



2021 Tournament Playbook





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1. General

The official season will cover the total of the VBS Monday Tour, The Briston Royal Series and the Majors and will all count towards specific Order of Merits/Rankings. Aside from the official season there will be events on the PGA Club Pro-Am Series, Further Development Tour and Company/Club Pro-Ams.

A. Eligibility

With exception to the PGA Championship and PGA Masters, the individual events are "open" to all golfers with a federal license and a handicap of maximum 28.4. The order of priority for entries will be as follows:

1. PGA of Belgium members
2. PGA Club Members
3. Hosting club members
4. Amateurs Belgian license
5. PGA of Holland Members

B. Entry fees

The entry fee in the different events is determined as follows:

VBS Monday Tour: €60,-/event (€75 for Amateurs non-members, €35 for Host Club members)¹

The Royal Series: €60,-/event (€75 for Amateurs non-members, €35 for Host Club members)¹

Benelux PGA Trophy: €150,-

PGA Championship: €150,-

PGA Masters: €60,-

PGA 4Ball Trophy & George Will Trophy: €100,-/team

Benelux PGA Pro-Am: €550,-/team²

PGA Championship Pro-Am: €550,-/team²

Flory Van Donck Memorial Pro-Am: €550,-/team²

PGA Club Pro-Am: €180/p.p., or €135 for host club member)²

Further Development Tour Pro-Am: €100/p.p. (or €75 for host club members)²

PGA Junior Pro-Am: €300,-/team²

PGA Ladies Pro-Am: €350,-/team²

Entry method

All entries shall be done through:

<https://www.pga.be/tournaments/tournament-calendar-2021> which either brings you in the Club Portal page (CRM) or in the Golf Genius pages.

¹ Amateurs wishing to play with a Professional will be charged an extra €25.

² Includes the overall organisation, the Professional appearance fee, all greenfees, tee gift and prize presentation reception.

2. VBS Eurowater Monday Tour

The VBS Eurowater Monday Tour will be organised in 4 qualifying regions with 4-5 events each. A Prize Presentation will be held at each final event per region:

North: Rinkven GCC, 19 July

South: Royal Bercuit, 6 September

East: Royal Limburg Golf, 20 September

West : Royal Zoute GC, 27 September



Format: single stroke play (pro) – single stableford (amateurs)

Categories:

- Overall (all categories combined calculated in stableford)
- Penina Pro Belgium (cat 1)
- Game Pro Belgium (cat 2)
- Pro Seniors
- Pro Ladies (If 4 entries otherwise incorporated in Penina Pro category)
- Amateurs

Entries:

On the entry page, a professional will have to choose in what category he/she wants to compete (Penina Pro or Game Pro). Points won in that category will only count towards that same category and cannot be transferred.

Prizes:

- Overall amateur net winner of all regional qualifiers (see above for prize presentations)
- Pro money prizes at each event, with a slightly higher purse in the Penina Pro category

Order of Merit / Ranking

Each region will have its own Amateur Ranking, whilst all events count towards the respective Order of Merits:

- Race to Penina: Professionals, members of the PGA of Belgium
- Senior Order of Merit, senior members of the PGA of Belgium
- Ladies Order of Merit, lady members of the PGA of Belgium
- Game Professionals Order of merit, members of the PGA of Belgium
- PGA Club Order of Merit, PGA Club Belgium members

West Region	North Region	South Region	East Region
12/4 Royal Ostend*	19/4 Ravenstein*	10/5 Royal Hainaut*	31/5 Spiegelven GC
3/5 Royal Latem*	21/6 Royal Keerbergen*	17/5 Enghien GC	28/6 Flanders-Nippon
16/8 Waregem GC	5/7 Millennium GC	2/8 La Tournette (US)	9/8 Royal Fagnes*
27/9 Royal Zoute*	12/7 Ternesse GCC	6/9 Royal Bercuit*	23/8 Royal Sart-Tilman*
	19/7 Rinkven GCC		20/9 Royal Limburg*

* Royal Series

3. Briston Royal Series

Special attention will be held to all VBS Monday Tour events that are played on "Royal" courses, with an additional Royal Series Ranking. The winners of that Ranking shall receive a Briston Clubmaker Watch (see point 9).

The points awarded in the Royal Series will be slightly higher than the "regular" VBS Monday Tour events.



4. Majors

The season will count 4 Majors:

- Benelux PGA Trophy
- Classic Omnium (RBGF administered)
- PGA Championships
- PGA Masters

a. Benelux PGA Trophy

Will be played at Royal Limburg Golf on 28-29 July.

Format: 2 x 18 holes single stroke play, Professionals only.

b. Classic Omnium

Will be played at Millennium Golf on 12-15 August.

Format: 4 x 18 holes with cut after 36 holes, Professionals & Amateurs (conditions of competition available on website RBGF (www.golfbelgium.be))

c. PGA Championships

Will be played at Five Nations Golf Club on 13-14 September.

Format: 2 x 18 holes, 4 categories (Pro men + ladies + seniors + PGA Club)

Point grid 72 holes value

d. PGA Masters

Will be played at Koksijde Golf ter Hille on 7 October.

