

### 3.6 Regulations for the World- and Continental Championships



#### 1. Preface

In accordance with decisions of WMF and bodies of Continental Federations the Championships take place as follows:

In years ending in an odd number (2007, 2009, ...)

World Championships general class (4<sup>th</sup> weekend of August)

World Games (2009, 2013, ...)

Youth European Championships (open) (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of August)

Senior European Championships (open) (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of August)

In years ending in an even number (2008, 2010, ...)

Continental Championships general class (4<sup>th</sup> weekend of August)

Youth World Championships (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of August)

Senior European Championships (open) (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of August)

(For clarification: If the 1<sup>st</sup> August is a Sunday, this weekend is not counted as the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of August).

In years of Olympic Summer Games or other very important events, the date of the Championships can be changed. The new date has to be agreed with the organizer and declared by the WMF Executive Committee latest two years in advance.

Awarding of the Championships is done by the responsible Delegates' Conference not later than four years before the Championships. If Championships are not awarded in this way the awarding will be done by the responsible Executive Committee. The awardings are based on recommendations of WMF Technical Commission supported by Youth Commission for Youth Championships. The awarding becomes valid with a written contract between WMF / Continental Federation and active member and local organizer. A detailed checklist is part of the contract.

The competition takes 4 days and begins on Wednesday.

Arrangements for the World Games are to be decided separately in accordance with IWGA and the World Games organizer.

Mode and date for Asian or American Championships can vary depending on possibilities of the organizer, number of participants, climate and other reasonable circumstances.

## 2. Types of tournament

### 2.1 Team Championships

#### 2.1.1 Women 3 players and 1 substitute

Teams of general class may include seniors and/or female youth (no female kids). However no more than 2 players of the women's team may belong to youth category. Also no more than 2 players may belong to the seniors category.

Youth teams may include kids and youth.

#### 2.1.2 Men 6 players and 1 substitute

Teams of general class may include seniors and/or male youth (no male kids). However no more than 3 players of the men's team may belong to youth category. Also no more than 3 players may belong to the seniors category.

Youth teams may include kids and youth.

### 2.2 Individual Championships

#### 2.2.1 Women No female kids are allowed to start.

#### 2.2.2 Men No male kids are allowed to start.

## 3. Entitlement to play

### 3.1 All active members of the WMF are entitled to play providing they have fulfilled their obligations to the WMF / the responsible Continental federation. Each active member can field the following:

#### 3.1.1 1 women's team

#### 3.1.2 1 men's team

#### 3.1.3 4 female players (for general class: youth and seniors playing in the team championships are included in the women's open category for the relevant World/Continental Championships)

#### 3.1.4 7 male players (for general class: youth and seniors playing in the team championships are included in the men's (open) category for the relevant World/Continental Championships)

## 3.2 Other points

- 3.2.1 An active member, which does not field its full allocation of players in one category has no right to field extra players in another category.
- 3.2.2 Teams must be composed of registered individual players.
- 3.2.3 The responsible Executive Committee can approve, on application, the participation of players from nations, that are not yet active members of the WMF.

## 4. Procedure

### 4.1 General

The championships contain three different competitions:

- a) Individual championships in strokeplay
- b) Individual championships in matchplay
- c) Team championships

The individual champions in strokeplay are determined in preliminary rounds, 2 intermediate and 2 final rounds.

The team champions are determined in these preliminary rounds of the individual championships in strokeplay. The scores in the preliminary rounds for the individual championships in strokeplay count simultaneously for the team championships.

The preliminary and intermediate rounds of the individual championships in strokeplay count for the qualification to the individual championships in matchplay.

#### 4.1.1 Preliminary rounds

The participants are divided into two groups (women and men), which start on different courses.

Women should be one group and men the other group. The responsible tournament director (WMF/Continental sport director) can on purpose also build up groups with similar size.

Within the groups, pairings of 3 players are to be drawn. Individual players start before the team players, substitutes after the team players.

