



THE REPUBLIC BANK CARIBBEAN JUNIOR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

Hosted at: ST ANDREWS GOLF CLUB, MOKA, MARAVAL

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The 8th Republic Bank Caribbean Junior Open will take place at the St Andrews Golf Course from April 10-12, 2017. This year promises to be the biggest and best ever thanks to our major sponsor The Republic Bank of Trinidad & Tobago. Prior to the Caribbean Junior Open, The Republic Bank of Trinidad & Tobago sponsored the Trinidad and Tobago Junior Golf Open for 8 years. Their continued contribution towards the enhancement and development of the sport is extraordinary.

Eighteen foreign juniors have entered this year. They will be coming from Barbados, Guadeloupe, Jamaica, St Kitts, St Lucia and the Turks & Caicos. They add to the 30 Trinidad & Tobago juniors who have entered

In the boys 16-17 age group Sol Joanni will not be defending. The local contingent will be led by Sam Avey, Zach Correia and Brandon Matabadal. In the 16-17 girls Serena Mackenzie will be looking to defend the title she won last year but can expect stiff competition from the likes of Karina Matabadal, Sarah Ramphal and Seema Mungroo.

In the boys 14 to 15 age group the favorite is Barbadian Xavier Wiggins with Tobago's Ethan Baptiste expected to be his main competition.

The girls 14-15 age group the main competition is expected to be amongst Yeji Lee, Zoe Correia and Samantha Juteram. Lisa Daniel of St Lucia competing for the first time is of unknown ability as are Marika Caesar and Verissa Singh who has just move into this age group.

There are 19 boys competing in the under 13 age group, with Zico Correia and Chris Richards Jnr expected to lead the way for Trinidad & Tobago. They will

receive competition from the likes of Dario Sargeant and Dominic Jordan of Barbados, Theo Jean-Noel of Guadeloupe, Clayton Harridyal of St Kitts and Jamaica's Tristan Brown

There will also be competition on Monday for those juniors playing 3 holes, Tuesday for those playing 6 holes and Wednesday the 9 hole category. These latter competitions are for those juniors who are relative newcomers to the game

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