



# FIFG COMPETITION RULES 2026

## 1. OVERVIEW & MISSION STATEMENT

THE FIFG competitions and WORLD TOUR 2026 are based on an aspirational concept in which every player is able to play and compete according to their possibilities, on a global (World Ranking), regional (Regional Rankings) and national scale (National Rankings).

It's mission is to foster friendship, camaraderie and competitiveness between all players throughout the world by providing the platform for all Member Countries (MCs) to offer different competitions. The tournaments that MCs can offer will depend on their local sports development measured by the amount of player memberships.

### 1.1 GENERAL GUIDELINES

The FIFG World Tour will be played entirely under the rules of the Federation for International FootGolf. Every tournament will follow the official rules of the sport, although local rules may apply. All local rules must be available for players before the start of each tournament.

The FIFG Tournament Guidelines must be strictly followed by the MCs organizing the events. Penalties will apply if rules are broken or not dealt with before a competition. We understand that every country and/or region may be different therefore exceptions may apply, though they need to be addressed prior to a tournament or before the calendar is defined at the beginning of the year.

The World Tour encompasses two types of rankings: World Ranking and Regional Rankings.

### 1.2 CHANGES FOR 2026

- WORLD CUP 1000 FIFG POINTS
- FIFG 50 POINTS
- REDUCTION OF FIFG 250S
- RANKING COUNTING EVENTS
- TOURNAMENT CLASH UPDATES
- RESOLUTION OF CLASHES
- JUNIOR RANKINGS
- GENERAL FEE ADAPTIONS



- **MANDATORY PACE OF PLAY REGULATION AND CONTROL**

## **2. REGIONS**

Region 1: North, Central America & Caribbean Nations  
NORTH AMERICAN TOUR

Region 2: South America  
SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR

Region 3: Europe  
EUROFOOTGOLF TOUR

Region 4: Asia & Oceania  
ASIA-PACIFIC TOUR

Region 5: Africa  
AFRICAN TOUR

## **3. WORLD TOUR & REGIONAL TOURS**

### **3.1 TOURNAMENT TYPES AND ALLOCATIONS**

For the bidding process of the following year, the FIFG will consider the WT Licenses of the Member Country up to October 31 of the current year.

#### **FIFG WORLD MASTERS**

The Masters is played during non-World Cup years. The World Masters has a qualification system where the best players from the previous season World & Regional Rankings qualify to the events. All regions are entitled to do a Regional Masters to determine the qualified players of the Region. Other players will be able to participate after the confirmation of the qualified players.

The World Masters **will award 1000 FIFG points** and will only count towards the World Ranking.

The FIFG reserves the right for sole use of the term 'MASTERS' for any event that carries World or Regional tour ranking points.



## FIFG MAJORS – FIFG 1000s

For future FIFG Majors and 500s MC's must meet the minimum eligibility criteria to be able to bid. This criteria will be available in a detailed document released Q1 2026. Please refer to the FIFG bid process document

The FIFG Majors award 1000 FIFG points towards World and Regional Rankings. There are a total of 7 Majors in 2026, the distribution is as follows:

REGION 1	1
REGION 2	1
REGION 3	4
REGION 4	1 (TBC)
REGION 5	0 (TBC, min 260 licences)

(Any MC selected to host a major and failing to host the tournament will not be eligible to host a major for a minimum of 2 years. Appeals can be made to the FIFG in unforeseen circumstances)

## FIFG 500

REGIONS	AMOUNT
Region 1	3 – 4 *
Region 2	3 – 4 *
Region 3	8
Region 4	3 – 4*
Region 5	1 guaranteed, (2-3 based on 230 min licenses)

\*Flex in regions 1, 2 and 4 due to distances within countries. Regions must present the amount of FIFG 500s to FIFG for approval prior to the start of the season. Regions should attempt to have a minimum of 3 500s in their region, to complete the minimum required for World Ranking.

A MC that organizes a 1000 can't host a 500, unless they have more than 12% of the total World Tour Licenses based on previous year (570 WTL in 2026 for 2027).

Regional applications can also be made to the FIFG board to allow an MC to also host a 500.

Additional FIFG 500s can be approved by the Board on a suggestion by the Competitions Committee, for special sponsored or promotional events.



## FIFG 250

Every Member Country is allowed to organize a minimum of a FIFG 250. This allows all MC's to have their most important tournament to be minimum an FIFG 250.

If a country successfully won a bid to host a 500 or Major they must have a minimum of 120 WT licences to include a 250 in their schedule (Applies to Region 3 only)

Any member country that has an FIFG "Points per player" average of less than 9 points may add additional FIFG 250s to bring the average above 9, this will be determined by the FIFG Competitions Committee and communicated to the MC.

Regions should attempt to have a minimum of 3 250s in their region, to complete the minimum required for World Ranking.

## FIFG 100

These tournaments feed only into the Regional Ranking. Member Countries can flex up to a maximum of 14 100s, depending on the World Tour Licenses. A minimum also applies, since it is essential to introduce players into the international spectrum.