Format: 2 x 18 holes single stroke play (pro) – 18 holes single stableford (amateurs)

Point grid 18 holes double value

Eligibility:

- All Penina Professionals winners of the regional qualifier, not otherwise exempt (4)
- Top-2 Penina Professionals of the Briston Royal Series, not otherwise exempt (2)
- Top-6 Penina Professionals in the Race to Penina, not otherwise exempt (6)
- Top-2 Senior Professional in the Senior Order of Merit, not otherwise exempt (2)
- All Senior Professionals winners of the regional qualifier, not otherwise exempt (4)
- Top-2 Lady Professionals in the Ladies Order of Merit, not otherwise exempt (2)
- All amateur PGA club winners of the regional qualifier (4)
- Top-2 amateurs PGA Club in the PGA Club Ranking, not otherwise exempt (2)

5. Order of Merits / Rankings

- Race to Penina: Professionals, members of the PGA of Belgium
 - All events from the VBS Monday Tour+ the Majors
- Senior Order of Merit, senior members of the PGA of Belgium
 - All events from the VBS Monday Tour+ the Majors
- Ladies Order of Merit, lady members of the PGA of Belgium
 - All events from the VBS Monday Tour + the Majors
- Game Professionals & Coaches, members of the PGA of Belgium
 - All events from the VBS Monday Tour + the Majors
- Royal Series Rankings: Professionals, members of the PGA of Belgium
 - All events from the VBS Monday Tour played on Royal courses
- PGA Club Ranking: PGA Club Members
 - All events from the VBS Monday Tour + PGA Club Championship + PGA Masters

6. PGA Club Pro-Am Series (Training days)

Format: 18 holes 1 pro + 3 amateurs 2best scores Net & Gross

3 training bays at Putting, approaches and Practice (with training simulators)

3 performance events at Putting approach and practice

7. Further Development Tour

Format: 9 holes 1 pro+3 amateurs 2 best scores Net

+ 1H30 of Training

8. Company/Club Pro-Ams

A number of Company/Club Pro-Ams will be run by the PGA of Belgium and will usually be on invitation agreed with the Company/Club.

All Majors will have a Pro-Am prior or following the event (see point 1).

9. Awards

At the end of the regional qualifiers and the season the following winners shall receive an award:

- **Regional Ranking:** all amateur top-3 prizes (x4 = 12 prizes) + A Luxury Watch to best ranked PGA Club amateur member
- **Order of Merits:**
 - Race to Penina: top-3 Penina Pro (Trophies and bonuses handed out at Koksijde Golf ter Hille on 7 October);
 - Briston Royal Series: Best Penina Pro (High prestige Briston Watch), Game Pro & Senior (Skeleton watch), Lady (Lady watch), PGA club Amateur member (first prize High Prestige Briston watch). Trophies handed out at Royal Zoute on 27 September;
 - PGA Order of Merit: Game Pro (Trophy and bonus handed out at Royal Zoute on 27 September), Seniors & Ladies Winner (trophies and bonuses handed out at Koksijde Golf ter Hille on 7 October);
 - Top-2 PGA Club (Trophies, handed out at Koksijde Golfde Ter Hille on 7 October);

The **top-2 available male Club Professionals/Coaches and leading lady Professional/Coach** will be invited to represent the PGA of Belgium in the International Team Championship at Penina, Algarve, Portugal, at the end of the year.



2020 Order of Merit & PGA Masters winners

10. Event Calendar

April

Mon 12	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	Royal Ostend GC
Mon 19	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	RGCB Ravenstein
Mon 26	PGA 4Ball Trophy	Royal Waterloo GC

May

Mon 3	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	Royal Latem GC
Mon 10	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	Royal Hainaut GC
Mon 17	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	GC Enghien
28-30	Ladies European Tour	GC Naxhelet
Mon 31	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	Spiegelven GC

June

7-9	Deauville International Pro-Am	Deauville area
Mon 14	Birdies Challenge Pro-Am	RGC des Fagnes
Mon 21	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	Royal Keerbergen GC
24-26	LETAS	Rinkven GCC
Sat 26	Trends Pro-Am	GCC De Palingbeek
Mon 28	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	Flanders-Nippon GBC

July

Mon 5	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	Millennium GC
Mon 12	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	Ternesse GCC
Mon 19	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	Rinkven GCC
28-29	Benelux PGA Trophy	Royal Limburg Golf
Fri 30	Benelux PGA Pro-Am	Royal Limburg Golf

August

Mon 2	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	GC La Tournette (US course)
Mon 9	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	RGC des Fagnes
Wed 11	Classic Omnium Pro-Am	Millennium GC
12-15	Classic Omnium	Millennium GC
Mon 16	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	Waregem GC
Mon 23	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	RGC Sart-Tilman
Fri 27	PGA Club Pro-Am Tour	Royal Waterloo GC
Mon 30	PGA Junior Pro-Am	Ternesse GCC

September

2-3	Pro-Am de la Construction	RGC Fagnes/Sart-Tilman
Mon 6	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	Royal Bercuit GC
13-14	PGA Championships	Five Nations GC
Wed 15	PGA Championships Pro-Am	Five Nations GC
Mon 20	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	Royal Limburg GC
Mon 27	VBS Eurowater Monday Tour	Royal Zoute GC
Tue 28	PGA Ladies Pro-Am	tba

October

Fri 1	Smile Green Day Pro-Am	RGC Sart Tilman
Thu 7	PGA Masters	Koksijde GtH
Fri 8	Flory Van Donck Memorial Pro-Am	Koksijde GtH
Mon 18	George Will Cup	KGC Oostende

11. Hard Card

2021 LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF COMPETITION (text from PGA Hard Card)

(EFFECTIVE AS FROM JANUARY 2021)

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition have been formulated after consultation with the Rules of Golf Committee of R&A Rules Limited and, together with any additions as published by the PGA of Belgium at each golf course, will apply until further notice to all tournaments under the auspices of the PGA of Belgium.

