



# Volvo Golf Champions

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The VOLVO GOLF CHAMPIONS, the European Tour's own 'Tournament of Champions', returns to Durban Country Club for a second consecutive year following the success of 2013.

As a true Tournament of Champions, featuring only players who have won during the previous year's European Tour schedule and those players from an exclusive group who have ten or more European Tour career wins, the Championship is one of the **European Tour's flagship events** with players now competing for a **total prize fund of US\$4,000,000** and the winner receiving a staggering US\$700,000\* and last place a guaranteed US\$44,000\*. Excluding Majors and WGC events this elevates the Championship to the top five or six events on the European Tour International Schedule.

**The Durban Country Club** is a renowned Championship course with an impressive résumé having hosted the South African Open on no less than 17 occasions and is considered one of the most unique and challenging courses in the world. It was recently voted one of the **Top 100 golf courses in the World by Golf Magazine USA**.

On Friday of the Championship, 'Playing with the Pros' takes place. The top finishers in the World Final of the Volvo World Golf Challenge – Volvo's event for customers held in 50 markets globally – will play in the actual Tournament, with one amateur playing with two professionals in each group. The professionals will continue to play individual strokeplay format, while the amateurs will play in a team competition with both professionals in their group forming their team. The best two scores of the three team members on each hole will count towards the team total and the winning Pros in the team competition will each win a brand new Volvo V40CC.

The Championship is **co-owned by Volvo and IMG**. Volvo is one of the most prolific and longest serving supporters of world golf, with 25 years experience in running world-class golf tournaments and has title-sponsored over 130 professional golf tournaments. IMG is the world's leading sports marketing agency that began in the 1960s with a handshake between founder Mark McCormack and the legendary Arnold Palmer to give birth to an industry and evolve into IMG. Today IMG is involved in every aspect of the sport on a global basis.

\* Figures are based on a 35-player field and are subject to change.

## Qualification Criteria

### Category (a):

Winners of all the fully sanctioned and co-sanctioned tournaments listed below which are all 2013 tournaments unless otherwise stated:

- 1 Volvo Golf Champions
- 2 Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship
- 3 Commercialbank Qatar Masters
- 4 Omega Dubai Desert Classic
- 5 Joburg Open
- 6 Africa Open
- 7 WGC - Accenture Match Play Championship
- 8 Tshwane Open
- 9 WGC – Cadillac Championship
- 10 Avantha Masters
- 11 Maybank Malaysian Open
- 12 Trophée Hassan II
- 13 The Masters
- 14 Open de Espana
- 15 Ballantine's Championship
- 16 Volvo China Open
- 17 Volvo World Match Play Championship
- 18 Madeira Islands Open
- 19 BMW PGA Championship
- 20 Nordea Masters
- 21 Lyonesse Open powered by Greenfinity
- 22 The US Open
- 23 Open Najeti Hotels and Golf, St Omer
- 24 BMW International Open
- 25 Irish Open
- 26 Alstom Open de France
- 27 Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open
- 28 The Open Championship
- 29 M2M Russian Open
- 30 WGC – Bridgestone Invitational

- 31 The US PGA Championship
- 32 Johnnie Walker Championship
- 33 ISPS Handa Wales Open
- 34 Omega European Masters
- 35 KLM Open
- 36 Lindt Italian Open
- 37 Alfred Dunhill Links Championship
- 38 Portugal Masters
- 39 Perth International
- 40 BMW Masters
- 41 WGC - HSBC Champions
- 42 Turkish Airlines Open
- 43 DP World Tour Championship
- 44 ISPS Handa World Cup of Golf  
*(individual and team event winners)*
- 45 South African Open
- 46 Alfred Dunhill Championship
- 47 Nedbank Golf Challenge
- 48 Hong Kong Open
- 49 Nelson Mandela Championship

### Category (b):

Winner of the 2013 European Tour Race to Dubai Rankings.

### Category (c):

Past winners of the Volvo Golf Champions under 50 years of age on the first day of the tournament.

### Category (d):

Players with 10 or more official Race to Dubai / European Tour Order of Merit tournament wins under 50\* years of age on the first day of the tournament.

\*NB. This age restriction in (d) does not apply to any Ranked European Tour member within 2014 Categories 1-10.

## Prize Money Breakdown

Based upon a 35 player field (subject to change)

	US\$		US\$		US\$
1	700,000	13	81,400	25	58,000
2	450,000	14	78,200	26	56,600
3	260,000	15	75,400	27	55,200
4	220,000	16	72,800	28	53,800
5	186,000	17	70,200	29	52,400
6	160,000	18	67,800	30	51,000
7	140,000	19	66,400	31	49,600
8	120,000	20	65,000	32	48,200
9	106,000	21	63,600	33	46,800
10	98,000	22	62,200	34	45,400
11	90,200	23	60,800	35	44,000
12	85,600	24	59,400		<b>4,000,000</b>

## Key Facts

### Date:

9-12 January, 2014

### Venue:

Durban Country Club, KwaZulu Natal Province, South Africa

### Prize Fund:

US\$4,000,000

### Defending Champion:

Louis Oosthuizen, South Africa

### Past Champions:

Paul Casey (2011)  
Branden Grace (2012)





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