

## GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE Alior Bank PGA POLSKA TOUR 2019

### 1. Rules of play and standards of players behaviour

- 1.1 The tournaments will be played according to the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd., the PGA-Poland Hard Card 2019 and Local Rules approved by the Tournament Committee and published during the ProAm tournament.
- 1.2 All players are expected to behave in accordance with the standards of the game of golf. The Code of Conduct is in force in Alior Bank PGA Poland Tour 2019 (point 12 of these Regulations). Any player who violates the standards of the Code of Conduct may be punished after a previous one-time warning by the rules official. The decision to apply such a penalty may be made by the rules official on the basis of his own assessment of the situation (Rule 1.2a, b). In the case of caddy's violation of the standards of behavior, the penalty is borne by the player who employs him.

Penalties for violating the standards of the Code of Conduct:

First violation - a warning

Second violation - the penalty of two strokes

Third violation - disqualification

In the event of disqualification due to a violation of the Code of Conduct, a disqualified player will be banned from participating in two consecutive PGA Poland series tournaments, to which he applies and in accordance with the rules of the competition, he will be eligible. In the event of a repeated violation of this ban, the player will be excluded from participation in PGA Poland tournaments for a period of 2 years.

### 2. Eligibility to play

The following players are eligible to play in tournaments organised by, or under the auspices of PGA-Poland:

- PGA-Poland members with a regulated membership fee for the given season,
- PGA-Poland Applicants who passed their qualifying rounds
- PGA-Poland Students
- Non amateurs
- Players who received the approval of the Tournaments Director and fulfil the

following criteria:

Are members of other PGA's,

Have documented results from other professional Tours or tournaments.

Players who are suspended or excluded from PGA-Poland membership WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY IN PGA-POLAND TOURNAMENTS WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTIONS.

### **3. Time of starting (Rule 5-3)**

The competitor must start on time, that is, he must be ready to play on the start time and at the starting point set by the Committee. Penalty for violation of rule 5.3a: disqualification, except for three cases:

1. A competitor arrives at the starting place, ready to play, no more than five minutes after the set time - he receives the main penalty applied to the first hole.
2. The competitor starts no more than five minutes before the set time - he receives the main penalty applied to the first hole.
3. The Committee decided that extraordinary circumstances made it impossible for the competitor to start at the appointed time: There is no breach of this rule and no penalty.

### **4. Definition "beyond time"**

The first group will be considered to be "out of time" if, at any time during the round, the total time of the group after playing a certain number of wells exceeds the time specified in the time table. Each subsequent group will be considered to be "out of time" if it exceeds the time specified in the times table or if it does not keep the position in the field in relation to the preceding group, i.e. when the group comes to:

- tee area of par 3 hole, the group from the front played first hits from the tee area of the next hole,
- tee area of par 4, the group from the front left putting green,
- the tee area of the par 5 hole, the group at the front is on the putting green.

#### **4.1 Procedure when the group is "out of time"**

The rules officials will monitor the pace of the game and decide if the group that is "out of time" should have the time measured. If a decision is made to measure the time, each player in this group will be subject to individual measurement of time, and the referee will inform each competitor that he is "out of time" and that he will have the time measured. The time for impact should not exceed: for the first player in the group - 50 seconds for the approach shot, chip or putt, and 40 seconds for the tee shot or the impact of the second, third or fourth player in the group. In addition to putting green, the time to strike starts from the moment when the player has enough time to reach the ball, it is his turn to play and he can make the stroke without external interference. The time spent measuring the distance is counted down to the time of impact. On putting green, the time to strike begins with the player having enough time to raise, clean and put away the ball, repair the permitted damage to the putting green surface, and remove the natural handicaps on his play line. Time spent reading the game line is counted down to the time of impact. If any of the players exceeds this time, he will have a "bad time". The "bad time" is carried to the end of the round, it does not disappear even if the group returns to the times table or is in a position in relation to the previous group. In some situations, a single player or two players will have time measured instead of the whole group. Penalty for violation of the Local Rule Game Speed: The first bad time - verbal warning from the judge Second bad time - penalty of one stroke Third bad time - punishment of two strokes Fourth bad time - disqualification

**Notes: READY GOLF IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**

As long as the player is not notified that he has exceeded the time, he can not be punished for the next "bad time".