For the full text of the Local Rules, please refer to the Committee Procedures effective from January 2020 as published by R&A Rules Limited.

SECTION A - LOCAL RULES

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 18.2)

- (a) A ball is out of bounds when it is beyond any wall, fence or line of white stakes defining a boundary.
- (b) 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.

2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

- a) Opposite Side Same Distance Relief for Red Penalty Areas
The Additional Local Rules sheet will specify which (if any) red penalty areas have a same distance option on the opposite side. Model local rule B-2.1 will apply only to the penalty areas that are listed.
- b) Opposite Side Relief Where Ball Last Crossed Edge of Penalty Area Where Edge and Boundary of Course Coincide.
Model Local Rule B-2.2 is in effect. It amends the first paragraph of B-2.1. when a player's ball is found in or it is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in any red penalty area where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area at a point that coincides with the boundary of the course.
- c) Dropping Zones for Penalty Areas.
Where a dropping zone is marked for a Penalty Area, it is an additional option. Model Local Rule E-1.1 is in effect and applies under penalty of one stroke. The dropping zone is a Relief Area under rule 14.3, meaning a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

3. Abnormal Course Conditions (Rule 16.1)

Ground Under Repair

- (a) All areas indicated by Ground Under Repair notice.
- (b) All areas bounded by white lines including spectator crossing points where bounded by white lines.
- (c) Seams of cut turf: Model Local Rule F-7 is in effect.
- (d) Holes left by movable obstructions in parts of the general area.
- (e) Relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing from any painted yardage spot situated in any closely mown area in the general area.
- (f) French drains (stone-filled drainage ditches).

Immovable Obstructions

- (a) White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be treated as a single abnormal course condition.
- (b) Landscaped garden areas and everything growing in them that are completely surrounded by an immovable obstruction are part of the obstruction.
- (c) Roads or paths surfaced with woodchip or mulch. Individual pieces are loose impediments.
- (d) Staked Trees (NOTE: no free relief available for trees with wrapping only)

4. Embedded Ball (Rule 16.3)

Model Local Rule F-2.2 is in effect and Rule 16.3 is modified in this way:

"No free relief is allowed for a ball embedded in the stacked turf face above a bunker".

5. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens

Model Local Rule F-5 is in effect but is modified as follows:

For a ball in the general area, relief is allowed only when both the ball and the immovable obstruction lie in an area cut to fairway height or less.

6. Integral Objects

- (a) Wires, cables or wrapping where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects.
- (b) Retaining artificial walls and pilings when located within Penalty Areas.
- (c) Bunker liners in their intended position.
- (d) Artificially stacked materials in the bunker face.

7. Permanent Overhead Power Lines

Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect but only for a ball which strikes only the power line located in bounds and not the supporting pole. (Stroke is cancelled and must be replayed).

8. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO)

Model Local Rules F-22 re Temporary Power Lines and Cables and F-23 re TIO are in effect.

(a) Dropping Zone Policy. In the General Area, when a player's ball lies in or on a TIO or so close to the TIO that it interferes with the stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, the player may proceed under any of the options allowed under the TIO local rule or Rule 16.1 or, if dropping zones have been marked, as an additional option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball, without penalty, in the nearest dropping zone. This is true even if it is nearer the hole. The Dropping Zone is a Relief Area and a ball must come to rest in and be played from the relief area.

(b) Either Side Relief. The Additional Local Rules sheet will specify which TIO have an either side option. Either side relief is restricted to line-of-sight relief only and is not available when the player chooses to operate under Rule 16.1.

Temporary Immovable Obstructions - Definitions

Examples include but are not limited to, advertising boards, hole number distance indicators and clocks situated around teeing grounds on-course leader boards and advertising boards fixed to other permanent objects.

Movable Obstructions - Definitions

Examples include but are not limited to, free standing advertising boards situated away from teeing grounds, cameras, microphones and drinks dispensers.

9. Clubs and Balls

(a) List of Conforming Driver Heads. Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.

Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

(b) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications. Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect. Exception: Amateurs participating in Pro-Am events.

Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

(c) Conforming Balls List. Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for breach of local rule: Disqualification.

(d) The One Ball Rule. Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect.

Exceptions: Amateurs participating in Pro-Am events and Pro-Am events where the Professional is not marking an individual score.

10. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6b(3))

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', they are deemed to have had a 'bad time'.

The time allowed will be determined by the Chief Referee 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 whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF PACE OF PLAY POLICY

1 Bad Time	Verbal warning	
	Stroke Play	Match Play
2 Bad Times	Penalty of 1 stroke	Loss of Hole
3 Bad Times	Further Penalty of 2 strokes	Loss of Hole
4 Bad Times	Disqualification	Disqualification

Notes:

- (1) Players will be advised that they are being timed.
- (2) Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Official that it is the player's turn to play.
- (3) In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

11. Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)

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

Immediate Stop/dangerous situation - 1 prolonged note of the siren.

Normal non-dangerous stop - 3 consecutive short notes of the siren.

