

38th ARAB AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP TUNIS 2018

The Residence Golf Course
17th to 21th October 2018

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

These tournament conditions are in addition to the general conditions of competition and local rules

ENTRY CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY OF NATIONS

All members of the Arab Golf Federation are eligible to participate in the Arab Amateur Championship. Every nation will be represented by a single team composed of four players.

Each national federation is required to respect the eligibility conditions of its team and its players.

ELIGIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBER

Each team member must be :

- Amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status.
- Nominated by an "Arab Golf Federation" member country and citizen of the country represented.
- Playing off a certified handicap.

A player with dual citizenship may only represent one nation per year. According to the Olympic Games charter, Rule 42, there must be a three years gap between playing for one country to another country.

However, if the Golf Federations from the two countries agree to waive this condition then the player may play for a different country immediately.

TEAM CAPTAIN

The team captain must be designated by name on the sheet composition of the team at the team captains meeting. Only the team captain may give advice to members of his team, as provided by the Note to Rule No. 8.

Reminder : If the team captain is a player, he may not, while playing, give advice to his team mates (Decision 8/2). In case of force majeure, the team captain may be replaced after approval of the Committee of tournament. A Team Captain may not be a caddie for any player and he is not allowed to go on the greens.

A team captain who breaches any rules of the tournament will get :

- 1st breach : Official warning.
- 2nd breach : Exclusion from the course.
- 3rd breach : Disqualification of the team and the individual results.

ENGAGEMENT

ENTRIES

Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form and must be received at the Arab Golf Federation office or the Tunisian Golf Federation office.

Entry form must be signed and stamped by the President of the Golf Federation of the candidate nation or by any other person having authority to sign. The entry form can be faxed or emailed to the Arab Golf Federation and the Tunisian Golf Federation.

By participating the Arab Amateur Championship, the teams, their players and officials must :

- Respect the provisions stipulated in this regulation, other regulations and other decisions drafted by the Arab Golf Federation.
- Accept that all the administrative, disciplinary and arbitration question related to the Arab Amateur Championship will be decided by the Arab Golf Federation in accordance with the Conditions herein.

REGISTRATION

Participating teams must register as soon as possible following their arrival at the Arab Amateur Championship venue. Each Team captain may register his team players' names.

WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawal must be notified to the Arab Golf Federation, before the beginning of the Arab Amateur Championship, by phone : **+(97140 295 2277** fax: **+97140 295 2288** or by e-mail to arabgolffederation.org.

The nation who withdraw less than three days prior to the start of the Arab Amateur Championship, other than special circumstances, may have its future entries rejected, and its entry fee will not be refunded.

TIME OF STARTING AND PRACTICE

The Arab Golf Federation will not communicate any time of starting, by phone. The times of starting will be displayed on the official notice board.

For reservations of departures from the official practice day, participating teams must contact the tournament office.

A player who is competing in the Arab Amateur Championship is not allowed to practice on the Championship course from 1st day of the championship until the official publication of results. Penalty: Disqualification of player for the rest of the championship.

CAPTAINS MEETING

The captains meeting will be prior to the start of the competition unless otherwise noted. At this meeting, team captains have to sign the sheet composition of their team.

The presence of the captain or his representative is required at the meeting, Failure to attend will result in disqualification. This representative may be a team player or any other person authorized in writing by the captain. Minutes of the meeting must be recorded.

FORME OF PLAY

STROKE PLAY

■ Nations Championship : 4 Individuals Stroke play / 72 holes / 18 holes per day / 3 lowest scores count each day

The competition consists of 72 holes stroke play, with rounds of 18 holes to be played for four consecutive days. All players of the teams are eligible for the four rounds.

For each 18-holes round, the total of the 3 lowest scores for the team event will constitute the team score for that round. If two or more team players return the same score, the score returned earlier will be taken for that team.

The total of the team scores for the four rounds will be the team score for the competition. The team returning the lowest total score will be the winning team. Subsequent positions will be determined likewise.

