

Fair-Play Guide

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Coaches

- All coaches have to be documented by written registration together with the team-player nomination.
- Per minigolf system and nation maximum of 2 coaches are allowed on the course (preliminary rounds and k.o.finals).

Practice time

- Preliminary rounds:
At lane 1 each round one minute for each pairing.

Ball preparation

- It is not allowed to heat up, cool down or by other means prepare a ball after it has passed the border line.
- The ball may be picked up for cleaning only, if the position of the ball will be marked exactly.
- Picking up of the ball at lane 2 and 7 on minigolf is allowed only by the course-referee!!!

Referees

- Admonitions and warnings will be given according to the 4-level program + possible oral admonitions.
- For severe or tactical infringements some levels can be skipped.
- Admonition will be given directly to the player, there is no filtering through the coach.

Admonitions on time

The main points of the system are.

- penalty points just affect the team score
- every team has four free points (fouls) before penalties are given
- when a team has collected four team fouls, the next violation causes one penalty point for the team
- any further violation causes two penalty points for the team.
- the fouls are cancelled after preliminary rounds, play-offs begin with clean accounts
- team fouls are shown on a big board at the courses
- referees have the possibility to skip some levels in case of severe violations (e.g. two free points for a severe violation)

This is the decision of WMF Technical Commission for Nations Cup. We are aware that this system doesn't fit into the existing rules, but feels forced to try something in order to handle the problems with slow play.

Course referees

- **Lane 2 on concrete:**

The player is not allowed to touch the ball after it has passed the border-line. If requested the course-referee will hand over the ball to the player for cleaning.

- **Lane 7 on concrete:**

The the teeing-off area is only the marked circle. Possible local exceptions.

Two course-referees will decide if the ball went between the posts or not.

All players of a pairing play until the putting-area is reached. The positions of the balls are marked by the course-referees (exception: balls up to approx. 30 cm from hole will be putt immediately). The players will putt in the same order in which they teed-off.

If requested the course-referee will hand over the ball to the player for cleaning.

The course-referees will organize that the first player of the following group is starting to prepare to play (going to the tee-off-area, arranging his equipment) while the last player of the previous group is putting.

Time limits

- To stay inside the timelimits (70 seconds / 60 seconds) is generally in the responsibility of the player, even if a ball is not available due to bad coaching.

Loudness and chain calls

- They will be controlled by the referees on an acceptable level.
- If players are disturbed actively, there will be a penalty without pre-warnings.

Course-markings

- Course-markings of any kind, for example with bags, coaches or shadows etc. will be punished without pre-warnings.

Interruptions

- If there is a rain-interruption, it is always an immediate interruption, that means all balls in play have to be marked. Completing a started lane is not permitted after the interruption call.

Pairings

- Player leaving for toilet must always inform a referee or a member of the jury and his/her pairing.
- It is not allowed to leave the course or the own pairing for any coaching activities (for example to support or coach another player).

Wind shelters

- WMF rule 2.3.13.4. and 3.3.: wind shielding is allowed only by structures and not by human bodies. Number and position of wind shieldings can only be decided and changed by a member of the refereeing committee. Wind shields used at international championships have to be transparent (new rule / started 08.01.01.).
- Only allowed, when it is in position during the total shot.
- It is a question of fair play, that a personal windshelter stays for the complete playing group and not only for the player of the own team.

Behavior

- All players and coaches are called to follow the principles of fair-play.
- Spitting at the course will be considered as misconduct.
- All players have to wear their starting-number while playing.
- Due to the lack of free space especially on the eternit-course players and coaches please pay attention to shadows when walking or standing.
- Players are always to wear sports clothing while playing. Especially jeans are not considered as such (new rule / started 08.01.01.).

Walking on the lanes

- The lanes should be entered only for playing. Don't walk inside the lanes.

Mobile phones

- It is not allowed to be on the courses or close to the courses with mobile phones, which are switched on.

Green House

- After lane 18 all players of a pairing stay at a marked area (green house) until the scorecards / electronic pda's are checked.