



# Rules & Regulations

Golf

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## Foreword

Dear participants of the European Maccabi Games Berlin 2015,

The Rules & Regulations at hand, provide the guidelines of the European Maccabi Games 2015 in Berlin. The Rules & Regulations regulate the execution of the sports competitions.

The Organising Committee and the sports federations, in most cases the Berlin sports federations, execute the competitions at the European Maccabi Games in close cooperation with one another. Insofar, the Rules & Regulations at hand are a joint product of the EMG2015 Organising Committee and the implementing sports federations.

We hope that the Rules & Regulations at hand will be the basis for sportsmanlike and fair sports competitions and an unforgettable European Maccabi Games Berlin 2015.



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## **1. Organisation**

- a. The Golf Committee of the 14th European Maccabi Games will be responsible for the Golf competitions
- b. The Golf competitions will be conducted according to the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
- c. Participation in the competition is open to any athlete who is in possession of a Participant Card, issued by the Organising Committee of the 14th European Maccabi Games and registered for the Golf competitions.

## **2. Venues & Times**

- a. The Golf Committee of the 14th European Maccabi Games will determine the venues and times of the Golf competitions and teams will be notified accordingly.
- b. The Golf Committee is authorized to change the venues and times of the competitions these decisions will be final.

## **3. Teams**

- a. Each participating country may enter a maximum of 6 competitors per category (Male: Juniors, Open and Masters, Female: Juniors, Open and Masters), approved by the Golf Committee.
- b. Each country is allowed a maximum of one team per category. Countries that cannot meet the minimum requirement of player to constitute a team may enter for the individual event, which will run concurrently to the team events.
- c. Maximum handicap allowable for all competitions is: Male 18, Female 24. Each competitor is obliged to document his handicap by official document of his home club to the Golf Committee.
- d. Age category for Juniors in the Golf competition is -18 (born 1997 or after), for Masters 50+ (born 1965 or before).
- e. Only Masters Players are permitted to ride in power golf cars at their own expense.
- f. The last day of competition players will possibly start from first hole and the tenth hole.

## **4. System of Competition**

### **4.1 Events**

Male:

Juniors Individual Scratch  
Juniors Individual Handicap  
Juniors Team Scratch  
Juniors Team Handicap

Open Individual Scratch  
Open Individual Handicap  
Open Team Scratch  
Open Team Handicap

Masters Individual Scratch  
Masters Individual Handicap  
Masters Team Scratch  
Masters Team Handicap

Female :

Juniors Individual Scratch  
Juniors Individual Handicap  
Juniors Team Scratch  
Juniors Team Handicap

Open Individual Scratch  
Open Individual Handicap  
Open Team Scratch  
Open Team Handicap

Masters Individual Scratch  
Masters Individual Handicap  
Masters Team Scratch  
Masters Team Handicap

### **4.2 General**

- a. All competitions will be stroke play events.
- b. Play will be from the white or yellow tees for male and black or red tees for female.
- c. In the event of adverse weather conditions, the golf committee reserves the right to reduce the number of competition rounds that are to be played. This may well occur whilst a competition round is in progress.

- d. A list of starting times will be produced the evening prior to the event. Competitors are to report to the starter no later than 15 minutes prior to their tee-time. Non-appliance of this rule could lead to suspension to compete in the day's event.

#### **4.3 Individual Scratch**

- a. Prizes will be awarded according to the best 54-hole gross scores (stroke play).
- b. In the event of a tie for 1st place, the gold medal will be decided by a sudden death play-off, playing until the tie is resolved starting at the hole previously advised by the organization.
- c. In the event of a tie for 2nd or 3rd places, silver and bronze medals will be decided on count back (see clause 4.8).

#### **4.4 Individual Handicap**

- a. Prizes will be awarded according to the best 54-hole net scores (stroke play).
- b. In the event of a tie for any of the medal positions, the relevant medal will be decided on count back (see clause 4.8).

