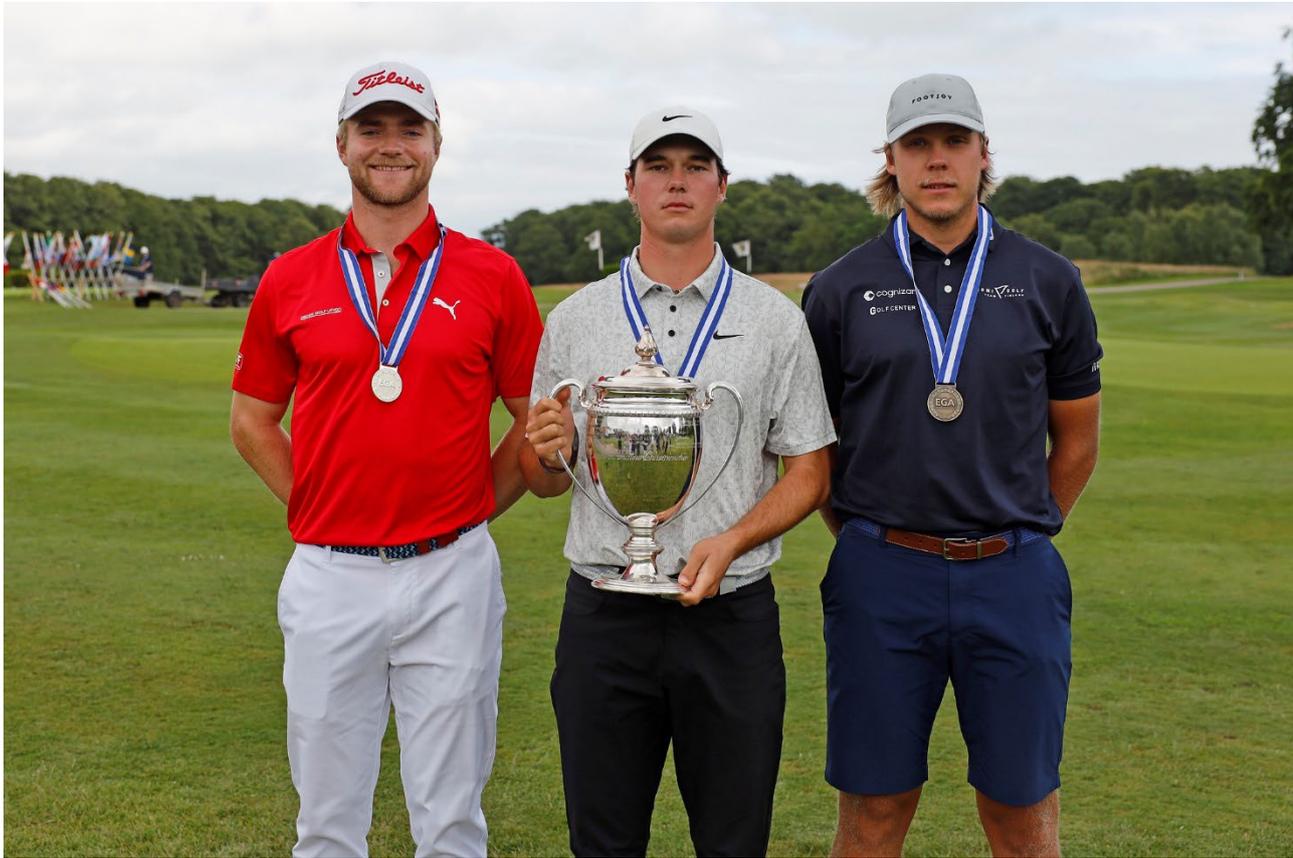
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PAST WINNERS

2025 Vasatorp Golf Club, Sweden	Filip Jakubčík, Czech Republic
2024 The Scandinavian, Denmark	Tommy Morrison, USA
2023 Pärnu Bay Golf Links, Estonia	Jose Luis Ballester Barrio, Spain
2022 Parador Campo De Golf El Salar, Spain	Filippo Celli, Italy
2021 Golf du Médoc Resort, France	Christoffer Bring, Denmark
2020 Zürich Golf Country Club, Switzerland	Matthias Schmid, Germany
2019 Diamond Country Club, Austria	Matthias Schmid, Germany
2018 Royal Hague GC, Netherlands	Nicolai Hojgaard, Denmark
2017 Walton Heath GC, England	Alfie Plant, England
2016 Estonian G & CC, Estonia	Luca Cianchetti, Italy
2015 Penati Golf Resort, Slovakia	Stefano Mazzoli, Italy
2014 The Duke's St. Andrews, Scotland	Ashley Chesters, England
2013 Real Club de Golf El Prat, Spain	Ashley Chesters, England
2012 Carton House, Ireland	Rhys Pugh, Wales
2011 Halmstad GC, Sweden	Manuel Trappel, Austria
2010 Vanajanlinna G & CC, Finland	Lucas Bjerregaard, Denmark
2009 Golf de Chantilly, France	Victor Dubuisson, France
2008 Esbjerg GC, Denmark	Stephen Gross, Germany
2007 Sporting Club Berlin, Germany	Benjamin Hebert, France
2006 Biella Golf Club, Italy	Rory McIlroy, Ireland
2005 Antwerp International G & CC, Belgium	Marius Thorp, Norway
2004 Skövde Golf Club, Sweden	Matthew Richardson, England
2003 Nairn Golf Club, Scotland	Brian McElhinney, Ireland
2002 Troia Golf Club, Portugal	Raphaél Pellicioli, France
2001 Odense Eventyr Golf, Denmark	Stephen Browne, Ireland
2000 Styrian GC Murhof, Austria	Carl Petterson, Sweden
1999 Celtic Manor, Wales	Gregory Havret, France
1998 Golf du Médoc, France	Paddy Gribben, Ireland
1997 Domaine Impérial, Switzerland	Didier de Voogt, Belgium
1996 Karlstad Golf Club, Sweden	Daniel L. Olsson, Sweden
1995 El Prat Golf Club, Spain	Sergio Garcia, Spain
1994 Aura Golf Club, Finland	Stephen Gallacher, Scotland
1993 Dalmahoy Golf Club, Scotland	Morten Backhausen, Denmark
1992 Le Querce Golf Club, Italy	Massimo Scarpa, Italy
1991 Hillside Golf Club, England	Jim Payne, England
1990 Aalborg Golf Club, Denmark	Klas Erikson, Sweden
1988 Falkenstein Golf Club, Germany	David Ecob, Austria
1996 Eindhoven Golf Club, Netherlands	Anders Haglund, Sweden

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- 1st Filip Jakubčík, Czech Republic
- 2nd Kristian Bressum, Denmark
- 3rd Sakke Siltala, Finland