



KING LEOPOLD III CHALLENGE

7, 8 and 9 July 2026

The King Leopold III Challenge is a golf competition organised every two years since 1958 by the Association Royale de Golfeurs Seniors de Belgique (A.R.G.S.B.).

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. ELIGIBILITY

The King Leopold III Challenge is open to **teams of four players**. Each country is allowed to register one or two teams, unless the Committee agrees otherwise.

The players of a team must be of the same nationality, older than 55 years of age during the calendar year of the competition and have a WHS handicap index of maximum 28,0 at the time of registration. Players' WHS handicap index are set on 20 June 2026 and will remain constant till the end of the competition; if after having been set, a player has a WHS handicap index higher than 20,0, his playing handicap for the competition will be determined using a WHS handicap index of 20,0.

The captain of the country delegation is responsible for his team(s) and the correctness of his player's WHS handicap indexes. Handicap index certificates or access to the national websites for assessment of the handicap indexes may be requested.

Each player must be a member of a golf club which is affiliated to his national federation or golf union, and he must be a member of his senior golf association. If a player wishes to be part of a team of a different nationality or if a substitute player is designated, the above conditions still apply.

2. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The competition will be played by teams in Stableford at the **Wouwse Plantage Golf Club** (Netherland) and the **Royal Antwerp Golf Club** (RAGC).

Each team will be composed of two pairs of players (four players) that will be kept unchanged during the tournament.

The format of the competition and the tees will be as follows:

- 1st day **Four-ball at Wouwse Plantage Golf Club** -
yellow t. (59) Par 72 CR 72,0 SR 130 ; blue t. (56) Par 72 CR 70,4 SR 130;
- 2nd day **Single at Royal Antwerp Golf Club** -
yellow t. (58) Par 72 CR 71,0 SR 120 ; blue t. (54) par 72 CR 69,0 SR 116;
- 3rd day **Chapman¹ at Royal Antwerp Golf Club** –
yellow t. (58) Par 72 CR 71,0 SR 120.

3. TEEING AREA'S AND STARTING TIMES

For the first two days of the competition the players may choose to tee-off from the yellow or the blue tees ; the choice of the tee must be communicated to the organisers at the time

¹ Chapman format : Each partner of a team tees off and each plays the other's ball for the second shots. The best of the second shots is selected and from there the two partners play alternate shot into the hole.



of the registration of the teams (see registration form). For the last day of the competition (Chapman), all players will start from the yellow tees.

The starting times for the first two days will be drawn up by the Committee and posted on the official notice board i.e. on the web site of the A.R.G.S.B. (www.argsb.be). The Committee will ensure that two pairs from the same senior golf association do not play together.

A shotgun tee-off will be organised for the 3rd day.

4. PLAYING HANDICAPS

The playing handicaps for the Net Stableford competition will be computed as follows :

- 1st day - Four-Ball : each player receives 90% of his course handicap.
- 2nd day - Single : each player receives 100 % of his course handicap.
- 3rd day - Chapman : each side receives the total of 60% of the lowest course handicap and 40% of the highest course handicap (rounded 0,5 upwards).

5. LOCAL RULES AND PIN POSITIONS

See separate documents.

6. TRANSPORTATION POLICY

Motorized transportation for players during the competition are not authorized; electrical trolleys are authorized. The Committee can authorise players presenting a medical certificate to use a transportation vehicle conforming to the conditions set down by the A.R.G.S.B.

7. PRIZES

There will be two rankings: one in Net Stableford and one in Gross Stableford.

For the 1st and 3rd day, all the scores will be retained (2 scores per day); for the 2nd day (singles) the three best individual scores of each team will be retained (3 scores).

The team who scores the highest total Stableford points (7 scores), either in net or in gross will be the winner of the Net Stableford competition or the Gross Stableford competition.

The **King Leopold III Challenge Trophy** will be awarded to the winning team of the Net Stableford competition and a trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Gross Stableford competition.

For the team results (three days of the competition) following individual prizes will be awarded to the team members:

- Net Stableford : first best result, second best result, third best result,
- Gross Stableford : first best result.

In case of a tie for the team results, the winner will be decided on the total of the three best results of the teams in the single competition; in case there is still a tie, the winner will be decided on the total of the best results of the teams of the last nine, the last six or last three holes of the single competition.

For the single competition (2nd day of the competition), following prizes will be awarded:

- Net Stableford : first best result,
- Gross Stableford : first best result.



In case of a tie for the single competition, the winner will be decided by matching scorecards.

In case a round has to be cancelled, the Challenge and the prizes will be awarded to the best results of the rounds (18 holes) or half the rounds (9 holes) completed by all teams.

8. DRESS CODE

Players are expected to adopt following dress code during the competition.

- **On the courses** : official play outfit of the team.
- **Opening cocktail** : official dress of the team, with name badge highly recommended.
- **Official diner** : official dress of the team, with name badge highly recommended (time for group photos).
- **Closing cocktail** : smart casual.

9. COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THE COMPETITION

Francis Meert – President of the A.R.G.S.B.

Michel Smeets – Captain of the A.R.G.S.B.

Jean-François Van Laethem – Past captain of the A.R.G.S.B.

Annick Nonnon – Secretary of the A.R.G.S.B.

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