#### 4.2 The procedure when the group is again "out of time" in the same round

If the group is "out of time" more than once during the round, the above procedure will apply each time.

### **5. Suspension; resumption of the game (Rule 5.7)**

The signal of stopping and hanging the game will be the sound of a siren.

Immediate suspension - one long siren signal,

Normal suspension of the game - three sirens following each other,

Resumption of the game - two short sirens.

If the game is suspended due to a dangerous situation, all training areas are immediately closed.

#### 5.1 Normal suspension of the game (due to weather conditions or fields unsuitable for the game) (Rule 5.7b)

If the Committee suspends the game for normal reasons, the way it is handled depends on where the playing group is located:

- Between two wells. If all competitors in the group are between two holes, they must interrupt the game and are not allowed to strike to start another hole until the Committee resumes the game.
- While playing the hole. If any player from the group started a hole, the players can choose either to stop the game or finish the hole. A short reflection is allowed (which normally should not take more than two minutes) to decide whether the players interrupt the game or finish the hole. If the players continue to play the hole, they may end it or may interrupt the game before finishing the hole. If the players finish the game on a hole or break before the end of the hole, they are not allowed to make a blow until the game is resumed by the Committee in accordance with Rule 5.7c.

#### 5.2 Immediate suspension (when there is immediate danger) (Rule 7.5b)

If the Committee announces immediate suspension of the game, all players must immediately stop the game and are not allowed to make any impact until the Committee resumes the game. The penalty for violation of Rule 5.7b is disqualification. Exception - There is no penalty if the Committee decides that the continuing play was justified: There is no violation of this rule and no penalty if the Committee decides that the circumstances justify the uninterrupted play when it was required.

#### 5.3 Resumption of the game (Rule 5.7c)

Players are required to resume the game when the Tournament Committee announces its resumption. The competitor must be present at the place where the game was interrupted and must be ready to play on the time of resumption of play determined by the Committee. The

player must resume the game at this time (no sooner or later). Penalty for violation of Rule 5.7c: disqualification.

## **6. Practice on the tournament course (not applicable to the ProAm tournament)**

6.1 Training before or between rounds (Rule 5.2b) Rule 5.2b is amended as follows (Model Local Rule I-2): The competitor must not make any training strokes in the field of the tournament being played before and between tournament rounds.

Penalty for breaking the local rule:

- Penalty for the first violation: Main penalty (applies to the player's first hole)
- Penalty for second violation: Disqualification

6.2 Practice on or near the green ending hole (Rule 5.5b)

Rule 5.5b is amended as follows (Model Local Rule I-2): A player can not, between playing two consecutive holes: - do no training impact on or near the green of the completed hole - test the green surface, e.g. by rolling the ball (Model Local Rule I-2).

## **7. Field unsuitable for the game (Rule 20.3)**

If the Tournament Organizing Committee determines that for any reason the field is unsuitable for play or that there are reasons to prevent the game, it may order temporary suspension of the game or cancel the game and all results of the round. If the field is not fit for play and it will not be possible to play the regular number of holes in the time provided for the tournament, this time will not be extended, and the tournament result will be determined based on the completed score cards of the tournament rounds. If it is not possible to play at least one round (18 holes), the tournament will be canceled

## **8. Doping agents**

Doping agents are not allowed.

Every competitor who uses doping means during the competition will not be admitted to PGA Poland tournaments for a period of at least 12 months. The Disciplinary Commission of PGA Polska will decide on this matter.

## **9. Audio and Video (Rule 4.3a (4))**

Rule 4.3a (4) has been modified as follows (Model Local Rule G-8): During the round, the player can not listen to or watch content of any kind on a personal audio or video device.

- The first violation - the penalty of two strokes,
- Second violation, even if it is not related to the first violation of the Rule - disqualification.

In exceptional situations: a dangerous situation (storm), for medical reasons and consultation with judges, you can use a mobile phone.

