



## **CONDITIONS FOR NANJING YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES GOLF COMPETITION**

Unless the penalty is otherwise noted, the Competition Committee reserves the right to determine the penalty for a breach of a Condition.

### **1. Format**

There are three events at the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games Golf competition: Men's Individual Stroke Play, Women's Individual Stroke Play and Mixed Team.

All competitions are conducted in a stroke play format. There are a maximum of 32 players in the Men's and Women's Individual events. 32 men and 32 women will make up the maximum 32 teams of the Mixed Team event.

The Men's and Women's Individual events are played concurrently over three consecutive days and the Mixed Team event is then played over three consecutive days.

#### Individual Events:

Individual events are played over 54 holes (3 rounds of 18 holes).

Each player plays against every other player. Players complete each hole on the course, over three rounds and, after each round, return a score card with a gross score for each hole. The player who plays the stipulated rounds in the fewest strokes is the winner. A seeded draw is applied for the final round with the leading players teeing off last.

#### Mixed Team Event:

Teams are composed of one woman and one man from the same National Olympic Committee.

The Mixed Team event will be all stroke play as follows:

- First round: foursome (pairs of players play as partners, and each pair plays a single ball, taking alternating strokes); it will be stipulated which player has to play the tee shot on each hole
- Second round: four-ball (pairs of players play as partners, with each playing their own ball. The lower score of the partners is the score for the hole. If one partner fails to complete a hole, there is no penalty).
- Third round: both individual scores count
- Team event is played over 72 holes (4 rounds of 18 holes)
- The team score is the addition of the first and the second rounds as well as individual scores achieved by the men and women in the final round.
- The team that plays the stipulated rounds in the fewest strokes is the winner.

A seeded draw is applied for the final round with the leading teams teeing off last.

Note: In the event of circumstances or conditions which make the playing of all scheduled rounds impossible, the Event Delegate may decide to reduce the number of rounds. In both events, one completed round is sufficient to award medals.

### **2. Amateur Status**

All players must be amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status of The R&A and USGA.

### **3. List of Conforming Driver Heads**

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see Appendix I, pages 137-138.

### **4. List of Conforming Golf Balls**

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see Appendix I, page 138.

## **5. Distance Measuring Devices**

The specimen Local Rule permitting the use of Distance Measuring Devices will be in effect – see Appendix 1, Rule book, page 136.

## **6. Caddies**

During the practice rounds and all competition rounds, players must use caddies provided by the Nanjing Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee, unless a player decides not to use a caddie. Caddies will be assigned to players on a random basis. If a player decides not to use a caddie either during practice or during the competition, trolleys (pull carts) may be used. Automotive carts are not permitted.

If a player uses a caddie other than the caddie provided by the host country, the penalty statement provided in the specimen Condition for Caddies in the Rules of Golf applies – see Appendix I, Rule book, pages 139-140.

## **7. Pace of Play**

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.

The first group will be considered to be “out of position” if, at any time during the round, the group’s cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered “out of position” if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

If a decision is taken to time a group that is out of position, each player in the group will be advised that they are “out of position” and are being timed.

The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- on a par three hole;
- an approach shot; and
- a chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his/her ball, it is his/her turn to play and he/she is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his/her ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on his/her line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Note: In some circumstances, an individual player or team may be timed instead of the entire group.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

One bad time: Verbal warning and advised that if he/she has a further bad time he/she will be penalised

Two bad times: One Stroke Penalty

Three bad times: Two Stroke Penalty

Four bad times: Disqualification

If a group is “out of position” more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if he/she has a second bad time before being advised of his/her earlier bad time.

## **8. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation**

When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7.

The following signals will be used when suspending or resuming play:

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren.

Discontinue Play (in accordance with Rule 6-8b): Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

Resume Play: Two short notes of siren, repeated.

## **9. Advice**

Rule 8-1 applies in both the individual and team events. The Note under Rule 8 relating to team competitions is not in effect.

## **10. Transportation**

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during the stipulated round unless authorised by a referee.

For penalties for breach of this Condition, see the specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf, Appendix I, page 142.

## **11. Anti-Doping**

Players are required to comply with the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code in force at the time of the Youth Olympic Games as well as the IOC Anti-Doping Rules applicable to the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing in 2014.

## **12. Olympic Charter**

Players are required to have full knowledge of the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and agree to comply with all such provisions and, in particular, with the provisions of the Olympic Charter regarding eligibility for the Olympic Games (including Rule 40 and its Bye-law), the mass media (Rule 48 and its Bye-law) and the prohibition on forms of publicity or propaganda on persons or on clothing and equipment worn or used at the Youth Olympic Games (Bye-Law to Rule 50).

## **13. Code of Ethics**

Players agree to comply with the IOC Code of Ethics, in particular that players should not participate in, support (including by disclosing inside information) or promote betting related to the Youth Olympic Games, and to comply with the IOC Social Media, Blogging and Internet Guidelines for Persons accredited at the Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing in 2014.

## **14. Method for Deciding Ties**

In the event of a tie for any of the medal positions after three rounds in the Individual or Team 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 Event Delegate and identified prior to the competition beginning.

In the Individual event, 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.

A play-off in the Team event will follow the same format as the Individual event, except that both members of the team will play in the play-off and it will be the cumulative score for the two members of team that will determine the team's score on a play-off hole.

## **15. 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.

**16. Close of Competition**

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

**17. Competition Committee**

The Competition Committee consists of the Executive Director of the International Golf Federation, the Event Delegate, the Chief Referee and the Deputy Chief Referee.