



GOLF HANDBOOK

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1. THE HISTORY OF GOLF IN FISU

Often considered as an elite sport, Golf has lately become very popular amongst university student-athletes. During a visit in Sardinia, Italy in 1984, the former FISU President Dr Primo Nebiolo submitted the idea of including this sport in the competitions organised by the NUSFs. Two years later, in October 1986, the first World University Golf Championship was held in Cagliari, on the island of Sardinia, Italy. The event was staged by the Is Molas Golf Club, also known for the organisation of the Italian Open in 1976. This very selective course enabled FISU and mostly the public, to form a first impression about the level of participants, some of whom had already had impressive records. The line-up was of a very high level at the time; there were such figures as the first World University champion, Ko Cockerill (USA) who was also the first US female champion in 1986, and Marco Durante from Italy, who was the winner of the Orange Bowl in 1979.

The Golf event always takes place on magnificent sites. The prestigious settings of La Grande Motte in France, Palma de Mallorca and San Lorenzo in Spain, and Lausanne in Switzerland have hosted previous editions. The following World University Golf Championship, which was played in San Lameer Golf club in South Africa, was also remarkable. On the course, both beautiful and complicated, a few players managed to complete the rounds in less than 70 strokes (on a 72 par), with Taipei's Wei Yun-Jie scoring 68, and America's Jones and South Africa's Albert finishing with 69. Bubba Watson competed at this event and is now a multiple Major winner having won the Masters Tournament in 2012 and 2014. Other prestigious courses that have hosted events are Sun City (South Africa), Mission Hills (Shenzhen, China) and Crans Montana (Switzerland). We may conclude that the World University Golf Championship maintains its status as a favourite, not only among the world's amateur Golf tournaments, but also and especially, among FISU competitions. In 2010, the Championship was hosted by the Spanish University Sport Federation (CEDU) on the course of Antequera (Malaga) and was really successful, setting at the time the participation record for a FISU World University Golf Championship with 135 golfers, but only to be surpassed by Liberec (Czech Republic) with 146 in 2012. This is the record for a Championship but 157 golfers from 30 countries participated in the Shenzhen 2011 Summer Universiade when Golf was an optional sport. The Men's Individual Champion was Hideki Matsuyama (Japan) on 19 under par who turned professional in 2013 and won in January 2014 won the Memorial Tournament. The 2022 Championship Golf took place in Torino (ITA). 90 athletes from 18 countries participated.

The next edition will take place in Seinäjoki in Finland from 27th to 30th of August 2024.

2. STATISTICS

EDITION	YEAR	COUNTRY	CITY	COUNTRIES	MEN	WOMEN	ATHLETES	OFFICIALS	TOTAL
1	1986	ITA	Cagliari	7	38	15	53	15	68
2	1988	ITA	Cagliari	9	47	15	62	16	78
3	1990	FRA	La Grande Motte	14	56	23	79	17	96
4	1992	ESP	Palma de Maiorca	14	56	35	91	39	130
5	1994	ESP	San Lorenzo	15	59	32	91	31	122
6	1996	SUI	Lausanne	21	82	47	129	38	167
7	1998	RSA	San Lameer	13	65	36	101	28	129
8	2000	GBR	Coleraine	15	61	37	98	35	133
9	2002	TPE	Tao-Yuan	13	61	34	95	29	124
10	2004	THA	Nakon Ratchasima	14	60	36	96	41	137
11	2006	ITA	Torino	17	73	53	126	48	174
12	2008	RSA	Sun City	18	68	44	112	48	160
12	2010	ESP	Malaga	21	82	53	135	60	195
14	2012	CZE	Liberec	19	89	57	146	57	203
15	2014	SUI	Crans-Montana	22	71	62	133	62	195
16	2016	FRA	Brive-la-Gaillarde	18	42	34	76	36	112
17	2018	PHI	Dasmarias	13	36	30	66	30	96
18	2022	ITA	Torino	18	49	41	90	45	135

3. SCHEDULE

ARRIVALS	ARRIVALS AND PRACTICE ROUND	PRACTICE ROUND & OPENING CEREMONY	COMPETITION DAY 1	COMPETITION DAY 2	COMPETITION DAY 3	COMPETITION DAY 4 & CLOSING CEREMONY	DEPARTURES
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4. SPORT REGULATIONS (TECHNICAL REGULATIONS)

4.1. GENERAL TERMS

General

The Competitions of Golf will be run in accordance with the most recent Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited, the United States Golf Association and in accordance with the Local

Rules approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chair. In the events of a disagreement on the interpretation of the rules, the English text will be regarded as authoritative.

