

**Polish Golf Union**  
**General Conditions**  
**Polish Championships 2022**

**1. The Tournament Committee**

- a. The Tournament Committee consists of 3 to 5 people. The Tournament Committee consists of: Tournament Director, Tournament Chief Referee and Field Representative (where the Tournament is played). The committee may be enlarged by 1 or 2 persons indicated by the PGU. The composition of the Tournament Committee will be made public no later than the day before the tournament starts.
- b. The Tournament Committee may alter the terms of the tournament no later than on the day of the training round or - in justified cases, during the competition (according to the rules in the Committee Procedures found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf (2019 edition)).

**2. Eligible to play in tournaments**

Amateurs according to the definition of "Amateur golfer" contained in the Rules of Amateur Status (2022 edition):

- a. Players associated in PGU member clubs, holding a valid handicap card on the day of registration for the tournament, issued by the PGU,
- b. Players who have a valid handicap card issued by other national golf associations / federations, provided that they have a current, official handicap confirmation delivered to the Competition Office on the training day at the latest or by sending an e-mail to the e-mail address [turnieje@polski.golf](mailto:turnieje@polski.golf).

**Exception: Players affiliated to the member clubs of the Russian Golf Federation and the Belarusian Golf Federation will not be allowed to compete in the PGU tournaments in the 2022 season.**

**3. Age categories**

- a. Sports competition as part of the Championship Tournaments is organized in the following age categories:

*Senior groups*

- Master senior: 66 years and older (born before 1957)
- Senior: 51-65 years old (born 1957-1971)
- Mid-Amateur: 26-50 years old (born 1972-1996)
- 19-25 (born 1997-2003)
  - i. Youth: 19-23 years old (born 1999-2003)

*Junior groups*

- Junior U18: 16-18 years old (born 2004-2006)
  - Junior U16: 13-15 years old (born 2007-2009)
  - Junior U12: 11-12 years old (born 2010-2011)
- b. In justified cases, the Board of the Polish Golf Union, at the request of the home club, may permanently transfer the player to the immediately higher age category (without the right to return in subsequent years). The application must be positively assessed by the doctor issuing the certificate in accordance with the applicable legal regulations. The application must be submitted to the PGU office by May 13, 2022. This provision applies to the transfer between the following categories: youngster → junior younger → junior → 19-25.

**4. Application of the Rules**

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Polish Championship tournaments will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf (effective from 2019) approved by R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules approved by the Tournament Committee and prepared in accordance with the Local Rule Model set out in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf (2019 edition). In cases of dispute related to the interpretation of the rules, the English version approved and issued by R&A Rules Limited shall be decisive. These regulations use the procedures and their numbering in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.

**5. Tie breaking in individual tournaments in the stroke play format**

- a. Individual tournaments and classifications
  - i. Play-off in the "sudden death" system on holes indicated by the Tournament Committee during the overtime announcement will decide **the first place**. If more than two players participate in play-offs, play-off will continue until the winner is determined. The next places will be taken by the players in the order of elimination from play-off in such a way that the later a given Player is eliminated, the higher his place will be. In the event that two or more players are eliminated from play-off after the same hole, the places taken will be decided by "countback": the better gross stroke play result in the following order: last round, holes 10-18, 13-18, 16- 18th, 18th hole of the field of the last round.
  - ii. **The remaining awarded places (2nd and 3rd place)** will be determined by the "countback", the better gross stroke play result in the following order: last round, holes 10-18, 13-18, 16-18, 18 hole of the field of the last round. With the exception of the situation when the first three places were selected in accordance with point a.).
  - iii. **Except for the awarded places (from 4th place)** - if the players achieve the same total results throughout the tournament, ex-aequo places will be awarded.
  - iv. In the net stroke play classification (if it is carried out in a given tournament) the order on the list is determined as follows: better net stroke play result of the last round, better result on holes 10-18, 13-18, 16-18, 18 last round hole, lower game handicap. This regulation does not apply to the Polish HCP Championship and PGU Masters.
- b. Team tournaments
  - i. Tie regulations for team tournaments are defined in the regulations for each team tournament.

