2nd Comporta Seniors Open

19–23 April 2027

Rules and Regulations

1. The Tournament

a. Tournament Dates:	19–23 April 2027
b. Courses:	Comporta Dunas – 20 April 2027 Comporta Torre – 21 April 2027 Troia Golf – 22 April 2027 Should Troia Golf not be available, the Tournament Committee will designate an alternative course
c. Format:	The format will be Individual Stableford, Gross and Nett, played over three 18-hole rounds, one round per day.
d. Handicaps:	a. Players must hold a valid handicap with the Portuguese Golf Federation or with the Federation of another country. The maximum WHS Handicap Index will be: Men: 28.0 Ladies: 36.0 b. The playing handicap will be 100% of the course handicap. Players' handicaps will remain the same for all 3 days of the tournament. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to request official and valid proof of handicap.
e. Categories:	a. Seniors – All male players aged between 50 and 74 on 1 January 2027. b. Master Seniors – All male players aged 75 or over on 1 January 2027. c. Ladies – All female players aged 50 or over on 1 January 2027. d. Each category requires a minimum of 4 registered players. If a category does not reach this minimum, it will be merged with another category. **Note:** Players aged 75 or over on 1 January 2027 may choose to compete in the Seniors category. This choice must be made at the time of entry.

f. Prizes and Ties:	**Overall (prizes non-cumulative)** 1st, 2nd & 3rd Gross Seniors – Men 1st & 2nd Gross Master Seniors – Men 1st Gross – Ladies 1st, 2nd & 3rd Nett Seniors – Men 1st & 2nd Nett Master Seniors – Men 1st Nett – Ladies **Per Course** 1st Gross – Men 1st Gross – Ladies 1st Nett – Men 1st Nett – Ladies a. Within each classification, prizes are non-cumulative and Gross prizes take precedence over Nett prizes. b. Players in the Master Seniors category are not eligible for Seniors category prizes, unless they choose to compete in the Seniors category. This choice must be made at the time of entry. c. Per Course prizes are awarded for each day of the tournament and may be combined with prizes from the other days and with the Overall prizes. In the event of a tie in the overall classification, a hole-by-hole countback shall be applied to the final round. Regardless of the starting tee, the last 9, 6 and 3 holes, and the last hole, shall always refer to holes 10–18, 13–18, 16–18 and 18, respectively. **Stableford Gross** Ties will be decided by countback, without handicap, over the last 18, 9, 6 and 3 holes and the last hole and, finally, if the tie still persists, by the toss of a coin. **Stableford Nett** Ties will be decided in favour of the player with the lowest WHS™ Handicap Index. If the tie persists, it will be decided successively by the best score over the last 18, 9, 6 and 3 holes and the last hole and, finally, if the tie still persists, by the toss of a coin.

2. Participation

a. Eligibility:	a. Participation is restricted exclusively to amateur golfers. b. The Tournament is open to all male and female amateur golfers aged 50 or over on 1 January 2027. c. All players must be registered members of an official Golf Federation or Golf Union.

b. Entry Dates and Priority:	**Entry opening and closing dates:** **a. Phase 1** Places will be allocated according to the following distribution, in order of entry: i. **60** players belonging to the other National Senior Golf Associations that are members of ESGA. ii. **20** players belonging to ANSGP (Associação Nacional de Seniores de Golfe de Portugal – the Portuguese National Senior Golf Association). Once a quota has been filled, further players from that group will be placed on the waiting list. **b. Phase 2** i. From 10 December 2026, entries will open to all other players. Players on the waiting list will be transferred, in order of entry date, to the official list of participants until the maximum of 80 players is reached. Players who are not transferred to the official list of participants will remain on the waiting list, to which any other players wishing to enter the tournament will be added. In both phases, entries officially close at midday on **15 March 2027**, or earlier if the event is fully booked. The tournament will have a minimum of 16 and a maximum of 80 registered players. If the minimum is not reached, ANSGP may cancel the event and all amounts paid will be refunded.
c. Entries, Payments and Cancellations:	Please refer to **the General Terms and Conditions of Sale** as set out in the **Registration Form**.