■ Individual Championship : Stroke play / 72 holes / 18 holes per day / Total of the 4 rounds

The scores for four rounds returned by players in the team event, will be individually added, and the player returning the lowest score will be the winner. Subsequent positions will be determined likewise.

DRAW

■ 1st round : The starting order of teams will be randomly drawn at the captains meeting. The players will play in the order given by the captain on the form of order of play.

This form of order of play must be submitted by the team captain to the Committee at the captains meeting. No changes may be made on this form after the captains meeting.

■ After the 1st round: the draw will be made according to the provisional ranking.

DECISION OF TIES

■ Nations Championship:

A tie for any place will be decided using the lowest total of the non-counting scores. If a tie still exists, the sum of the lowest scores, one from each day, will be used. Then, for further ties, the sum of the second lowest scores, and the third lowest scores, one from each day, will be used, etc.

Any further tie will be decided using the best score from each of the tied teams by comparing the scores of 18, then 9, 6, 3 holes and last hole. Then if a tie subsides, hole by hole going back (17, 14, ...,2).

■ Individual Championship

In the event of a tie for first place gross, **the winner's** will be decided by a sudden death play-off which will take place immediately.

Ties for other prizes will be decided by the lowest score for the last 18 holes, then 9, 6, 3 and the last hole. Then if a tie subsides, hole by hole going back (17, 14, ...,2).

BREACH OF CONDITIONS - DISQUALIFICATION

In a round or after the official proclamation of results, if a team has played with a team member who does not respect the conditions of participation, so the team could be disqualified.

Any team, after a round or the Arab Amateur Championship, has not seen his scores validated against the conditions of tournament is disqualified.

INCLEMENT WEATHER / EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event that the tournament was disrupted by inclement weather or other exceptional circumstances, the following requirements must be met :

- It is necessary that at least two complete rounds of stroke play must be played; otherwise the Arab Amateur Championship must be cancelled and possibly rescheduled.
- If the last round can not be completed before the end of the Arab Amateur Championship, it will be cancelled and the result before the last round is formalized.

TITLES AND AWARDS

■ Nations Championship

The winning nation with the lowest gross scores will be declared The Arab Nations Champion for a period of one year.

The gross winning nation will receive 6 gold medals, the runner up 6 silver medals, and 6 bronze medals for the third place.

■ Individual Championship

The gross winner in the individual event will be declared the Arab Champion Golfer for a period of one year.

The gross winner will receive a gold medal, the runner up a silver medal, and a bronze medal for the third place.

COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee will be nominated by the Arab Golf Federation and Tunisian Golf Federation.

Under the conditions defined by the Rules of Golf, only the referees nominated for the tournament by the Arab Golf Federation have the authority to give a decision on the Rules, whether or not part of the tournament committee (except for a team disqualification which will be the committee responsibility).

The Committee's responsibilities are defined in the Rules of Golf 33 and 34.

GENERAL RULES : SECTION A – CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS – Page 154**

Any driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A.

Penalty for making stroke with club in Breach of Condition:

Disqualification

SPECIFICATION OF THE BALL (Note to Rule 5-1) – Page 155

List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by R&A.

PACE OF PLAY (Note 2 to Rule 6-7)

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a “first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt”, or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or “second or third to play shot”, he is deemed to have had a “bad time”.

The time allowed will be determined by the Tournament Committee and will be published on the official notice board. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

A player who has had a bad time will have this bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

- 1st bad time – Official warning
- 2nd bad time – One stroke penalty
- 3rd bad time – Two additional stroke penalty
- 4rd bad time – Disqualification

SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION

- Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren.
- Discontinue Play: Three consecutive notes of siren. If a ball in play, the players can finish the hole if all the contesting players on that hole agree to.
- Resume Play: Two short notes of siren, repeated.

TRANSPORTATION

Players and caddies must walk at any time during a stipulated round.

