



3.3 Worldwide international sport regulations

1. General

- 1.1** These sport regulations apply, as well as the “worldwide general international rules”, to all tournaments of the types set out in clause 3, unless the WMF has stipulated to the contrary in separate regulations of procedure.
- 1.2** National regulations for tournaments, over and above these regulations, also apply to international tournaments if the active member concerned stipulates it. Any such information must be accessible to all competitors.
- 1.3** Contradictory national regulations do not apply.

2. Entitlement to play

- 2.1** Each active member whose players take part in competitions under the jurisdiction of the WMF is obliged to ensure that its players have appropriate and verifiable proof of entitlement to play (a document, e.g.: a player's pass).
- 2.2** A player is entitled to play for only one club, one regional team and/or one national association. This does not affect national regulations regarding players on loan.
- 2.3** Foreign players at international tournaments should be able to show a document proving entitlement to play there and then. Players' entitlement to play must be checked by the head referee or the authority of the responsible active member empowered to do so. If entitlement to play cannot be proved at the tournament, this should be done within 4 weeks or the player concerned is disqualified. His active member must be informed. To players from the country where the tournament is being staged are national regulations applied.
- 2.4** The issue of a players' pass by an active member must be announced to the WMF by both active members involved, if the player concerned was active for another active member before. The WMF keeps a database of players moving from one active member to another.
- 2.5** The announcing active member and the WMF must obtain the release of the active member for which the player concerned had previously been active.

- 2.6** Players may only change clubs over national borders during one of the two designated “transfer windows”. These “transfer windows” run from August 1st to August 31st and from December 1st to December 31st in any given year. The player becomes entitled to play for the club in the new active member on September 1st or January 1st, which means the first day after closing the respective “transfer window”. Until receiving entitlement to play for the new club the player may continue for the previous club if the player is still a member there.
- 2.7** For transferring across national borders outside the „transfer window“, the player concerned receives a 3 month suspension. The suspension has to be published and announced to the player and the both active members concerned.
- 2.8** A player can change clubs between two active members only once within 12 months.
- 2.9** To play in a team league / team championship of a foreign active member and in the continental cups for which the foreign team is qualified a club can lend a player to a foreign club. The lending must be agreed for at least 12 months and can be arranged only during a transfer window. Also the lending must be approved by both active members concerned and must be announced to the WMF. The lending only applies for one defined team league / team championship and the possible continental cups during the loan period. For all other competitions the player has the entitlement to play only for his home club.
- 2.10** A player who is lent out to another club is not allowed to play in a team league / team championship or in a continental cup for his home club during the loan period. He is only allowed to play other team competitions as a player of his home club.
- 2.11** In tournaments for national teams players only have the entitlement to play for the nation of their own citizenship.
- 2.12** If a player has a dual citizenship, it is only possible to change from one national association to another once within 3 years.

3. Types of tournament

- 3.1** The following types of tournament can be distinguished at international level:
- Championship tournaments
 - International matches
 - Cup competitions
 - International tournaments

- 3.2** The following are the championship tournaments at present:
- World Championships (general class)
 - World Games (general class)
 - Continental Championships (general class)
 - Youth World Championships
 - Youth Continental Championships (open)
 - Continental Senior Championships (open)
- 3.3** International matches are competitions between national teams, which must be selected by the respective active members.
- 3.4** The following are the cup competitions at present:
- Nations Cup (general class)
 - Youth Nations Cup
 - Senior Nations Cup
 - Continental Cups (e.g. European Cup)
- 3.5** International tournaments are all tournaments at which teams or more than 6 players from other active members (and outside the border area) take part. For the extraordinary situation of clubs, whose minigolf courses are located no more than 30 km from the border of another active member, players and teams of these active members are additionally allowed to participate in national tournaments in this border area (30 km) without limits.
- 3.6** In order to appear in the international calendar, international tournaments must be registered with the WMF sport director by the responsible active member, giving the date of the tournament, by latest December 31st of the year before the tournament is to be held. International tournaments which are announced earlier are published by WMF beginning with 1st October. Only those tournaments which appear in the international calendar can be considered international tournaments.
- 3.7** For naming of tournaments in the sphere of the WMF, “World”, “European” (or other Continental), “International championships”, or similar titles must not be used without permission of the WMF.
- 3.8** International tournaments can be promoted by active members themselves, subordinated organisations of active members, as well as by clubs affiliated to the WMF through an active member.

