

## **PART 6B**

### **TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

#### **1. General**

- 1.1 The following shall be the official regulations governing tournaments run under the auspices of the Association and the WPGA.
- 1.2 No rule herein shall be amended or rescinded, and no new rules may be included without the approval of the appropriate committee.
- 1.3 Tournament Terms of Competition may be permitted to vary with the different types of tournaments stated but nevertheless the conditions that govern the said tournaments shall fall within the framework of these Tournament Regulations.
- 1.4 Terms of Competition specific to each tournament shall be published with the draw which shall be binding unless circumstances make a change necessary when such changes as authorised by the appropriate committee shall amend the aforesaid conditions and become binding. Publication of the conditions on the BlueGolf tournament information page or tournament noticeboard shall be considered proper notice to all competitors.
- 1.5 Each Member must comply with the Association's Inclusion Policy in respect of transgender people entering PGA Tournaments set out in the PGA Policies forming part of the Regulations.

#### **2. Tournament Supervision**

- 2.1 Supervision at tournaments shall normally be in the hands of the Tournament Director or Regional Manager who shall be responsible to the appropriate committee for the scoring, decisions on the Rules of Golf and other tournament regulations, the distribution of prizes and overall administration of the tournament.
- 2.2 In the event of doubt on any decision the Tournament Director or Regional Manager shall consult the Chief Executive or their appointed deputy whose decision having been given shall be final.

#### **3. Tournament Rules**

- 3.1 Association Tournaments shall be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the Constitution and Regulations of the Association, the PGA Local Rules and Terms of Competition, as well as the Terms of Competition and additional Local Rules for each tournament. Rule alterations and additions may be deemed necessary by the Association and shall be communicated from time to time.
- 3.2 Local Rules specific to the tournament will be available to all competitors at each tournament and may be obtained from the Official Starter or the PGA Tournament Office.

#### **4. Course Unfit for Play**

- 4.1 In the event of a hole or holes becoming flooded or otherwise unfit for play the Tournament Director or Regional Manager may authorise the cutting of a fresh hole or holes even if a round is in progress if it is considered that by doing so the tournament may be saved.
- 4.2 In the event of a round being cancelled because of unplayable conditions the tournament may be reduced to a stipulated number of rounds or holes to be played if an additional day, or days, is impracticable for the tournament to continue. For detailed guidance refer to paragraph 5 of this Regulation below.

#### **5. Play Foreshortened or Cancelled**

- 5.1 The Tournament Director or Regional Manager may, following consultation with the Chief Executive or their appointed Deputy, vary the following procedures in exceptional circumstances:
- (a) If in the judgement of the Tournament Director or Regional Manager adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence beyond the control of the Association renders the commencement or continuation of the tournament impracticable play shall be suspended until such time as the Tournament Director or Regional Manager after consultation with the sponsor considers that play can be continued.
- (b) If it becomes necessary to suspend play for a period during a tournament, tournament staff will cover the course informing players of the suspension.

To signal a suspension of play for a dangerous situation (for example, lightning) one prolonged blast of the siren shall be sounded. On the blast of the siren, players must discontinue play immediately (and if they have commenced playing a hole, each player may lift their ball but only after marking the position in which it lay) and shall not resume play until the Tournament Director or Regional Manager has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately (or recommences play before resumption of play has been ordered) he shall be disqualified, unless the circumstances warrant waiving the penalty in the opinion of the Tournament Director or the Regional Manager at their absolute discretion.

To signal the suspension of play for a non-dangerous situation (for example, heavy rain or wind) three consecutive blasts of the siren shall be sounded (repeatedly). On these blasts, players shall discontinue play immediately unless they have commenced play of a particular hole in which case they may (at their discretion) complete the hole that is being played (following which they shall immediately discontinue play). Should a player decide to discontinue play immediately whilst their ball is in play, the player may lift their ball in play but only after marking the position in which it lay.