### 2025 For 2026 Season

FLEX TABLE		MAX	MIN
Licenses	250+	14	10
	200+	13	9
	180+	12	8
	150+	10	7
	125+	9	6
	100+	8	5
	80+	7	4
	50+	6	3
	50-	5	1

### 2026 For 2027 Season

FLEX TABLE		MAX	MIN
Licenses	300+	14	10
	250+	13	9
	200+	12	8
	180+	10	7



150+	9	6
125+	8	5
100+	7	4
80+	6	3
50+	5	1
50-	4	1

## FIFG 50

These tournaments feed only into the Regional Ranking. FIFG 50 tournaments are the entry level tournaments to Regional FootGolf and designed as a pathway for new players to integrate with the sport. There is no cap on the number of FIFG 50 tournaments an MC can host. Only 2 count in the Regional Ranking. FIFG 50s are open to any player holding either a World Tour Licence or Recreational licence. This level of tournament CANNOT carry any prize money. These tournaments can be held on the same day and venue as other tournaments but cannot share combined rounds for point building.

### NOTES:

FIFG Member Countries are NOT allowed to host FIFG ranking tournaments within multi round FIFG tournaments. Example: A MC hosting a FIFG250 over 36 holes can't host Round 1 FIFG 100 and/or FIFG 100 during Round 2. No exceptions.

If this occurs the MC will not be able to organize an FIFG 500, Major or Masters the following year.

It is prohibited to host a local tournament on the same day and course together with an FIFG 500 or 1000 tournament, except for promotional tournaments that need to be approved by the Competitions Committee. It is possible to do so for FIFG 100 or 250 events, however the local tournament must have separate pairings and a recreational licence is recommended.

Holes played per day: FIFG MCs are allowed to stage more than 18 holes per day, maximum 36 holes.

## 3.2 WORLD RANKING

A global ranking encompassing FIFG tournaments in the different Regions based on points scored over the last 12 months on a rolling basis counting the best results in:



<b>FIFG Masters/WC</b>	1
<b>FIFG 1000</b>	2 (1 max. per region)
<b>FIFG 500</b>	3
<b>FIFG 250</b>	3

Total: NINE (9) FIFG competitions played with any region

### 3.3 REGIONAL RANKINGS

A regional ranking encompassing tournaments of each region based on the best points scored during the year:

	Region 1 North America	Region 2 South America	Region 3 Europe	Region 4 Asia & Oceania	Region 5 Africa
FIFG 1000	1	1	1	1	-
FIFG 500	2	2	2	2	1
FIFG 250	2	2	2	2	2
FIFG 100	4	4	4	4	4
FIFG 50	2	2	2	2	2

\*A region wishing to alter this setup must contact the FIFG Competitions Committee with their proposal for approval

### 3.4 JUNIOR RANKINGS

The Junior category from 2026 will be split into Junior boys & Junior girls.

The FIFG Youth Committee have introduced a new Junior Ranking system to limit the amount of travel required for a Junior player to have fair opportunity in the World or Regional Junior rankings



## WORLD RANKING

<b>FIFG 1000/500*</b>	1
<b>FIFG 250</b>	2
<b>FIFG 100</b>	4

Total: SEVEN (7) FIFG competitions played within any region

## REGIONAL RANKING

<b>FIFG 1000/500*</b>	1
<b>FIFG 250</b>	2
<b>FIFG 100</b>	4
<b>FIFG 50</b>	4

Total: ELEVEN (11) FIFG competitions played within any region

\* Both Majors and FIFG 500s will carry a maximum of 500 ranking points for the Junior category

The 2026 Youth World Cup will not count towards the World or Regional Rankings due to the inclusion of age divisions.

## 4. FIFG COMPETITION REGULATIONS

### 4.1 CATEGORIES

Players will choose what category they want to represent at the moment they purchase their World Tour License.

Men	All male players, excluding those in other categories
Senior Men (45+)	Male players born in 1980 and before.
Senior Plus (55+)	Male players born in 1970 and before.
Women	All female players, excluding juniors.
Women Senior (45+)	Female players born in 1980 and before (ABSOLUTE CATEGORY FOR WOMEN/WOMEN SENIOR)



Junior Boys  
Junior Girls

All male players born in 2008 and after.  
All female players born in 2008 and after.

Juniors are eligible to compete within the men or women classification if they have an exemption authorized by the FIFG and FIFG Member Country.

#### 4.2 FIFG PLAYER LICENSES

##### FIFG WORLD TOUR LICENCE

To play any FIFG competition, players must be affiliated to the FIFG Member in their country of birth or permanent residency and hold a World Tour License. A player must purchase a WT Licence to be eligible to register for a FIFG tournament. A World Tour License of 20 euros

(Junior licence 10 EUR) is required to play any tournament with FIFG ranking points. A player will be able to attend all FIFG events without any additional licenses or membership fees other than from their MC.

A WT License is for a calendar year and is renewable in January of the new year regardless of the month a player obtains it. A player's ranking will be activated after obtaining their membership.

The basic requirement for a FIFG WTL is the MC membership. If a player has their MC licence sanctioned or removed because of disciplinary reasons the WTL automatically expires. The MC has to make the change in the official tournament software and report the reason for the sanction within five days to the FIFG competitions committee and the rules committee.

If a MC issues a WTL for a player that is not eligible as outlined in 4.5.1. there will be an administration fine of 50 EUR per case.

Players from non-FIFG MCs must obtain their WT License directly through the FIFG. ([support@fifg.org](mailto:support@fifg.org)).

