

# General Conditions of Play

## PGU 2014 Championship Tournaments (Citi Handlowy Polish Championships)

### 1. Tournament Committee:

- a) The Tournament Committee comprises of three to five members, i.e.: Tournament Director, Head Rules Official and Representative of the Course, where the tournament takes place. The Committee may be complemented by one or two additional persons appointed by the PGU. Composition of the Tournament Committee shall be published on the day before the commencement of the Tournament at the latest.
- b) Polish Golf Union selects the Rules Officials for the Championship Tournaments 2014 Tournaments, including the **Head Rules Official for each Tournament, whose Rules Decisions shall be final.**

### 2. Eligibility:

- a) Amateurs as per the definition within the Rules of Golf issued by the R&A Rules Limited:
  - i. Amateur members of the PGU affiliated Clubs with a PGU HCP card current on the day of entering the Tournament.
  - ii. Amateurs with HCP cards issued by other National Golf Unions/Federations under the condition of possessing a current, official HCP Certificate, submitted latest on the training day, in a written form to the Tournament Office or by email to [organizacja@pzgolf.pl](mailto:organizacja@pzgolf.pl).

### 3. Rules & Etiquette:

- a) PGU Championship Tournaments shall be played according to the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd. and Local Rules approved by the Tournament Committee.
- b) Any player seriously breaching the Etiquette through club throwing, swearing, etc., may be disqualified after prior warning. The decision can be made by the head Rules Official based on his appraisal of the situation (Rule 33-7). In case of the breach incurred by a player's caddie, the penalty is applied to the player who employs him.
- c) During tournament rounds there is a **total ban on alcohol consumption** on the golf course during the stipulated round under the penalty of disqualification. In case of disqualification for this offence, the player may be additionally banned from playing two following PGU GMS Tournaments despite entering them and fulfilling all eligibility requirements. In case of further breaches of this rule the

player shall be banned from participation in PGU GMS Tournaments for a period of two years.

#### 4. Entries, entry fees, start lists, reserve players:

- a) Entries to all PGU Tournaments will be accepted **only** through official digital entry forms published at - [www.polishchampionships.pl](http://www.polishchampionships.pl).
- b) **Entry fee** must be fully paid, depending on the tournament, within the term of **7 to 14 days** before the Tournament starting date the latest, by bank transfer to the bank account indicated in the Tournament Conditions with a note: "*name & surname*" – *entry fee for "Name of Tournament"*.
- c) The appropriate entry fee value and bank accounts are listed in the Tournament Conditions for each Tournament.
- d) The list of players qualified to the Tournament and the reserve list shall be published at - [www.polishchampionships.pl](http://www.polishchampionships.pl) **7 days** before the start of a given Tournament unless the Tournament Conditions of the Tournament state otherwise.
- e) **Registration, closing and publication of start lists:**

**On the day before the commencement of a given Tournament, the qualified players** (individual events) or Team Captains (Team events) **are obligated to confirm** the participation in the tournament. In case of a lack of confirmation, the entry fee is not subject to return. Confirmation can be done in the following ways:

- by phone at the number +48 664-316-511 – 3 days before the tournament start,
- in person on the day before the tournament from 10 a.m. till 3 p.m. at the Tournament Office.

The official closing time of the starting list will be 4 pm. Official starting list shall be published at 6 p.m. at the Tournament Office and at [www.polishchampionships.pl](http://www.polishchampionships.pl).

#### f) **Reserve players:**

Players from the reserve list shall be moved to the main draw only if the number of qualified players is lower than the maximum allowable field for the given Tournament. Reserve players shall be qualified for the main draw based on HCP values (from the lowest) under the condition of submission of entry fee.

#### g) **Refunds:**

In case of players who **do not qualify** for the main draw (reserve list) the refunds of entry fees will be done in full value. Refunds of entry fees to qualified players from the **main draw** will be made **only** in case of a written resignation sent by fax to +48 (0) 22 630 55 61 or e-mail to: [organizacja@pzgolf.pl](mailto:organizacja@pzgolf.pl) **latest 3 days** before the official training round. Refunds shall be made within **1 month** from the completion date of the given Tournament.