Pairings should be made up of players representing at least 2 different active members, and if possible 3 different active members.

Players representing the different active members are entered into the draw in the playing order, in which they are registered by their active members.

Within pairings the order of play changes after every round according to the following pattern:

1 - 2 - 3  
2 - 3 - 1  
3 - 1 - 2

Before the second competition day the pairings are revised.

All female players (first individuals, then teams ranked 7<sup>th</sup> or lower with substitutes and finally leading 6 teams with substitutes) start on one course, all male players (first individuals, then teams ranked 7<sup>th</sup> or lower with substitutes and finally leading 6 teams with substitutes) on the other course.

For both categories pairings of the leading 6 teams are formed as shown in the table below.

pairings 1-14

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
6/1	3/1	6/2	3/2	6/3	3/3	6/4	3/4	6/5	3/5	6/6	3/6	6/E	3/E
5/1	2/1	5/2	2/2	5/3	2/3	5/4	2/4	5/5	2/5	5/6	2/6	5/E	2/E
4/1	1/1	4/2	1/2	4/3	1/3	4/4	1/4	4/5	1/5	4/6	1/6	4/E	1/E

#### 4.1.2 Qualification for the intermediate and final rounds of the individual championships in strokeplay

The intermediate and final rounds are played on the third competition day.

All players of the preliminary rounds are qualified automatically for the 2 intermediate rounds (one on each course). The scores of the preliminary rounds are added to the scores of the intermediate rounds. The intermediate rounds are played with rolling start from lane 1.

The best 15 male players and the best 9 female players after the intermediate rounds are qualified for the final rounds (one on each course). The scores of the preliminary and intermediate rounds are added to scores of the final rounds. The final rounds are played with rolling start from lane 1.

In case of a tie on place 15/9, all players with the same result are qualified.

In case of any delay due to bad weather conditions or other reasons the regulations have to be determined in the official invitation concerned.

### **4.1.3 Qualification for the individual championships in matchplay**

The individual championships in matchplay are played on the fourth competition day.

The best 32 male players and the best 16 female players after the intermediate rounds are qualified for the championships in matchplay. In case of a tie on place 32/16, a sudden-death between the players with the same result is played directly after the end of the last qualification round, beginning at lane 1 at the course played last by this category.

The detailed mode and the table of the play-offs is decided by WMF Technical Committee and is published in the official invitation for the World/Continental Championships.

## **4.2 courses**

**4.2.1** World / Continental Championships are held on two different of the following courses:

- minigolf
- miniaturegolf
- feltgolf
- minigolf open standard

If there are no applications for such combinations, the responsible bodies can decide for other applications.

**4.2.2** Courses and location have to be defined in the application during the awarding procedure for the championships

## **4.3 rounds, mode and team size of team competition**

The details are decided by WMF Technical Committee and published with the official invitation. They should guarantee, that teams from all active members can participate at the World/Continental Championships as long as possible by following actions in the following order:

- control of time per stroke
- shot gun start on competition days 1 and 2
- reduction of the number of rounds for team competition from 8 to 6
- reduction of men's team size from 6+1 to 5+1

## **5. The refereeing committee**

The WMF Technical Commission stipulates the refereeing committee required according to WMF rules.

## **6. Inspections**

### **6.1 Pre-inspection**

A pre-inspection of the tournament courses must be carried out by a representative of WMF Technical Committee latest by 30<sup>th</sup> April of the year, in which the championship is to be held. This is also the absolutely last date, where the courses have to be completed by the organizer and suitable for tournament use.

### **6.2 Inspection**

The courses should be inspected by the responsible WMF/Continental sport director resp. WMF youth officer for Youth championships, the present members of WMF Technical Committee and the tournament organizer. This inspection must be carried out at the latest 4 days before the first competition day. The purpose of the inspection is, to establish any shortcomings with the course or peculiarities of construction. The captains of the participating active members have the right to report noticed peculiarities to the responsible sport director / youth officer in written form until the beginning of the inspection. The result of the inspection should be written down immediately. Decisions have to be implemented by the organizer as soon as possible.