##### RECREATIONAL LICENCE

The New Recreational Licence is an initiative by FIFG to welcome new players into the world of FootGolf. Designed specifically for amateur players and those curious to try the sport, this licence offers an affordable and accessible way to experience FootGolf within an official framework. The New Recreational Licence serves as an entry point for players who want to explore FootGolf, providing a structured yet low-commitment way to participate. This



initiative aims to make FootGolf more inclusive, foster growth in participation, and inspire players to join the global FootGolf community.

#### Key Features of the Recreational Licence:

- **Introductory Access:** Holders of the Recreational Licence can participate in one World Tour (WT) 100 event, giving them a taste of competitive FootGolf in a friendly and welcoming environment. The detailed conditions for this participation may vary between Member Countries (MCs), ensuring local flexibility while maintaining a consistent standard.
- **Affordable Entry:** Priced at just €2.50, this licence ensures that cost is not a barrier for new players to experience the sport.
- **Seamless Upgrades:** Players who wish to continue their FootGolf journey can easily upgrade their Recreational Licence to the World Tour Licence. The €2.50 fee paid for the Recreational Licence will be credited toward the cost of the World Tour Licence, providing a seamless transition for those ready to commit to higher levels of competition.
- **Free Registration in the Official Tournament Software System:** Holders of the Recreational Licence gain free registration in the FIFG's official tournament software system (BlueGolf). This enables players to access event schedules, track their participation, and gain insight into their performance, all through a professional and easy-to-use platform.
- **Support for Member Countries:** Member Countries are allowed to use the FIFG tournament system (BlueGolf) at no additional cost for recreational purposes. [The FIFG 50 tournament level](#) type is available free of charge, making it easier to organize local events for recreational players.
- **Recreational licence holders can play an unlimited number of FIFG 50 tournaments.**

#### Standards and Conduct:

To maintain the integrity of the sport, the FIFG and the MC reserves the right to deny a Recreational Licence if a player's behavior is found to be inconsistent with FIFG rules, the World Tour document, or other regulations. This ensures a positive and fair environment for all participants.

The Recreational Licence is not just an entry ticket—it's a stepping stone to becoming a full-fledged member of the global FootGolf community. Whether you're a curious beginner or looking to advance into the competitive realm with a World Tour Licence, this licence provides an accessible and flexible starting point for your FootGolf journey.

### 4.3 TOURNAMENT TYPES



In our effort to create a more cohesive FIFG community, we have developed a comprehensive system for categorizing different tournaments globally. The key goal is to establish a pyramid of competitive play that is accessible and beneficial to all Member Countries (MC) and Players.

- T1 FIFG World Tour or FIFG Regional Tour Events:** These events utilize the global tournament system and are exclusively open to FIFG Members.
- T2 FIFG Member Country Tournaments:** This category includes National Tours or tournaments integrated into a ranking system, and they are open to both FIFG Members and members of FIFG Member countries.
- T3 FIFG or FIFG Member Country Affiliated Tournaments:** This includes tournaments held at facilities recognized by Member Countries.
- T4 Non FIFG Sanctioned Tournaments (NST):** Non sanctioned tournaments hosted by Member Countries or within their borders.
  - T4.1** FIFG World Tour or Regional Tour events hosted by Member Countries, allowing participation of non-FIFG Members.
  - T4.2** NST hosted by FIFG Members, permitting non-FIFG Member participation (subject to non-approval by CC and Board).
  - T4.3** NST hosted by FIFG Members, not communicated or conflicting with other FIFG tournaments.
  - T4.4** NST hosted by non-affiliated bodies.
  - T4.5** Tournaments organized or co-organized by a Member Country and a non-approved competing tour.
  - T4.6** Tournaments organized by a Member Country with a tournament fee exceeding 150 EUR or prize money exceeding 5,000 EUR without FIFG points, unless pre-approved by CC or Board. Must not clash with FIFG 1000, 500.

#### PLAYER SANCTIONS/LIMITATIONS:

- T4.1** No sanctions
- T4.2** No sanctions; however, there may be restrictions imposed by the Member Country.
- T4.3** No sanctions; however, there may be restrictions imposed by the Member Country.
- T4.4** First tournament warning; the players lose the privilege of priority registration, a second tournament violation results in the player leaving the FIFG tournament structure. Detailed procedures will be outlined in the FIFG disciplinary documentation.



#### FIFG MEMBER COUNTRY SANCTIONS:

- T4.1 Investigation initiated with tournaments placed on hold; fees may be applicable.
- T4.2 Investigation initiated with tournaments placed on hold; fees may be applicable.
- T4.3 Removal of the opportunity to rank; fees may be applicable.
- T4.4 No specific sanctions.
- T4.5 Investigation initiated with a hold on all future MC tournaments and suspension of the MC until the investigation is completed.  
If MC officials (board members, presidents, committee members rules officials) play in this tournament it is considered as a MC supported tournament and sanctions apply to the MC as if it had organised this event.
- T4.6 Investigation initiated with a hold on all future MC tournaments until the investigation is completed.  
All detailed sanctions will be published in a new document that will address all potential sanctions.

