

2025

# Championship Tournaments of the Polish Golf Union

## General Terms and Conditions



### 1. Committee

- a. The Tournament Committee consists of 3 to 5 people. The Tournament Committee consists of: Tournament Director, Head Referee of the Tournament and Course Representative (on which the Tournament is played). The Committee may be enlarged by 1 or 2 persons designated by the PZG. The membership of the Tournament Committee will be made public no later than the day before the start of the tournament.
- b. The Tournament Committee may amend the tournament conditions no later than the day of the practice round or, if justified, during the competition, in accordance with Procedure 5A (8) in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf (2023 edition).

### 2. Eligible to play in tournaments

Amateurs as defined in the Amateur Golfer Rules (2022 Edition):

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

**Exception: Players associated in member clubs of the Russian Golf Federation and the Belarusian Golf Federation will not be allowed to compete in PGU tournaments in the 2024 season.**

### 3. Age categories

- a. Sports competition within the Championship Tournaments is organized in the following age categories:

*Senior groups*

- **Master senior:** 66 years and over (*born before 1960*)
- **Senior:** 51-65 years (*born 1960-1974*)
- **Mid-Amateur:** 26-50 years old (*born 1975-1999*)
- **19-25 years** (*born 2000-2006*)
- **Youth:** 19-23 years old (*born 2002-2006*)

*Junior groups*

- **Junior:** 16-18 years (*born 2007-2009*)
- **Younger junior:** 13-15 years (*born 2010-2012*)
- **Youngster:** 11-12 years (*born 2013-2014*)

- b. In justified cases, (outstandingly talented player) the Board of the Polish Golf Union, at the request of the club, may transfer the player, with high sporting achievements, permanently to a directly higher age category (without the right to return in subsequent years). The decision in this respect is taken by the Board of Polish Golf Union. High sporting achievement is understood as:

- 1 place in competitions of the level of the Polish Championships;
- appointment to the national team for competitions of the level of the World Championships or the European Championships.

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- c. A player may be transferred from the last year of a lower category to a higher category. The request must be favourably evaluated by the certifying physician in accordance with the applicable legislation

#### 4. Application of the Rules

PGU Championship Tournaments will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf (2023 edition), approved by R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules approved by the Committee and prepared according to the Model Local Rules included in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf (2023 edition). In cases of dispute over the interpretation of the Rules, the English version approved and published by R&A Rules Limited shall prevail. These rules use the procedures and their numbering found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.

#### 5. How Ties Will Be Decided in stroke play

- a. Tournaments and individual classifications
  - i. **First place** will be determined by a sudden-death play-off on the holes indicated by the Committee when the play-off was announced. If there are more than two players in the play-off, the play-off will continue until a winner is determined. The subsequent 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 he will be placed. In the event that two or more players are eliminated from the play-off after the same hole, the "countback" will determine the places taken, i.e. the better gross stroke play result obtained in the following order: last round, holes 10-18, 13-18, 16- 18th, 18th hole of the course of the last round as a last resort, higher HCP.
  - ii. **The other places.** The remaining places will be decided by the "countback", i.e. the better gross stroke play score obtained in the following order: last round, holes 10-18, 13-18, 16-18, 18th hole of the course of the last round, ultimately higher HCP. Excluding the situation when the first three places were selected according to the paragraph above.
  - iii. **In the net stroke play classification.** In the net stroke play classification (if such is conducted in a given tournament), the order on the list will be determined by the net "countback" as follows: better net stroke play score of the last round; better score on holes 10-18, 13-18, 16-18, 18th hole of the field of the last round; lower handicap of play. This provision does not apply to (Polish HCP Cup and PZG Masters).
- b. Team Competitions
 

Tie regulations in team competitions are defined in the rules of each individual team competition.

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

- a. The official closing of the starting list of the Championship Tournament will take place at 15:00 on the day of the training round before the competition.
- b. The official announcement of the starting list will take place in the afternoon and evening hours at the Tournament Office. The list will also be posted on the website [polski.golf](https://polski.golf).

#### 7. Scorecards in stroke play

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- a. It is the player's responsibility to notify the Committee if he becomes aware that the Committee has applied a different handicap than he actually has. If the player fails to do so and his actual handicap is different from that applied, he will be disqualified in accordance with Clarification 3.3b(4)/1 to Rule 3.3b.
- b. A player's scorecard is deemed to have been returned to the Committee 15 minutes after the scorecard has been entered into the EAGLE computer system. However, if an error on the scorecard is detected before the scorecard has been entered in the computer system and the player is not in the score area to correct the error, the player's scorecard will be deemed to have been returned 15 minutes after the error was detected.
- c. **Exception 1:** If a player is in the scorecard return area when the 15-minute time limit expires, the player's scorecard is only returned when the player leaves the scoring area.
- d. **Exception 2:** A player's scorecard is returned if any of the following four events occur, even if this occurs before the 15-minute time limit expires or the player is still in the scoring area:
  - Starting times have been released after a cut has been made.
  - The player begins their next round.
  - Any player has made a stroke to begin a play-off.
  - The competition has closed.