Eligibility

All players must be a National of the country which the player is representing as defined in the FISU's Nationality Policy.

All players nominated to teams by their national federations must be amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status of the R&A Rules Limited and the United States Golf Association and have a handicap of nine or less when entering the World University Championship. Hcps of the players need to be confirmed by the National associations at inscription. Positive Hcps (better than 0) have a '+' in front of the number.

At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of players.

Any entry not duly confirmed at the first General Technical Meeting, will not be taken into consideration except for force majeure.

Format

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by FISU in agreement with the Organising Committee and the Championship ITC. The competitions shall last four days and include the following events:

- Men's team competition (72 holes – stroke play)
- Women's team competition (72 holes – stroke play)
- Men's individual competition (72 holes – stroke play)
- Women's individual competition (72 holes – stroke play)

The event will be played over 72 holes stroke-play: 18 holes each day for the four consecutive days of the event.

Each country may enter a maximum of six players and 5 officials.

In each event, each country may enter:

Men:

- Team event: the two best results each day shall count for the team classification per day;
- Individual event: three players;

Women:

- Team event: the two best results each day shall count for the team classification per day;
- Individual event: three players.

Minimum of 36 Holes

In no circumstances will the Championship be extended beyond the fourth day. The winner will be the Team/Individual which returns the lowest score for the number of stipulated rounds played, except that, if it is not possible to play at least 36 holes, the Championship will be terminated without a Champion being determined.

Practice Rounds

Practice round schedules will be allocated by the Championship Committee; requests for specific times/courses will not be accepted. Teams missing their assigned practice round times will not be permitted to play at another time unless there are exceptional circumstances, in which case any changes must be approved by the Committee in advance. Please note that it will not be considered exceptional circumstances if players/teams choose to travel on practice round days. Further, if inclement weather causes delay or cancellation of a practice round, that round will not be re-scheduled.

4.2. COMPETITIONS

Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play from the Championship Office. The Pace of Play Policy will be strictly enforced.

Penalty for Breach of Policy:

- One bad time: Verbal warning and told that if they have a further bad time they will be penalised
- Two bad times: One Stroke Penalty
- Three bad times: Additional Two Stroke Penalty
- Four bad times: Disqualification

Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7)

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

- Immediate stop for imminent danger – one prolonged note of siren
- Stop for a non-dangerous situation – three consecutive notes of a siren
- Resumption of play – two consecutive notes of a siren

Note: When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

May the host country be identified by the FISU TCC as a weather risk, namely concerning lightning, the Organising Committee must guarantee the use of a weather monitoring service for the management of the Championship. The Organising Committee is allowed to request a maximum of 20€ per athlete to support that service and must communicate it at the latest one month before the event to all registered delegations.

Advice

Model Local Rule H-2 “Appointment of Advice Giver in Team Competitions” (Rule 24.4a) is not in effect.

Transportation

Model Local Rule G-6 from the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf is in effect.

Behaviour

All players and their guests are expected to be courteous and polite at all times to everyone involved in the Championship, including other players, officials, media, caddies, spectators and anyone else they come into contact with during the week. Players are expected to conform to the standards of player conduct provided in Rule 1.2a of the Rules of Golf. Please note that Rule 1.2a allows the Committee to disqualify any player who commits serious misconduct.

Disqualification Penalties and Withdrawals

A penalty of disqualification for a breach of the Rules or the Terms for the team event applies only to the round where the breach occurred, unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise. Similarly, a player who withdraws for one round may return for a subsequent round, unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise.