#### MC HOSTING TOURNAMENTS ABROAD:

MCs organizing tournaments in other countries must secure official approval from the host country. The agreement must be submitted to the CC and the board at least one board meeting before the event.

#### REVIEW PROCESS:

Any sanction is subject to FIFG Member Country dispute and is finalized by CC and the FIFG Board.

#### BOARD MC RESTRICTIONS:

Member Country restrictions are supported by FIFG. Any restriction must be communicated with FIFG [support@fifg.org](mailto:support@fifg.org).



SECTION 4.3 IS CURRENTLY UNDER FULL REVIEW AND WILL BE UPDATED IN DUE COURSE.

#### **4.4 TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES AND APPLICATIONS**

FIFG Member countries can apply to host subject to guidelines and bid documents set by the CC committee.

##### **TOURNAMENT HOSTING**

###### **MASTERS**

The location of FIFG Masters will be decided by the FIFG Board, through a bidding process by the CC.

###### **MAJORS – FIFG 1000**

The location of FIFG Majors will be through a bidding process by the CC, presented to the FIFG Board. **Regions may discuss tournament awarding internally but it is advised a bidding process should be undertaken as standard practice.**

###### **FIFG 500**

The location of FIFG 500 will be through a bidding process by the CC, presented to the FIFG Board. **Regions may discuss tournament awarding internally but it is advised a bidding process should be undertaken as standard practice.**

###### **FIFG 250**

FIFG 250 allocated to all eligible FIFG MC. This level tournament must follow 3.1.

###### **FIFG 100**

FIFG 100 allocated to all eligible FIFG MC. This level tournament must follow 3.1.

**All countries will be requested to submit planned dates for 2027 National Opens with the date distribution being confirmed on 01/07/2026. The bidding process will then be conducted as usual.**

##### **REALLOCATION**



## MASTERS

In the event that a MC cannot fulfil the tournament, other MC or regions will be entitled to submit a request to host to complete the annual allowance.

## MAJORS

In the event that a MC or Region cannot fulfil their allocation, other MC or Regions will be entitled to submit a request to host to complete the annual allowance.

## OTHER TOURNAMENTS

FIFG 500-250-100 tournaments will be entitled to reallocate within each region and according to the parameters set forth in 3.1.

## TOURNAMENT CLASHES

Masters / World Cup No clashes permitted

	FIFG100	FIFG250	FIFG500	MAJOR
MASTERS	NO	NO	NO	NO
MAJOR	YES	OTHER REGION	NO	NO
FIFG 500	YES	*YES	NO	NO
FIFG250	YES	YES	*YES	OTHER REGION
FIFG100	YES	YES	YES	YES

\*Clashes between a 250 and 500 within the same region are allowed only with the addition of the 250 host contacting the other MC for agreement and co-ordination. Failure to do so will result in a points deduction from the next bidding process.

No tournaments are allowed during the Masters dates that carry FIFG points or a prize purse. Additionally no International competition can be held during these dates. Not respecting this rule will result in a fine. [In the case of other clashes laid out in the table above a fine of 2 x the FIFG points of the highest ranked tournament \(EG. FIFG 250 clash with MAJOR = 2 x 1000 EUR. 50% of the fine held by the FIFG for youth development and 50% to the affected Member Country\) will apply.](#)



It is also not permitted to host a high ranked National Ranking event (top 2 tiers of your ranking system) or a tournament carrying qualification the WC or Regional Championship during the dates of an FIFG Major. The same fine system as above applies.

In case an organizer moves a high ranked tournament for any reason (FIFG 250 or higher) tournament, clashes should be avoided if possible.

#### **4.4.4 RESOLUTION OF CLASHES**

With the continued growth of the FIFG global structure, tournament clashes are becoming more common. Outlined below are the criteria considered to determine the resolution of which event should be moved;

- previous years dates of country “Open”
- amount of World Tour licences per country (previous season + current season on bid deadline)
- FIFG points of clashing events. Priority given to Majors where applicable

All countries have a duty to provide their proposed date of their “Open” and a secondary date for their “Open” in a bid document (minimum difference 3 weeks) and should be aware that the FIFG Competition Committee or FIFG Bid Group can ask them to move their date to another week.

The FIFG Competitions Committee reserve the right to decide which country must move their Open date. Failure to do so may result in the removal of tournament points.

#### **4.4.5 TOURNAMENT STANDARDS**

In order to standardize tournaments globally we generated the following information. This should be followed and any adaptions requested in writing to the FIFG Competitions Committee for approval;

##### **Event Sizing**

##### **Maximum Players:**

- 1 Course: 200
- 2 Courses: 380
- 3 Courses: 500 (max 2 courses per category)



These numbers can vary depending on daylight and weather conditions. Every organiser should take into account also a back up time of at least two hours per day if a special weather situation would appear. More instructions will be described in the tournament guidelines and course design standards.