## 5. Resignations:

- a) Player who enters and qualifies for a tournament may resign only by sending such information by fax to: +48 (0) 22 630 55 61 or e-mail to: [organizacja@pzgolf.pl](mailto:organizacja@pzgolf.pl), at least 3 days before the official training round. In case of members of the National Junior Team, an additional explanation of withdrawal must be sent to the Head National Team Coach by e-mail to: [mobgolf@gmail.com](mailto:mobgolf@gmail.com). In such case, the entry fee shall be refunded within 1 month of the completion date of the given Tournament.
- b) All unforeseen circumstances or events which preclude the player from competing in a Tournament should be immediately reported to the Organiser by telephone at: **+48 664 316 511** or by e-mail at: [organizacja@pzgolf.pl](mailto:organizacja@pzgolf.pl), before the commencement of a given tournament. In such case the entry fee shall be refunded within 1 month of the completion date of the given Tournament.
- c) Player who does not inform the Organiser about withdrawal from a Tournament as per the above procedure shall be banned from participating in the next PGU Championship Tournament despite entering and qualifying for it.

## 6. Disqualification:

- a) Each player who is disqualified for not coming to the start within set time or for not completing a stipulated round without a valid reason, may be banned from the next two PGU Championship Tournaments which he or she has entered, and for which he or she qualifies according to the Tournament Conditions.
- b) Explanations related to walking off the course or no-shows must be sent personally **in writing** to the Tournament Centre before the completion of the Tournament or via e-mail to: [organizacja@pzgolf.pl](mailto:organizacja@pzgolf.pl) within 7 days from the completion date of the Tournament. The explanation shall be reviewed by the Tournament Committee during the Tournament or by the Tournament Director after the completion date of the Tournament and in case of acceptance of the circumstances, the ban may be waived. The player shall be informed of the decision 7 days before the commencement date of the next Tournament at the latest. The decision may be appealed before the PGU Board. The appeal shall be submitted within 7 days of receipt of the decision from the Tournament Committee.

## 7. Starting times, starting groups:

- a) Each player should be ready to play 5 minutes **before his starting time** at the starting point and time set by the Tournament Committee. If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after his starting time (Rule 6-3), the penalty is a loss of the first hole in Match Play or two strokes on the first hole in Stroke Play. In case when the player arrives 5 minutes past the set time, he or she will be disqualified. If the Tournament Committee determines that the player was not able to start due to special circumstances, it has the

possibility not to penalize him or her. Official starting time is measured by the clock placed on the start.

- b) Except for the Polish Junior Club Championship and Polish Club Championship, Men and Ladies shall be drawn in separate starting groups. The Tournament Committee is allowed to decide to seed men and ladies in one start group. Information about such fact shall be announced during announcing start lists for next day.
- c) Player must finish the stipulated round in the same starting group in which he commenced the round. Wilful change or joining of starting groups by players is not allowed. Penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification (Rule 6-3 b.).

## 8. Slow play, pace of play:

Pace of Play sheet – Tournament Committee shall set the time in which a group shall play the stipulated round, a hole or a stroke. Each group must hold its position on the course in relation to the preceding group. First group will be deemed “out of position” if their playing time exceeds the time laid out in the pace of play guidelines. Each subsequent group will be deemed “out of position” if the time difference between them and the preceding group exceeds the difference in starting times. The group which exceeds the time difference shall be warned by the Rules Official. If after the next two holes the group is still “out of position”, the group shall be timed without additional warning. The time for the stroke shall 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 the shot of the second, third and fourth player in the group. Outside the putting green the time for the shot begins from the moment when the player has ample time to reach the ball, it is his turn to play and he can execute the shot without outside interference. Time spent on measuring distance is treated as part of the time reserved for the stroke. On the putting green time for the stroke begins when the player had ample time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair pitch marks and old hole plugs and remove loose impediments from his putting line. Time spent on reading the putting line is treated as part of the time reserved for the stroke. If any of the players in the group exceeds this time, he or she will be considered as delaying play and will be accordingly penalised by the Rules Official.

