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## TERMS of COMPETITIONS

These Terms of Competition, together with any additions or amendments published by the Cyprus Golf Federation (CGF) at the golf course, will apply to all events run by the CGF.

***Each Competitor is strongly advised to thoroughly read all CGF documentation.***

### 1. Eligibility

Players must meet the eligibility provisions established in the relevant Conditions of Entry for the specific event.

### 2. Player Conduct/Expected Behaviour

CGF in all its competitions, will be expecting standards of behaviour in line with Rule 1.2.

#### 1.2a Conduct Expected of All Players

All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity – for example, by following the Rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
- Showing consideration to others – for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player.
- Taking good care of the course – for example, by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.

There is no penalty under the Rules for failing to act in this way, except that the Committee may disqualify a player for acting contrary to the spirit of the game if it finds that the player has committed Serious Misconduct.

Please refer to a copy of the full policy displayed at Check-in and/or Tournament Noticeboard. This gives examples of Serious Misconduct.

### 3. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play from the Tournament Committee. Please ensure you obtain a copy of the Pace of Play Policy and read it carefully before playing.

#### PENALTY FOR BREACH OF POLICY:

1 Bad Time      Verbal warning from referee and told that if he/she has a further Bad Time he/she will be penalised

	<u>Stroke Play</u>	<u>Match Play</u>
2 Bad Times	One Stroke Penalty	One Stroke Penalty
3 Bad Times	Additional Two Penalty Strokes	Loss of Hole
4 Bad Times	Disqualification	Disqualification

#### **4. Suspension and Resumption of Play**

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

One prolonged note of a horn/siren	☞	Immediate stop for imminent danger
Three consecutive notes of a horn/siren	☞	Stop for non-dangerous situation
Two consecutive notes of a horn/siren	☞	Resumption of play

**Note:** When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be closed immediately.

#### **5. Practice (Rule 5.2)**

- a. In match play, Rule 5.2a is modified in this way: A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds.
- b. In stroke play, Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds.

**Exception:** All recognised practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by the players for practice on any day of the competition.

#### **6. CGF Referees, Officials, Marshals, and Ball Spotters**

- a. Provided by CGF for some of its events. Instructions by a CGF Referee; Tournament Director or an authorised CGF Official **MUST** be followed - identifiable by the relevant armband.
- b. If a Referee is not available, the player is required to announce and play two balls, the original ball plus a second ball to allow for penalty strokes after play is completed. The Rules of Golf explain the procedure.

#### **7. Caddies**

If Caddies have been allowed for an event (Refer to the Conditions of Entry), the Caddy must conduct themselves in the same manner expected of the player.

#### **8. Transportation – Please refer to the Conditions of Entry**

Buggies Not Allowed - During a round, a player or caddy must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee. The player gets the General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.

A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of Stroke and Distance is always authorised to ride on motorised transportation if this is available and does not delay play.

Buggies Allowed - The specific event Conditions of Entry clearly state when buggies are permitted.

#### **9. Electronic Devices (Mobile Phones, Tablets, Lasers, etc...)**

Distance Measuring Devices/GPS are permitted for the measurement of distances only. These include laser range finders; hand-held electronic GPS devices/smart phones etc. Any slope functionality must be disabled.

Phones and other communication devices may be used for emergency purposes or contacting on course referees for a ruling. Any other use is **absolutely prohibited, even if in silent mode. NO SMS messages or phone calls are allowed during play (whether incoming or outgoing).**

### **10.Spectators**

With the specific exception of helping to search for a lost ball, spectators (team managers, relatives, friends, unofficial photographers, etc.) following play are prohibited from interacting with or offering advice to players.

Spectators are observers only and must not walk in close proximity to players, must not communicate in any manner with them or interfere with any officials performing their duties during the competition rounds.

Rule 10.2a - The player is at risk of incurring 2 penalty strokes where advice from a spectator is given, even if the advice was not requested.

### **11.Advice in Team Competitions (Rule 24)**

Each team may name one advice giver whom players in the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round. The team must identify each advice giver to the Committee before any player on the team begins their round. Penalty for breach of this Rule – Disqualification.

### **12.Anti-Doping**

Players are required to comply with the Anti-Doping Policy that is established by the International Golf Federation.

### **13.Returning of Scorecard**

All Player's in a flight must report to the Scoring Desk/Station together with their completed Scorecard **as soon as they** leave the course.

A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the Scoring area with both feet.

### **14.Deciding Ties**

The method of deciding ties is stated in the Conditions of Entry for each competition.

### **15.Results of Match or Tournament – Competition Closed**

- a. Match Play - The result of a match is officially announced when it has been recorded with the Tournament Office.
- b. Stroke Play - When the trophy is presented to the winner, the results of the competition are officially announced, and the competition is closed. See c. below.
- c. However – Where an official error has been made the Committee is authorised to rectify the mistake and award the trophy/prize to the correct competitor according to the revised Official Classification. That decision is final.