#### In 2 course tournaments

- Same categories play in the same course the same day.
  - Course 1: Men
  - Course 2: Female, Senior, Senior+, Female+, Junior
- Number of tournament rounds;
  - Majors - 3 tournament rounds
  - 500 - 2-3 tournament rounds
  - 250 - 2 rounds (can be on one day)
- Cut Cup is optional. If you have a cut the bottom **40%-60% of players in each category and even score** after Day Two are eligible for the "Cut Cup."
- Cut Cup Rules:
  - Need to be announced before the tournament.
  - Players compete in a separate Leaderboard within the Cut Cup.
  - Scores in the main competition remain valid; the Cut Cup is an additional competitive opportunity.
  - **A Cut Cup cannot carry a cash prize fund. Other prizes are permitted.**

#### Flights/Pairings

- Categories must play together
  - Only exception during the first day of competition if wanted
- Invert time during competition days:
  - If women play 9am day 1, they should play in the last flights in day 2. Example below:
  - Day 1: Women, Senior, Men, Senior Plus
  - Day 2: Senior Plus, Men, Senior Women
  - The largest category should always be in the middle because it is when the climate is similar. For example if Men play at 8:00, some players will play with a wet surface for the first hour and other players will start with a dry surface.
- A shotgun start cannot be used during any round of an FIFG Major. Tee times must be used for all categories.



### Flight/Pairing Draw (Tournament Guidelines)

- Option 1: By current world ranking
- Option 2: Random Draw - placing top ranked players in a similar time zone.

### Scorecard

- Each player should receive a scorecard and exchange them at the first hole, in order to identify who is each player's marker.
- It is the players' responsibility to verify their scorecards at the end of the round and sign it.
- It is the players' responsibility to make sure that the scorecard results match with those of the live scoring.
- It is the responsibility of the scoring officials to control these results to ensure that all scorecards are properly handled, and any disputes are resolved before a player leaves the designated scoring area.
- The scores have to be checked also with the official online scoring system.

### Tees

- Specific tees must be provided for women, junior and senior + categories. These can be placed at the same location as the men and senior tees on holes where it is deemed appropriate.

## TOURNAMENT POINTS

Players will be awarded 92% of the preceding position. Example:

FIFG 100

1. 100
2. 92
3. 85

Tournament points need to be delivered to the official tournament software of FIFG, three (3) days after the tournament. Penalties: Each week 50% of the tournament funding fee. After 3 weeks the MC will not be allowed to bid for FIFG 1500, 1000 and 500 for two years. In case of technical issues the support team must be contacted before the first deadline ([support@fifg.org](mailto:support@fifg.org)).

## TOURNAMENT FEES



## Tournament fees paid by FIFG member countries to FIFG

FIFG 50	5 Euro	Regional Club Competition Fund
FIFG 100	5 – 50 Euro	Regional Fund (*regional decision by 15/02, then maximum 50 euros)
FIFG 250	250 Euro	Global Fund
FIFG 500	500 Euro	Global Fund
FIFG MAJOR	1000 Euro	Global Fund
FIFG MASTERS	2000 Euro	Global Fund

A prize pool for end of season trophies and awards will be budgeted by FIFG. 60% Prize fund of Tournament Fees for player credit/prize. The regional fund is excluded in this break up. The regional fund is invoiced by the FIFG and can be used for development purposes and Regional competitions. The region has to set up a pre-agreed-upon budget and send it to the FIFG treasurer.

Trophies for previous year WT POYs, to be given at The Masters or at the last Major.

## GENERAL FEES

Fees (membership, tournaments, licences, Bluegolf and others) will be invoiced on a monthly basis. FIFG Member countries are required to settle this debt within a MAXIMUM of 60 days. Any member who may not be able to make payment should contact the FIFG Treasurer to discuss a payment plan. Failure to meet payment or make contact will result in dismissal from the following round of 500 or Major bids. Member countries may also be unable to host FIFG 250 tournaments until debts are resolved.

## PRIZE FUNDS

### Minimum prize funds

A minimum of FIFTEEN percent (15%) of the entry fee will be allocated as a minimum to a tournament prize pool of the players' entry fee for FIFG MAJOR.

A minimum of THIRTEEN percent (13%) of the entry fee will be allocated as a minimum to a tournament prize pool of the players' entry fee for FIFG500.



A minimum prize pool figure should be decided regionally and provided to the FIFG Competitions Committee/Board to approve before the bid or allocation stage.

### Entry Fee vs Prize Pool

A minimum of THIRTEEN percent (13%) of the entry fee will be allocated as a minimum to a tournament prize pool of the players' entry fee for FIFG500.

#### Example of minimum Prize Pool (Euro)

Entry Fee	100	200	300
100 Players	1500	3000	4500
150 Players	2250	4500	6750
200 Players	3000	6000	9000

#### 4.4.1.1 PAYMENTS

Organizers are entitled to a maximum period of 30 days to make the payment to players.

Furthermore, only effective real money can be used to pay the cash prize. The organizing country will receive a 500 Euro penalty if they do not comply with this rule. Potential taxes in MCs are included in the prize money fund, it is the responsibility of the MC to know the reporting requirements or the requirement to submit taxes to the proper authority and to withhold and pay the tax or file the required form.

ALL organizers MUST communicate the payment procedure of their cash prizes to the players BEFORE opening registration.

#### 4.4.1.2 PRIZE MONEY CREDIT

Top ranked players in the regional rankings will receive 13,500 Euros prize credit (regional players only), distributed within all the categories. CHART UPLOADED SOON. (In 2025 90% of regional income was allocated to prize fund)

During the World Cup there will be 13,500 Euros in prize money credit.

### TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL SYSTEM



The Official System will be BlueGolf, used by the FIFG for the World Ranking and Regional Rankings. BlueGolf can also be used by Member Countries for their 'National Tour', with the purchase of the Full Pack. It will also be used for live scoring and player statistics. The FIFG Tournament Control Team will be available for all MC.

It is mandatory to use Bluegolf live scoring for FIFG 250s and above. Players must be added to the tournament prior to tournament in order to verify players have a World Tour License. No additional software can be used during an FIFG 250 or above tournament.

## TOURNAMENT CONTROL

### CONTROL TEAM:

The FIFG Tournament Control Team will create ALL tournaments within the system for Member Countries subject to completion of MASTER FILE. The Master file will be sent to all presidents to be completed within an established time frame.

Every Member Country is responsible for updating their 'MASTER' tournament calendar, location and FIFG points using the excel document provided at Season Zero.

### TOURNAMENT FIFG OFFICIAL:

The FIFG may appoint an official to oversee each Major, 500 and 250 to ensure the global parameters are met remotely or in person (costs apply to MC). The FIFG tournament official is the highest authority on the tournament. The authority of the FIFG tournament official will be described in detail in the tournament guidelines.

### Tournament evaluation and reporting

All organisers of the FIFG 1000 and FIFG 500s have to send a report in a prepared form. All tournaments from 250 and above will be evaluated as performance proof for the next season bids. For FIFG 500 and FIFG 1000s an FIFG official has to be invited to perform an independent evaluation. The costs of the tournament official apply to the organiser. A detailed explanation is in the tournament guidelines.

### Anti Doping

The anti-doping tests apply in the season 2026 for all FIFG 1000 tournaments or where the prize money found is higher than 10.000 EUR.



- All organisers have to prepare all required facilities and staffing for a potential anti-doping test.
- The randomly selected tests for FIFG 1000s will be financed in 2026 from the FIFG and randomly selected by the FIFG and agency concerned (ITA). All non FIFG 1000 tournaments with a higher prize money found than 10.000 EUR have to perform the Anti-doping test on their costs.
- The standard will be that for every 100 registered players/athletes will perform one random anti doping test (case: 210 Players = 2 Anti doping tests). The official testing agency is the ITA. All preparations have to be performed one month before the tournament otherwise additional preparation cost of 500 to 1500 EUR will apply.
- Every player has to pass an anti-doping education and online test.
- In 2026 all FIFG 500 will be included in the Anti-Doping program.
- In the case of a player participating without an anti doping certificate, a 50 euro fine will apply for majors per player and 25 euro for an FIFG500. These will be charges to the member association of the player.

## Sponsors

The FIFG reserves the right for FIFG global sponsors to be displayed in conjunction with all Masters, Majors and 500s.

From 2027 the FIFG reserves the right to provide a naming sponsor for the World Tour.

## 4.5 GENERAL RULES

### PLAYER REPRESENTATION

Players can represent an FIFG Member Country based on:

- Passport
- Residency (Minimum 2 years)
- Parental Nationality (Member Countries that share the same passport applicable only) (Cannot have represented another country in previous 2 year period)

A player who previously played in any FIFG World Cup, Continental Championship or FIFG World/Regional Tour representing a FIFG Member country may change to another country if:

- Player has multiple passports
- Player shows proof of residence in the country he wished to play for, for a period of two years. A change of country they represent can only be done ONCE.



Acceptance of Nationality amendment is subject to written approval from FIFG Board and both residing Presidents of FIFG Member countries involved.

The player and requesting FIFG member country must make the request in writing. A period of 60 days will be actioned from the original letter date until final approval.

On all occasions the FIFG Board may take decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any competitor including the duration of any waiting period.

In this unique situation the regulation of one single change per lifetime would remain.

Exception applies if any FIFG Member country unifies with another FIFG member country at any point.

## **PLAYER CONDUCT**

Players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by acting with integrity, showing consideration to others, and taking good care of the course. The organizers, head marshal - and FIFG Official have authority to disqualify a player for any serious misconduct that is contrary to the spirit of the game and in accordance with FIFG or local tournament rules.

The use of alcohol, illegal drugs and smoking are STRICTLY PROHIBITED at FIFG official competitions.

Players must be respectful, and organizers reserve the right to remove a player from the competition at any time for any reason.

## **TIES**

In case of a tie, the organizer must stage a playoff for minimum 1st place across all categories (exceptions in 'force majeure' cases) with the option to add a playoff for second and third place or cash and prize positions at their discretion which must be notified before the tournament. If the organizer chooses to not playoff for positions 2+ then countback will be used to split 2nd and 3rd with 4th and below tied. Places 1-3 receive full points, starting in 4th place ties, points will be split.

After the third place, all players involved in a tie will be awarded the average number of points of the positions they hold (If three players tie in 10th position, these players would



eventually be in positions 10, 11 and 12. The number of points for these three positions will be added and divided by 3 and this score will be awarded to the three players.)

For all FIFG tournaments (MAJORS / FIFG 500 /FIFG 250 / FIFG 100), the playoff will be played on a three hole playoff for the title. If the players are still tied after the playoff, additional holes may be played or proceed to penalty putts (five putts/players from a minimum of 5 meters) followed by a sudden death penalty shootout if necessary.