5.2 The following procedure shall apply when resuming play:

- (a) When players remain in position on the course, as soon as the Tournament Director or Regional Manager determines the course is fit for play, play will be resumed immediately by all players on the course as soon as two short blasts of the siren are sounded;
- (b) When players do not remain in position on the course, as soon as the Tournament Director or Regional Manager determines the course is fit for play, the Tournament Director or Regional Manager will announce to players the time at which play will be resumed by all players which shall be signalled by the sounding of two short blasts of the siren.

5.3 For the avoidance of doubt, play shall remain suspended until such time as the Tournament Director or Regional Manager determine otherwise. If play is to be abandoned altogether for the day (at the discretion of the Tournament Director or Regional Manager), the Tournament Director or Regional Manager shall endeavour to advise players accordingly.

5.4 The following procedures shall apply:

- (a) as a fundamental priority the Tournament Director or Regional Manager shall adopt the policy which offers the most likely opportunity to complete the Tournament over the number of holes stipulated in the conditions for the Tournament.
- (b) if half the field has completed a round, the round must stand, and the round is completed the next day or in the event that the next day is unavailable, paragraph 5.4(i) will apply.
- (c) if less than half the field finish a round, that round may be disregarded (at the discretion of the Tournament Director or Regional Manager).
- (d) in Tournaments scheduled for 72 holes to be played over four days paragraphs 5.4(b) and 5.4(c) above will be applied with the object of completing a minimum of two rounds by the end of the third day's play.
- (e) in Tournaments scheduled for 54 holes to be played over three days paragraph 5.4(b) and 5.4(c) above will be applied with the object of completing a minimum of one round by the end of the second day's play.
- (f) in the event of play being foreshortened so that two rounds have to be played on the last day, then the field may be cut to the leading forty (40) players and those tying for 40th place (or such other number at the discretion of the Tournament Director or Regional Manager);
- (g) in Tournaments scheduled for 36 holes over two days paragraph 5.4(b) and 5.4(c) above will be applied (If paragraph 5.4(b) is applied in a Tournament scheduled for 36 holes over two days, the Tournament Director or Regional Manager shall decide the number of players qualifying for the final round);
- (h) in Tournaments scheduled for 36 holes on any one day and play is foreshortened, then the field may be cut to the leading forty (40) players and those tying for 40th place for the second round (or such other number at the discretion of the Tournament Director or Regional Manager) or otherwise paragraph 5.4(i) will apply;
- (i) if it is not possible to complete play on the final day the Tournament shall be decided on the scores achieved in completed rounds.
- (j) professional individual prize money in Tournaments can only be declared on scores achieved in completed rounds. Pro-Am prize money allocated for professional team and professional individual prizes may be declared on the maximum number of holes completed by all professionals.

Note: where an Order of Merit Tournament is played in a Pro-Am format the provisions of paragraph 5.4(i) shall apply when determining the result and prize money for the professional individual contest. If it has not been possible to complete at least one round the provisions of paragraph 5.4(k) shall apply however the result will not count towards the Order of Merit.

- (k) in the event of the curtailment or cancellation of a Tournament prize money shall be distributed as agreed between the Sponsors and the Association and may vary from that published in the Tournament Conditions. However, if bad weather causes the abandonment of a one-day Pro-Am after all teams have commenced play, or if bad weather makes the completion of the stipulated round impossible within the time available, then a result will be declared over the number of holes completed by all teams. The minimum number of holes to be completed by all teams for a result to stand will be 6.

## **6. Tournaments for Professionals**

- 6.1 Any Member representing their Country at international level in the Ryder Cup, World Cup or Olympics, and in the top one hundred of The DP World Tour Order of Merit at the time of selection, shall be ineligible to play in tournaments for Professionals for three years after the date of last selection or failure to make the top one hundred of The DP World Tour Order of Merit in any year subsequently, which ever period is greater (subject to the entry conditions for the relevant tournament).
- 6.2 The provisions of 6.1 shall not apply to Members who are invited to represent their country in nominated Professional/Amateur team events.

## **7. Overseas Tournaments**

- 7.1 Any overseas tournament advertised as a regional tournament is open exclusively to Members of that region until a specific date as detailed in the tournament brochure/details has passed, after which entry shall be open to all Members of the Association.
- 7.2 Regional Managers must obtain approval of dates from the Head of Tournament Operations to ensure that there is no clash with tournaments administered by National Headquarters.