#### **4.5 Team Events General Rules**

- a. Team events will be played concurrently with the individual events.
- b. Each country may enter one 3 or 4 player team only (these players are from their country's entry in the individual competitions) for each of the team events of the Golf competitions. (For better understanding: Players from their countries entry in the Juniors or Master competition are eligible for the open team event, but each player can of course only play in one team respectively one team competition.) (For further better understanding: A country cannot enter two 3 player teams.) It is to a country's advantage to enter a 4 player team as the competitions will be decided over the best 3 scores per day, per team. Therefore a 4 player team can drop one score on each day.
- c. If countries have entered more than 4 competitors in the individual events, then they must nominate their team of 4 prior to their first player teeing off on the first morning of the competition. The remaining players are only eligible for the individual events.
- d. Countries are not permitted to substitute or change any of their team members once their first player has teed on the first day of the competition.
- e. In the event of any countries not being able to send 3 or more competitors, or in respect of competitors, which are not nominated as member of their team in a team competition, the Golf Committee may decide to amalgamate players from different countries to form 'combined' teams or teams of 4. The same team will compete in the Scratch and Handicap team-events. However only "National" teams are eligible for Medals, some other type of awards will be presented to combined teams.

#### **4.6 Team Scratch**

- a. Each team will play 54 holes at stroke play. The total of the best 3 gross score of each day for each team will be aggregated and decide the gold, silver and bronze medals. Four-player teams can therefore drop their worst score on each day.
- b. In the event of a tie for any of the places, the best score gross of such player of each team, who had the highest score gross on such day and whose score has therefore not been used to calculate the aggregate of such team on such day ("4th score gross") from the final round will decide the relevant medal. If the scores are still tied, the best 4th score gross from the second round, and if the scores are still tied, from the first round will be taken into account. In the event of there still being a tie, the team with the best individual gross score from the final round, then from the previous rounds etc. will decide the medals in the same way as the 4<sup>th</sup> score was used. If a team in the tie does not have a 4th player, the team without a 4th player shall be declared the winner of the tie.

#### **4.7 Team Handicap**

- a. Each team will play 54 holes at stroke play. The total of the best 3 net scores of each day for each team will be aggregated and decide the gold, silver and bronze medals. Full handicap allowance. Four-player teams can therefore drop their worst score on each day.
- b. In the event of a tie for any of the places, the best score net of such player of each team, who had the highest score net on such day and whose score has therefore not been used to calculate the aggregate of such team on such day ("4th score net") from the final round will decide the relevant medal. If the scores are still tied, the best 4th score net from the second round, and if the scores are still tied, from the first round will be taken into account. In the event of there still being a tie, the team with the best individual net score from the final round, then from the previous rounds etc. will decide the medals in the same way as the 4th score was used. If a team in the tie does not have a 4th player, the team without a 4th player shall be declared the winner of the tie.

#### **4.8 Count back**

In the event of ties for any of the individual events (except for the gold medal in the Scratch), a count back method

will be used in the following order:

Best gross score (in the Scratch competition) respectively best net score (in the Handicap competition) for the last 18 holes,

if there is still being a tie, best score for the last 9 holes, then for the last 6 holes, 3 holes, 2 holes and last hole respectively



#### **4.9 Suspension**

Should a team be suspended or cease to play before the competition is completed, all scoring of such a team will be cancelled and be invalid.

#### **4.10 Medals in scratch and handicap events**

If an individual competitor or a team wins a medal in a scratch (gross) competition, this individual competitor or team is automatically not eligible to receive a medal in the same individual respectively team handicap (net) competition. Scratch (gross) medals prevail over handicap (net) medals.

### **5. Ball Specifications & Equipment**

- a. The ball that the player uses shall be named on the Current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
- b. Players shall bring their own golf balls.

### **6. Draw**

- a. The draw of the teams in the groups will be a public draw before the opening of the 14<sup>th</sup> European Maccabi Games.

### **7. Officiating**

- a. The Golf Committee will select a Referees Committee, which in turn will appoint the referees of the competition
- b. The Golf Committee shall lay down the conditions under which the competitions are to be played (reference Rules of Golf, Rule 33-1), and no player, team or manager can insist on any changes.
- c. In the absence of a referee the players will refer any dispute to the Golf Committee whose decision will be final (reference Rules of Golf 34-3).

## **8. General**

- a. These regulations are but one part of the complete 14th European Maccabi Games Regulations, and must be read along with the instructions found in "Basic Regulations and Disciplinary Procedures".
- b. In the event of a discrepancy between the regulations written here and those appearing in the "Basic Regulations", the regulations written here will apply and be binding.