

**International Youth Golf Tournament
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Golf Rules Announcement

Participants will play golf according to the official rules of golf (including amateur rules and regulations) of the R&A Rules Limited, the ÖGV handicap rules, the current ÖGV competition regulations (hard card), as well as the course rules approved by the respective competition committee.

Most Important Rule - FAIR PLAY

In the spirit of fair play; participants will behave respectfully and politely not only towards the referees, but also towards all officials, opponents, playing partners, and spectators.

1. Classifications

Boys:

Age Groups	Deadline
U 21	Born on 01/01/2002 and younger
U 18	Born on 01/01/2005 and younger
U 16	Born on 01/01/2007 and younger
U 14	Born on 01/01/2009 and younger
U 12	Born on 01/01/2011 and younger

Girls:

Age Groups	Deadline
U 21	Born on 01/01/2002 and younger
U 18	Born on 01/01/2005 and younger
U 16	Born on 01/01/2007 and younger
U 14	Born on 01/01/2009 and younger
U 12	Born on 01/01/2011 and younger

2. Identity Checks

Each player must, at the request of the tournament rules committee, be able to **prove his / her identity at any time** with a valid, official photo ID. If there is any suspicion of a cut-off date violation(s), a participant's photo ID must be checked in coordination with referees / rules committee.

3. Eligibility

In order to be eligible for play: All children and teenagers who are **members of a club affiliated with the ÖGV (Austrian Golf Federation), or a foreign national association**, and who have at least "Turnierreife" (handicap 45) and an official handicap, will be permitted to play.

4. Tournament Format

Individual format over three 18-hole rounds, (handicap effective). The format is played as follows:

Up to handicap 18.0: Stroke play over three rounds

From handicap 18.1: Stableford over three rounds, where the best two scores are counted

In case where over 90 players will be competing, there would be a cut before the final round with 90 player qualifying for the last round. FYI: details will be announced by the tournament committee after the sign up deadline has passed.

Tees:

Girls (all ages): red

Boys (U 12): red

Boys (U 14): yellow

Boys (U 16): yellow

Boys (U 18): yellow

Boys (U 21): yellow

The tees can, however, be changed by the tournament committee (depending on course and weather condition, etc.).

If Stableford tournament ends in a tie:

The better last 9 holes count. In the event of another tie, the last 6, 3, 1 holes will be used until there is a winner – net format with the respective handicaps. If there is still a tie, the lot decides.

If Stroke play tournament ends in a tie:

In case of a tie for the overall winner, there will be a sudden death playoff (matchplay-format), the order of holes will be announced by the tournament committee. If players are tied for other spots, there will be a "card tiebreaker".

5. World Ranking Points

The tournament was added to the World Amateur Golf Rankings calendar. Thus, world ranking points will be awarded to participants (male and female).

6. Caddies

Caddies – as well as spectators – are not allowed on the golf course during the entire round. The only exceptions are the areas around greens 9 and 18, where a distance of at least 15 meters (approx. 50 feet) is required. This rule is in effect during the practice round, as well as all tournament rounds.

7. Golf Carts

The use of a golf cart is only permitted upon presentation of a medical certificate. All players must walk at all times during the round, unless driving is expressly permitted by the competition committee or a referee to accelerate the game (at short notice).

8. Practicing on the course

Practice on the golf course before or after the round is prohibited (on tournament days). During the competition, a player is not allowed to take any practice strokes (e.g. putt again after having finished the hole) near or on the green of the last hole played.

9. Technical Aides

The use of distance measuring devices (without inclination calculation / slope adjustment) is permitted. If the use of a telephone causes a serious disruption of game operations (use while another player is preparing for his stroke or playing, etc.) this can lead to disqualification, as it is a serious etiquette violation.

10. Insurance and Theft Disclaimer

Insurance is not provided by the organizer. It is therefore up to team leaders, or the participating teams themselves, to ensure that all participants are insured during their entire stay at the United World Games. The organizer assumes zero liability for illnesses, stolen or lost valuables and/or any injuries. In case of injury, tournament officials can only arrange for an ambulance for transport. If the injured person is not insured or if his / her home country does not have an agreement for medical care with Austria, the participant (s) will assume all responsibility for transport/treatment cost.

Each participant declares that he / she has trained sufficiently and that there are no medical concerns prior to his / her participation.

The following applies to all players: Do not leave any valuables or sports equipment unattended!

11. Final Notes

The organization team of the United World Games strongly recommends that every player, supervisor, and coach have carefully read and acknowledge the rules and regulations of the Youth World Golf Tournament, as stated above.

IMPORTANT: In case of acute emergencies and circumstances that arise at night, please call the emergency number 144. Please also note that if a minor is need of ambulance transport, they must be accompanied by an adult supervisor.