## **8. Eligibility of Members and Assistants**

- 8.1 All Members and Assistants may compete in tournaments provided they are eligible under the Terms of Competition of the tournament and are not under suspension at the time.

## **9. Player's Agreement**

- 9.1 By virtue of submitting an entry into a tournament, the player confirms that they are eligible to participate under the Terms of Competition of that tournament and agree to abide by all tournament rules outlined in paragraph 3.1.

## **10. Entry Method - Tournaments**

- 10.1 All entries shall be submitted online via BlueGolf through [www.pga.info](http://www.pga.info), together with the payment method for which the entry fee can be taken. Entries must be submitted by the applicable closing date and time as stated in the tournament information page of each individual tournament.

Note: Entry methods other than BlueGolf may be available for certain tournaments. If available, this will be highlighted in the Terms of Competition. Entries shall be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee. Players should view the Tournament Information Page on the PGA website [www.pga.info](http://www.pga.info) to confirm their entry has been received.

- 10.2 If a payment has been rejected, it is the player's responsibility to re arrange payment within 48 hours of notification or before the commencement of round one, whichever is sooner. If a player whose payment has been rejected decides to withdraw from the tournament they have entered after the closing date, they are still liable to pay the entry fee in addition to the applicable withdrawal fee as outlined in paragraph 12.
- 10.3 Late entries may be accepted on payment of double the entry fee and only if there are vacant times in the draw.

## **11. Entry Fees**

- 11.1 Appropriate committees shall from time to time review the entry fee for tournaments which shall be published on the appropriate tournament information page and must be paid if the entry is to be accepted.

## **12. Tournament Withdrawals**

- 12.1 A player wishing to withdraw their entry before the closing date for entries shall do so online via their BlueGolf PGA Players Club Account. An automatic email acknowledgement from BlueGolf will be sent to confirm the withdrawal has been received.
- 12.2 A player wishing to withdraw their entry after the closing date for entries must notify the relevant PGA staff either in person or telephone only. The player must obtain a 'withdrawal number' from the Association and must quote such reference in all relevant correspondence with the Association.
- 12.3 A player who withdraws their entry after the closing date for entries will be charged a withdrawal fee of £35.
- 12.4 A player whose withdrawal is notified only within seven (7) days of the date of the first round shall be charged a withdrawal fee of £70.
- 12.5 If a player's withdrawal is not notified by noon on the day before the start of the tournament or is absent from a tournament without notice of their withdrawal the Association shall impose on the player a fixed penalty of £250.
- 12.6 For a second or subsequent offence under paragraph 12.5, in the same playing year, the fixed penalty fine shall be £500 and the facts may be reported to the National Disciplinary Committee and action taken as a breach of the Code of Ethics.
- 12.7 Any player winning prize money in regional qualifying tournaments will be liable to repay such winnings to the Association in the event of not playing in the subsequent Championship proper.
- 12.8 Any player who qualifies to play in a tournament and then withdraws from the final stages will be charged a withdrawal fee of £70, unless the withdrawal occurs within 7 days of the date of the first round in which case a withdrawal fee of £150 will be charged.

**Note:** If an additional entry fee is due upon qualification into the final stages of a tournament, the player is liable to pay the entry fee in addition to the applicable withdrawal fee.

12.9 If a player fails to record a score for a round and does not fulfil their duties as a marker for that round the Association shall impose on the player a fixed penalty of £100.

12.10 In respect of paragraph 12.9, a second or subsequent offence will be reported to the committee under whose auspices the tournament is being administered. A third offence or one which in the opinion of the aforementioned committee constitutes a breach of the Code of Ethics must be reported to the National Disciplinary Committee for disciplinary action.

12.11 Any player who fails to record a score for any round or is disqualified, shall not be eligible for prize money or Order of Merit points if applicable.

