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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, expect 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. Live Scoring

In some of the CGF competitions, live scoring will be in operation. Players must cooperate and fully comply with live scoring requirements.

4. 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. Before play, please ensure you carefully read the Pace of Play Policy (this can be found on the general noticeboard).

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

5. 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.

6. Practice (Rule 5.2) – to ensure parity for all competitors

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

7. 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. (Rule 20.1)
- c. Players should indicate the direction of their golf ball to assist the Ball Spotters on that hole

8. Caddies

Generally, Caddies are allowed. However, due to logistics at some venues (e.g. Buggy only course) Caddies will not be permitted (Refer to the Conditions of Entry). Exceptionally, a Registered Disabled Competitor is permitted a Caddie at buggy only courses.

Competitors must ensure they and their Caddy understand what they can and cannot do during play. Specific defined details will be issued before the event including any restriction of duties.

In all cases a Caddy must report and Register themselves before play and must conduct themselves in the same manner expected of the player, including any penalties.

9. Transportation – Please refer to the Conditions of Entry

Walking Only Competition (Buggies Not Allowed) - During a round, a player or caddie 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.

Registered Disabled Competitors – May use a buggy in a Walking Only competition.

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

10. 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/wind speed functionality must be disabled.

Phones and other communication devices – the use of phones is permitted; however, devices must be in “silent” mode. Players must ensure they do not distract other golfers or cause a delay in play. Phone calls should only be for emergency purposes or contacting on-course referees for ruling.

11. 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.

12. Advice in Team Competitions (Rule 24.4)

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. Only amateur golfers are permitted to be advice givers. Advice givers (including Captains) are not permitted on the putting green.

Penalty for breach of Rule – Player General Penalty (2 shots) and/or Expulsion of Advice Giver.

13. Anti-Doping

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

14. Returning of Scorecard

All Player's in a flight must promptly report to the Scoring Desk/Station together with their completed, checked and signed 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.

15. Deciding Ties

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

16. 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.

17. Caddies in CGF Events (where caddies are allowed)

In CGF events where caddies are allowed, **Caddies must register**, on each day of a Tournament, with the Tournament Registrar. They will be given an armband, which must be worn to be recognized as an authorised caddy.

Local Rule – Advice or comment given by caddies must be solely to their player. It must also be proportionate, and must not intrude upon, impact or delay the actions of other players. (Breach of local rule – general penalty).

A player is responsible for his or her caddie's actions both during a round and while play is stopped, but not before or after a round. Any penalties accrue to the player.

Actions allowed (10.3b)

- Give information, advice and other help before a stroke is made (10.2.a and b).
- Carry, transport, and handle the player's clubs and other equipment (including driving a cart or pulling a trolley).
- Search for a player's ball (Rule 7.1).
- Smooth bunkers or take other actions to care for the course. (Rules 8.2 Exception, 8.3 exception and 12.2b(2) & (3)).
- Remove sand and loose soil and repair damage on the putting green (Rule 13.1c).
- Remove or attend the flagstick (Rule 13.2b).
- Mark the spot of the player's ball and lift and replace on the putting green (Rules 14.1b Exception and 14.2b).
- Clean the player's ball (Rule 14.1c).
- Remove loose impediments and movable obstructions (Rules 15.1 and 15.2).

Actions not allowed (10.3b (3))

- Deliberately stand on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the player's ball when the player begins taking a stance for the stroke and until the stroke is made. (Rule 10.2b 4, or take other actions prohibited by Rule 10.2 b).
- Replace a ball unless the caddie had lifted or moved the ball (Rule 14.2b).
- Drop or place a ball in a relief area (Rule 14.3).
- Decide to take relief for any legitimate cause – the caddie can advise but the player must decide.