



## THE 9<sup>TH</sup> SWAZI NOMADS NATIONALS – 16 TO 18 OCTOBER 2025

### “THE MDZIMBA CHALLENGE”

*(a call to compete in a contest!!)*

The Nomads Golf Club of Eswatini is proud to invite you to our 9th Nationals – the “Mdzimba Challenge”. Please see general information below.

The tournament will again be played on the picturesque golf course at the Ezulwini Golf & Country Club

This spectacular 18-hole, championship golf course is one of the most scenic locations found anywhere in the world, with a different view waiting to be enjoyed from every tee and green. The sweeping par 72 course, which was opened in 1966, is played off the men's tees to a length of 6166 metres. It has been laid out on the slopes of the Lebombo Range which curve gently down into the valley. The first nine holes are comparatively level, and the second nine fully exploits the mountainous terrain.

The Course Management and greenkeeping staff must again be applauded for continuing to maintain a high standard golf course, often under very challenging conditions. Thank you, Dave, Nico and Team.



### **Accommodation:**

The "Royal Swazi Valley Complex" remains closed so the main accommodation will be at the Happy Valley Hotel & Casino and Calabash Lodge & Restaurant. Further information will follow in a Bulletin.

### **Tournament Rates: R3275.00**

#### **Package Details:**

- Your tournament fee of E3275.00 covers the following:
- Two rounds of golf
- Two halfway house & drink
- One Snack & Two dinners
- Entertainment – Cowboy Bar/ Functions
- Prizes
- Badges
- Goody Bag
- Lucky Draws

#### **Rates:**

**Green fee: R250.00 (practice round 16/10/2025)**

**Carts: R350.00 per cart (no direct bookings with golf course – carts / caddies to be booked on entry form for practice and tournament play)**

**Caddie: R250.00 (rate includes halfway but excludes tip)**

### **Programme of Events (more details to follow later)**

#### **Thursday – 16/10/2024**

Registration at the Ezulwini Golf & Country Club (EG&CC) from 11h00.

Check into your respective hotels

Optional practice round.

18h00 - Flag raising at Ezulwini Golf & Country Club.

Welcome Snack at Clubhouse. (Partner / spouse rate: E115.00)

Evening at Leisure

## **Friday – 17/10/2024**

Day 1 Play – tee times TBA. (First tee time 05h50)

19h00 - Day 1 prize giving + dinner at Happy Valley Hotel– details & times TBA. (Partner / spouse dinner rate: R335.00)

## **Saturday – 18/10/2024**

Day 2 Play – tee times TBA. (First tee time 05h50)

18h00 -Flag lowering ceremony at Ezulwini Golf & Country Club.

19h00 - Day 2 & tournament prize giving + dinner at Happy Valley Hotel – details & times TBA. (Partner / spouse dinner rate: R390.00)

## **Shuttle Service between OR Tambo and Eswatini:**

Comfortable, reliable and affordable transport is available from South Africa to Eswatini.

Visit the following websites to obtain details and costs and to do your bookings. Current costs are +/- R800 for one way and +/-R1,500 for a return trip.

TransMagnific – [www.goswaziland.co.sz](http://www.goswaziland.co.sz)

Sky World Travel – [www.skyworld.co.sz](http://www.skyworld.co.sz)

Kings Travel – [www.kingstravel.africa](http://www.kingstravel.africa)

## **Additional Information:**

1. There is a **ZERO** tolerance as regards drinking and driving policy in Eswatini.
2. **A valid passport is required. Ensure that your passport is current with a minimum of 4 blank pages. Holders of other than SA passports may require an entry visa. Please check & make prior arrangements.**
3. At the border Eswatini road tax and temporary import permit per vehicle must be paid and completed (engine & chassis no's may be needed – keep your documents in the cubbyhole). Rate presently R100.00 for cars and R300.00 for buses – subject to change.
4. Oshoek border is open 24 hours. Lavumisa and Mahamba(Nhlangano) borders open at 07h00 and close at 22h00. Matsamo/Jeppesreef border opens at 07h00 and closes at 20h00.

## **General Information:**

Eswatini is a beautiful, peaceful and safe country inhabited by friendly and accommodating people. English is widely spoken and understood and the Rand is legal tender (notes not coins). The local currency is the Emalangeni which has parity with the Rand.

The water is generally fine to drink but if in doubt bottled water is readily available.

Eswatini is a low risk malaria area but bring your “peaceful sleep” along as there are mozzies.

The Ezulwini Valley is subtropical and precautions against dehydration and sun burn are advised.  
(Plenty fluids, hats and cream)

In order for your cell phone to work, you need to activate international roaming with your service provider.

**Shuttle Service:**

Airport Shuttles will be available to collect scheduled flights for your own account. We will require your flight arrangements so that collection schedules can be planned. A shuttle service will be provided between the golf course and designated accommodation establishments. Full information will be available closer to the date.

***Fellow Nomads***

***On behalf of our Captain, Tournament Committee and all Eswatini Nomads, we welcome you back to participate in our 9<sup>th</sup> Nationals in the “Valley of Heaven. “***

***We cannot wait to welcome you and your partners to experience our warm Swazi Culture and friendly hospitality!!***

**Kevin Connor**

*Nationals Coordinator 2025*

Nomads Eswatini