



World Minigolf open Championship for Seniors 2026

Vizela (Portugal)
14. – 17. October 2026



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Invitation

PROMOTOR: European Minigolfsport Federation (EMF)

ORGANIZER: EMF, Portugese Federation and Vizela minigolfeclub (Vizelgolfe)

COURSE ADDRESS: Travessa da Cascalheira, 208
4815 - 523 Caldas de Vizela Portugal

TYPE OF COURSE: Concrete Course A
Miniature Golf Course B

CATEGORIES: Seniors Women, Senior Women teams (3 players plus substitute)
Seniors Men, Seniors Men teams (6 players plus substitute)

PARTICIPATION: All active members of the WMF, as long as they came up to their obligations towards the EMF and WMF.

REGISTRATION: Until 31. August 2026 and only on the EMF website!
<https://www.minigolf-europe.org>
Apply for username and password here:
secretary-general@minigolf-europe.org

If participants need visa for travelling to take part at the championships, please send information including all necessary data VERY EARLY!! Directly to the organizer!!

PARTICIPATION FEE: € 100,00 for players coaches and officials.
Participation fees are non-refundable.
Charges have to be paid until 31st August 2026 to the account of WMF.
Please pay right in time and only to:
Bank: Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken
IBAN: SE80 5000 0000 0593 0828 6683
SWIFT: ESSESESS
For late payment and registration an additional charge of 25% will be due!

PRACTICING FEE: Pre official training € 6,00 per day per player or coach payable to the organizer.

ACCOMODATION: please refer to website or contact persons

CONTACT: Rui Cunha +351 916 198 144
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WEBSITE: www.swc2026-Vizela.pt

Schedule

Groups for Training:

The final composition of the groups will be published according to the entries after 31. August 2026 on the EMF and organizers website and at the official information board at the location.

Accreditation of all participants (players, coaches and officials) has to be filled immediately after their arrival at latest on **Saturday 10. October 2026, 18:00.**

Friday, 09. October 2026

08:00 – 13:00	nations training group A
13:00 – 18:00	nations training group B
18:00	training for both groups
14:00	deadline for written complaints regarding the course

Saturday, 10. October 2026

08:00 – 13:00	nations training group B
13:00 – 18:00	nations training group A
18:00	training for both groups
18:00	deadline for accreditation of players, officials and coaches

Sunday, 11. October 2026

08:00 – 13:00	nations training group A
13:00 – 18:00	nations training group B
18:00	training for both groups

Monday, 12. October 2026

08:00 – 12:30	nations training group B
12:30 – 17:00	nations training group A
17:00	no training allowed due to opening ceremony
11:00	media conference
17:00	deadline for team order list
19:00	opening ceremony and draw of starting order

Tuesday, 13. October 2026

08:00 – 13:00	nations training group A
13:00 – 18:00	nations training group B
12:30	coach meeting
18:00	training for both groups

Wednesday, 14. October 2026

First day of Competition

On each of the competition days the courses are open for training 90 minutes before the first starting time.

08:00	4 rounds for all players (2 rounds on both courses). Start order course B: individual player women, team women, substitute women. Start order course A: individual player men, team men, substitute men
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Thursday, 15. October 2026

Second day of Competition

Playing groups will be regrouped according to the results of the first day of competition.
(see also WMF rulebook 3.6.4.1.1)

08:00	4 rounds for all players. Start order course A: individual player women, team women, substitute women Start order course B: individual player men, team men, substitute men
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Necessary team play off: Immediately after the end of the team competition.

After competition: Medal ceremony for team competition on the course.

Friday, 16. October 2026**Third day of Competition**

08:00 individual stroke play competition:
one double round for all players
Start order course B: Women
Start order course A: Men

**Necessary individual playoff for match play championship qualification
(for rank 16 women competition / for rank 32 men competition):
Immediately after the end of round 10**

14:00 Final round of individual stroke play championships
One double round for qualified players
Start order both on course B: women, men
Necessary playoff: Immediately after the end of the final round at the course played last.
After competition: Medal ceremony for stroke play competition on the course.