**6. Closing and announcement of starting lists**

The official closing of the starting list for the Championship Tournament will take place at 3:00 p.m. on the day of the training round before the competition. The official announcement of the start list will take place in the afternoon and evening at the Tournament Office. The list will be posted on the website [polski.golf](http://polski.golf).

**7. Scorecards in stroke play**

- a. Responsibility for providing correct and complete results and for signing the card is borne by the player. The scorecards will be collected at the Tournament Office by a person appointed by the Tournament Committee **within 15 minutes from the end of the round by the player**.
- b. The player's leaving the Tournament Office after returning the scorecard is considered as **returning the scorecard**.
- c. **If the Player fails to hand over his scorecard in accordance with the above, he may be disqualified**, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty. Reg. 3.3b.

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- d. Announcement of the results at the awards ceremony means "official announcement of the result".

#### **8. Reserve players**

Players on the reserve list will only be allowed to participate in a tournament if the number of qualified players is less than the estimated maximum number of participants in the tournament. Reserve players will be qualified to participate in the tournament according to the increasing amount of handicap and the date of the entry fee.

#### **9. Wild cards**

- a. The Polish Golf Union reserves the right to grant wild cards by the PGU Board to players who do not meet the formal conditions for participation in individual tournaments at the request of the player.
- b. The application should be submitted in writing to the address of the PGU office: [biuro@polski.golf](mailto:biuro@polski.golf).
- c. The point does not apply to the Region Championship.

#### **10. Refund of the registration fees paid**

In the case of players not qualified (reserve list) for the tournament, the entry fees will be refunded in full within 1 month of the end of the tournament.

#### **11. Resignation from participation in the Tournament and refund of the registration fees**

The refund of the entry fees paid by the players qualified for the tournament will be made only in the event of withdrawal from participation in the tournament sent by e-mail to the e-mail address: [turnieje@polski.golf](mailto:turnieje@polski.golf) 3 days before the training round. The refund of the entry fees will take place within 1 month of the end of the tournament. If the player does not withdraw his participation in the tournament in writing 3 days before the training round and does not take part in the tournament, the entry fee will not be refunded.

#### **12. Awards**

In the PGU Championship Tournaments, the gross and net stroke play categories are separate. The player taking the awarded place (from 1 to 3) in the gross (main) stroke play category may not receive a prize for the net stroke play category at the same time. In such cases, the prize is transferred to the next person in the stroke play net classification.

#### **13. Tournament handicap**

- a. In the PGU Championship Tournaments, the handicap of the player on the first day of the tournament remains unchanged throughout the tournament. The WHS handicap change takes place only after the closing of the tournament and is made in chronological order, according to the played rounds.
- b. Apart from the Polish HCP Championship and PGU Masters, in tournaments where a net classification will be conducted, the player's tournament handicap will be calculated from  $\frac{3}{4}$  of his playing handicap (mathematically rounded) and may not exceed 18 strokes for men and 24 strokes for women. Any tournament handicap which exceeds this value will be automatically reduced to it.

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**14. Filming and photographing the Players**

- a. Each player of the PGU Championship Tournaments agrees to the free use of their image in film, photo and audiovisual materials prepared by the PGU or by an entity authorized by the PGU.
- b. The consent to use the Player's image free of charge covers multiple use from the image of the Player for promotional, marketing, advertising and publishing purposes.
- c. PGU has the right to use the Player's image free of charge in publications, illustrations, press, books, leaflets, advertisements prepared by the PGU, and has the right to use the Player's image on the Internet free of charge. The right granted by the Player to use the Player's image free of charge includes in particular:
  - recording and / or reproducing the image of the Player using any technique,
  - placing the Player's image on the market,
  - entering the player's image into the computer memory and to the computer and / or multimedia network,
  - making the Player's image available to the public, including on the Internet.