Resume play - 2 consecutive short notes of the siren.

12. Practice Between Holes (Rule 5)

(a) Practice before or between rounds in Stroke Play. (Rule 5.2b.)

Model Local Rule 1-1.2 is in effect.

Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: "Before or between rounds a player must not practice on the competition course".

Penalty for breach of Rule 5.2: See penalty statement in Rule 5.2.

(b) Practice on or Near Previous Putting Green Prohibited. Rule 5.5b.

Model Local Rule 1-2 is in effect for stroke play events only.

Rule 5.5b is modified in this way: "Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed or test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball".

Exception: This does not apply to Pro Am or Match Play tournaments

13. Transportation

Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. Rule 4.3a is modified in this way:

"During a round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised by the rules committee". (A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorised).

Exception: Amateurs may ride in buggies in Pro-Am events.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES

Match Play - Loss of Hole Stroke Play - Two Strokes

SECTION B - TERMS OF COMPETITION & REGULATIONS

1. Returning of Scorecard

A player's scorecard is deemed as officially returned to the Committee when he has left the recording office/area completely.

2. Results of the Competition - Competition Closed

The result of the competition is deemed to have been officially announced at the prize presentation or, alternatively, by 10 am the following morning as published on Golf Genius (whatever comes first).

3. Tournament Regulations

All PGA Tournaments are run under the auspices of the PGA Tournament Regulations.

OVERVIEW LOCAL RULES SPECIFIED ON PGA HARD CARD 2021

MODEL B-2.1 PENALTY AREAS

When a player's ball is in a penalty area, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area even though not found, the player may take relief using one of the options under Rule 17.1d.

Or, when the ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area, as an extra relief option adding **one penalty stroke**, the player may drop the original ball or another ball on the opposite side of the penalty area:

- Reference Point: The estimated point on the opposite edge of the penalty area that is the same distance from the hole as the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area.
- Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: Two club-lengths, but with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area:
 - Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and
 - May be in any area of the course except the same penalty area, but
 - If more than one area of the course is located within two club-lengths of the reference point, the ball must come to rest in the relief area in the same area of the course that the ball first touches when dropped in the relief area.

MODEL E-1.1 DROPPING ZONES

If a ball is in the penalty area identify location, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for **one penalty stroke**:

- Take relief under Rule 17.1, or
- As an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone describe how the dropping zone is defined and where located. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

MODEL F-7 SEAMS OF CUT TURF

If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing:

(a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b.

(b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d.

But interference does not exist if the seam only interferes with the player's stance.

All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after dropping the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is still within one club-length of the reference point.

MODEL F-5 IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1.

The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play:

Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

- On the line of play, and is:
 - Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
 - Within two club-lengths of the ball.

Exception - No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

MODEL E-11 PERMANENT OVERHEAD POWER LINES

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line or tower or a wire or pole supporting a power line during play, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6 for what to do).

MODEL G-1 LIST OF CONFORMING CLUB HEADS

Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by The R&A. This list is regularly updated and is found at RandA.org.

Exception – Pre-1999 Driver Heads: A driver with a clubhead that was made before 1999 is exempt from this Local Rule.

MODEL G-2 GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS

In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on 1 January 2010.

An Equipment Database of fairway woods, hybrids, irons and wedges which have been tested for conformance to the current Equipment Rules is found at RandA.org.

Penalty For Making a Stroke with Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a stroke with a club which does not conform to these groove and punch mark specifications.

MODEL G-3 CONFORMING BALL LIST

Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by The R&A. This list is regularly updated and is found at RandA.org.

Penalty for Making a Stroke at a Ball Not on Current List in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

MODEL G-4 THE ONE BALL RULE

During an entire round, each ball at which the player makes a stroke must be the same brand and model as found in a single entry on the current List of Conforming Balls.

If a different brand and/or model is dropped, replaced or placed but has not yet been played, the player may correct the mistake by stopping use of that ball, without penalty, under Rule 14.5. The player must drop, replace or place a ball of the same brand and model as used at the start of the round.

When the player discovers he or she has played a ball in breach of this Local Rule, he or she must stop using that ball before playing from the next teeing area and complete the round with a ball of the same brand and model as used at the start of the round; otherwise the player is **disqualified**.

If the discovery is made during the play of a hole, the player may complete play of this hole with the ball played in breach or place a ball of the correct brand and model on the spot where the ball played in breach of this Local Rule was lifted from.

Penalty for Making a Stroke at a Ball in Breach of Local Rule:

The player gets the **general penalty** for each hole during which he or she is in breach of this Local Rule.



2020 PGA Champions

12. Tournament Regulations

PGA TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

1. Association Tournaments

The Association may organise tournaments exclusively opened or not to its Members and will be responsible for the negotiation, implementation and administration of these tournaments. There will be two categories:

A: Order of Merit Tournaments

B: Corporate Tournaments

2. Conflicting events/exclusivity

The Professional Golfers' Association of Belgium recognises the individual rights of all Members of the Association to operate as independent contractors.

The Association therefore recognises and warrants to all Members that at no time does it commit to sponsors or individual golf clubs the guaranteed appearance or entry of any individual Member.

However, the Association requires all Members to comply with the following conflicting events Regulations to ensure that the Association may remain in a position to fulfil, at all times, its obligations in respect of sponsorship to provide representative fields at Association-approved tournaments.

