

## 3.4 Regulations for the homologation of balls used for minigolf



### Preface

In order to maintain even playing conditions and to avoid competitive advantages the implementation of the following homologation regulations have become necessary.

#### 1. Use and material

- 1.1 In competitions played under the auspices of the WORLD MINIGOLF SPORT FEDERATION and its active members (national federations, clubs, sports institutions), only balls which are homologated under WMF rules and regulations may be used.
- 1.2 Once homologated, balls may be used as long as they continue to be suitable (according to the rules) and, in case of golf balls, the validity period did not expire.
- 1.3 Only balls which are produced for minigolf sport are allowed to play. Golf balls are allowed provided that the balls are approved.

#### 2. Agreement between producer/distributor and WMF

- 2.1 The homologation of balls is based on these regulations and a written agreement between a producer or a distributor of balls (contracting party).
- 2.2 The agreement is based on a lump-sum payment plus a variable payment due by the contracting party. The agreements shall be reviewed periodically and amended from time to time.

#### 3. Allowed balls

- 3.1 Minigolf balls released until 30 September 2006

Minigolf balls released to the market prior to 30 September 2006 ("old balls") are allowed to play during competitions without any restrictions, unless they do not fit with the technical attributes of WMF.

### **3.2** Minigolf balls released on or after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006

Minigolf balls released to the market on or after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2006 (“new balls”) are allowed to play during competitions without any restrictions, provided that,

- they fit with the technical attributes of WMF;
- they are listed in an official list of approved balls.

### **3.3** Golf balls

**3.3.1** Golf balls do not benefit from the privilege granted to old balls.

**3.3.2** The validity period of golf balls is three (3) years (year printed on golf ball plus 2 years). The validity of the golf ball expires on 31<sup>st</sup> December of the last year.

## **4. Registration of new balls**

**4.1** The contracting party registers new balls with exact details of the trade description and including technical data (size, hardness, bounce height).

**4.2** The registration procedure is decided by the WMF official responsible for the listing of the balls. The registration may take place for example by submitting the data online to a database or by submitting an electronic document (excel sheet and the like).

**4.3** If provided by the valid agreement between the contracting party and WMF, one example of every ball shall be sent in free of charges to the address nominated by the WMF.

## **5. Monitoring within the WMF and its Members**

**5.1** The officers of the WMF and its active members, especially members of the board of referees, are to ensure that only permitted balls or homologated balls are used in play.

**5.2** Active members who do not participate in the homologation system, or do not enforce compliance with the homologation regulations in their national competitions, shall receive no funds from the WMF homologation or sponsorship receipts.

## **6. Information about and distribution of ball homologation fee**

**6.1** The Executive Committee shall inform the active members about the income cashed based on the ball homologation.

**6.2** The Executive Committee has decided to distribute the fees cashed from contracting parties as follows:

- 30% remains with WMF
- 25% remitted to Members in equal parts
- 25% remitted to Members according to member statistics (licensed members)
- 20% are reserved for projects of members

## **7. Authority**

The Executive Committee of the WMF may amend these homologation regulations.

## **8. Concluding resolutions**

These homologation regulations were passed by the delegates' conference at Papendal (NED), 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1999. They came into force on **1<sup>st</sup> January 2000**.

Meanwhile, these regulations have been amended by the Executive Committee on August 19, 2006, May 11, 2008 and March 29, 2009.