**15. The player's health**

- a. The player declares that he is aware of the obligation to have medical examinations resulting from the generally applicable law and declares that he is able, due to his health condition, to participate in sports competitions.
- b. The player declares that he has valid medical examinations allowing him to participate in sports competitions and in golf tournaments.

**16. Personal data**

- a. The player agrees to the collection, processing and use of the personal data provided by him by the Polish Golf Union, in the scope / name, surname, gender, date of birth, e-mail address, telephone number, nationality, club membership, current HCP /. The player agrees to the use of personal data for statistical, marketing, tax purposes as well as for the purposes of sports competition and for purposes related to the statutory activities of the Polish Golf Union.
- b. The administrator of the above-mentioned personal data is the Polish Golf Union with its seat in Warsaw, LIM Center, Al. Jerozolimskie 65/79, entered into the National Court Register kept by the District Court for the Capital City of Warsaw, XIX Commercial Division of the National Court Register kept by the District Court under the number KRS 00001172289.
- c. The player agrees to the processing of his personal data by the Polish Golf Union based in Warsaw for the above-mentioned purposes, in accordance with the Act of May 10, 2018 on the protection of personal data (Journal of Laws of 2018, item 1000, as amended). I am aware of my right to access the content of the personal data provided, as well as to correct and delete them.
- d. The player has the right to inspect his personal data as well as the right to update or change this data, or request deletion of this data. In this case, you should submit a request to the Polish Golf Union or via e-mail to the address [biuro@polski.golf](mailto:biuro@polski.golf).
- e. The player consents to the provision of information by the Polish Golf Union about the results obtained by him. The player agrees to the fact that the information about its results will be publicly available (livescoring).
- f. The information obligation in accordance with the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons in

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connection with with the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and the repeal of Directive 95/46 / EC (hereinafter "GDPR") in connection with the processing of personal data on the basis of the GDPR.

- g. Information on rights: The player has the right to access his data and the right to rectify, delete, limit processing, the right to transfer data, the right to withdraw consent at any time without affecting the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal. The above rights can be made by writing to the PGU at the address of the registered office or electronically to the address [biuro@polski.golf](mailto:biuro@polski.golf).
- h. You have the right to lodge a complaint with the President of the Personal Data Protection Office.

**17. Final provisions**

- a. Decisions of the Tournament Committee of individual PGU Championship Tournaments regarding the interpretation and application of the Rules of Golf as well as the Main Regulations and Detailed Regulations are final.
- b. The player declares that he accepts the rules of these Regulations and undertakes to comply with them. Failure to comply with the rules of the Regulations by a Player may result in the immediate exclusion of the Player from the Tournament.
- c. The player is obliged to follow the instructions of the Tournament Committee. Failure to follow the instructions may result in the immediate exclusion of the Player from the Tournament.

## Annex 1

### Local procedures and rules applicable at all PGU Tournaments in 2022

#### 1. Player behavior standards - procedure 5H

- a. Players are required to act in accordance with the principles of "Fair Play", fair play, respect the organizers and other players, care for the course, and comply with the general standards of behavior resulting from Rule 1.2a. The following are considered serious violations of the standards of behavior in the PGU Championship Tournaments:
  - deliberate damage to the putting green;
  - changing the settings of the golf course marking, such as repositioning the tee markers or the stakes of the course boundary;
  - throwing clubs;
  - deliberately distracting other players while making a shot;
  - using vulgar or offensive language.
- b. Any player who grossly violates the standards of conduct may be disqualified after one-time warning by the member of the Tournament Committee. The decision to apply such a penalty may be made by the member of the Tournament Committee on his own judgment (Rule 1.2a).
- c. It is forbidden to use electronic devices for remote communication during the game, except for contacting the referee or the Tournament Committee.
- d. During the tournament rounds, it is **absolutely forbidden to consume alcohol** in the field under penalty of disqualification. In the event of disqualification due to violation of this prohibition, the disqualified player may be additionally punished by the prohibition to participate in the next PGU Championship Tournament. In the event of a persistent breach of this prohibition, the player may be excluded from participation in the PGU Championship Tournament for a period of 2 years.