- 2.1.** With the exception of Tournament Professionals (TP) competing PGA Tour-approved tournaments, Members must not play in a non-PGA Approved tournament.
- 2.2.** For the purpose of this paragraph, a "tournament" means any golf event where more than four Members or professional golfers participate for prize money.
- 2.3.** For the purpose of this paragraph, "prize money" means sums paid either in fixed appearance fees or for competition on the day.
- 2.4.** For the purpose of this paragraph, "non-PGA Approved" means any tournament not on the official PGA calendar.
- 2.5.** A player found in breach of the above article shall be fined EUR 500 and shall be liable to suspension.

3. Levy

A levy shall normally be imposed on the prize money or fees in all PGA Tournaments. The size of the levy shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

4. Film & Media rights

The television, radio, film and all other electronic media rights of all Members participating in events approved by the Association, or any other golf event run in conjunction with or under the auspices of the Association, shall be assigned to the Association.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. General

- 1.1** The following shall be the official regulations governing tournaments run under the auspices of the Association.
- 1.2** No rule herein shall be amended or rescinded and no new rules may be included without the approval of the appropriate Committee.
- 1.3** Tournament conditions may be permitted to vary with the different types of tournaments stated but nevertheless the conditions that govern the said tournaments shall fall within the framework of these Tournament Regulations.
- 1.4** Conditions special to each tournament shall be published with the draw which shall be binding unless circumstances make a change necessary when such changes as authorised by the appropriate Committee shall amend the aforesaid conditions and become binding. Publication of the conditions on the tournament noticeboard shall be considered proper notice to all competitors.

2. Tournament supervision

- 2.1.** Supervision at tournaments shall normally be in the hands of the Tournament Director who shall be responsible to the appropriate Committee for the scoring, the decisions on the Rules of Golf and other tournament regulations, the distribution of prizes and overall smooth administration of the tournament.
- 2.2.** In the event of doubt on any decision the Tournament Director shall consult the Secretary General or his appointed deputy whose decision having been given shall be final.

3. Tournament rules

PGA Tournaments shall be governed by the Rules of Golf as published by the R&A Rules Limited with the exception of certain alterations and additions that may be deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Conditions and Local Rules will be published as Part 3C of the Association's Regulations and issued separately from this booklet. These Rules shall be binding upon all players.

4. Course unfit for play

- 4.1.** In the event of a hole or holes becoming flooded or otherwise unfit for play the Tournament Director may authorise the cutting of a fresh hole or holes even if a round is in progress if it is considered that by doing so the tournament may be saved.
- 4.2.** In the event of a round being cancelled because of unplayable conditions the tournament may be reduced to a stipulated number of rounds or holes to be played if an additional day, or days, is impracticable for the tournament to continue. For detailed guidance refer to paragraph 5 of this Regulation below.

5. Play foreshortened or cancelled

The Tournament Director may, following consultation with the Secretary General or his appointed Deputy, vary the following procedures in exceptional circumstances:

- 5.1.** If in the judgement of the Tournament Director adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence beyond the control of the Association renders the commencement or

continuation of the tournament impracticable play shall be postponed until such time as the Tournament Director after consultation with the sponsor considers that play can be continued.

- 5.2.** If it becomes necessary to suspend play for a period during a tournament the Tournament Director or his deputy will cover the course informing players of the suspension.

When available, short (1 second) intermittent blasts on the claxon will signify suspension of play. On receiving the message or hearing the claxon the player may complete the hole being played or discontinue play immediately and lift the ball after marking the position in which it lay.

- 5.3.** As soon as the conditions allow play to be resumed the Tournament Director or his deputy will cover the course again or play will be resumed immediately by all competitors on the course as soon as similar short blasts on the claxon are sounded.

- 5.4.** If after play has been temporarily suspended the Tournament Director covers the course, or sounds longer (5 seconds) blasts on the claxon it will signify that play has been abandoned for the day.

- 5.5.** The following procedures shall apply:

- 5.5.1. The Tournament Director shall adopt the policy that offers the most likely opportunity to complete the Tournament over the number of holes stipulated in the conditions for the Tournament;

- 5.5.2. if half the field has completed a round the round must stand and the round is completed the next day;

- 5.5.3. if less than half the field finished a round that round will be disregarded;

- 5.5.4. in Tournaments scheduled for 72 holes to be played over four days paragraph 5.5.2. and 5.5.3. above will be applied with the object of completing a minimum of two rounds by the end of the third day's play;

- 5.5.5. in Tournaments scheduled for 54 holes to be played over three days paragraph 5.5.2. and

5.5.3. above will be applied with the object of completing a minimum of one round by the end of the second day's play;

- 5.5.6. in the event of play being foreshortened so that two rounds have to be played on the last day, then the field will be cut to the leading forty (40) players and those tying for 40th place;

- 5.5.7. in Tournaments scheduled for 36 holes over two days paragraph 5.5.2. and 5.5.3. above will be applied;

Note : If paragraph 5.5.2. is applied in a Tournament scheduled for 36 holes over two days, the Tournament Director shall decide the number of players qualifying for the final round.

- 5.5.8. if it is not possible to complete play on the final day the Tournament shall be decided on the scores achieved in completed rounds;

- 5.5.9. professional individual prize money in Category A Tournaments can only be declared on scores achieved in completed rounds. Prize money allocated for Professional team

prizes may be declared on the maximum number of holes completed by all Professionals.

