

# **FIPPA World Strokeplay Championship**

**6 – 9 JULY 2017**

## **Imjelt Pitch & Putt – Drammen, Norway**

FIPPA organises an individual FIPPA World Strokeplay Championship of Pitch and Putt every four years. This document outlines FIPPA policy for the organisation of the 2017 event.

The FIPPA World Strokeplay Championship of Pitch and Putt is open to any Pitch and Putt player in the world who meets the entry requirements below and irrespective of age, sex, nationality, race and religion.

FIPPA will designate an organising committee and a competition committee of three members, comprising at least one member from the host association and one member designated by FIPPA. FIPPA Board will oversee the business of each committee and in case of any disagreement prior to the tournament will make all final decisions.

**Qualifying:** At least 4 players will be accepted per national Federation/Association (Andorra, Australia, Basque Country, Chile, France, Galicia, Great Britain, Norway, Switzerland) after approval by the national Federation/Association. PPUI, FCPP, NPPF and the Dutch Association (to be ratified at the 2017 EPPA/FIPPA General Assembly) will be offered a minimum of 6 places after approval by the national Federation/Association. Each national Federation/Association is invited to hold a specific World Strokeplay championship qualifying event in their home territory if desired, the proceeds of which might be donated to the qualifiers to offset the expense involved in participating in the 2017 World Championship. Alternatively, associations might decide to choose national champions or base nominations on national rankings. Obviously, the aim being to have top class players taking part in this Championship. Invitations have also been extended to intending member Associations/Federations (Argentina, Croatia, Ecuador, Slovenia) to send up to 4 players to the championship.

### **Exemptions:**

The winners of all major international events of 2016 will qualify automatically:  
Specifically for the 2017 championship, qualifying places will be available to:

Catalan Open 2016: Winner, Runner-up, Ladies Winner, Senior Winner  
FIPPA (Koudum) Open 2016: Winner, Runner-Up, Ladies Winner, Senior Winner  
Irish Open 2016: Winner, Runner-Up, Ladies Winner, Senior Winner  
British Open 2016: Winner, Runner-Up, Ladies Winner, Senior Winner  
Chile Open 2016: Winner, Runner-Up, Ladies Winner  
Australian Open 2016: Winner, Runner-Up, Ladies Winner  
Winners of any FIPPA/EPPA International Open held before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017

The performances listed above in 2016/17 International Opens will qualify, as will the top 3 players in the 36 hole Strokeplay qualifier for World Cup in Xixerella  
The top 3 players, leading lady and leading senior in the 2013 World Strokeplay championship will also be exempt.

The top 3 players, leading lady and leading senior in the 2015 European Strokeplay championship will also be exempt.

FIPPA will dispose of a limited number of wild cards to be awarded

1. to players who have shown outstanding merit in international Pitch & Putt in recent years
2. to senior (over 55) players who have shown outstanding merit in international Pitch & Putt in recent years

Six wildcard nominations have been reserved for host club Imjelt Pitch and Putt.

Such wildcard nominations will be communicated by FIPPA to the relevant home associations by 1 May 2017. Home associations must communicate with the exempted players concerned and confirm participation before 30 May 2017.

All qualifiers and exempt players must have expressed their intention to take part before the national Federation/Association submits the applications to the organisers. These applications should include a brief profile of each player, outlining their experience in national and/or international Pitch and Putt. Such applications must be submitted by 30 May 2017.

The course is to be prepared in every detail to be exemplary for hosting such an event, with small greens and tee-boxes that can cater for all types of tee.

Players will pay an entry fee.

NPPF will provide prizes and trophies worthy of such an event. In addition to the World championship awards, classification prizes will be presented to the leading senior, ladies and juniors (if relevant). Juniors will be players who have not yet attained their sixteenth birthday.

**N.B.** In order to ensure a field worthy of a global event of this nature, the organising and competition committees will select before 2 June 2017, the final list from the qualifiers and the "waiting lists" of those associations (other than PPUI, FCPP, NPPF and the Dutch Association, to be ratified at the 2017 EPPA/FIPPA General Assembly) wishing to propose more than 4 players.