12.12 Exceptions to these rules may be made in the case of sickness and other special circumstances subject always to the discretion of the appropriate committee and to the provision of satisfactory evidence to the Association within 7 days of withdrawal from the tournament. Should satisfactory evidence not be provided within this timeframe, the Association shall impose on the player the applicable withdrawal fee/fixed penalty fine.

### **13. Entry Fees - Refund**

13.1 A player in any PGA tournament who withdraws before the closing date for entry shall be eligible for a refund of entry fee.

13.2 Any player withdrawing after the closing date shall not be eligible for a refund of their entry fee unless the appropriate committee is satisfied:

- (a) that the withdrawal enabled the player to enter a higher-ranking tournament; or
- (b) that exceptional circumstances have arisen outside of the reasonable control of the player prompting their withdrawal, which the committee considers (at its absolute discretion) to justify the refund of their entry fee.

### **14. Female Competitors**

#### 14.1 Tournaments

(a) Female Members/Assistants playing in PGA Tournaments and Pro-Ams for the same prize money as male Members may play a course dependent on the total yardage and terrain of the course played by the male competitors which is not less than 10% or more than 14% shorter. The Tournament Director will vary tees as necessary to ensure the fairness of the holes and the Tournament. If a separate prize-fund is provided solely for female Members/Assistants, then tournament conditions can vary from the above.

(b) If a Tournament or Order of Merit placing subsequently results in qualifying for any 'Restricted Event(s)' (as listed below) where a female Member/Assistant plays from the female's forward tees, the female Member/Assistant will not be eligible to qualify for participation in the Restricted Event(s). Female Members/Assistants electing to play from the tournament tees played by male Members would be eligible to qualify for a Restricted Event, provided such an event does not have any gender restrictions to participation.

## **Restricted Events**

- a: DP World Tour events
- b: European Challenge Tour events
- c: Legends Tour events
- d: PGA Europro Tour events
- e: PGA Play-Offs
- f: PGA Seniors Championship
- g: PGA Cup
- h: Or any other event conducted by an organisation other than The Professional Golfers' Association

Note: The above list of Restricted Events is not definitive, and the Association may from time to time add events to this list. Should this be the case, notification to Members that such a Tournament is to be classed as a Restricted Event will be included within the Tournament Conditions for the applicable qualifying tournament or Order of Merit.

### **15. Prize Money: Allocation**

- 15.1 Appropriate committees shall be responsible for deciding the allocation of prize money for each tournament subject to agreement with the sponsor. This allocation shall be published in the tournament Terms of Competition.

### **16. Prize Presentations**

- 16.1 Appropriate committees shall normally publish for each tournament the number of leading players required to attend the prize presentation and in the case of Pro-Am tournaments, the number of professionals in leading teams who will be required to attend. In the absence of published Terms of Competition, the three leading players and those tying in professional tournaments and Pro-Am tournaments and the professionals in the three leading teams in Pro-Am tournaments will be required to attend.
- 16.2 If a player fails to attend a prize presentation the Association shall impose on the player a fixed penalty of £200. A second or subsequent offence will be reported to the committee under whose auspices the tournament is being administered. A third offence or one which in the opinion of the aforementioned committee constitutes a breach of the Code of Ethics, must be reported to the National Disciplinary Committee for disciplinary action. Special dispensation to be absent is only given in exceptional circumstances by the Tournament Director or Regional Manager.
- 16.3 When attending a prize presentation, all Members must observe the dress rules operating in the clubhouse at the time of any PGA tournament.

Unless otherwise specified in in the conditions for any tournament, all male Members involved in any prize presentation must wear a jacket, collar and tie while all female Members involved in such a presentation must dress with equivalent formality to their male counterparts.

If a Member fails to comply with these Regulations the Association shall impose on the player a fixed penalty of £100. A second or subsequent offence will be reported

to the committee under whose auspices the tournament is being administered. A third offence or one which in the opinion of the aforementioned committee constitutes a breach of the Code of Ethics must be reported to the National Disciplinary Committee for disciplinary action.