In Category B Tournaments over eighteen holes, Professional individual prize money may be declared on the number of holes completed by all Professionals;

5.5.10. in the event of curtailment or cancellation of a Tournament prize money shall be distributed as agreed between the Sponsors and the Association and may vary from that published in the Tournament Conditions. However, if bad weather causes the abandonment of a Category B Tournament after all teams have commenced play, the result shall be declared over the aggregate scores of holes completed by all teams; and

5.5.11. The Tournament Director may authorise the reciting of a hole or holes if the course becomes waterlogged during play.

6. Eligibility of Members and Registered Trainees

All Members and Registered Trainees may compete in tournaments provided they are eligible under the conditions of entry of the tournament and are not under suspension at the time.

7. Entry method - Tournaments

- 7.1. All entries shall be done through the PGA Tournament Website by noon of the closing date for the tournament in question.
- 7.2. Entries shall be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee to be paid on the PGA Tournament Bank Account. A player is responsible for ascertaining whether or not the entry has been received.
- 7.3. Late entries may be accepted only if there are vacant times in the draw. The late entry will be accompanied by a raised entry fee.
- 7.4. The conditions of entry on the entry forms have priority over the above.

8. Entry fees

The appropriate Committee shall from time to time review the entry fee for tournaments which shall be published on the appropriate entry form and must be paid exclusively by the professional if the entry is to be accepted.

9. Tournament withdrawals

- 9.1. A player who withdraws his entry after the closing date for entries will be charged the appropriate entry fee.
- 9.2. A player whose withdrawal is notified only within five (5) days of his starting time may be charged a maximum of EUR 200.
- 9.3. A player whose withdrawal is not notified and who is absent from a tournament may be fined a maximum of EUR 300 and shall be liable to suspension.
- 9.4. For a second or subsequent offence, it will be mandatory for the facts to be reported to the appropriate Committee and action taken as a breach of the Code of Ethics.
- 9.5. Any competitor who qualifies to play in a tournament and then fails to play in the final stages and thereby prevents another competitor from playing, or who fails to complete all rounds for which he has entered, or fails to record a score for a round may forfeit any prize money won in respect of that tournament and may be fined up to EUR 500 by the appropriate Committee. A second or subsequent offence or one which in the opinion

of the appropriate Committee constitutes a breach of the Code of Ethics must be reported to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action.

- 9.6. Any competitor who fails to record a score for any round or is disqualified, shall not be eligible for prize money or Order of Merit points if applicable.
- 9.7. Exceptions to these rules may be made in the case of sickness (for which a certificate for inability to work must be provided within 48 hrs to the Tournament Director) and other special circumstances subject to the discretion of the appropriate Committee.

10. Entry fees - refund

- 10.1. A competitor in any PGA tournament who withdraws before the closing date for entry shall be eligible for a refund of entry fee.
- 10.2. Any player withdrawing after the closing date shall under no circumstances be eligible for a refund of his entry fee unless the appropriate Committee is satisfied that the withdrawal enabled the Member to enter a higher ranked tournament.

11. Ladies & Senior competitors

- 11.1. **Ladies competitors** shall play under the same tournament conditions as other competitors. Separate tees shall be used in order to balance both Course Ratings.
- 11.2. **Senior players as of 50 years of age** are allowed to play from the forward Men's Tee. In Category A Tournaments their score shall not count for any Ranking (except Senior Ranking if appropriate) if played from this tee.

12. Prize money: allocation

The appropriate Committee shall be responsible for deciding the allocation of prize money for each tournament subject to agreement with the sponsor. This allocation shall be published in the tournament conditions or on the Tournament Notice Board.

13. Prize presentations

- 13.1. The appropriate Committee shall normally publish for each tournament the number of leading players required to attend the prize presentation and in the case of Pro-Am tournaments, the number of professionals in leading teams who will be required to attend. In the absence of published conditions, the eight leading players and those tying in professional tournaments and Pro-Am tournaments and the professionals in the three leading teams in Pro-Am tournaments will be required to attend. All professionals in Company/Club day Pro-Ams shall attend the prize presentation. In case of absence € 50 shall be deducted from the appearance fee.
- 13.2. Unless otherwise specified in the conditions of any tournament or by special dispensation of the Tournament Director, all Members must observe the dress rules operating in the clubhouse at the time of any PGA tournament. All male Members involved in any prize presentation must wear jacket & shirt.

All women Members involved in such a presentation must dress with equivalent formality to their male counterparts. A Member who fails to comply with these Regulations may be fined up to EUR 500 by the appropriate Committee. A second or subsequent offence, or one that in the opinion of the appropriate Committee constitutes a breach of the Code of Ethics, must be reported to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action.

- 13.3. A player who fails to attend a prize presentation shall be fined a minimum of EUR 250 by the appropriate Committee. A second or subsequent offence, or one that in the

opinion of the appropriate Committee constitutes a breach of the Code of Ethics, must be reported to the Board of Directors for disciplinary action. Special dispensation to be absent is only given in exceptional circumstances by the Tournament Director.

14. Conflicting advertising

No Member, or his caddie, during the playing of a tournament will be permitted to wear or display any advertising matter, which in the opinion of the Tournament Director or the Secretary General, may embarrass a Sponsor or place in jeopardy the conduct of a tournament. In all cases, approval to wear conflicting advertising matter must be obtained from the Tournament Director or Secretary General prior to the commencement of the tournament.