Penalties for delaying play in stroke play rounds:

- **First offence: one penalty stroke.**
- **Second offence: two penalty strokes.**
- **Third offence: disqualification.**

Penalties for delaying play in match play rounds:

- **First offence: lost hole**
- **Second offence: lost hole**

- **Third offence: disqualification.**

#### **9. Suspension of play due to adverse weather conditions:**

If the Tournament Committee decides for any reason that the course is unfit for play or that there are circumstances making play impossible it can decide to suspend the round or cancel the round and all of the results from the round.

#### **10. Suspension of play due to a dangerous situation (note to Rule 6-8b):**

In potentially dangerous situations the Tournament Committee may suspend play in the following manner:

##### **a) Immediate suspension of play – one long fog horn signal:**

If players are between holes they cannot commence play until play is resumed by the Tournament Committee. If players are playing a hole they must discontinue play immediately and act according to **Rule 6-8. c**. If a player fails to discontinue play **immediately**, he or she shall be disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving such penalty as provided in Rule **33-7**.

##### **b) Suspension of play: three consecutive fog horn signals:**

If players are between holes they cannot commence play until it is resumed by the Tournament Committee. If the players are playing a hole they may continue or discontinue play immediately under the condition that this does not unduly delay play. If they decide to continue playing the hole, they may discontinue at any time before concluding play on the hole as per **Rule 6-8. c**. In any circumstances play must be discontinued after completion of the hole.

##### **c) Resumption of play: two short fog horn signals:**

Players must resume play when its resumption is announced by the Tournament Committee.

#### **11. Return of scorecards:**

- a) The Marker is obligated to record on each hole only the scratch score of the player he or she marks, and his own score.** Responsibility for the correctness and completeness of score on the card as well as correct signing of the card, lies with the player. Score cards shall be returned to the Tournament Centre to a person indicated by the Tournament Committee within **15 minutes after completion of the round**.
- b) If the player does not return the score card according to the above regulation, he/she may be disqualified**, unless the circumstances indicate that such a penalty may be waived (Rule 6-6b).
- c) Publishing results on the announcement table means “official results announcement”.**

## 12. CUT:

- a) In Polish International Ladies' Championship and Polish International Amateur Men Championship, the final round qualification will be made at the level of 72 best scores and ties.
- b) In Polish Junior Championship, 16 boys (playing from yellow tee) and 8 girls with the lowest sum of stroke in stroke play gross qualify to match play round. In case of a tie, deciding is "countback", i.e. the best stroke play gross result in the following order: the last round, holes 10-18, 13-18, 16-18, 18<sup>th</sup> hole of the last round.
- c) In Polish 19-34 Championship, 16 Men and 8 Women with the lowest sum of strokes in the stroke play gross qualify to the match play round. In case of a tie, deciding is "countback", i.e. the best stroke play gross result in the following order: the last round, holes 10-18, 13-18, 16-18, 18<sup>th</sup> hole of the last round.
- d) In Polish Seniors Championship and Polish Mid-Amateur Championship, 30 best results and ties of men and 6 best results and ties of women are qualified to the final round.
- e) In Polish HCP Championship, 12 best results and ties of each Handicap group is qualified to the final round.
- f) In each Tournament, the Committee reserves the right to change the number of players passing the CUT.

## 13. Ties and Play-offs:

- a) **First place** shall be decided by a "sudden death" play-off over holes indicated by the Tournament Committee when announcing the play-off. If the play-off is between more than two players, it shall last until an outright winner is established. Subsequent places shall be taken by players in the reverse order of dropping out of the play-off, the later the player drops out, the higher location he shall have. If two or more players drop out on the same hole, the classification order shall be decided by scratch count back as follows: last round, holes 10-18, 13-18, 16-18, 18 of the last round.
- b) **Remaining trophy places (2 & 3)** shall be decided by scratch count back as follows: last round, holes 10-18, 13-18, 16-18, 18 of the last round.
- c) **Further places (fourth place and on)** – in case of identical total scores the places shall be allotted ex-aequo.
- d) **In Polish Club Championship** – higher place is given to a lower individual scratch score in the following order: 6<sup>th</sup> player, 7<sup>th</sup> player, the best individual result in a team, next individual lowest results. In case of further tie it will be decided by scratch count back of the lowest individual scratch scores as follows: last round, holes 10-18, 13-18, 16-18, 18 of the last round. In case when a club is not represented by 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> players, their results are equal to 0, thus this results with a worse place.