4. Tournament announcement

- 4.1** A tournament announcement containing all the important details of the event must be drawn up for every tournament.
- 4.2** A tournament announcement must contain the following details:
- Promoter
 - Type of tournament
 - Venues (courses)
 - Types of competition, giving the categories (individual and team) as well as the size of teams
 - Procedure
 - Entitlement to play
 - Beginning and length of tournament
 - Entry fees
 - Prizes
 - Date of completion of the facilities for the purposes of practice (this must be no less than 14 days before the beginning of the tournament)
 - Entry and payment deadlines
 - A note that, as always, the binding WMF rules and regulations apply for the type of tournament announced
 - Announcements of international tournaments and international matches must contain the following note: "This tournament is registered with the WMF."

5. Fees

- 5.1** Tournaments in clause 3 are subject to a charge payable to the WMF by the organizing active member. The fees are listed in the WMF list of charges.
- 5.2** The fees become subject to payment upon the registration of the tournament with the WMF sport director or if this was omitted, with publication and sending out of the announcement.
- 5.3** All fees are to be paid for the whole year by April 30th. The active member responsible for the organiser is liable for the payment of debts to the WMF.
- 5.4** Active members are able to demand from the organizers an additional fee of their own.

6. Rounds and criteria for categories

- 6.1** International tournaments must have at least 3 rounds in individual competitions, and 2 rounds in team competitions. At least 2 rounds must be prescribed for all participants.
- 6.2** Semi- and summary final rounds with a reduced number of participants can be allowed from the 3rd round onwards. However, the number of qualified players in a category must never drop below 3.
- 6.3** A category can only be allowed if at least 4 players or 3 teams play in it.

7. Starting and time schedules

Starting and time schedules should be posted for the first round at a clearly visible place on the course by 7 p.m. the day before.

8. Limits on numbers of competitors

The number of competitors should be limited appropriately according to the capacity of the facilities and the time available for the tournament. Entries will be disregarded if they arrive after the closing date. When there is a limit on numbers, entries will be accepted according to the date they were sent until the quota is filled.

9. Practice

9.1 The head referee is acting already during official practice time to take care of the rules. If he is not present yet, he should nominate a responsible person as his representative.

9.2 The tournament facilities should be closed for public use at least one day before the beginning of the tournament until 6 p.m. and be exclusively available for practice. For international championships the facilities have to be closed according to regulations and invitations concerned.

9.3 During official practice time all players have to wear official clothes of the regarding team or organization.

9.4 The tournament facilities must be opened for practice 60 minutes before the scheduled beginning of the tournament. In tournaments with several tournament groups, the course must be opened for practice 30 minutes before the beginning of a following tournament group, thereof 15 minutes with all holes.

9.5 A short playing-in time on the first lane should be available at every tournament. Before a shotgun start a short playing-in time must be given on the respective starting lane.

10. Practice and registration fees

Practice and registration fees commensurate with costs can be charged in the national currency.

11. Spectators

Any supervisory board such as the refereeing committee or the jury can allow spectators admission to the courses during a competition.

12. Playing aids

Wind shields used at international championships have to be transparent.

13. Prizes

Prizes should do justice to the significance of an international tournament, but need not be unreasonably costly.

14. Result lists

14.1 Result lists should be drawn up as quickly as possible and sent to the WMF sport director and all participating clubs and their respective active members within 3 weeks. Alternatively it can be published on a website, which is defined in the invitation.

14.2 Official colour codes for round results are:
concrete: 18-24 blue, 25-29 green, 30-35 red, 36-126 black
miniaturegolf: 18-19 blue, 20-24 green, 25-29 red, 30-126 black
felt: 18-29 blue, 30-35 green, 36-39 red, 40-126 black
MOS: 18-29 blue, 30-35 green, 36-39 red, 40-126 black

15. Sportswear

Sports shoes and uniform team sports clothing appropriate for minigolf are required during official practice time and tournament. Only sports hats are allowed. This regulation is valid for the tournaments listed in the chapters 3.2., 3.3. and 3.4 of these regulations.