



# SCANDINAVIAN MIXED

Hosted by Henrik & Annika

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## Annika Sörenstam to tee it up at mixed event in Sweden

- Annika Sörenstam confirms she will tee it up alongside fellow tournament host Henrik Stenson at innovative mixed tournament in Sweden
- 78 men and 78 women will go head-to-head on the same course competing for one prize fund and one trophy
- Inaugural Scandinavian Mixed Hosted by Henrik & Annika will take place at Vallda Golf & Country Club in Gothenburg



Annika Sörenstam has announced she will tee it up on home soil for the first time in 13 years alongside fellow tournament host Henrik Stenson at the Scandinavian Mixed Hosted by Henrik and Annika at Vallda Golf & Country Club in Gothenburg from June 10-13, 2021.

During her 16-year Hall of Fame career, Sörenstam amassed 89 victories worldwide, including ten Major Championships before retiring in 2008 to start a family. The 50-year-old was initially announced as a non-playing host alongside Stenson for the inaugural edition of the event, scheduled to take place at Bro Hof Slott Golf Club in Stockholm in 2020, however it was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

After 13 years away from professional golf, Sörenstam made the cut in February this year at her first competitive outing at the Gainbridge LPGA at Lake Nona Golf and Country Club in Florida and will now return to action in Sweden this June following her last appearance on home soil at the 2008 Scandinavian TPC in Stockholm.

The eight-time Solheim Cup player's decision to join the field of 78 men and 78 women brings a new level of excitement to the innovative mixed tournament co-sanctioned by the European Tour and Ladies European Tour.

With a prize fund of €1,000,000 for the entire field and Official World Ranking points on offer for both Tours, plus Race to Dubai and Ryder Cup points for European Tour members, and Race to Costa del Sol and Solheim Cup points for the Ladies European Tour, [fans can register their interest to watch two of Sweden's greatest golfers in action here.](#)

"I'm excited to tee it up at the Scandinavian Mixed and to be back playing competitively in my home country of Sweden for the first time in 13 years," said Sörenstam.

"Since retiring in 2008 I have dedicated a lot of my time to the ANNIKA Foundation, which hosts seven global events for junior girls each year including the ANNIKA Invitational Europe which will be at Isaberg Golf Club in Sweden following this year's tournament, so I felt like it was a perfect opportunity to actually play in this historic event bringing women and men together in a combined professional tournament.

"It is another way to bring our game to the younger generation in Sweden and for those watching around the world, showcasing that golf is truly a game for everyone."

Stenson, an 11-time European Tour winner, added: "I'm delighted that Annika, one of the greatest golfers the world has ever seen, will be teeing it up at Vallda this June.

"It's going to be a great week and I'm sure a real thrill for all of the players in the field to have someone of Annika's stature playing in the tournament. I can't wait to see the dynamics of having both men and women going head-to-head for the same trophy and putting it all on the line come Sunday afternoon.

"Our hope is that through the Scandinavian Mixed, and many other golf tournaments, Annika and myself can help inspire the next generation of golfers in Sweden and around the world. The Henrik Stenson Foundation is committed to helping children with a dream by providing the initial spark to start them on their mission in life, with our initial focus on Paragolf and junior golf, delivering international events and scholarships highlighting the inclusive nature of our game.

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The European Tour is '**Driving Golf Further**' through our guiding principles of being **innovative, inclusive** and **global**.

**Innovative:** The European Tour is driving innovation in golf through the creation of award-winning content, pioneering tournament formats and the use of the latest technology and inventive fan engagement. We have recognised the need for golf to modernise for future fans and we are committed to engaging new audiences whilst respecting the tradition of our sport.

**Inclusive:** We are committed to include all who share a love for the game of golf. We are passionate about a closer collaboration with the women's game, disability golf and promoting the health benefits of playing golf.

**Global:** Since the European Tour was formed in 1972, players from 36 different countries have won tournaments, while our live broadcast reaches more than 490 million homes in more than 150 countries every week, generating in excess of 2,200 global broadcast hours for each event. We also enjoy the support of many of the world's leading business brands with Rolex, BMW, Callaway, DP World, Emirates and Workday as Official Partners.

The European Tour also manages the developmental Challenge Tour and the Legends Tour (formerly known as the Staysure Tour) which is the men's professional golf tour for members aged 50 and older.

The European Tour is also the Managing Partner of Ryder Cup Europe, the body which, alongside the PGA of America, administers golf's greatest team contest, the Ryder Cup.

### **About the Ladies European Tour**

The LET inspires women and girls to pursue their passion and realise their potential through the game of golf.

At our core, we aim to build and deliver an extensive competitive schedule of events to enable our strong, energetic, proud, and confident players to compete at the highest level, pursue their dreams and lead by example.

Our diverse and multicultural membership of 325 professional golfers represents as many as 38 countries. We are a global tour with roots in Europe.

We aim to entertain and excite, but also to enhance health and quality of life, as a responsible, committed and respectful partner.

**Inspiring** – our players are inspiring role models to follow and encourage others to pursue their own dreams.

**Passionate** – we are driven by a passion to perform to our full potential and get better every day. It's not just about the money or the glory, but a true love for the game.

**Committed** – we are fiercely committed to continuous improvement and recognise the grit that it takes to achieve long-term goals.

The 2021 LET season is the 43rd series of golf tournaments since the professional tour was founded in 1978 and marks the second edition of the Race to Costa Del Sol. This year's schedule includes 27 events in 19 different countries, including the Summer Olympics and the Solheim Cup, and a record-breaking prize fund of over €19 million.

The LET Access Series is the official development tour of the LET, formed to give players an opportunity to compete and progress onto the LET and achieve their dreams in professional golf.