## **10. Self-propelled golf carts (Buggy type)**

Rule 4.3a has been modified as follows (Model Local Rule G-6)

During a round, a player or caddy can not use any means of transport except the approval or subsequent approval of the Committee. The player who will play, or played with the punishment of strokes and distances, always has the Committee's consent to travel using the means of transport.

Penalty for violation of the Local Rule: a penalty of two strokes for each hole on which the local rule was broken. If a rule violation occurs between wells, the penalty applies to the next well.

- The Tournament Organizing Committee may allow the use of self-propelled golf carts in justified cases, only for amateurs.
- Self-propelled golf carts during Pro-Am tournaments and trial rounds are allowed.

## **11. Electric golf trolleys**

Electric trolleys are allowed.

## **12. Player's standards of behavior**

### **12.1 Code of Conduct**

All players are expected to play in accordance with the spirit of the game as follows:

- Act honestly.
- Pay attention to other players.
- Take care of the condition of the field.

Examples of serious violations of the Code of Conduct:

- Deliberate, serious damage to Putting Green.
- Change the marking of the golf course, i.e. adjusting the tee markers, field border stakes, marking penalty areas, distance bars, land markings in the repair.
- Throwing clubs.
- Do not repair grass turf after shot, so-called divots.
- No raking of bunkers after shot.
- Deliberately dissipating other players during shots.
- Removing natural impediments or artificial handicaps by depriving another player of the benefits of their position.
- Multiple refusals to raise the ball when it disturbs other players
- Intentional putting in a different direction than the hole to help and show the player his game line.
- Deliberately play against the Rules to gain a significant advantage in spite of the penalty for violating the applicable Rule.
- Using a vulgar or offensive language
- Alcohol consumption during the round of the main tournament
- Play under the influence of alcohol during the round of the main tournament

### **12.2 Dress**

Participants are required to wear appropriate attire at each tournament on the golf facility. We understand golf through a golf course, golf driving range, club building, parking lot. Through a golf tournament, we understand the period from the start of the trial and / or Pro-Am tournament to the evening of the tournament ending day.

It is strictly forbidden at this time and place to wear:

- unsuitable footwear (eg flip-flops),
- jeans, shorts,

- outfit deviating from generally accepted norms

For amateurs, it is allowed to play in appropriate shorts.

The penalty for not complying with the above guidelines is disqualification from the tournament and for professionals as well as trainees and non-amateurs according to the penalties:

- MEMORAND for the first offense,
- PLN 1,000, - for each subsequent offense.

### **13. Course setting**

13.1 The tournament will be played from the tee stated in the tournament regulations, while the tees set for the trial round will be the longest tee from which the tournament rounds will be played. The Committee reserves the right to change this point of the regulations in specific cases. Each time it will be announced 3 days before the start of the tournament.

13.2 The distance difference between tee for male professionals, and tee for female professionals, can not be greater than 10% and not less than 4% of the entire field length from a male professional tee.

13.3 Amateurs who wish to do so by previously reporting this fact to the Tournament Committee may play with professional tee during the Pro-Am tournament

### **14. Obligation to play in the Pro-Am tournament**

Presence during the Pro-Am tournament is OBLIGATORY for the first 18 professional players from the PGA Polska Order of Merit list. Players who can not participate in the Pro-Am tournament will not be admitted to the main event unless they take part in a higher category tournament at this time (eg Challenge Tour, European Tour and satellite tournaments etc.).

### **15. Advertising During the tournament**

No player or his caddy will have the right to display or wear an advertisement that, in the opinion of the Tournament Committee, may conflict with the sponsors of the tournament. In all possible cases of conflict, the exclusive decision on the admission of advertising is left to the Tournament Committee.

### **16. Clubs and balls - Rule 4**

a. List of approved balls The Model Local Rule G-3 applies Penalty for violating this Local Rule - Disqualification

b. The rule of one ball The Local Rule G-4 applies Professional players are subject to the rule of one ball (Exception - Pro-Am Tournament). During the entire round, the player must use a ball of the same make and model. The athlete may replace the make and model of the ball between rounds.

Penalty for striking the ball in violation of this local rule: two strokes for each holes he used the non proper ball.