Saturday, 17. October 2026**Fourth and last day of Competition**

08:00 individual match play competition men
09:00 individual match play competition women
After competition: Medal ceremony for match play competition on the course.
20:00 Victory and closing ceremony

Note: The Jury and the Referee Team are entitled to take any effective modification to the hereof schedule due to Weather Conditions, number of effective player and gender composition

Penalties System

Penalties for Players

The standard system described in WMF worldwide international sport rules chapter 2.3.18 is used in the team competition and individual stroke play competition. All penalties from the qualification rounds of the individual stroke play competition are carried forward to the individual stroke play final round.

The following penalty system is applied for the individual match play finals:

No penalties from the qualification rounds are carried forward to the match play finals.

First step is a written pre-warning with no consequences.

For all following violations, the player in question loses the next undecided lane (meaning the next lane, which has no winner yet). Referees have the possibility to skip the pre-warning level in case of severe or tactical violations.

All penalties are also announced via loudspeakers.

Penalties for Coaches

For coaches, the standard penalty system described in WMF worldwide international sport rules chapter 2.3.19 is used throughout the entire tournament.

Referees have the possibility to skip the pre-warning level in case of severe or tactical violations.

Team Competition

Admittance: All registered teams participate in the team championships in their respective categories.
Mode and ranking: The scores of all finished rounds in the category are added up for the ranking of team championships.
If a minimum of 6 rounds have not been finished by the end of day 2, the team competition will be continued on day 3 and the intermediate round of individual strokeplay championships will possibly be canceled (rounds 9 and/or 10).
Deadline for the end of the team competition is 14:00 on day 3.
The jury has the right to cut the number of rounds before or during the competition.
(example: for weather reason or number of participants)

Individual Strokeplay Competition

- Admittance: All registered players participate in the individual stroke play championship in their respective categories (senior women/senior men). All finished rounds of the team competition are preliminary rounds of the individual stroke play competition.
- Mode and ranking: All results of the preliminary rounds are carried forward. Two intermediate rounds will be played with shotgun start. The best 15 male players and the best 9 female players after the intermediate round are qualified for the final round. In case of a tie on place 15/9, all players with the same result are qualified. The final will be played over one double round.

Individual Matchplay Competition

- Admittance: All registered players participate in the individual match play championship in their respective categories (senior women/senior men). All finished rounds of the Team competition and intermediate rounds of individual stroke play competition days are the preliminary rounds of the individual match play competition. The best 16 senior women players and the best 32 senior men player qualify for the individual match play competition. For equal scores after preliminary rounds a sudden-death play-off will decide about the qualification. Tied scores among any qualified players will be decided according to WMF 2.3.9.4. If there is still a tie, a coin toss or other way of draw will decide the rank. If a qualified player does not start at the match play competition, she or he will not be replaced.

Bad Weather Conditions and Abandonement of the Tournament

- Team competition: After how many rounds the team competition will be finish is a decision of the jury. If necessary, play will be continued on third day of competition.
- Stroke play competition: If necessary, the intermediate rounds of the individual stroke play competition will be cancelled. The final should not begin later than 3:00pm on third day of competition.
- Match play competition: If the schedule does not allow all rounds of the match play competition being played, rounds will be cancelled in a way to insure a real final. First option is to cancel the first round senior men, starting with only 16 male participants. Tied scores at rank 16, 17... will be decided according to WMF 2.3.9.4. If there is still a tie, a coin toss or other way of draw will decide the qualification. Second option is to reduce the number of lanes being played. The minimum number of lanes for a round is 12. If the competition has to be abandoned before the end of the semifinals of a category, the whole match play competition of this category is cancelled and there will be no results or champions in this category. If only finals can't be played, there will be 2 champions (winners of semi-finals) and 2 players ranked 3rd (losers of semi-finals). All decisions concerning changes in match play competition have to be made by the tournament jury.