Any questions concerning interpretation of the rules should be dealt with during the inspection.

Special observations or remarks on the peculiarities of the lanes should be communicated to the captains of the participating active member' delegations and published in an appropriate place for all participants to see.

## **7. Entry to the tournament course**

**7.1** Only the jury, referees, lane referees, tournament organizers, coaches and players in the process of completing a round are allowed entry to the course during a tournament. The head referee can authorise the presence of other people on the course, if good reasons are presented.

**7.2** They can only enter the tournament course when they can be identified as such. Notice should be posted of the kind of identification to be worn.

## **8. Press - Radio - Television**

Members of the press, radio, and television are allowed on the course. An escort is appointed by the head referee to make sure that the smooth running of the tournament is not disturbed in any way.

## **9. Coaches**

During the tournament two coaches are allowed on each course per active member (this includes active players not actually playing at the time). Coaches must wear their active member's sports clothing. The same code of conduct with regard to sporting behaviour applies to them as to the active players.

## **10. Practice**

Official active members' practice takes place from Friday to the Tuesday immediately before the championships. A separate practice programme should be published and sent to the active members right in time before the beginning of practice.

On official practice days the tournament courses have to be closed to the public during official practice hours. On tournament days the courses have to be closed to the public until end of play.

Practice fees for the official practice are included in the entry fees. The fees for a practice session before the official practice days must be published in the official invitation.

Smoking is not allowed on the course during the official practice.

## **11. Playing-in time**

### **11.1 General playing-in time**

The general playing-in time ends 15 minutes before the beginning of competition.

### **11.2 Playing-in time at the respective starting hole**

Each pairing has a playing-in time before starting each round. The playing-in time begins with the starter's call and ends with the starter's order. In case of shotgun start the headreferee is calling the playing in time.

## **12. Entry fees**

The entry fees are determined by the WMF/Continental federation's list of charges. Entry fees are to be paid according to the official invitation.

### 13. Prizes and awards

- Teams: Cups for the World/Continental Champions.  
Medals in gold, silver and bronze for all members of the leading 3 teams (including substitutes) and their respective coaches (in total women 6, men 9).
- Individuals: Cups for the World/Continental Champions.  
Medals in gold, silver and bronze for the first 3 placed players in each category.

Additional awards by the organizer are very welcome.

### 14. Entries

#### 14.1 Binding, numerical entries:

These are to be submitted by May 31<sup>st</sup> on an official form to the WMF/Continental sport director.

#### 14.2 Entries by name:

These must be submitted no later than the Monday, two days before the beginning of the championships, on an official form to the tournament organizers. For detailed regulations see official invitation.

### 15. Payment

The entry fees are to be paid in Euro into WMF account stated in the official invitation no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May. Delay is charged with additional 25% of the entry fees.

### 16. Jury

The jury comprises 3 members. They should come from different active members and are appointed by the WMF/Continental sport director resp. WMF youth officer for Youth championships.

#### 16.1 Duties and powers of the Jury:

**16.1.1** Monitoring of the overall running of the tournament and the tournament organization. Members of the jury can intervene at their own discretion if they find, or are told of, irregularities. They may impose the penalties laid down in the rules.

**16.1.2** Ruling on protests against the refereeing committee.

**16.1.3** Ruling on abandoning of the tournament.

**16.1.4** Ruling on classification of competitors, if the tournament is abandoned.

**16.2** All members of the jury must be accessible throughout the tournament.

**16.3** Jury members cannot be active in any other capacity (as players, coaches or members of the refereeing committee) during the World/Continental Championships.

## **17. General rules and regulations**

The WMF worldwide general international rules and the WMF regulations apply in as far as these regulations stipulate nothing to the contrary.