

Golf

Precision meets patience in golf, where each stroke is a mental and physical challenge. Competitors will navigate immaculate fairways and greens across premier Abu Dhabi courses.

Para golfers are welcome to compete alongside non-para golfers and may register for the golf competition according to the applicable age requirements.

Competition dates

The provisional golf competition schedule for the Open Masters Games Abu Dhabi 2026 (OMGAD) is as follows:

Date	February 9 Monday	February 10 Tuesday	February 11 Wednesday	February 12 Thursday
Qualifying				
Finals				

All dates and times are subject to change, pending final entries received. A detailed schedule will be developed throughout 2025.

Hours of competition

Scheduling details, including start times, will be provided to players in advance of play. Please refer to official updates for the latest information.

Venues

Al Ain Equestrian, Golf and Shooting Club

 [Pin Location](#)

Yas Acres

 [Pin Location](#)

Abu Dhabi Golf Club

 [Pin Location](#)

Yas Links Golf Club

 [Pin Location](#)

Competition Format

Stableford tournament over four rounds of 18 holes. A cut will be made after 54 holes to reduce the field to a total of 100 players (ties not included). Players are ranked within their age categories. The number of qualifying places for each category will be determined after the close of entries in proportion to the number of players who started in each category. If a category has fewer starters than its allocation, unused places will be reallocated to the remaining categories by largest remainder. Within each category qualifiers are determined by 54-hole Stableford points. Ties for the last qualifying place in a category will be decided by countback based on the Stableford point from the third-round scorecard in the following order: last 18 holes, last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes and finally last hole. If the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.

The allocation calculation will be published on the tournament notice board prior to the third round.

1. Eligibility

The Competition shall be open to Ladies and Men who have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Amateur Status Rules of R&A Rules Limited.

- 1.1. All golfers are required to provide a valid WHS Handicap Index by emailing their handicap certificate to sports@omgad2026.ae, as this is used to determine results for the Stableford competition. Details of club membership (where in place) will also assist with the validation of handicaps (where required).
- 1.2. Age categories

Age Categories
Men's / Women's: 35+, 45+, 55+, 65+, 75+

In line with the sport-specific rules, a golfer must compete in their designated age group, with their age determined as of 31 December 2026.

2. Entries

- 2.1. The Competition will have a maximum field of 132.
- 2.2. Closing date is on 31st of December 2025.

3. Rules Of Play

The Competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules as approved by the OMGAD Committee. The Competition Committee's decision on matters affecting the Competition shall be final aside from all Rules of Golf matters, in which case the Rules of Golf will apply.

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- 3.1. The Modified Rules for Players with Disabilities are in effect. To allow the OMGAD time to consider an application, a golfer who wishes to play under the Modified Rules should inform the OMGAD in advance of the Competition, to advise of their wish to use the Modified Rules.

4. Pace Of Play

See separate memorandum to players for the pace of play policy.

5. Suspension of Play

Suspension and resumption of play will be communicated to all players using audible and/or visual signals. Specific methods and patterns will be confirmed before the start of each round.

6. Transportation

During the round, the use of electric golf carts is required.

7. Distance Measuring Devices

Distance-measuring devices are allowed according to Rule 4.3a(1) in the Rules of Golf (slope and other functions must be turned off).

8. Close of Competition

The competition is deemed to have closed when the gold, silver and bronze medals have been awarded to the winning golfers at the presentation.

9. Behaviour

The OMGAD committee requires players to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of the Competition and the sport of golf. Players shall always act in the best interests of the sport and the Competition and shall not conduct themselves unlawfully or improperly to bring the Competition into disrepute. Golfers shall not use any one of or a combination of violent conduct, threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting words or behavior. Players shall comply with any Code of Conduct set by the Committee. If a competitor acts contrary to the spirit of the game, or is considered serious misconduct, they may be disqualified.

10. Caddies

Caddies will **NOT** be permitted on course throughout the competition.

11. Dress Code

All competitors are required to observe golf club dress code/ golf attire and the Rules and Regulations of the Club.

12. Authority

The Committee reserves the right to amend these Terms of Competition at any time before or during the Competition and/or cancel the Competition before or during play. The decision of the Committee is final in all matters.

13. Indemnity/Liability

The OMGAD Committee, the Golf Clubs, and their staff will not be responsible for any loss, damage, harm, or any form of injuries that the participants may suffer because they participate in this tournament.

14. Technical Delegate

A Technical Delegate endorsed by the IGF will be announced in the final version of the guide. The Technical Delegate will oversee the implementation of all sport specific rules and requirements at the Games.

Equipment hire

Golf clubs and balls

All golfers are required to provide their own golf equipment, including golf clubs and golf balls. The competition venue has a professional (pro) shop which will be open during the Games. The pro shop has a range of products available for purchase, to assist with repairs and may also have a range of items available for hire.

It is recommended that each golfer provides their own golf clubs for the duration of the Games, however, limited rental sets may be available from the competition course. Golfers should also note that the quality of hire equipment cannot be guaranteed.

Updates

The final version of the competition guide will be released by December 1st. Important additional information, including the sports schedule, will be available at that time. In the meantime, please address all inquiries to: sports@omgad2026.ae

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