Wil van Disseldorp
EMF Vice President Seniors

Registration
Minigolf World Championships for Seniors 2026 in Vizela (POR)

Registration by name (Players, Coaches, Officials) to be entered until 31.08.2026 on EMF website:
<https://www.minigolf-europe.org>

For assistance: secretary-general@minigolf-europe.org

In case of late differences, please handle the following form to Organization
latest 18:00 at Saturday 10. October 2026

National Federation: _____

Players			
Name, first name (In block letters)	Date of Birth	Category	Exceptions
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9.			
10.			
11.			
12.			

Exceptions: A – Medical attestation for shoes other than sport shoes
 B – Medical attestation for repositioning the ball with minigolf putter
 C – Medical attestation according to the anti-doping regulations of WMF
 D – Other attestations provided by a medical doctor or national federation

Accreditation
Minigolf World Championships for Seniors 2026 in Vizela (POR)

To be handed in until 18:00 at Saturday 10. October 2026

National Federation: _____

Coaches / Officials		
Name, first name (in block letters)	Date of Birth	Exceptions
1.		
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7.		
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10.		

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Entry by Name

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To be handed in until 17:00 at Monday 12. October 2026

National Federation: _____

Team _____			
Name, first name (in block letters)	Date of Birth	Category	Exceptions
1.			
2.			
3.			
S.			

Responsible name for substitution: _____

Team _____			
Name, first name (in block letters)	Date of Birth	Category	Exceptions
1.			
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3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
S.			

Responsible name for substitution: _____

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Bracket for individual match play finals – women

match 1	1	
	16	
starting lane		A1

match 2	8	
	9	
starting lane		A2

match 3	5	
	12	
starting lane		A3

match 4	4	
	13	
starting lane		A4

match 5	3	
	14	
starting lane		A5

match 6	6	
	11	
starting lane		A6

match 7	7	
	10	
starting lane		A7

match 8	2	
	15	
starting lane		A8

match 9	winner match 1
	winner match 2
starting lane	A1

match 10	winner match 3
	winner match 4
starting lane	A3

match 11	winner match 5
	winner match 6
starting lane	A5

match 12	winner match 7
	winner match 8
starting lane	A7

semi-final 1	winner match 9
	winner match 10
starting lane	B1

final	winner semi-final 1
	winner semi-final 2
starting lane	B1

semi-final 2	winner match 11
	winner match 12
starting lane	B1

match rank 3	loser semi-final 1
	loser semi-final 2
starting lane	B1

Bracket for individual match play finals – men

Semi-finals, final match and match for rank 3 analogous to the chart of individual match play finals – women (start at B1).

match 1	1	
	32	
starting lane		A2

match 2	16	
	17	
starting lane		A3

match 3	9	
	24	
starting lane		A4

match 4	8	
	25	
starting lane		A5

match 5	5	
	28	
starting lane		A6

match 6	12	
	21	
starting lane		A7

match 7	13	
	20	
starting lane		A8

match 8	4	
	29	
starting lane		A9

match 17	winner match 1
	winner match 2
starting lane	B1

match 25	winner match 17
	winner match 18
starting lane	B1

match 18	winner match 3
	winner match 4
starting lane	B2

match 19	winner match 5
	winner match 6
starting lane	B3

match 26	winner match 19
	winner match 20
starting lane	B3

match 20	winner match 7
	winner match 8
starting lane	B4

match 9	3	
	30	
starting lane		B1

match 10	14	
	19	
starting lane		B2

match 11	11	
	22	
starting lane		B3

match 12	6	
	27	
starting lane		B4

match 13	7	
	26	
starting lane		B5

match 14	10	
	23	
starting lane		B6

match 15	15	
	18	
starting lane		B7

match 16	2	
	31	
starting lane		B8

match 21	winner match 9
	winner match 10
starting lane	B5

match 27	winner match 21
	winner match 22
starting lane	B5

match 22	winner match 11
	winner match 12
starting lane	B6

match 23	winner match 13
	winner match 14
starting lane	B7

match 28	winner match 23
	winner match 24
starting lane	B7

match 24	winner match 15
	winner match 16
starting lane	B8