## **17. Suspension of Playing Privileges**

17.1 A Regional Committee or the committee of the Women's Section (WPGA) may refer a breach of the Regulations which does not constitute a breach of the Code of Ethics to the Executive Committee, who may suspend the rights of a Member to play in tournaments run under the jurisdiction of the relevant region or the Women's Section (WPGA) as the case may be.

## **18. Conflicting Advertising**

18.1 No Member, or their caddie, during the playing of a tournament will be permitted to wear or display any advertising matter, which in the opinion of the Tournament Director or Regional Manager, may embarrass a Sponsor or place in jeopardy the conduct of a tournament. In all cases, approval to wear conflicting advertising matter must be obtained from the Regional Manager/Tournament Director, or their appointed representative, prior to the commencement of the tournament. If a Member fails to comply with this Regulation the Association shall impose on the player a fixed penalty of £250.

## **19. Alcohol Consumption**

19.1 The abuse of alcohol on the course during any round of an Association-approved tournament is not permitted. The Association shall impose on the player a fixed penalty fine of £250 with the fine being doubled for subsequent offences.

## **20. Official Recorders**

20.1 Members must co-operate when asked for details of their scores by the Official Recorders on the course.

20.2 The Scoreboard Officials and TV Recorders are regarded as Official Recorders on the course.

20.3 For breach of this rule the Association shall impose on the Member a fixed penalty fine of £50.

## **21. Caddies**

21.1 Caddies are the responsibility of the Member employing them. Any breach of the following Regulations will be deemed to be a breach by the Member and the Association shall impose on the Member a fixed penalty fine of £50, which shall be doubled for subsequent offences:

21.1.1 Caddies are not permitted to wear denim jeans.

21.1.2 Caddies must not behave in a socially unacceptable way.

21.1.3 Caddies are required to wear and display the caddy-bib or uniform issued to them for the duration of the round.

21.1.4 A professional golfer may only caddy for another professional golfer or amateur in an Association-administered tournament if they have not participated in the tournament at which they will caddy. For the purpose of this clause, a pre-qualifying tournament and a main championship are not considered to be the same



tournament. Except in PGA Europro Tour Tournaments – see PGA Europro Tour Regulations.

21.1.5 Caddies are not permitted to mark players' scorecards.

## **22. Standard of Dress**

(Members should note that the general standards set out in paragraph 2.3 of Part 5 apply to all tournaments in addition to the requirements set out in this paragraph 22)

Whilst it is impossible to give specific guidelines, the Tournament Director, whose decision will be final, will interpret this regulation along the following parameters, subject to being acceptable under the dress rules of the relevant host venue:

22.1 The wearing of shorts or cropped trousers by Members at a PGA Tournament is not permitted.

Exceptions:

paragraph 22.1 does not apply to:

- (i) WPGA Professionals; or
- (ii) Overseas Pro-Am Tournaments; or
- (iii) In the case of shorts, official practice rounds for PGA Tournaments.

22.2 The wearing of denim jeans by Members at a PGA tournament is not permitted.

22.3 Members shall not wear training shoes at a PGA tournament, however non spiked soft- soled shoes designed for golf may be worn for play only.

22.4 Shirts – Non-golfing designed shirts (e.g. T-Shirts, tracksuits, rugby/football shirts) must not be worn at a PGA tournament.

22.5 For the purpose of this regulation the PGA Tournament is the course, clubhouse and practice facilities.

22.6 For breach of this rule the Association shall impose on the Member a fixed penalty fine of £50.

## **23. Breaches of Etiquette**

23.1 If any Member is seen, or reported for, breaking any of the undernoted rules of etiquette, whether in practice, qualifying or in the PGA tournament proper, the Association shall impose on the Member a fixed penalty of £50. A second or subsequent offence will be reported to the committee under whose auspices the tournament is being administered. A third offence or one which in the opinion of the aforementioned committee constitutes a breach of the Code of Ethics must be reported to the National Disciplinary Committee for disciplinary action.

23.2 Removing the ball from a hole with a putter, or any other club.

23.3 Not repairing pitch marks on the green.

23.4 Not raking bunkers.

23.5 When playing a practice round behind a pre-qualifying tournament, not keeping two clear holes between themselves and the last match.