- e) In Polish Junior Club Championship – higher place is given to a lower result in single stroke play gross. In case of further tie it will be decided by scratch count back of the lowest individual scratch scores as follows: last round, holes 10-18, 13-18, 16-18, 18.
- f) **In Stroke Play Net** classification (if run in a particular tournament), the order in classification is determined in the following way: better stroke play net result of the last round, better results in holes 10-18, 13-18, 16-18, 18 of the last round, lower play HCP. This rule does not apply to the Polish Championship in Handicap Groups.

#### **14. Prizes:**

In PGU 2014 Championship Tournaments, the scratch and net prizes are mutually exclusive. Player placed 1 to 3 in the scratch category (main category) is automatically excluded from receiving prizes in the net category. In such case, the net prize automatically moves onto the next player in the net classification.

#### **15. Ranking points:**

Ranking points for the PGU 2014 Championship Tournaments shall be allotted according to the PGU 2014 Ranking Conditions.

#### **16. Tournament HCP:**

- a) In the PGU Championship Tournaments 2014, the HCP of the player remains unchanged (frozen) at the value from the first day for the duration of the Tournament. The change of exact HCP is performed automatically after the conclusion of the Tournament and is calculated in chronological order of rounds played.
- b) **In Tournaments with net category, the Tournament HCP of the player shall be calculated from  $\frac{3}{4}$  of his/her playing HCP (mathematically rounded) and shall be limited to a maximum of 18 strokes. All Tournament HCPs that exceed this value shall be automatically lowered to 18.**

#### **17. Conforming golf clubs and balls:**

Golf balls and clubs used in PGU Championship Tournaments 2014 must be approved for amateur competitions by the R&A.

#### **18. Advertising of sponsors, other provisions:**

- a) Information related to allowable size and quantity of advertising on players' clothes and equipment is available on the official R&A website.
- b) If the advertising on players' clothes and equipment exceeds the set norms, the players shall be asked to comply with the above standards. In case of not

complying with the decision of the Tournament Committee in relation to this clause, a player may be disqualified.

#### **19. Electronic equipment:**

- a) Use of walkie-talkies, cell phones and pagers during play is forbidden. Phones may be used **only** to contact the Rules Officials or the Tournament Committee.
- b) It is allowed to use electronic and optical distance measuring devices, as long as they do not have the option of measuring other values, such as: gradient, temperature, wind speed and direction. If a player, during a stipulated round, uses a device that has a possibility to measure parameters that could have an influence on his or her play, he or she violates Rule 14-3, which is penalized with disqualification, regardless the fact whether such additional function of the device was used or not.

#### **20. Transport:**

During a stipulated round of a PGU 2014 Championship Tournament, players are not allowed to use any means of transport, except for Polish Handicap Championship, where it is allowed on submitting a proper medical certificate to the Tournament Committee. The Polish Golf Union does not have any influence on the number of means of transport on a golf course, and despite having a medical certificate, such person may not be allowed to use it.

#### **21. Electric golf carts:**

Electric golf carts are allowed, provided that electronic devices in the cart do not allow measurements of parameters such as gradient, temperature, wind speed and direction. Devices with additional options are forbidden even if these options are not used during the play (Rule 14-3).

#### **22. Caddies:**

Each player is limited to only one caddie at any one time (Rule 6-4), with the following additional conditions:

- a) Juniors (players born in 1996 or later) cannot be assisted by a caddie in Tournaments of the BMW PZGolf Junior Tour and in the Polish Junior Championship. In the remaining PGU Championship Tournaments 2014, juniors cannot be caddied by their parents or legal guardians.
- b) During a stipulated round any person related to a junior player (a parent, a legal guardian) cannot in any way give advice or assist the player.
- c) Penalty for breach of condition:
  - i. **First breach: two penalty strokes as per Rule 8-1.**
  - ii. **Second breach: disqualification as per Rule 33-7.**



### **23. Live scoring:**

Due to the introduction of live scoring in the PGU Championship Tournaments, players are responsible for giving correct scores when requested during the stipulated round. Conscious giving of incorrect scores shall be treated as serious breach of Etiquette and penalised according to Rule 33- 7.

