



## Egypt National Final 2015 Rules of Golf

The Mercedes Trophy has become one of the most important amateur series in the world & transports the highest passion & joy of playing golfers can contribute. With 37 National Finals worldwide, Mercedes Trophy Egypt National Final has been held in Egypt since 2008 under the auspices of the Egyptian Golf Federation (EGF) and now one of the most important events on the Egyptian golfing calendar.

### National Final Qualifiers



Qualification is a must for participating in MercedesTrophy Egypt National Final. Mercedes Egypt qualification process is put in place to ensure that the best opportunity is given to all golfers to participate in the MercedesTrophy National final to be held from May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 in a new and exciting venue. Details to be announced soon.

#### **The national qualifier rounds will be held at the below venues.**

1. The Allegia Golf Club on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015.
  2. Gezira Golf Club on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
  3. Alexandria Sporting Club on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
  4. Katameya Dunes Golf Club on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2015.
- Each qualification round will be a fully branded Mercedes-Benz Experience, with prizes for top three qualifiers, special giveaway and a gala lunch for all competitors.
  - All qualification rounds are held under the auspices of EGF. For more information please contact the Mercedes Qualification venues or contact us at [golf@mercedes-benz.com.eg](mailto:golf@mercedes-benz.com.eg).

#### **Qualification Rules**

- Players must be 18 years of age and older;
- Players must have a full membership of a recognized/registered golf club
- Players must have a home club handicap of max. 28 for Men and 36.0 for Ladies (written proof if necessary)
- Players may only play in one qualification venue. If a player fails to qualify at your proposed event, then you may not register for any further qualification rounds.
- The competition format for qualification is individual Stableford.
- Qualification spots for each qualifier will be announced prior to the event, dependent on entry list.
- Qualification Categories\* as follows.
  - Category A Handicap 0-12
  - Category B Handicap 13-20
  - Category C Handicap 21-36

(\*Categories are subject to change dependant on number of participants in each category).



- In the event for a tie for any of the qualifying place, card countback will determine all qualification spots.
- All players must qualify via the National Qualification Events.
- Each qualifying player will be eligible to play in the National Final, and compete in the Drive to the Major Special Competition.

### Qualifiers Registration

- All players must register prior to each qualification event through the MercedesTrophy registration form provided.
- All registration forms must be sent to the following address [golf@mercedes-benz.com.eg](mailto:golf@mercedes-benz.com.eg) to ensure inclusion to your preferred qualification venue.
- All registration is based on a first come first served basis, However, MercedesTrophy team will endeavor to ensure that you are allocated a spot at your preferred qualification venue.
- Deadline for registration will be one week prior to the date of your chosen qualification event. This is in order to ensure draws and qualification information is distributed to all competitors in a timely manner prior to the event.
- A fixed registration fee will be payable at any one of the chosen qualifying venues subject to the individual club terms and conditions. Part of this registration fee is donated to **STAR CARE Egypt**, a non-profit organization founded by members of the Mercedes-Benz passenger car group in Egypt in order to proactively promote and encourage the public interest in supporting and helping children in need. For more information about STAR CARE, please visit [www.starcare.com.eg](http://www.starcare.com.eg)

### Drive to the Major Competition



- **D**rive to the Major is the single entry point worldwide to win a spot in the Monday Competition played directly after The Open, on the same course where all the golf professionals have played the week before. The Drive to the Major winner also receives VIP access to the 2015 Open Championship to be played at St. Andrews from 12-19 July 2015, as well as the opportunity to represent Mercedes Benz and play in the prestigious Monday Sponsors event on 20th July 2015 after the Open Championship conclusion on Sunday 19th July 2015.
- The competition is based on a 'Straightest Drive' (also known as 'Nearest to the Line') tee-shot; The golfer who drives the ball closest to a marked line on the fairway wins the competition. In case of a tie, the longer shot wins. The competition is played on a chosen hole during the National Final Weekend on 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2015.
- 'Drive to the Major' is an independent competition for participants of the MercedesTrophy Egypt National Final. All competitors must be 18 years of age and older, and hold official handicap of maximum 36 are eligible to participate in the 'Drive to the Major' special competition. The winner eligible to travel **does not** have to hold an Egyptian Nationality nor be a Mercedes-Benz Benz Owner
- It is only possible to qualify for either the MercedesTrophy World Final or for 'Drive to the Major' experience. In case a winner of the Drive to the Major also qualifies for the MercedesTrophy World Final, the qualification for the MercedesTrophy World Final will take precedence.



## Egypt National Final



- The National Final is played in one tournament day over the weekend of May 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. There will be a practice round for all competitors and golfing companions prior to the National Final. The ‘Drive to the Major’ competition will also be played at the National Final Weekend.
- The competition format is individual Stableford in three handicap divisions of approximately the same number of players based on the handicaps of the qualified players from the Mercedes Trophy Qualification Events.
- The Categories\* are as follows:
  - Category A Handicap 0-12
  - Category B Handicap 13-20
  - Category C Handicap 21-36

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- The highest ranked player in each of the three divisions that fulfills the team Egypt criteria will qualify for the World Final in Stuttgart in October 2015. Mercedes Trophy world Final is once in a lifetime experience. The winners eligible to travel also must be Mercedes-Benz owners, Egyptian nationality.
-  New for 2015 and in addition to Team Egypt qualification, all national final competitors will have the chance to compete for a VIP trip to Dubai Desert Classic in February 2016. To be eligible to win this exciting new addition to the MercedesTrophy prize table, participants will have to be the winner in their respective category and does not fulfill the Team Egypt Criteria for the MercedesTrophy World Final. The lucky winner(s), will be invited by Mercedes Benz Egypt to a trip to the Dubai Desert Classic, including golf at one of the top golf courses in the area in February 2016, (Dates and Itinerary to be confirmed).
- In the event that the Winner of a Category is eligible to play in MercedesTrophy World Final, then World Final participation takes priority and no substitutions are possible.
- All participants are only eligible to win one of the major prizes available. Prize Priority in the event that a participant is eligible for multiple prizes is as follows;
  - Mercedes World Final
  - Drive to the Major
  - VIP Trip to Dubai Desert Classic
- The tournament organizers reserve the right to make amendments to the program and the rules of the event.
- For more information contact us at [golf@mercedes-benz.com.eg](mailto:golf@mercedes-benz.com.eg)

*Please stay tuned for some exciting announcements as competition heats up!*