If for any reason (climate conditions, lack of sunlight, safety, etc.) the playoff cannot take place, the organizer and marshal will proceed this way: 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions will be decided by the last 18 holes (final round) for a 36- or 54 or more-holes tournament, or by the last 9-6-3-2-1 for 18 holes tournament.

### **DISPUTES, DECISIONS & PENALTIES**

If a protest is submitted, the Committee shall bring its decision within 30 days. Players cannot agree on eliminating the validity of any of the rules, or to disregard any of the issued penalties; if they still do so, the penalty for the breach of the rule, involving disqualification, shall be made without any time limitation.

In case the disputable affair is not being solved between the organizing Committee and the complaining player, they may both submit a request, to reach a mutually approved statement, to the Rules Committee acting as an official FIFG authority, so that they can express their opinion about the fairness of the brought decision. A maximum deadline of 30 days will be given for a player to submit a protest.

If any player is penalized retrospectively, the leaderboard will be updated and any prize money or award must be returned to the organizer to be re-allocated to the corresponding players after the tournament is over. The time limit for any penalization is set at 30 days after the tournament has finished.

If the FIFG opens a case independently, it reserves the right to do so within 180 days, depending on the nature of the case. Players or organizers must deliver evidence or statements within five (5) days of being notified of the case.

A comprehensive protocol will be established to define the processes and procedures for resolving disputes that cannot be settled at the competition level. This protocol will outline clear steps and timelines to ensure transparency and fairness. In the absence of such a protocol, an ad hoc committee will be formed to independently review and address the dispute. Any form of threats, pressure, or attempts to influence referees, committee members, or other officials involved in the resolution process is strictly prohibited and will be treated as a serious violation, subject to a separate and strict disciplinary procedure.



## BAD WEATHER

If weather conditions force the organizer to suspend the tournament, full points will still be allocated and the result based on the number of completed rounds if the total number of holes played is at least 50% of the total number of holes.

Before the game, if for any reason (flooding, animal damages, etc.) a hole is declared unplayable, it has to be replaced by another similar hole (same par, similar distance) or cancelled. If more than three holes are declared unplayable, then the entire course could be considered as unplayable and therefore the round may be cancelled.

If this happens during the game (flooding, animal damages, etc.), the tournament director has the authority to make the decision to cancel the hole and give all the player the score of the par in accordance to the approved FIFG Local Rule as outlined below. If more than three holes are declared unplayable during the game, the entire course could be considered as unplayable and the general rules of bad weather apply.

## COURSE DESIGN

The designer must take natural weather conditions (strong wind or heavy rain) in consideration when they design in order to prevent unplayable holes. They also have the responsibility to design a course that assures a decent pace of play for the players, especially when setting the pin position.

It is the responsibility of the designer and tournament director to set DROP ZONES and objects to reach the ball easily on the holes which can represent a danger for the pace of play (if there is a big water obstacle to cross for example).

A new course design standards will be published during the 1st quarter of 2025.

## World Tour Tournaments Registration Process

Players can be replaced or added at any time by the organizer, through a waiting list, without any special priority.

## MASTERS:

Prequalified players have a 14 day exclusive window to register for The Masters. After this date, the registration is open to all players.



## FIFG 250 - 1000S:

Starting from the 2025 season, a standardized registration process will be mandatory for all main FIFG World Tour Tournaments worldwide to ensure equal opportunities for all top-ranked players. To guarantee transparency and accessibility, member countries are required to announce the registration details for each stage at least **one day prior** to the start of the registration stage on their official social media channels and on the tournament page within BlueGolf. This regulation ensures consistency, fairness, and equal access across all major FIFG World Tour events.

	Registration start	Registration time for top players
FIFG 250	Min. 30 days before the tournament	First 10 days
FIFG 500	Min. 60 days before the tournament	First 15 days
FIFG 1000	Min. 90 days before the tournament	First 15 days

## Top Players Group

The "Top Players Group" is defined as follows for each category based on the actual World Tour Ranking at the [time of registration opening](#): Men: Top 100 players; Seniors 45+: Top 75 players; Seniors 55+: Top 50 players; Women: Top 50 players; Women Seniors: Top 20 players; Juniors: Top 20 players

To secure their spot, **top-ranked players** must confirm their registration by paying the tournament fee within the designated registration period. Only upon payment is their place guaranteed. During this time, **all other players** who enter the registration process will be placed on a waiting list. Once the registration period for top players ends, other players can confirm their registration by paying the registration fee. The specifics of this process will be determined by the tournament organizer. If the waiting list includes players from different

categories, the following priority order will apply proportionally based on the registration rate: **Men, Women, Seniors 45+, Juniors, and Seniors 55+**.

## WAITING LISTS



If any player from top players group doesn't register on time and he/she is placed on the waiting list then this player takes priority and needs to be placed into the tournament whenever a free spot becomes available. If on the waiting list there are more players from

the top players group, the ranking position on the date when the free spot opens will decide. If on the waiting list there are more players from different categories then the following order will be taken: Men, Women, Seniors 45+, Juniors, Seniors 55+.

Players are reminded to check in advance the cancellation policy for all tournaments by contacting the organizer directly. The FIFG accepts no responsibility for loss incurred to FIFG members or players for cancelled tournaments. Players who do not follow the registration and cancellation policy can be blocked on the suggestion of a MC to the Competitions Committee for future tournaments.