Method for Deciding Ties

Team Event

In the event of a tie for any of the medal positions after four rounds in the Team events, the medal(s) will be decided as follows: (a) Firstly, by taking into account the non-counting score for the 4th round. (b) If still tied, the non-counting score for the 3rd round. (c) If still tied, the non-counting score for the 2nd round. (d) If still tied, the non-counting score for the 1st round. (e) If still tied – joint winners will be declared. If less than 4 rounds are completed, (a) above does not apply. If less than 3 rounds are completed, (a) and (b) above do not apply. In any of the above situations, a team returning a non-counting score will always achieve a better position than a team that does not return a non-counting score (e.g., due to disqualification, withdrawal due to illness or injury, or a team that only has two players).

Individual Event

In the event of a tie for any of the medal positions after four rounds in the Individual events, the medal(s) will be decided by a hole-by-hole play-off to take place immediately after completion of the final round. Any players tied for other positions will remain tied. The play-off will commence on a sequence of holes as approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chair and identified prior to the competition beginning. If two players are tied for the first position, a play-off will be conducted to determine the gold and silver medals. If three or more players are tied for the first position, a play-off will be conducted to determine the gold, silver and bronze medals. If two or more players are tied for the second position, a play-off will be conducted to determine the silver and bronze medals. If two or more players are tied for the third position, a play-off will be conducted for the bronze medal. In any case, only one gold, one silver and one bronze medal will be awarded. At the conclusion of each play-off hole, players will be grouped according to score on that hole if it is necessary to play another hole to determine a medal.

Returning of Score Cards

The player's card is deemed officially returned when the player has left the recording area.

Exception: In the Team event, in the foursomes and four-ball rounds, the team's card is deemed officially returned when both players have left the recording area.

Close of Competition

Each event is deemed to have closed when the medals have been presented to the winning players/teams at the Closing Ceremony.

4.3. PRE COMPETITION PROCEDURE

Deposits

Three months before the Championship, the Organising Committee has the right to collect 50% of the total cost of stay per athlete and official from participating countries.

The deposit, which guarantees entry in individual sports, shall be directly collected by the Organising Committee.

Should a player compete, his/her deposit shall be credited to the remainder of the participation fees to be paid to the Organising Committee.

Draw

The FISU TCC will produce a draw for first and second rounds after all countries have registered. This draw will aim to provide a balance between early and late times and from the 1st and 10th tees over the first two rounds.

Where possible, the players from each country will be kept together in a block, one in each time slot after another.

For the third and fourth round the draw will be made counting the results of the team. Best results off last from the 1st tee.

The draw for the fourth round will also take into consideration the individual results.

In no circumstances, players from the same Country play in the same flight.

4.4. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

Nomination

International referees are nominated and selected by the IGF with advice from the NGF and in agreement with FISU. Travel expenses, full board, accommodation and the per diem according to the FISU-IGF partnership agreement are to be borne by the Organising Committee.

The OC and the NSF will appoint NTOs to complement the team of technical officials required for Golf. The number of NTOs shall be agreed between the OC and the FISU TCC.

Number of International Technical Officials (the final number of referees depends on the numbers of participants).

- One international chief referee
- Three international referees
- Seven domestic referees with international experience
- One international tournament administrator

Duration of Stay

Unless otherwise stated by FISU, all international technical officials are to arrive one day prior to their first official meeting as agreed between FISU and the OC and depart one day after the end of competition.

Per Diem

ITOs are entitled to receive a per diem in the amount established in the FISU-IGF partnership agreement for the entire days of duty (including travel days).

Accommodation

Unless otherwise stated by FISU, ITOs are to be accommodated in single rooms.

5. SERVICES

The Organising Committee shall inform the participating countries through the bulletins and its website about the possible and potential services and their costs.

Wi-Fi shall be available for all delegations for free. Costs for a laundry services will be provided as soon as possible to assist with budgeting.

Technical Officials

Technical Officials (TO) Services is complex and must not be underestimated. The Sport functional area must set up an efficient team early in advance.

In coordination with other relevant functional areas, the Technical Officials Services team is responsible for:

- NTOs recruitment in coordination with the Competition Manager and NSF;
- support services such as visa, invitation letters, flight tickets and accreditation;
- managing and delivering TO clothing / uniforms when requested;
- procuring suitable accommodation for the period required;
- providing daily catering and transportation;
- ensuring that all TOs are properly qualified (in close cooperation with FISU);
- hosting Technical Officials' meetings;
- per diem and allowance payment.

