

Portuguese Senior Men's International Championship

To be played at

Azores – S. Miguel Island - Portugal

12th – 14th April 2018

Batalha Golf Course

Conditions of Competition

1. CONDITIONS

1.1 Form of Play

The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes each day, in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and in accordance with the Local Rules approved by the Committee.

1.2 Decision of Ties

In the event of a tie for first place after three rounds, the winner shall be decided by a hole by hole "sudden death" play-off over one or more holes selected by the Committee. The play-off shall start as soon as possible after the final competitors have finished their rounds. Play-off holes 18, 10, 17 by that order.

1.3 Number of Competitors

98 competitors by order of handicap are eligible to compete on the Singles Tournament. Once this number is completed the Committee reserves the right to have invitations and augment the number of participants.

Unsuccessful entrants shall be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entrance fees will be refunded to entrants balloted out who do not subsequently compete.

1.4 Time of Starting

Any competitor who arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, shall incur a penalty of two strokes (see Note to Rule 6-3a).

1.5 Transportation

The use of buggies is permitted.

1.6 Pace of Play

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 competitor exceeds 50 seconds on a first to play approach shot (including a 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 a "bad time".

The time allowed will be determined by the 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 competitor 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 Condition: One bad time Verbal warning from a Rules Official; Two bad times One stroke penalty; Three bad times Two stroke penalty; Four bad times Disqualification.

Notes: (1) Competitors may not be advised that they are being timed. (2) Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by a Rules Official that it is the competitor's turn to play.

1.7 Golf Balls

All competitors in the Championship must play with a ball that is named on the current R&A List of Conforming Golf Balls (see www.randa.org).

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

1.8 Driving Clubs

The driver the competitor carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft, which is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A Rules Limited (see www.randa.org).

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

1.9 Suspension of Play due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b)

The signal for the suspension of play due to a dangerous situation will be:

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren.

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

Resume Play: Two short notes of siren, repeated.

1.10 Anti-Doping

Competitors shall not make use of any drug to enhance their performance. In this respect, competitors' attention is drawn to the prescribed list of drugs issued by the host country's national sports council. Any competitor infringing this Condition or refusing to take a test may be disqualified.

1.11 Dress Regulations

Entrants shall comply with the by-laws, rules and dress regulations of the host club, including those relating to golf shoe spikes.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

1.12 Mobile Telephones / Electronic Equipment

The use of a mobile telephone, paging device or any other form of electronic equipment by a competitor or his caddie while on the golf course during a stipulated round is distracting and inconsiderate. If the competitor or the caddie is in possession of such a device, it should be turned off. Any use may result in the Committee taking disciplinary action against the offending person(s) in accordance with the concluding paragraph of Section 1: Etiquette in the Rules of Golf and, ultimately, in a penalty being imposed under Rule 33-7.

1.13 Return of Scorecards

Competitors must return their scorecards, in accordance with Rule 6-6b, to an area designated by the Committee as the "Scoring or Recording Area".

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

1.14 Results of the Competition / Competition Closed

When the final results are placed on the official notice board and/or results sheet, the results of the Championship shall be deemed to have been officially announced. Any dispute must be referred to the Committee before the conclusion of play on the final day and not later than 15 minutes after play concludes on the preceding days.

1.15 Competition Cancelled or Altered

The Committee reserves the right to cancel any round, suspend the competition or to modify the form of play.

2. COMMITTEE

2.1 Composition

The Committee comprises the Portuguese Golf Federation in consultation with the host VerdeGolf Country Club Championship Committee. The Committee may appoint a Referee whose decisions on the Rules of Golf will be final.

2.2 Authority

The Championship Committee will be responsible for organising and running the Championship. The Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship Conditions.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Entry Form

Entries will only be accepted on the official entry form and shall reach the Clube de Golfe do Estoril at the address stipulated on the entry form, before the closing date (9th March 2018 at 19hrs). Partially completed or late entries will not be accepted. An entrant's form will not have been officially received until his name has been posted at **www.clubegolfestoril.com**. Payment upon arrival.

3.2 Age Limit

Entries will only be accepted from male amateur golfers who have reached 50 years or over as of 0.00 hrs on Day 1 of the Championship.

3.3 Handicap Limit

Entries will be accepted from male amateur golfers whose **exact handicap does not exceed 8,3 strokes** under the handicapping scheme adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which they enter. The handicap must be certified by the secretary of the national golf authority or entrant's home club and must have been valid on the date of entry.

3.4 Late Withdrawals

Competitors, who withdraw less than three days prior to the start of the Championship, other than for sickness or other special circumstances, may have their future entries rejected.

3.5 Refunds Following Withdrawal

Entrance fees will only be refunded in the case of withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries, except for those entrants who may be balloted out and who do not subsequently compete or those withdrawing for medical reasons.

3.7 Committee Authorisation of Entries

All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Committee who reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason for its decision, which shall be final. Entries from non-European entrants will be at the discretion of the Committee.

4. PRIZES

4.1 Decision of Placing

The tournament are played Gross and have prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Gross – 1st Senior (over 60 years old) and 1st Net. For the first place there will be a play-off, sudden death, hole 1, hole 7, and hole 8. By that order. In case of a tie for the second and third places, the places will be decided on the basis of scores recorded for the final 36, 18, 9, 6, 3 holes or last hole, in that order.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1 Registration Deadline

Competitors are requested to register at the club house prior to the 1st round (pairs or singles) Championship. A competitor's failure to meet this deadline or to pre-notify the Committee of their pending arrival time may result in the competitor losing his starting field place to a reserve.

6. DISCLAIMER

All competitors agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks.

VerdeGolf Country Club, Championship Committee

Pairs Competition
To be played on
Azores – S. Miguel Island - Portugal
10th - 11th April 2018
Furnas & Batalha Golf Course
Conditions of Competition

The competition will run under the general conditions of the Portuguese Senior Men's International Championship. Exceptions:

1. Form of Play

The Championship shall be decided over two rounds of 18 holes each day - *Four ball, better ball.*

2. Decision of Ties

In the event of a tie, the winner and all the places will be decided on the basis of scores recorded for the final 18, 9, 6, 3 holes or last hole, in that order.

3. Prizes

The winner shall receive the Championship Trophy. The runner up shall also receive a trophy.

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