3. Regulations

a. Tees:	**Seniors** Dunas – 50 Torre – 53 Troia – Awaiting confirmation of the official course rating **Master Seniors and Ladies** Dunas – 45 Torre – 48 Troia – Awaiting confirmation of the official course rating.

b. Starting Times:	**Day 1 (20 April) – Comporta Dunas:** The first starting time will be 09:00, continuing at 10-minute intervals **Day 2 (21 April) – Comporta Torre:** The first starting time will be 08:56, continuing at 12-minute intervals **Day 3 (22 April) – Troia Golf:** The first starting time will be 09:00, continuing at 10-minute intervals. Play may start from tee 1, from tees 1 and 10, or as a shotgun start. The final format will be decided once the number of registered players has been confirmed. Players must be on the tee, ready to play, 10 minutes before their starting time. A player who arrives at their starting point, ready to play, no more than 5 minutes after their starting time will receive a 2-stroke penalty, applied to their score on their first hole. A player who arrives at their starting point more than 5 minutes after their starting time will be disqualified.
c. The Draw:	The draw will be made by the Tournament Committee and published on ANSGP's website www.apsgolfe.pt by 18:00 on the day before the competition. a. Groups will consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 players. b. On the first day the draw will be made in order of playing handicap, starting with the lowest handicaps. c. On the second day the draw will be made in order of the previous day's Gross score, starting with the leaders. d. On the third and final day the draw will be made in order of cumulative Gross score, with the leaders going out last. Adjustments may be made whenever necessary.
d. Check-In:	a. Check-In will open at 08:00 at the Tournament Golf Desk. b. It is the player's responsibility to check their starting time and the course on which they are playing that day.
e. Scorecards:	a. Scorecards must be exchanged on the tee before the start of play. b. When returning scorecards, please make sure the scores have been checked, signed and are legible. c. Scorecards must be returned to the Scoring Area immediately after completing the round.

f. Electronic Devices:	Distance-measuring devices are permitted. Functions that measure elevation changes, wind speed or wind direction may not be used (Rule 4.3a).
g. Suspension of Play:	a. Immediate suspension: signalled by one prolonged note of the siren. Players must not start or continue a hole and must mark the position of their balls. b. Normal suspension: signalled by three consecutive notes of the siren, repeated. Players may stop play after marking their ball or may complete the hole being played. c. Resumption of play: signalled by two short notes of the siren, repeated.
h. Pace of Play:	All players must play without undue delay. It is the duty of each player or group to keep an appropriate pace and avoid delays. If a group realises it is playing more slowly than the group behind and there is a clear hole ahead, it should invite the following group to play through. **Guideline** If a group finishes its round more than one starting interval behind the group in front and has taken more than 4 hours 30 minutes from its starting time, every player in that group will be penalised by the deduction of 1 point from their score for the round. Players must follow the instructions of Tournament Officials and course representatives.
i. Results and Close of the Tournament:	Daily results will be considered final, and that day's competition closed, 30 minutes after the official publication of the results. On the final day, the competition will be deemed closed upon the official announcement of the results at the prize-giving ceremony.
j. Tournament Committee and Duties:	a. 1 golf referee, 1 ANSGP representative and 1 representative from each course on which the tournament is played. The names of the representatives will be published on ANSGP's website www.apsgolfe.pt by 18:00 on the day before the round. b. Any matters not covered by these Regulations will be decided by the Tournament Committee in accordance with the Rules of Golf of R&A Rules Limited. c. The Tournament Committee reserves the right, at any time, to supplement or amend these Regulations, or to suspend or cancel the competition. d. The decision of the Tournament Committee is final and binding.

k. Rules:	The Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the Local Rules of each course and any Temporary Local Rules established by the Tournament Committee. Code of Conduct (Rule 1.2b): breaches of conduct are classified at three levels, with the Tournament Committee determining their seriousness — minor breach: warning; serious breach: 2-stroke penalty; very serious breach: disqualification.
l. Disclaimer:	All players acknowledge that playing golf involves certain inherent risks and accept, individually and exclusively, responsibility for all risks arising therefrom. By entering, players authorise the publication of their names, results and images taken during the tournament in the media channels of ANSGP and its partners.

4. Permanent Local Rules for the Tournament

Winter Rules (Preferred Lies):	When any part of a player's ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing a ball in the relief area. The spot of the ball must be marked. The relief area is one scorecard length from the reference point, in the general area, and not nearer the hole.
Tree Roots:	When a tree root in the general area interferes with the lie of the ball, the player's stance or the area of intended swing, free relief may be taken. The spot of the ball must be marked and the ball lifted. The ball must be dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of complete relief, in the general area, and not nearer the hole.

5. Other

On-course refreshments:	Provision of one lunch box per player, on each tournament day.
Golf Facilities and Equipment:	Use of the driving range, with practice balls, for one hour per player before each round. Buggies (for one player or shared by two players, with a maximum of two buggies per group) may be used on all courses; the cost is included in the entry fee.

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