GOLF

1. GENERAL TERMS

General

The Competitions of Golf will be run in accordance with the most recent Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited, the United States Golf Association and in accordance with the Local Rules approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chair. In the events of a disagreement on the interpretation of the rules, the English text will be regarded as authoritative.

Eligibility

All players must be a National of the country which the player is representing as defined in the FISU’s Nationality Policy.

All players nominated to teams by their national federations must be amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status of the R&A and the United States Golf Association and have a handicap of nine (9) or less when entering the World University Championship.

At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of players.

Any entry not duly confirmed at the first General Technical Meeting, will not be taken into consideration except for force majeure.

Format

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee and the WUC CTI. The competitions shall last four (4) days and include the following events:

- Men’s team competition (72 holes – stroke play)
- Women’s team competition (72 holes – stroke play)
- Men’s individual competition (72 holes – stroke play)
- Women’s individual competition (72 holes – stroke play)

The event will be played over 72 holes stroke-play: 18 holes each day for the four (4) consecutive days of the event.

Each country may enter a maximum of six (6) players.

In each event, each country may enter:

Men:

- Team event: the two (2) best results each day shall count for the team classification per day;
- Individual event: three (3) players;

Women:

- Team event: the two (2) best results each day shall count for the team classification per day;
- Individual event: three (3) players.

Minimum of 36 Holes
In no circumstances will the Championship be extended beyond the fourth day. The winner will be the Team/Individual which returns the lowest score for the number of stipulated rounds played, except that, if it is not possible to play at least 36 holes, the Championship will be terminated without a Champion being determined.

Practice Rounds

Practice round schedules will be allocated by the Championship Committee; requests for specific times/courses will not be accepted. Teams missing their assigned practice round times will not be permitted to play at another time unless there are exceptional circumstances, in which case any changes must be approved by the Committee in advance. Please note that it will not be considered exceptional circumstances if players/teams choose to travel on practice round days. Further, if inclement weather causes delay or cancellation of a practice round, that round will not be rescheduled.

4.2 Competitions

Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play from the Championship Office. The Pace of Play Policy will be strictly enforced.

Penalty for Breach of Policy:

- One (1) bad time: Verbal warning and told that if he/she has a further bad time he/she will be penalised
- Two (2) bad times: One Stroke Penalty
- Three (3) bad times: Additional Two Stroke Penalty
- Four (4) bad times: Disqualification

Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

- Immediate stop for imminent danger – one (1) prolonged note of siren
- Stop for a non-dangerous situation – three (3) consecutive notes of a siren
- Resumption of play – two (2) consecutive notes of a siren

Note: When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

May the host country be identified by the FISU TCC as a weather risk, namely concerning lightning, the Organising Committee must guarantee the use of a weather monitoring service for the management of the Championship. The Organising Committee is allowed to request a maximum of 20€ per athlete to support that service and must communicate it at the latest one (1) month before the event to all registered delegations.

Advice

Model Local Rule H-2 “Appointment of Advice Giver in Team Competitions” (Rule 24.4a) is not in effect.

Transportation
Model Local Rule G-6 from the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf is in effect.

**Behaviour**

All players and their guests are expected to be courteous and polite at all times to everyone involved in the Championship, including other players, officials, media, caddies, spectators and anyone else they come into contact with during the week. Players are expected to conform to the standards of player conduct provided in Rule 1.2a of the Rules of Golf. Please note that Rule 1.2a allows the Committee to disqualify any player who commits serious misconduct.

**Disqualification Penalties and Withdrawals**

A penalty of disqualification for a breach of the Rules or the Terms for the team event applies only to the round where the breach occurred, unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise. Similarly, a player who withdraws for one round may return for a subsequent round, unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise.

**Method for Deciding Ties**

**Team Event**

In the event of a tie for any of the medal positions after four rounds in the Team events, the medal(s) will be decided as follows: (a) Firstly, by taking into account the non-counting score for the 4th round. (b) If still tied, the non-counting score for the 3rd round. (c) If still tied, the non-counting score for the 2nd round. (d) If still tied, the non-counting score for the 1st round. (e) If still tied – joint winners will be declared. If less than 4 rounds are completed, (a) above does not apply. If less than 3 rounds are completed, (a) and (b) above do not apply. In any of the above situations, a team returning a non-counting score will always achieve a better position than a team that does not return a non-counting score (e.g., due to disqualification, withdrawal due to illness or injury, or a team that only has two players).

**Individual Event**

In the event of a tie for any of the medal positions after four rounds in the Individual events, the medal(s) will be decided by a hole-by-hole play-off to take place immediately after completion of the final round. Any players tied for other positions will remain tied. The play-off will commence on a sequence of holes as approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chair and identified prior to the competition beginning. If two players are tied for the first position, a play-off will be conducted to determine the gold and silver medals. If three or more players are tied for the first position, a play-off will be conducted to determine the gold, silver and bronze medals. If two or more players are tied for the second position, a play-off will be conducted to determine the silver and bronze medals. If two or more players are tied for the third position, a play-off will be conducted for the bronze medal. In any case, only one gold, one silver and one bronze medal will be awarded. At the conclusion of each play-off hole, players will be grouped according to score on that hole if it is necessary to play another hole to determine a medal.

**Returning of Score Cards**

The player’s card is deemed officially returned when the player has left the recording area.

Exception: In the Team event, in the foursomes and four-ball rounds, the team’s card is deemed officially returned when both players have left the recording area.

**Close of Competition**

Each event is deemed to have closed when the medals have been presented to the winning players/teams at the Closing Ceremony.
2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Deposits

Three (3) months before the Championship, the Organising Committee has the right to collect 25% of the total cost of stay per athlete and official from participating countries.

The deposit, which guarantees entry in individual sports, shall be directly collected by the Organising Committee.

Should a player compete, his/her deposit shall be credited to the remainder of the participation fees to be paid to the Organising Committee.

Draw

The FISU TCC will produce a draw for first and second rounds after all countries have registered. This draw will aim to provide a balance between early and late times and from the 1st and 10th tees over the first two rounds.

Where possible, the players from each country will be kept together in a block, one in each time slot after another.

For the third round the draw will be made counting the results of the team. Best results off last from the 1st tee.

The draw for the fourth round will also take into consideration the individual results and that the players playing for the individual title will play in the last group even if the rest of the team is not in the same block. For the rest of the field, play will follow the team result; from the worst result to the best, as per the third round.

3. TECHNICALS OFFICIALS

Nomination

International referees are nominated and selected by the IGF with advice from the NGF and in agreement with FISU. Travel expenses, full board, accommodation and the per diem according to the FISU-IGF partnership agreement are to be borne by the Organising Committee.

The OC and the NSF will appoint NTOs to complement the team of technical officials required for Golf. The number of NTOs shall be agreed between the OC and the FISU TCC.

Number of International Technical Officials

- One (1) international chief referee
- Three (3) international referees
- Seven (7) domestic referees with international experience
- One (1) international tournament administrator

Duration of Stay

Unless otherwise stated by FISU, all international technical officials are to arrive one (1) day prior to their first official meeting as agreed between FISU and the OC and depart one (1) day after the end of competition.

Per Diem
ITOs are entitled to receive a per diem in the amount established in the FISU-IGF partnership agreement for the entire days of duty (including travel days).

Accommodation

Unless otherwise stated by FISU, ITOs are to be accommodated in single rooms.