15. Alcohol Consumption

The abuse of alcohol by Professionals on and off the course during any round of an Association- approved tournament is not permitted. A penalty of €75 shall be imposed with the fine being doubled for subsequent offences.

16. Official recorders

Members must co-operate when asked for details of their scores by the Official Recorders on the course.

Note : The Scoreboard Officials and TV Recorders are regarded as Official Recorders on the course.

17. Caddies

Caddies are the responsibility of the Member employing them. Any breach of the following Regulations will be deemed to be a breach by the Member and the minimum penalty of EUR 250 shall be imposed, which shall be doubled for subsequent offences:

- 17.1.** Caddies are not permitted to wear spiked shoes (soft or hard).
- 17.2.** Caddies must not behave in a socially unacceptable way.
- 17.3.** Caddies are required to wear and display the caddie-bib or uniform issued to them for the duration of the round.
- 17.4.** No professional golfer may caddie for another professional golfer in an Association-administered event if one of them played in the same event.
- 17.5.** Caddies are not permitted to mark players' scorecards.

18. Standard of dress

- 18.1.** The wearing of shorts/bermudas by Members at a PGA event will be subject to the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Exceptions: - paragraph 18.1. does not apply to women Members;

- to Pro-Am events in foreign countries.

All Members shall dress themselves to the standards required to represent the profession.

For the purpose of this rule the PGA event is the course, clubhouse and environs.

For breach of this rule a player shall be fined EUR 250.

19. Breaches of etiquette

If any Member is seen, or reported for, breaking any of the rules of etiquette, whether in practice, qualifying or in the PGA event proper, he shall be fined a minimum of EUR 250. Repeated breaches may be considered by the appropriate Committee as a breach of the Code of Ethics. The following will be seen as a breach of PGA Etiquette:

- 19.1.** When playing a practice round behind a (pre-)qualifying event, not keeping two holes clear between himself and the last match.
- 19.2.** Having more than one ball in play - other than in accordance with the Rules of Golf - in a practice round, with the following exception: - if a player misses the green with his shot to the green he may play one additional practice shot.
- 19.3.** Commencing a practice round, other than on the official practice day, without first having obtained permission from the Club Secretary or Professional.
- 19.4.** A minimum fine of EUR 250 shall be imposed on any Member seen, or reported for, throwing a golf club or any other item or for swearing or any other act of temper anywhere within the environs of the Club or course. The fine shall be doubled on each subsequent occasion. Repeated breaches may be dealt with by the appropriate Committee as a breach of the Code of Ethics.
- 19.5.** The abuse of alcohol by a member at a golf club will be considered as a breach of etiquette.

Note : the Tournament Director shall be empowered to impose such fines at his discretion. Members fined in this way shall have the right to appeal to the appropriate Committee.

20. Public relations

Members must give full co-operation to any function that may be organised with a sponsor or by a local civic authority. To ensure maximum goodwill it is vital that competitors make every effort to support all public relations activities and fully co-operate with press, radio and television.

21. Returning of scorecard

In all PGA events the Members must return their scorecard in person to the Official Recorder within 10 minutes of finishing the round. In the case of Pro-Am events the professional is responsible for returning the team scorecard in person to the Official Recorder. For a breach of this rule a Member shall be fined a minimum of EUR 250.

22. Pro-Am Tournaments

22.1. Starting times

- 22.1.1** The draw may be amended in exceptional circumstances and starting times changed after publication at the request of the sponsor.
- 22.1.2.** Starting times are available from the Tournament Director, PGA Headquarters or Head of Tournaments.
- 22.1.3.** When a Member and one amateur play as a team the late arrival by both players incurs a penalty of two shots on the team. The team shall be permitted to commence play at a later time where possible in accordance with 21.1.6.

- 22.1.4. If there is no individual professional score and one or other partner is ready to commence play at the designated starting time he should do so and his partner should join him on the course upon arrival.
- 22.1.5. If there is an individual professional score, then the amateur shall not commence play without the professional except as allowed for in 22.1.6. Provided that the amateur was ready to commence play at the designated starting time, no penalty will be applied to the team for late arrival by the professional. If the professional arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole applied to the professional's individual score. If more than 5 minutes late, the professional shall be disqualified for the individual score.
- 22.1.6. When a team comprises of more than a Member and one amateur the team will incur a penalty of two strokes, if at the designated starting time they cannot fulfil the scoring requirements of the event:
- 22.1.6.1. if there is no individual professional score the team should commence play at the designated starting time if they can fulfil the scoring requirements of the Pro-Am and the missing player may join his team on the course upon arrival; or
- 22.1.6.2. if there is an individual professional score and the professional is late then no penalty is applied to the team score providing that the team could fulfil the Pro-Am scoring requirements assuming that the professional was present. If the professional arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole applied to the professional's individual score. If more than 5 minutes late, the professional shall be disqualified for the individual score. The team shall only commence play should the professional and the minimum number of amateur partners required to fulfil the scoring requirement be present.
- 22.1.7. Once a Member is late for his tee-off time in a Pro-Am and his team is ready to play at their designated start time and in the opinion of the Tournament Director the Member will be unacceptably late, the Tournament Director may disqualify that Member from the event, place him on disciplinary report and replace him with a substitute professional.