### **24. Tournament schedule, starting groups:**

- a) All players participating in a competition are obligated to adhere to the schedule set for a given Tournament. The Tournament Committee **shall not** consider any changes related to the expectations of individual players.
- b) Starting times will be generated automatically by the Tournament Software based on the criteria approved by the Tournament Committee.

### **25. Changes in Tournament Conditions of PGU Championship Tournaments 2014:**

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to introduce changes in the Tournament Conditions of the PGU Championship Tournaments 2014 before the commencement of the first round of a given Tournament. Information of such change shall be published on the PGU Championship Tournaments 2014 website: [www.polishchampionships.pl](http://www.polishchampionships.pl) as soon as possible. Changes to the Tournament Conditions introduced immediately before the Tournament shall be published at the Tournament Office.

### **26. Additional provisions:**

- a) Each tournament participant gives a consent to a free use of his or her image in film, photographic and audiovisual materials prepared by the Tournament organiser or an entity authorised by the organiser.
- b) The consent mentioned above includes multiple use of the participant's image for promotional, marketing, advertising and publishing aims.
- c) The Tournament Organiser is allowed to use the participant's image without any costs in Organiser's publishing, illustrations, press, books, leaflets, advertisements and to use the image in the Internet without any fees. The participant's consent includes in particular:
  - i. recording and / or duplication of the participant image using any technique,
  - ii. introducing the participant's image into the public turnover,
  - iii. inputting the image in computer's memory as well as digital and / or multimedia networks,
  - iv. public publishing of the image, also in the Internet.

- d) A tournament participant declares that is in possession of up-to-date medical examinations results in accordance to the Regulation of the Minister of Health and declares that is fit to to take part in the sport competition.
- e) A tournament participant and his/her legal representative gives a consent to collecting, processing and use of submitted personal data, as well as a consent for use the personal data for statistical, marketing aims as well as aims related with sport competition and with the statute activity.
- f) The administrator of the above mentioned personal data is the Polish Golf Union, seated 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 Department of the National Court Register, at the KRS number 00001172289.
- g) A tournament participant or his/her legal representative has the right to view own personal data as well as the right to update or change them or to request their deletion. In such case, one must apply with a proper letter to the Polish Golf Union or by email to [organizacja@pzgolf.pl](mailto:organizacja@pzgolf.pl).
- h) A tournament participant gives the consent to publishing information about his/her results by the Polish Golf Union. A tournament Participant also consents to the fact that information about his/her results will be generally accessible (livescoring).

## 27. Final provisions:

- a) Decisions of the Tournament Committee in the field of interpreting the General Conditions of Play for PGU Championship Tournaments 2014 and Tournament Conditions are final and not subject to an appealing procedure.
- b) Any comments of participants of PGU Championship Tournaments concerning the condition of a course, tournament's organization or other related issues, **should be submitted in writing or by email** to the Tournament Committee or PGU.
- c) Registration to a 2014 PGU Championship Tournament by an adult person means that:
  - i. a player is acquainted with the General Conditions of Play for PGU Championship Tournaments 2014 and accepts its provisions,
  - ii. a player is acquainted with the detailed Tournament Conditions of an event of PGU Championship Tournaments 2014 and accepts its provisions.

- d) Registration to a 2014 PGU Championship Tournament by a juvenile person means that a parent or a legal guardian of a juvenile person:
- i. is acquainted with the General Conditions of Play for PGU Championship Tournaments 2014 and accepts its provisions,
  - ii. is acquainted with the detailed Tournament Conditions of an event of PGU Championship Tournaments 2014 and accepts its provisions,
  - iii. Is responsible for correctness of information provided in the application of the juvenile player consciousness of the plans of participation of the juvenile player in Championship Tournaments at a consent of a parent of a legal guardian.