**Note:** When applying the Exception to Rule 3.3b(3) or under any Rule where a player must correct a mistake before returning their scorecard (such as Rule 14.7b), the player's scorecard is returned when the player has left the scoring area.

#### 8. Substitute 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 expected maximum number of participants for that tournament. Reserve players will be qualified to participate in the tournament according to the increasing handicap and the date of the entry fee.

#### 9. Wildcards

- a. The Polish Golf Union reserves the right to grant wildcards by the 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 Regional Championships.

#### 10. Refund of entry fees paid

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

#### 11. Resignation from participation in the Tournament and return of the entry fees paid

- a. Entry fees paid by players qualified for the tournament will be refunded only in the event of notification of withdrawal from participation in the tournament sent by e-mail to the following e-mail address: [turnieje@polski.golf](mailto:turnieje@polski.golf) 3 days before the training round. Entry fees will be refunded within 1 month of the end of the tournament.

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- b. 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 paid is not refundable.
- c. When a player fails to appear at the start of the tournament without a valid reason, the PGU as the organizer of the tournament may prohibit him from participating in the next PGU championship tournament.

#### 12. Prizes

In PGU Championship Tournaments gross and net stroke play categories are separate. A player occupying the awarded place (from 1 to 3) in the gross stroke play category (main) cannot simultaneously receive a prize for the net stroke play category. In such cases, the prize is transferred to the next person in the net stroke play classification.

#### 13. Tournament handicap

In PGU Championship Tournaments, the playing handicap of a player from the first day of the tournament remains unchanged throughout the tournament. The change of the WHS Handicap takes place only after the tournament closes and is made in chronological order according to the rounds played.

#### 14. Filming and photographing the players

- a. A player participating in PGU Championship Tournaments agrees to the free use of his image in film, photo and audio-visual materials prepared by PGU or by an entity authorized by PGU.
- b. Consent for the unpaid use of the Player's image includes repeated use of the Player's image for promotional, marketing, advertising and publishing purposes, including use for the promotion and organization of PGU Championship Tournaments and sharing with PGU partners and sponsors and PGU Championship Tournaments.
- c. The 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 multiplying the player's image by any technique
  - marketing the player's image,
  - entering the player's image into the computer's memory and into the computer and/or multimedia network,
  - making the player's image publicly available, including on the Internet.

#### 15. Safety and Health of the player

The player declares that he has a current medical certificate of health condition allowing safe participation in sport competition in golf organized by PGU in accordance with Art. 37.1. of the Law on Sports of June 25, 2010. He is fit due to his health condition to participate in sports competition in golf. He is not aware of any reasons of a health nature that exclude him from participating in sports competition in golf.

#### 16. Personal data

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Personal data of Players participating in PGU Championship Tournaments is collected used and processed by PGU in accordance with PGU EAGLE Information System Privacy Policy.

#### 17. Final Provisions

- a. Registration to participate in the PGU Championship Tournament means that the Player has considered and evaluated the scope of the and nature of the risks involved in participating in the competition, and is competing voluntarily and solely at his/her own responsibility. Acknowledges that participation in golf tournaments entails a natural risk of accident, personal injury and physical injury, as well as damage and loss of a property nature.
- b. Registration for participation in the PGU Championship Tournament implies that the Player has read these Terms and Conditions of Tournament, accepts their provisions and agrees to abide by them. Failure to comply with the Terms and Conditions of Tournament by the Player may result in his/her immediate exclusion from the tournament.
- c. The Player is obliged to obey the directions of the Tournament Committee and the tournament referees. Failure to comply with the i directions may result in the immediate exclusion of the contestant from the tournament.
- d. Decisions of the Tournament Committee in PGU Championship Tournaments regarding the interpretation and application of the Rules of Golf, the General Terms and Conditions and the Particular Terms and Conditions are final.

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#### *Appendix 1. Procedures and Local Rules applicable to all Championship Tournaments 2025*

##### **1. Code of Conduct Policy - Procedure 5I**

- a. Players are required to act in accordance with the principles of "Fair Play", honesty, treat the organizers and other players with respect, care for the course, and to comply with the general standards of behaviour resulting from Rule 1.2a. Serious violations of behaviour standards in PGU Championship Tournaments include:
  - Failure to care for the course, such as not raking bunkers or not replacing or filling divots,
  - changing golf course marking settings, i.e. moving tee markers or course boundary stakes
  - Abuse of clubs or the course,
  - Failing to show proper consideration for other players, referees or spectators,
  - Unacceptable language.
- b. Any player who **serious misconduct** the standards of behaviour may be disqualified after a prior, one-time warning by a member of the Committee. The decision to apply such a penalty may be made by a member of the Committee based on his or her own judgment (Rule 1.2a).
- c. It is forbidden to use electronic devices for remote communication during the round, except:
  - contacting the referee or the Tournament Committee directly;
  - entering the results in the electronic scorecard in the PZG EAGLE application.
- c. During tournament rounds, it is absolutely forbidden to consume alcohol on the course under penalty of disqualification. In the event of disqualification due to a violation of this prohibition, the disqualified competitor may be additionally punished with a ban on participation in subsequent PGU Championship Tournaments. In the event of a persistent violation of this prohibition, the player may be excluded from participation in the PGU Championship Tournaments for a period of 2 years.