23. Exemptions

23.1. Pre-qualifying Tournament

In the case of a (pre-)qualifying tournament, the following will be exempt:

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| 1. | The winner of the PGA Championship | 5 years |
| 2. | The winner of a 72-holes PGA Order of Merit Tournament | 3 years |
| 3.a. | The winner of the PGA Order of Merit | 3 years |
| b. | The winner of an official international Tour Event | 3 years |
| 4. | The winner of a 54/36-holes Order of Merit Tournament | 2 years |
| 5. | PGA European Tour Members (cat. 1-14) | 2 years |
| 6. | Top-15 PGA Order of Merit | 1 year |
| 7. | The winner of a PGA Order of Merit Event | 1 year |
| 8. | Lady Professionals | |
| 9. | 5 Senior Professionals | |

23.2. List of Exempted Players

1. The winner of the PGA Championship 5 years
 - 2025 Alan De Bondt
 - 2024 Kevin Hesbois
 - 2023 Arnaud Langenaeken
 - 2022 Laurent Richard
 - 2021 Guillaume Watremez
2. The winner of a 72-holes PGA Order of Merit Tournament 3 years
- 3.a. The winner of the PGA Order of Merit 3 years
 - 2023 Didier De Vooght
 - 2022 Didier Dykmans
- b. The winner of an official international Tour Event 3 years
4. The winner of a 54/36-holes Order of Merit Tournament 2 years
5. PGA European Tour Members (cat. 1-14) 2 years
 - 2022 Nicolas Colsaerts
 - Thomas Pieters
 - Thomas Detry
6. Top-15 PGA Order of Merit 1 year
 - Gaëtan Weydts-Caesens
 - Vincent Simoni
 - Thibault Leys
 - Olivier Rochus
 - Flory Vercruyce
 - Franco Isola
 - Arthur Van Elewyck
 - Olivier Withofs
 - Yuri Tadiotto
 - Gavin Singleton
 - Gary Daoust
 - Valerie Van Ryckeghem
7. The winner of a PGA Order of Merit Event 1 year
 - Matthias Boesmans

23.3. Tournament Selections

Tournament selections will be determined by invitation of the Sponsor/Club. If not available selection will be determined by using the following order:

- 23.3.1. Exempted Players Cat. 1-2-3a-4
- 23.3.2. 1 Local Professional
- 23.3.3. 2 Board Members
- 23.3.4. Sponsor invitations (max. 5)
- 23.3.5. Exempted Players Cat. 6-7
- 23.3.6. PGA Order of Merit positions 16+

23.4. PGA Alliances

Selections for the PGA Alliances will be based on first come, first serve.

24. Approved Tournaments and Rankings

24.1. International Approved Tournaments

All tournaments run by the following Approved Tours:

- 1) PGA European Tour, Challenge Tour, Alps Tour, Pro Golf Tour, Mastercard Tour, Europro Tour & Nordic Tour
- 2) US Tour + affiliated Tours
- 3) Australasia Tour + affiliated Tours

Prize money won in these tournaments will count towards the (Inter)national Ranking.

24.2. PGA Order of Merit (Race to Penina)

The PGA Order of Merit will reflect the positions of all "Penina Professionals" according to the points won at PGA of Belgium Order of Merit Tournaments (see points grid).

24.3. Seniors Order of Merit

The Seniors Order of Merit will reflect the positions of all Seniors according to the points won at PGA of Belgium Order of Merit Tournaments (see points grid).

24.4. Ladies Order of Merit

The Ladies Order of Merit will reflect the positions of all female Members according to the points won at PGA Order of Merit Tournaments for which at least 3 ladies entered (see points grid).

24.5. Game Professional Order of Merit

The PGA Order of Merit will reflect the positions of all "Game Professionals" according to the points won at PGA of Belgium Order of Merit Tournaments (see points grid).

24.6. PGA Club Order of Merit

The PGA Club Order of Merit will reflect the positions of all amateur Members according to the points won at PGA Order of Merit Tournaments for which at least 3 amateurs entered (see points grid).

2021 ORDER OF MERIT POINTS BREAKDOWN

Place	18 holes*	18 holes Royal Series	36 holes	54 holes	72 holes**
1	250	300	400	600	800
2	210	250	330	500	670
3	180	210	280	410	540
4	150	180	250	370	490
5	140	150	230	330	440
6	130	140	210	290	390
7	120	130	190	260	350
8	110	120	170	230	310
9	100	110	150	200	270
10	90	100	130	170	230
11	80	90	110	160	210
12	70	80	100	150	190
13	60	70	90	140	180
14	50	60	80	130	170
15	40	50	70	120	160
16	35	40	60	110	150
17	30	35	50	100	140
18	25	30	40	90	130
19	20	25	30	80	120
20	15	20	20	70	110
21				60	100
22				50	90
23				40	80
24				30	70
25				20	60
26					50
27					40
28					30
29					20
30					10

* PGA Masters = 18 holes x 2

** Including PGA Championship



PGA TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS AND LOCAL RULES

PGA Tournament Conditions will be available to all competitors at each event or can be consulted on the PGA Website.

In principle the Local Rules of the visited Club will be applicable. The fact of placing the ball or not will be decided on the day after consultation with the Club. Any deviation from the Club Local Rules is the prerogative of the Tournament Director.

PGA Local Rules cards will only be provided in the Majors events.



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