23.6 Having more than one ball in play - other than in accordance with the Rules of Golf - in a practice round, with the following exception: - if a player misses the green with their shot to the green he may play one additional practice shot; Commencing a practice round, other than on the official practice day, without first having obtained permission from the Club Secretary or Professional at the venue;

23.7 Using a mobile phone or mobile communication device inappropriately whilst on the golf course.

**Note:** A Member shall switch off and keep switched off any audible alerts on any mobile telephone or mobile communication device whilst on the golf course and shall not use a mobile telephone unless in the case of emergency. A function deemed appropriate for use of a mobile phone or mobile communication device on the golf course would be for the purpose of using it as a GPS distance measuring or live scoring device. Please note there are specific rules (Rule 4-3 of The Rules of Golf) and regulations in reference to the use of mobile phones and devices for this function.

23.8 If a Member is seen, or reported for, throwing a golf club or any other item or for swearing or any other act of temper anywhere within the environs of the Club or course the Association shall impose on the Member a fixed penalty fine of £50. The fine shall be doubled on each subsequent occasion. A second or subsequent offence will be reported to the committee under whose auspices the tournament is being administered. A third offence or one which in the opinion of the aforementioned committee constitutes a breach of the Code of Ethics must be reported to the National Disciplinary Committee for disciplinary action.

23.9 The Tournament Director /Regional Manager shall be empowered to impose such fines at their discretion. Members fined in this way shall have the right to appeal to the appropriate committee.

## **24. Anti-Gaming**

24.1 No Member shall either directly or indirectly bet or instruct, permit, enable or offer the facility for any other person to bet on the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of the golf match, tournament or competition (or any part thereof).

24.2 No Member or caddie shall either directly or indirectly bet or instruct, permit, enable or offer the facility for any other person to bet on the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of the golf match, tournament or competition (or any part thereof) in which the Member is participating or in which the Member and/or the caddie have any influence either direct or indirect.

24.3 No Member or caddie shall have financial interest, either direct or indirect, in the performance or winnings of any other player in any Association organised or approved tournament whether through purse-splitting, prize money insurance, financial assistance, bets or otherwise.

24.4 A Member shall not fail to give their best efforts in competition in any Association organised or approved tournament and shall not induce or encourage any other player to fail to give their best efforts in competition in any Association organised or approved tournament.

24.5 No Member or caddie shall use or provide to any other person any information relating to any aspect of any golf match, tournament or competition, which the Member or caddie has by virtue of their position within the game and which is not publicly available and which information could reasonably be anticipated to be used for, or in relation to, betting.

- 24.6 No Member or caddie shall directly or indirectly contrive any aspect of any golf match, tournament or competition.
- 24.7 A Member or caddie shall inform the relevant committee, on a confidential basis, of any activity, including approaches from any person or third party, which he believes may or will contravene or may or will lead to the contravention of this Anti-Gaming Regulation.
- 24.8 A Member or caddie shall provide the Association with full access to and copies of any document or information which the Association requests to ascertain if a breach of the Anti-Gaming Regulation has occurred.
- 24.9 'Bet' and 'Betting' shall include any betting or gaming activity as defined by English Law.
- 24.10 Any breach of the provisions of this Anti-Gaming Regulation shall be treated as a breach of the Code of Ethics and a Member shall be liable to disciplinary action if he commits a breach of this Anti-Gaming Regulation.
- 24.11 A Member shall be responsible (to the extent that it is reasonably practicable for him to be so) for any actions of a caddie who is employed or engaged by him at the time of such action which contravenes this regulation. Where it is considered that it would have been reasonable for a Member to have controlled such actions of their caddie and he failed to do so, such circumstances may be investigated under the Association Disciplinary Procedure. If it is determined that a breach of this regulation has taken place, the Member shall be liable to disciplinary action. In addition, where it is demonstrated that a caddie has breached any of the provisions of this regulation, no Member shall employ or use such caddie for such period as may be determined by the Association.