Penalty for breach of condition:

Stroke play : two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred,
maximum penalty per round : Four strokes

RESULT OF THE COMPETITION — COMPETITION CLOSED

A player's score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when he left the recording office/areas.

When the final results sheet is posted on the official notice board, the result of the Competition is deemed to have been officially announced.

MOBIL PHONES

Except in case of absolute necessity or for a very special call (e.g. contact the Tournament Committee or a referee), it is forbidden for players and caddies to use mobile phones. Their mobile phones should be switched off in order to avoid disturbing the other players.

Penalty for breach of condition

Use of mobile phone to obtain advice (Rule 14-3) :

Two strokes penalty.

For subsequent offence: Disqualification

Use of mobile phone in conditions authorized by the rules, disturbing other players:

1st breach : Official warning

2nd breach: Disqualification (serious breach of etiquette)

DRESS CODE

All players participating in the golf competition must wear appropriate clothing and apparel that complies with the IGF dress code regulations.

INCORRECT BEHAVIOUR**Player and caddy**

If a player or his caddy has an incorrect behaviour (throwing a club, hitting the ground with a club, saying rude things, etc.) or if he does not respect guidelines of etiquette, he will be advised that the Committee will decide whether he is disqualified or not.

Penalty for breach of condition:

Disqualification according to Committee's decision

Important : in case of dangerous throw of club or insults to an Official, the player will be immediately disqualified.

Team Captain

If a captain shows unacceptable behaviour or if he does not respect the guidelines of etiquette, he will be reprimanded.

1st breach : Official warning

2nd breach : Exclusion from the course

3rd breach : Disqualification of the team.

GENERAL RULES : SECTION B – LOCAL RULES**OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 27)**

Beyond any wall, fence or white stakes defining the boundary of the course.

Note :

- a) Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports) the line joining the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or posts defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies over such line.
- b) Where any continuing or adjoining white line is in existence it defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such line.
- c) A ball which crosses a road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

WATER HAZARDS (Rule 26)

Water Hazards are defined by yellow stakes or yellow lines. Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red stakes or red lines. When both stakes and lines are in existence, stakes identify the hazard and lines define the margin.

Note: Dropping Zones for Water Hazards

Where there are dropping zones for water hazards, a ball may be played under Rule 26, or a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard under penalty of one stroke. When dropping a ball in a dropping zone, the dropped ball must not be re-dropped if it comes to rest within two club-lengths of the spot where it first struck a part of the course even though it may finish outside the boundaries of the dropping zone or nearer the hole.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR (Rule 25-1)

- a) All areas bounded by white or blue lines or blue stakes.
- b) Grass covered cable trenches.
- c) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).
- d) Seams of Cut Turf – Page 145
- e) Any erosional damage in bunkers caused by running water (wash-outs).
- f) Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage, including areas where spectators or other traffic has combined with wet conditions to affect materially the ground surface, but only when so declared by an authorised member of the Committee.

When immediately adjacent to an obstruction, such an area is part of the obstruction.

TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREEN

On any putting green, turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired under Rule 16-1c.

STONES IN BUNKERS

Stones in bunkers are deemed movable obstructions and may be removed.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

- a) White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not GUR.
- b) Decorative landscaped areas (Flowerbeds/shrubberies and the like) surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.
- c) Mats that are secured and plastic cable ramps covering cables.
- d) Non-permanent bridges erected for players or spectators.
- e) All Artificially surfaced paths and roads

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE

- a) Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- b) Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located within water hazards.

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF BALL ON A PUTTING GREEN

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

EXCEPTION TO RULE 6-6d

If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule but there is no additional penalty for breach of Rule 6-6d. This exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is the disqualification of the competition.

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. A multifunctional device, such as a smartphone or PDA, may be used as a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Penalty for breach of this Local Rule:

Two strokes penalty

For subsequent offence: Disqualification

In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.