#### 2. Pace of Play Policy - Procedure 6 D.

- a. The Tournament Committee will determine the time within which the group should play the hole, round or part of it.
- b. Each group must keep its position on the golf course in relation to the preceding group. The first group will be considered as not keeping its position at any time during the round when it exceeds the time specified in the Pace of Play Table. Each subsequent group will be considered "out of position" in the event that the time difference between it and the preceding group is greater than the time difference at the start. A group that exceeds the allowed time will be warned by a referee. If, after the next two holes, the group is still late or does not keep its position ("out of position"), it will be timed without warning again. The time for a shot should not exceed: for the first player from the group - 50 seconds for the approach shot, chip or putt and 40 seconds for the tee shot or second, third or fourth player's shot from the group. Outside the putting green, time to shot begins when the player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is his turn to play and is allowed to shot without external interference. The time spent measuring distances counts as the shot time. On the putting green, the time to shot starts when the player has had enough time to pick up, clean and put the ball back, repair ball marks and old holes, and remove any natural moving obstacles on his putt line. The time spent reading the line of putt counts towards the shot time. If any player exceeds this time, he will be considered delaying the game and will receive a corresponding penalty from the referee.

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**3. Penalties regarding points: Player behavior standards, points 1 a and c, and the Pace of Play Policy, point 2**

- First breach: cautionary instruction;
- Second breach: one penalty stroke;
- Third breach: general penalty.
- Next breach: disqualification.

**4. Suspension and restart of play - procedure 6E.**

- a. **Immediate Suspension.** If the Committee announces an immediate suspension of play, all players must stop play immediately, and no further stroke may be made until the Committee resumes play.
- b. **Normal suspension** (for example, falling darkness). If the Committee announces a normal suspension of play, and what happens next, depends on whether the group is between two holes or playing a hole.
- c. **Immediate suspension of play signal** - One long siren signal
- d. **Normal stoppage signal** - three consecutive siren sounds
- e. **The resumption of the game** - two short siren signals

**5. Transport - local rule G-6**

"Players or caddy may not use transport during the regular round of the PGU Championship Tournaments, with the exception of the Polish HCP Championship, where consent may be given by the Tournament Committee upon presentation of a medical certificate.

Local Rule Breach Penalty: The player incurs the **general penalty** for each hole where this Local Rule is broken. If a breach of the rule occurs between two holes, the penalty will apply to the next hole. "

The Polish Golf Union has no influence on the number of means of transport made available by golf courses for use by players.

**6. Caddies - Local Rule H-1**

In the PGU Championship Tournaments, rule 10.3a is modified as follows:

"A junior player (born 2004 and younger) cannot have a parent or legal guardian caddy during the round.

Penalty for breach a local rule:

- The player incurs the **general penalty** for each hole where such a caddy was used.
- If the breach of the rule occurs or continues between two holes, the player incurs the **general penalty** on the next hole.

The parent-coach is considered primarily the parent, the rule applies.

**7. Replacing a broken or severely damaged club - local rule G-9**

In the PGU Championship Tournaments, rule 4.1b (3) is modified as follows:

"If a player's club is "broken or seriously damaged" during a round by a player or a caddy, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club in accordance with Rule 4.1b (4).

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When replacing a club, a player must immediately remove a broken or significantly damaged club from play by following the procedure described in Rule 4.1c (1). "

**Exception: club face or club head is not "broken or seriously damaged" just because it is cracked.**

**Penalty for violating a local rule - see Rule 4.1b**, as the application of the penalty depends on when the player becomes aware of the rule violation.

**8. Ball played from outside relief area when taking back-on-the-line relief- Local Rule E-12**

""When taking Back-On-the-Line relief, there is no additional penalty if a player plays a ball that was dropped in the relief area required by the relevant Rule (Rule 16.1c(2), 17.1d(2), 19.2b or 19.3b) but came to rest outside the relief area, so long as the ball, when played, is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when dropped.

This exemption from penalty applies even if the ball is played from nearer the hole than the reference point.