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Joaquín Niemann to make his BMW International Open debut.

+++ Joaquín Niemann (CHI) joins the strong field at the BMW International Open (1-5 July 2026) +++ Byeong-Hun An (KOR), Marco Penge (ENG), Abraham Ancer (MEX), Sebastián Muñoz (COL) and Josele Ballester (ESP) also tee off at GC München Eichenried +++ Finn Kölle and Thomas Georg Schmidt (both GER) start as amateurs +++

Munich. A good two weeks before the start of the BMW International Open (1-5 July), tournament organiser BMW is pleased to confirm more top golfers, who will be hoping to join the battle for the iconic title at Golfclub München Eichenried. Visitors should definitely keep an eye on Joaquín Niemann. There is no shortage of experts who see the 27-year-old golfer from Chile, who is making his BMW International Open debut, as a future major winner.

Niemann spent 44 weeks at the top of the amateur world rankings, before winning 21 tournaments as a pro, including two on the PGA TOUR and one on the DP World Tour. He also represented Chile at the Olympic Games in 2020 and 2024, finishing in the top ten on both occasions. Niemann finished in a tie for 18th place at last month's PGA Championship, underlining his place in the world elite. He will now be keen to show German golf fans what he is capable of for the first time.

Byeong-Hun An can also look back on an extremely successful amateur career, including being crowned US Amateur Champion in 2009 at the age of just 17. However, the South Korean has the upper hand over Niemann in one regard: he knows what it feels like to lift a BMW trophy. In 2015, he won the flagship tournament on the DP World Tour, the BMW PGA Championship, with the lowest winning score in the history of the tournament (-21) and by a massive six shots. 'Ben An', as he is known, is yet to triumph on the PGA TOUR, but the 34-year-old has narrowly missed out in a play-off on three occasions.

Visitors to the GC München Eichenried can also look forward to seeing a pro who, with three wins on the DP World Tour, was one of the best players of the previous season: Marco Penge from England. In fact, it was only a certain Rory McIlroy (NIR) who managed to finish ahead of the 28-year-old

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in the 2025 season rankings. Penge has established himself in the top 50 of the world rankings and is among the favourites to win the tournament in Munich this year.

The entry list for the 37th BMW International Open includes another two top players, who have both tasted victory on the PGA TOUR: Mexican Abraham Ancer and Sebastián Muñoz from Columbia. The Munich crowd can also look forward to Spaniard José Luis "Josele" Ballester. The 20-year-old is predicted to enjoy a dazzling future on the golf scene. Like Ben An, Ballester also won the US Amateur Championship (2024), as well as the Spanish (2020) and European (2023) amateur championships.

Two promising, talented German players will also tee off in Munich. Amateurs Finn Kölle and Thomas Georg Schmidt will make their BMW International Open debut. For emphatic proof of what is possible in this role, they need look no further than Tim Wiedemeyer, who last year thrilled the crowd in Munich with a fine 17th place.

Tickets for the BMW International Open are available at:

www.bmw-golfsport.com/tickets

Discounted tickets are available for young people (15-17 years), students and people with disabilities. The ticket price includes a free shuttle bus service between Ismaning S-Bahn station and the golf club from Thursday to Sunday, as well as free parking at the tournament site, subject to availability. Admission to the Pro-Am tournament (Wednesday, 1 July 2026) is generally free. Children and young people up to and including the age of 14 also have free admission on all other days. For the first time, the BMW International Open 2026 will offer an after-work ticket for Thursday or Friday, which is valid from 3 pm and is available at half the price of a day ticket.



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