



TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES 2016

INTRODUCTION

In order for all players to enjoy their time spent on the golf course all competitors should:

- Show respect for other players and follow the rules of golf
- Comply with safety rules
- Care for the course.

Players from İGK must act in a sportsmanlike, honest, disciplined and respectful manner at all times.

PART ONE

In the following sections actions are explained in order for all members to comply with the ethics of the game when registering for golf competitions, during the game and after the game in accordance with the rules of the Royal and Ancient (Golf Club of St. Andrews) (R&A), European Golf Association (EGA) and Turkish Golf Federation (TGF).

Section 1 Scope

This directive covers all golf competitions organized by Istanbul Golf Club both locally and abroad.

Section 2 Competition Season

The golf competition season begins on January 1 of each year and ends on December 31.

Section 3 Conditions for Participation in İGK Tournaments

All players must have an active handicap. Those whose handicaps have lapsed cannot participate in the competition. Those who have not paid their annual handicap fees or have not submitted 4 cards in the last twelve months (inactive) may enter the tournament if the Playing Committee deems it appropriate, however they cannot win a prize.

Section 4 New Golfers

New Golfers, after their playing ability has been determined as adequate by a İGK Golf Professional, will go out on the golf course under the supervision of a İGK Golf Professional or member with an active handicap and can get a valid EGA handicap after submitting the minimum required scorecards as set out by the TGF guidelines. The exact handicap submitted may not be higher than 36. New golfers can only go out on the golf course after becoming proficient in learning the Golf Rules and Etiquette. The Golf Handicap Committee may interview these players before entering tournaments organized by İGK or at a time that may be deemed necessary.



Section 5 Playing Committee

- 1) The Golf and Handicap Committee shall designate a playing committee consisting of at least three members from İGK for each tournament. The playing committee or the people appointed by them, prepare the tournament program and the name list of players who will enter the competition, groupings and flights, sets the competition categories, prepare the score cards, collect the score cards and announce the tournament result.
- 2) The Playing Committee assesses complaints or queries made during or after the tournaments and decides on the action to be taken.
- 3) The competitions start at the specified time and venue. The postponement authority belongs to the game committee. Tournaments can only be left to another day or cancelled for compelling reasons. Postponed tournaments are held at the time and place determined by the GHK and the Board of Directors.
- 4) If it is not specified who the Playing Committee consists of, GHK executes the task of this committee.

PART TWO

Section 6 Competition Conduct Rules

- 1) Before the competition;
 - Arrive at your tee, 10 minutes prior your tee time.
 - Check your mobile phone. Make sure it is turned off / silent. Do not use it during the game.
 - Be sure to have mark the balls with an identification mark before you use them, and declare your ball and your mark to the other players in your group before you make your shot. Make sure your ball can be distinguished from other players' balls.
 - Have your glove and sufficient tee and ball markers ready with you.
 - Check the score card given to you. If there are any mistakes, inform the game committee immediately and have it corrected. (You are responsible for the accuracy of the handicap and playing handicap written on your score card)
 - If not specified otherwise, hand your score card to your Marker who is randomly selected among other players.
 - You must keep the score card of the player of whom you are the marker of carefully, write down clearly the player's scores in the player's section and your scores in the marker section. You should not erase a score that you wrote incorrectly but cross it out and write down the correct score immediately on the below square and put your initials with your hand writing.
- 2) During the competition;
 - a) At the tee;

The order of strokes are in the order of the flight list, if not specified, are sorted from low handicap to high handicap.
 - b) From fairway to green;
 - Before it's your turn, be ready to play. Go quickly to where your ball is. Wear your glove and have your chosen club. Take care to keep your practice



swings limited.

(A player's pre-shot routine starts 3 seconds after he/she reaches in a reasonable time to the tee or to the ball. The player must hit the ball in 40 seconds).

- When other players are hitting, stay quiet and attentive and make sure that you are standing at a safe distance. After the other player's hit is over and if you are in a safe distance, move towards your ball.
For safety reasons take care to stay behind the ball farthest away from the flag from fairway to green. Make sure your Caddy does the same.
- If you are sharing the Buggy with another player, first move to the ball of the player farthest away from the flag.
- If you cannot be sure of where your ball is located after you have played your stroke, be sure to hit a "provisional" ball without leaving your position. Announce that the ball is provisional and specify its indication mark.
- Help other players when looking for a ball, if the ball has not been found in 5 minutes, move to your own ball.
- When you want to declare your ball unplayable, inform your marker of your intention. Remove the ball after marking its original position.
- If you are in the bunker, place your rake outside the bunker, but somewhere within reach.
- The 5-minute search period being used more than once cannot be an excuse for falling too far behind the group in front. If your score card has a duration specified for the hole, your pace of play must not exceed the allotted time.

c) Near the Green;

- If you are using a buggy, park your buggy behind the green in the direction of the next hole. Take your putter and the other clubs you can use around the green with you.
- The maximum time allocated per shot on the green, after all balls have been marked and lifted, the flagstick has been removed or held up, the pitch marks have been repaired, and loose impediments have been moved is **40 seconds**.
- On every green, after your last stroke or when you lift your ball, **declare your number of strokes Clearly**.
- After you complete the hole the first time you have completed your strokes, place the flagstick or make sure your caddy puts it in the hole and leave the green quickly.
- When you come to the teeing ground of the next hole, record the score of the player you are the marker of and your own score. Agree with your own Marker on your score.