6. COMPETITION VENUE

The Organising Committee shall present during the inspection visit the layout of the competition venue(s). The complete layout must be sent to FISU Championships Department and FISU TCC for approval. This layout should include all competition and training areas as well as the different areas, accesses and services allocated for each client group taking part in the competition or involved in its delivery.

7. EQUIPMENT

The OC will provide all practice balls at the practice range and pull trolleys for all athletes who require them, all the foregoing free of charge.

A number of motorised golf carts will be made available to referees, media, and FISU TCC.

If the FISU TCC has designated 'shuttle' runs between greens and tees, golf cars must also be provided.

Arm bands will be required for team captains.

Driver Heads, Groove Specifications and Conforming Balls

Model Local Rules G-1, G-2 and G-3 in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads, Groove and Punch Mark Specifications and Conforming Golf Balls.

Note: It is strongly recommended that any player in doubt as to whether their equipment conforms to these Local Rules consult with the Championship Committee. This should be done as far in advance of the Championship as possible.

Conforming lists are available at: www.randa.org

Distance Measuring Devices

Distance-Measuring Devices are allowed in accordance with Rule 4.3a(1) in the Rules of Golf.

Other equipment is listed in the FISU Golf Venue Minimum Requirements.

8. TRAINING SESSIONS

The training sessions schedule should be drawn up by the FISU Technical Committee Chair together with the Organising Committee Competition Manager and provided to the participating teams as early as possible to make the planning as smooth as possible. Players have the right of a maximum of 2 practice rounds. The course is closed on Sunday, day of arrival.

9. COMPETITION PROGRAMME

The competition programme shall be approved by the FISU Technical Committee Chair during the inspection visit and published on the website as soon as approved.

10. SPECIFIC MEDICAL AND ANTI DOPING CONTROL REQUIEREMENTS

The venue medical plan shall be presented by the OC and approved by the FISU TCC during the inspection visit.

TESTING DAY(S)	NUMBER OF TESTS	ESA	GHRF
1	4	0	0

11. SPORT PRESENTATION

Sport presentation is the audio-visual presentation of a sport in each competition venue of a FISU World University Championship.

Sport presentation has become a vital instrument of major sport events and is key to delivering the Championships sports successfully. It aims to attract, educate, and entertain live audiences at the competition sites and elevates the sport experience for all client groups.

Sport presentation comprises elements such as video clips, sounds, announcements, Championship mascots, creation of fan teams, the involvement of cheerleaders and other innovative elements that increase the understanding of the sport and the attractiveness of the competitions. It is complex and must be carefully planned to the second, as it can have a substantial impact on the operation of broadcasters and venue teams. Therefore, close collaboration and early communication with broadcasting, awarding ceremonies and the ICT is essential.

Sport presentation planning should ground on one common creative theme that fits with the specific the Championship concept. Nonetheless, as every sport has its own unique characteristics, it is important that each sport presentation is tailored to the particular sport while still embracing the main theme.

Due to its complexity, FISU suggests the OC to consult expert advice for assisting the OC in developing their sport presentation strategy in an early stage of the event lifecycle. Considering the importance of sport for the sport presentation planning, the OC is recommended to place sport presentation under the responsibility of the sport manager of the Organising Committee.

12. SPORT TIMELINE

DEADLINES	ACTIONS
Event -12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection Visit – Venue visit & equipment approval (FISU TCC) - Competition programme and venue medical plan approval (FISU TCC)
Event -6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General entries (NUSFs)
Event -3 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quantitative entries (NUSFs) - 50% payment for the participating countries (OC-NUSFs) - ITO list (FISU - IGF)
Event -1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual entries (NUSFs) - ITO cost (OC) - Event Handbook (OC - FISU TCC) - Weather monitoring service fee (OC - NUSFs)
Event -1 day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accreditation & teams confirmation (NUSFs) - Referee meeting (ITOs - NTOs - FISU TCC - OC) - General Technical Meeting (NUSFs - OC - FISU)
EVENT	
Event +1 month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final report to FISU

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