## **25. Public Relations**

- 25.1 Members must co-operate with the Association by attending any function that may be organised with a sponsor or by a local civic authority. To ensure maximum goodwill it is vital that competitors make every effort to support all public relations activities and fully co-operate with press, radio and television.

## **26. Method of Player Scoring**

- 26.1 A score card is permitted to be in any paper or electronic form approved by the Committee and this also adheres to the guidelines set out in Rule 3.3b of the Rules of Golf.
- 26.2 The BlueGolf App is the primary method of scoring at all PGA tournaments. Only in limited circumstances may a player be issued with a paper score card:
- (a) If the environment at a venue doesn't provide a stable mobile signal across the golf course to allow the app to function correctly.
  - (b) If a player doesn't own a smart phone.
  - (c) If a player has forgotten to bring their smart phone to the tournament.
  - (d) If a player has an insufficient amount of mobile data or battery life on their smart phone.
  - (e) If technical issues prevent the BlueGolf app from functioning correctly.

## 27. Returning of Scorecard

27.1 In all PGA Tournaments the Members must return their scorecard in person to the Official Recorder. In the case of Pro-Am events the professional is responsible for returning the team scorecard in person to the Official Recorder. For a breach of this rule the Association shall impose on the Member a fixed penalty fine of £50.

## 28. Pro-Am Tournaments

28.1 Starting Times. The draw may be amended in exceptional circumstances and starting times changed after publication at the request of the sponsor.

28.2 Concurrent Team and Individual Professional Tournament. The following matrix describes the procedure when one or more members of a team are late for their designated start time. Please note section 27.4 when dealing with an Order of Merit Tournament that is played in pro-am format.

	Member		
	On Time	Late < 20 mins after last tee time	Late ≥ 20 mins after last tee time
Team can fulfil scoring requirements at designated start time	Team start on time. Member = No penalty Team = No penalty	Team start at later tee time. Member = 2 shot penalty Team = No penalty	Team start at later tee time and 27.2(d) applies. Member = DQ Team = No penalty
Team not able to fulfil scoring requirements at designated start time but are able to <20 mins after last tee time	Team start at later tee time. Member = No penalty Team = 2 shot penalty	Team start at later tee time. Member = 2 shot penalty Team = 2 shot penalty	Team start at later tee time and 27.2(d) applies. Member = DQ Team = 2 shot penalty
Team not able to fulfil scoring requirements ≥ 20 mins after last tee time	Member may return an individual score. Member = No penalty Team = DQ	Member may return an individual score. Member = 2 shot penalty Team = DQ	Member = DQ Team = DQ* *see 27.2(c)

28.3 Members will be permitted to start without all members of the Team at such time that the Team can fulfil the scoring requirements.

28.4 If the Team cannot fulfil the scoring requirements of the tournament 20 minutes after the last starting time the Team is disqualified (unless the reason for this is the Member not being present, in which case see 27.5)

28.5 If the Member is not present 20 minutes after the last starting time, or it is deemed by the Tournament Director that the Member will be unacceptably late, the Tournament Director may require that Member to play, or remove that Member

from the tournament and decide the most equitable way in which to compensate the Team – this may include replacement with a substitute Member or the drawing of another Member’s scorecard at random at the conclusion of play.

**29. Team Only Tournaments (No Individual Professional Tournament)**

- 29.1 In all cases if there is no individual professional tournament the Team must commence play at the designated starting time if they can fulfil the scoring requirements of the tournament.
- 29.2 If the Team cannot fulfil the scoring requirements at the designated start time the Team will be penalised two strokes and will be required to start at such time when the Team can fulfil the scoring requirements. If the Team cannot fulfil the scoring requirements 20 minutes after the last tee time, the Team will be disqualified.

**30. Order of Merit Tournaments Played in Pro-Am Format**

- 30.1 If an Order of Merit Tournament is played in a pro-am format the Rules of Golf shall apply when determining lateness on the tee for the Member’s individual score i.e. if the Member arrives late but within five minutes of their starting time he receives a two stroke penalty. If he arrives more than five minutes late for their starting time he is disqualified from the professional individual contest.