3) After the round is complete;

- When you complete the final hole, read the scores for each hole to the player you have recorded scores for, after mutual agreement and both of you sign the card, return to the player his/her scorecard. Complete the same process with your Marker for your own scores, take the card your Marker has signed and submit it to the Playing Committee.



PART THREE

This section determines how disputes which may arise in tournament play can be resolved in accordance with the correct golf etiquette, how unresolved or subsequent disputes will be brought to the playing committee and by who they will be handled.

Section 7 Management of Disputes

1) Score dispute;

a) If you are a player;

- When any hole is completed, you are expected to declare your score clearly. If you do not, your Marker will ask you your score. If you do not agree with your Marker on the score, you should count your strokes again from start in a voice that is clear to other players.
- If there is a disagreement, you should get confirmation from the other players in your group.
- In the event that other players, caddies and referees (if there are any) do not give a clear opinion, the score you declare as the player will be considered valid.
- If your Marker or any other player in your group insists on a different score and you are absolutely sure about your score, please contact the Playing Committee with your card immediately at the end of the game. But remember that before the Playing Committee decides, they will ask all players' and caddies' opinions.

b) If you are a Marker;

- If the player has not declared his/her score in a clear voice when he/she completes the hole, remind him/her while agreeing on the score at the next tee, that he/she is expected to say his/her score clearly on the green.
- If you cannot agree on the score with the player, please ask the player to count his/her strokes again from the first stroke in a clear voice to the other players; warn him/her when you notice that the player misses to count a stroke or a penalty stroke. If necessary, take the opinions of other players and caddies. Your opinion only may not be enough to remind the player the number of his/her strokes.

c) If you are another player in the group;

- Take care to count all players' strokes.
- If the player has not declared his/her score clearly when completing the hole, while agreeing on the score at the next tee, make sure that the Marker reminds the player that he/she is expected to say his/her score clearly on the green.
- If you think that the player miscounted his/her scores and the Marker also



recorded the wrong score, ask the player to count his/her scores again from the start, remember that you are giving the player a chance to correct his/mistake and avoid being disqualified by declaring a wrong score.

- All players participating in the tournament are responsible for counting the scores correctly. Remember that in case a player deliberately allows another player to violate the rules or write down a wrong score, both players will be disqualified. Even if you are not a Marker, you are expected to intervene to make sure there will be no mistakes on the score card.

2) Disagreements on the rule

- Golf Rules are determined by R&A and published for annual periods. In this five-year period, it is possible to make additions, subtractions and modifications on rules by interim decisions. The latest rules that will be valid in 2016-2020 have been published.
- Players are expected to know and apply the Rules. However, occasionally there may be differences between players in terms of the follow-up of the interim decisions and implementation of changes made in local rules.
- If there is any disagreement about the application of a rule, you should immediately contact the Referee and, if there is no referee, the Playing Committee and clarify the situation. (Example: if the summer rule or the winter rule is valid)
- If necessary, play two balls and record both scores on the card and contact the referee and/or the game committee at the first opportunity (eg. Is there a free drop or not?). * (Amendment 1) When you play two balls, you must declare which ball you chose from the beginning. Otherwise you will be considered to have played the actual ball.

3) Breach of Etiquette

- Unlike many other sports, golf is played without constant supervision of any referee or authority and is based on the principle of mutual trust. All players must act in a disciplined and sportsmanlike manner and respect the rights of other players on the course. With this uniqueness, golf has a special place among all other sports.
- First ask players who you think are acting inappropriately to behave respectfully. If the player insists on the offending behavior, report the breach of etiquette to the playing committee immediately.
- The Playing Committee will begin reviewing the process. The Playing Committee, may decide to give a warning or disqualify the player according to the opinion formed irrespective of the fact that the tournament is finished. If the Playing Committee deems necessary, it may also take the matter to disciplinary action.



PART FOUR

In this section, the rules that must be followed to make the game more enjoyable for all the competitors are determined.

Section 8 Increasing the Pace of Game

- If a delay occurs, the players must keep up with the pace of the group in front and do not fall behind. Keeping the group in front in a safe distance and in clear view, with the safety distance in mind is the main objective.
- During the game many flights slow down for various reasons, such as searching for a ball, waiting for the wind to stop, not following the sequence of the game, not preparing for the shot, and eventually adjusting their game pace according to the players/flights behind. This is unethical.
- Players must be ready to play before it is their turn.
- The lowest handicapped player in the group is the flight captain, and is responsible for the players in the group to speed up,
- If the distance between a slow group and the group playing in front exceeds one hole, the following penalties are applied by the Referees.
 - The player(s) who violates this rule
 - will first be warned and informed that next time they will be penalised,
 - 1 penalty stroke in first violation of the rule (loss of the hole in match play),
 - 2 penalty strokes in second violation (loss of the hole in match play),
 - In the event of a third violation, the player is disqualified.
 - Even if the group reaches the normal game pace, the violations that can occur until the end of the game are evaluated by following the first warning.

PART FIVE

- 1) R&A and EGA rules, TGF Competition Conditions and İGK Tournament Regulations apply to matters not included in this Directive.
- 2) This Directive is carried out by GHK.
- 3) It will be republished when there is a change. It is the responsibility of the player to check.
- 4) This Directive shall go into effect on May 21, 2016.

* (Amendment 1, May 25, 2016) Old one: When you play two balls, you must first insert your 2nd ball into the hole. Otherwise, if you put the actual ball into the hole first, the hole will be completed and you will be considered to have played the second ball in waste.