### **17. Driver Heads (Rule 4.1)**

The Model Local Rule G-1 applies.

Penalty for making a hit with a stick that violates this Local Rule - Disqualification.

### **18. Grooves (Rule 4.1)**

Model G-2 Local Rule applies.

Penalty for making a hit with a stick that violates this Local Rule - Disqualification.

### **19. Caddies (Rule 10.3)**

Rule 10.3a has been modified as follows:

#### 19.1

Caddy can not be a player who participates in the same tournament.

Penalty for violation of the Local Rule:

The main penalty for each hole during which the player benefited from such a caddy.

#### 19.2

If a competitor hires caddy during a PRO-AM round or a tournament round and if the sponsor wants his logo to be promoted on caddy aprons, each caddy must necessarily wear the appropriate apron throughout the tournament,

#### 19.3

No other logo may be added to the apron without the permission of the Tournament Committee

### **20. Results and scorecards**

#### 20.1

The marker is required to record only gross results on each hole.

#### 20.2

The receipt and receipt of score cards will take place in the Tournament Center by a person indicated by the Tournament Committee within 15 minutes after the end of the round.

Competitors from a given starting group are required to take their cards simultaneously.

Responsibility for providing correct results is borne by the player.

#### 20.3

In the case when the Committee wants to provide results after the end of a given hole, the marker is required to provide the result of its player. Failure to provide a result or provide an incorrect result may result in a financial penalty or in exceptional cases - disqualification.

### **21. Closing the tournament**

The official announcement of the results is the moment of displaying the list of winners on the notice board.

### **22. Determining draws**

- In the event of a tie for the first place, the winner will be determined by extra-sudden overtime.

- In the case of exceptionally unfavorable weather conditions (threat of lightning, field unsuitable for playing, etc.), the director of the Committee will determine a different way of resolving the draws.

### **23. Disqualifications**

Any player who does not show up at the start time at the appointed time or does not finish the round without an important reason will be disqualified and will be banned from the start in the next three PGA Poland tournaments. Explanations regarding interrupting the game or not showing up at the start, must be submitted in writing in the Tournament Center before the end of the tournament, or sent by e-mail to: [biuro@pgapolska.com](mailto:biuro@pgapolska.com) within 7 days of the tournament end date. The letter will be considered by the Disciplinary Committee and if an explanation is accepted, the penalty of the start ban may be revoked. The player will be notified of the decision no later than 7 days before the start of the next tournament. The decision of the Disciplinary Board is final.

### **24. Start Lists and Registration**

The starting lists will be published on the website [www.pgapolska.com](http://www.pgapolska.com) until 21:00 the day preceding the tournament / pro-am round. Any other list will not be binding. Registration for the tournament can only be done via the registration website.

### **25. Awards**

The failure to collect a prize by an amateur is tantamount to its loss. In-kind prizes that will not be collected during the award ceremony will be transferred to an additional competition during the final of the cycle - PGA Polska Championship. Professionals are required to attend the award ceremony and sign the attendance list. Failure to sign the list will result in non-payment of the cash prize.

### **26. Final statements**

The decisions of the Tournament Committee regarding the interpretation of the General Regulations of PGA Poland Tournaments and individual Competition Regulations are final and there is no appeal procedure. Any comments and suggestions of participants regarding the status of the field, organization of the tournament or other related matters should be submitted in writing or by e-mail to the following address: [biuro@pgapolska.com](mailto:biuro@pgapolska.com)

Registration for the PGA Poland tournament means that the player:

- a. Have read the General Regulations of PGA Poland Tournaments and accept its provisions,
- b. Have read the Competition Regulations of the given tournament and accept its provisions.

Each participant of the Tournament agrees to take photographs, free use of the image in the film, photo and audiovisual materials prepared by the Tournament Committee or by an entity authorized by the Tournament Committee. Consent to the free use of the tournament participant's image includes multiple use of the tournament participant's image for promotional, marketing, advertising and publishing purposes.

After the first day of the tournament, the cut formula will be used. 72 players will go to the second round, plus draws. All players who do not pass the cut will have the opportunity to play the round after the tournament.

The tournament committee reserves the right to change the content of these regulations.