

## 1. COMMITTEE

The LGF Championship Committee (further Committee) present is responsible for the sporting aspects of the Championship and reserves the right to amend the Championship Conditions. The Committee may appoint rules officials and whose decision on the Rules of Golf will be final.

## 2. FORM OF PLAY, ELIGIBILITY

The Championship shall be decided by stroke play in a number of holes allocated to different age groups in the championship program in three rounds for U18 and U16 and two rounds for U14(18+18), U12(9+18) and U10(9+9) age groups played over 3 or 2 days in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the Play Suspension Policy of the LGF, the Code of Conduct of the LGF, the Pace of Play Policy of the LGF, Terms of this Competition and the Local Rules as approved by the Committee. *Additionally view: Championship Programme.*

An entry will be accepted only from amateur players.

The handicap index certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes. Players must provide a certified notice of their handicap index from national golf authority or entrant's home club. The Committee reserves the right to confirm the player's handicap or date of birth at any time before or during the tournament.

## 2. ETIQUETTE, DRESS CODE AND REGISTRATION

Players and their caddies shall abide with the by-laws, rules, and dress regulations of the modern golf etiquette. Players and their caddies may not carry or wear clothing with images, embroideries or texts which don't abide the highest norms of conduct.

**Code of Conduct:** Players shall refer to the LGF Code of Conduct.

**Registration:** Players shall arrive at their designated starting point no less than 5 minutes before their official start time for that round.

1. Breach Player will be warned by a Rules Official and told that if he/she has a further breach he/she will be penalised
2. Breach One stroke penalty
3. Breach Two stroke penalty
4. Breach Disqualification

## 4. NUMBER OF COMPETITORS

The starting field will comprise 144 competitors. If entries exceed 144, players with the highest handicap will be balloted out. This decision will be taken by the Committee. If there are less than 6 players in the group, the Committee reserves the right to transfer players into another competition group.

## 5. ENTRIES AND WITHDRAWALS

5.1 Entries will close at 22:00 on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. They must be made online at Golfbox. Payment will be made via the online banking payment system at the time of submitting the online application form. An entrant's form will not have been officially received until his/her name has been posted on players list. Late entries will not be accepted. All entries are subject to the approval of the Committee which reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason for its decision, which shall be final.

5.2. Refunds Following Withdrawal. Entry fees will be refunded only if a written notice of withdrawal is received by the closing date of entries. A player will also be refunded if his/ her entry is rejected by

the Committee, if he/ she is assigned to the reserve list and does not subsequently compete, or if he/ she is withdrawing due to medical reasons prior to starting play (medical certification required).

## **6. PRACTICE**

Practice on the championship course is not allowed on the championship day nor before, nor between the championship rounds. Exception applies when a player has finished his/ her final round of championship and there is no reasonable chance that he/ she may have to participate in the play-off for this championship. However, if a player who has practiced after finishing her final round has to participate in a play-off, the penalties for breach of rule 5.5 override this exception.

1. Breach Two stroke penalty (Applied to the player's first hole)
2. Breach Disqualification

## **7. CADDIES**

Caddies are only allowed for U10 and U12 competition groups. The competitor is fully responsible for his/her caddie's actions. Any breach of rules, competition conditions or Code of Conduct by the caddie results in a penalty to the player. A player's caddy must not be a professional or a non-amateur. A caddie must be registered at the starter and a marking given by the starter must be worn during the competition rounds. The caddy cannot go onto green during the competition.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Two penalty strokes for each hole where the breach occurs.

## **8. TRANSPORTATION**

Players shall walk always during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride by the Committee.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Two penalty strokes for each hole where the breach occurs.

## **9. TROLLEYS**

The use of trolleys to carry the bag is permitted. Motorized trolleys are allowed. Distance meters are allowed within the limits of the Rules of Golf (4.3a).

## **10. COMPETITION CANCELLED OR ALTERED**

The Committee reserves the right to cancel any round, suspend or postpone play, cancel the competition, and come to an equitable decision to achieve a result.

The signal for the suspension of play:

**Discontinue Play Immediately:** One prolonged note of a horn.

**Discontinue Play:** Three consecutive short notes of a horn repeated.

**Resume Play:** Two short notes of a horn repeated.

*During play suspension till further Committee's notice, all of the practice areas are closed!*

## **11. PACE OF PLAY**

Players should refer to the LGF Pace of Play Policy.

## **12. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD**

A player's score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the designated Scoring Area with both feet.

## **13. CLOSE OF THE COMPETITION AND DISPUTES**

Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules must be referred to the Committee as soon as possible and before the conclusion of play on the final day. The Competition will be deemed closed once the results are officially announced when the trophies have been awarded to the specific competition group's winner at the end of round 3 or 2.

#### **14. ANTI-DOPING**

Any Player may be subject to a doping test upon the selection of the doping controller. The doping control is carried out according to the regulations of the World Anti-Doping Code. Abidance of the Anti-Doping Code during the competition is overseen by Latvian Golf Federation, which in case of a breach notifies all the involved persons and organizations.

#### **15. DECISION OF TIES**

In the event of tie for the first place after three or two rounds, the winner shall be decided by a play-off by stroke play over holes to be selected by the Committee. The competitor with the lowest aggregate score over the extra hole/s shall be declared the winner. In the event of a further tie, the winner shall be decided hole-by-hole over the same or extra hole/s. In the event of tie for the second or third place after three rounds, the winner shall be decided on best score in the final round then last 9, 6, 3 and the 18th hole of the last round. If needed, a 9-hole countback is used on the second, if needed first round as well.

#### **16. DISCLAIMER**

On entering the competition, the player/ player's representative agrees that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks as well as agree that personal data being processed during the competition and after it, any kind of video or images can be taken, and this material can be used for publicity needs.