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

- a. The Committee will determine the time within which the group should play a hole, round or part of it.
- b. Each group must maintain its position on the course in relation to the preceding group. The first group will be considered to be out of position at any time during the round if it exceeds the time specified in the Table of Times. Each subsequent group will be considered out of position if 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 the referee. If, after the next two holes, a group is still late or out of position, it will be timed without further warning. The time to strike should not exceed: for the first player in the group - 50 seconds for an approach shot, chip or putt and 40 seconds for a tee shot or second, third or fourth stroke of the player in the group. Off the putting green, the stroke time begins when the player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is his turn to play and he can make the stroke without outside interference. Time spent measuring distance counts as time per shot. On the putting green, the stroke time begins when the player has had sufficient time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and old holes, and remove loose impediments on

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his line of putting. Time spent reading the line of putt counts as time to strike. If any player exceeds this time, they will be considered as delaying the game and will receive the appropriate penalty from the referee.

#### 3. Point Penalties: Code of Conduct Policy (p.1 a and c) and Pace of Play Policy (p. 2)

- First breach: instruction with a warning;
- Second breach: one penalty stroke;
- Third breach: general penalty;
- Next breach: disqualification.

#### 4. Suspensions and Resumptions - Procedure 6E.

- a. **Immediate Suspensions of Play** (such as when there is imminent danger). If the Committee declares an immediate suspension of play, all players must stop play at once and must not make another stroke until the Committee resumes play.
- b. **Normal Suspensions of Play** (such as for darkness or unplayable course). If the Committee's decision is to suspend the game in the normal way, the course of action depends on where the playing group is:
  - **Between two holes** - if all players in the group are between two holes, they must stop play and are not allowed to make a stroke starting the next hole until the Committee resumes play.
  - **While a hole is being played** - if any player in the group has started a hole, players may choose to either stop play or complete the hole.
- c. **Immediate play suspension signal** - One long siren signal
- d. **Normal play stop signal** - three consecutive siren signals
- e. **Play restart signal** - two short siren signals

#### 5. Transport – Local Rule G6

- a. The use of means of transport (melexes) during the regulation round of PZG Championship Tournaments is prohibited, with the exception of the following tournaments: the Polish HCP Championships, the Polish Master Seniors Championships and the Polish Master Seniors Club Championships.
- b. In the Polish HCP Championships and the Polish Master Seniors Championships, means of transport are allocated to competitors by the Tournament Committee - until the available pool is exhausted - according to the following rules:
  - In the first instance, means of transport are allocated to players who show a medical certificate confirming a medical condition justifying the need for their use.
  - If the number of applications of players with certificates exceeds the available limit, the allocation is made by drawing lots among this group.
  - Applications of players without medical certificates are then considered.
  - If the demand in this group also exceeds the available limit, the means of transport are allocated by drawing lots.

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- c. In the Senior Master Club Championships, means of transport shall be allocated to teams by the Tournament Committee in such a way as to ensure an equal number of them for each team entered.
- d. The Tournament Committee may permit the use of means of transport by players on a limited basis to improve the pace of play, such as:
  - Transporting a player from one hole to another when these holes are located far apart;
  - Driving to make a re-play with a stroke and distance penalty.
- e. Caddies are not permitted to use means of transport during a regulation round of PZG Championship Tournaments.

**Local Rule Breach Penalty:** *The player receives the **general penalty** for each hole on which this Local Rule is broken. If the breach occurs between two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole."*

*The Polish Golf Union has no influence on the number of means of transportation provided by golf courses for use by players.*

#### 6. Caddies - Local Rule H1

For PGU Championships, Rule 10.3a is modified as follows:

*"A junior's caddie may only be another participant in the tournament concerned who has completed play or is playing at a different time or has withdrawn from the game."*

**Penalty for Breach of this Local Rule:**

- *The player receives a **general penalty** for each hole during which he used such a caddy.*
- *If a breach of a Rule occurs or continues between two holes, the player gets the **general penalty** on the next hole.*

#### 7. Prohibiting Use of Materials to Help Read the Line of Play for Stroke from Putting Green G-12

During a round, a player must not use any written, printed, electronic or digital materials to help with reading their line of play for any stroke to be made from the putting green.

**Penalty for Breach of this Local Rule:**

- Penalty for first breach: **General Penalty**
- Penalty for second breach: **Disqualification.**