## LOCAL RULES

Organizers are permitted to introduce local rules approved by the FIFG Rules Committee and must notify players in advance ([rules@fifg.org](mailto:rules@fifg.org)). For FIFG 1000-500, countries must send their local rules for approval.

Local rules must be presented to all players prior to the beginning of the tournament.

## FIFG APPROVED LOCAL RULES

The FIFG Rules Committee has the following list of approved local rules that do not require prior consent. These local rules may or may not be applied by the organizers. In case a FIFG tournament official is present he has to approve the additional local rules. The local rules have to be published on the tournament website for all FIFG tournaments above FIFG 250.

Hole average per category per round:

+1.00 v PAR	Tournament Committee to review
+1.50 v PAR	Hole may be declared unplayable and PAR awarded to all players within category affected

## HIGH SOCKS

Knee-high socks are required for play in FIFG 250, 500 and Major/Masters tournaments of the World Tour 2025.

## BAD WEATHER



In addition to FIFG Rules and as outlined above under the section Bad Weather, when declaring a hole unplayable due to inclement weather, the organizer is entitled to use a wind measuring device or gauge but must announce the speed and timeframe of such a decision before play.

Furthermore, a pace of play guide can be used to remove any hole deemed to create a disturbance to the overall tournament pace of play. Again any information must be shared before play.

#### PACE OF PLAY

Pace of play regulations and control are mandatory for all FIFG tournaments from 250 level and above. An example pace of play table can be found in the tournament manual (2026 version coming soon).

#### ORGANIZER CONDUCT

Organizers must report the name of the Tournament Director and the name of the Head Marshals before the beginning of the competition.

Each organizer has the authority to adopt their own Code of Conduct for their tournaments if it still respects the FIFG rulebook guidelines about etiquette and behavior.

Any FIFG Member Country with outstanding debt (membership fees or tournament fees) from the previous season will be unable to stage ANY FIFG tournament until the payment is cleared.

#### FIFG LOGOS

FOOTGOLF LOGOS OF ORGANISATIONS NOT ASSOCIATED TO THE FIFG ARE PROHIBITED. SANCTION COULD POTENTIALLY REACH PLAYER DISQUALIFICATION.

#### 4.6.1 MASTERS 2027

[ADD MASTERS QUALIFICATION CRITERIA TBC](#)

[WORLD CUP CRITERIA TBC](#)

For all future World Cups, the allocation of individual spots for players will be determined based on the World Cup guidelines. All players/athletes must hold a valid World Tour license



and meet all other requirements set by FIFG or other relevant organizations for the World Cup, as published prior to the event. Players subject to disciplinary sanctions will not be permitted to attend the World Cup and will forfeit any qualification rights they may have earned. Additionally, players may only compete in the category in which they qualified, even if they move to a different category during that season.

#### **4.6.2 CLUB WORLD TROPHY 2027**

**ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE FIFG CLUB COMPETITION WILL BE CONFIRMED IN A CLUB SPECIFIC DOCUMENT.**

#### **CLUB REGISTRATION**

A player may only hold an active registration to one club that participates within the FIFG club Framework. This includes domestic clubs within the player's country but also clubs from other nations or regions.

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### **Limited Liability Clause**

All FIFG tournaments are hosted by a local organizer (Member country) and venue, both of which have been selected to conduct the event in compliance with FIFG standards and guidelines. By accepting responsibility for organizing this event, the local organizer and venue assume full liability for all aspects of event management, including but not limited to logistics, facilities, safety, and any incidents or claims arising during the event.

##### **FIFG Limited Liability**

The Federation for International FootGolf (FIFG) provides oversight and general guidelines to ensure the quality and integrity of the tournaments; however, FIFG holds no liability for incidents, accidents, injuries, damages, or losses that may occur before, during, or after the event. The local organizer and venue are solely responsible for securing necessary local permits, insurance, and safety measures and for addressing any claims, disputes, or damages that may arise.

##### **Acceptance of Responsibility by Attendees**



By attending or participating in this event, all players, staff, officials, and spectators acknowledge and accept that FIFG is not liable for any direct or indirect consequences arising from event operations. Any claims or disputes must be directed to the local organizing body and venue responsible for executing the championship.

This limited liability clause is a condition of entry for all attendees and participants, affirming that the local organizer and venue retain full accountability for the event's successful, safe, and compliant execution.

## MEMBER COUNTRY CONTRACT

All FIFG member countries organizing FIFG events must sign a contract that clearly outlines all detailed obligations and requirements. Member countries that do not sign the contract will not be eligible to host FIFG tournaments.

## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

The following additional documents are part of the FIFG competition rules and constitute an integral part of this document:

- FIFG Rules
- Course Design Standards
- Competition Guidelines
- Disciplinary Rules

## RULE CHANGES

The FIFG reserves the right to modify any existing competition rules or introduce new rules if changes are deemed necessary. Such changes must first be evaluated and agreed upon by the Competition Committee and subsequently approved by the FIFG Board. Once approved, the changes will be communicated to all Member Countries and implemented accordingly.

**Confirmed by the FIFG Board, 19/01/2026**

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