

**«White Nights 24 hours Golf Tournament 2019»**

**POLICY**



## **1. Objectives of the competition**

- 1.1. The tournament is being held for the purposes of:
- Popularizing golf in the Russian Federation and its further development as a sport;
  - Improving the skills of the sportsmen;
  - Enhancing the reputation of the North-West region of the Russian Federation as a new destination for golf tourism.

## **2. Place and date of the competition**

- 2.1. The place of the competition: Leningrad Region, Lomonosovskiy Area, Gorki Village, No. 6.
- 2.2. The dates of the competition: from June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019 until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## **3. Organizers of the competition**

- 3.1. The general management of the tournament and its conduct will be the responsibility of GORKI Golf Club (GGC).
- 3.2. The administration of GGC is responsible for forming and approving the main panel of judges.

## **4. Participants of the competition, conditions for admission and guests**

- 4.1. The competition is classified as a team competition
- 4.2. A team may only be composed of male or female members, mixed teams are not allowed.
- 4.3. In order to participate in the competition, sportsmen must be:
- No younger than 10 years old;
  - In possession of an active handicap that is not worse than 22.3 for men (playing hcp 28) and 30.8 for women (playing HCP 36), but the combined handicap of the team should not exceed 60.0 for men and 50.0 for women;
  - Players' handicap must be approved by registration in handicap roaster of Russian Golf Association (for citizens of Russia) or approved on the base of international ruling of handicaps with the requirements of the European Golf Association (for citizens of other countries); player must update his or hers handicap from 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2019. If the handicap hasn't been confirmed or is not active, then the handicap will be zero.
- 4.4. The maximum number of teams permitted to participate in the competition is:
- 20 teams of three for men;
  - 8 teams of two for women.
- 4.5. Guests of the tournament are permitted to be on the territory of GORKI Golf Club 24 hours. A player is responsible for the guests that he or she has invited.

## **5. Programme of the competition**

- 5.1. The game will begin on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 12.00 and will finish on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 14.00.
- 5.2. The organizers of the competition recommend that all players use luminous balls from 00.00 until 03.00, these balls must be provided at the beginning of the hole.
- 5.3. A break for the teams will be provided from 00.00 until 01.00 on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

## 6. Order of Play

6.1. Women's teams will play from the red tees. Junior players will play from yellow and red tees (boys and girls) Players must complete two rounds of 9 holes and one round of 18 holes (36 holes in total).

6.1.1. ***The first round of 9 holes will be played in teams (2 people in each) and in the Stableford Greensomes format with 40% of the team's total team handicap.***

Each player starts each hole with a stroke from the tee, the players then choose the ball in the best position while the other ball is picked up. The player whose ball was not chosen then plays the second stroke. Teammates will then take turns to play each stroke. The player whose ball is chosen will play all odd-numbered strokes, while the player whose initial tee-off was not chosen will play all even-numbered strokes. If the team does not score any Stableford points on the hole, then the players must pick up and move on to the next hole (e.g., on a par 4 – 8 strokes, on a par 3 – 6 strokes and on a par 5 – 9 strokes).

6.1.2. The start of the first round from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> hole will be from 13.00 – 16.00 on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

6.1.3. ***The second round of 9 holes will be played in teams (2 people in each) in the Stableford format with handicap.***

Each player plays with his or her own ball. A team's score consists of the points score by all team members. If a player does not score any Stableford points on a hole, they should pick up their ball and not finish the hole (e.g. on a par 4 – 8 strokes, on a par 3 – 6 strokes and on a par 5 – 9 strokes),

6.1.4. The start of the second round from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> hole is 16.00 – 19.00 on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

6.1.5. ***The third round of 18 holes will be played in teams (2 people in each) in the four-ball format.***

Points are scored in accordance with the Stableford system. Each player plays his own ball. On each hole, the player with the best score on that hole will be used to calculate the team's overall score. If a player does not score any Stableford points on a hole, they must pick up their ball and not finish the hole (e.g. on a par 4 – 8 strokes, on a par 3 – 6 strokes and on a par 5 – 9 strokes),

6.1.6. The start of the third round from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> hole is 4.30 – 10.30 on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

6.1.7. ***Additional nominations:***

Women teams:

- Longest Drive: Hole 18
- Closest to the Pin: Hole 15

Junior teams:

- Longest Drive: Hole 16
- Closest to the Pin: Hole 11

6.2. Men's teams will play from the yellow tees. Players must complete a round of 9 holes before completing two rounds of 27 holes (72 holes for a team, 54 holes per player).

6.2.1. ***The first round of 9 holes will be played in teams (3 people in each) and in the Stableford Greensomes format with 30% of the team's total team handicap.***

Each player starts each hole with a stroke from the tee, the players then choose the ball with the best position while the other balls are picked up. The captain of the team will determine the order of the second and third strokes from the two players whose balls were not chosen following their first stroke. The players will then continue in this order. The player whose ball was chosen, then the player who hit the second stroke and, finally, the player who hit the third stroke on that hole. If the team does not score any Stableford points on the hole, then the players must pick up and move on to the next hole (e.g., on a par 4 – 8 strokes, on a par 3 – 6 strokes and on a par 5 – 9 strokes).

6.2.2. The start of the first round from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> hole will be from 12.00 – 15.00 on June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

6.2.3. ***The second round of 27 holes will be played in teams in the Stableford format with handicap.***

On each of the 9-hole rounds, each team is represented by only two teammates. In each group two participants from two teams will play. Each player plays their own ball. A team's score is made up of points scored by all team members. If a player in the team does not score any Stableford points on the hole, then he must pick up and move on to the next hole (e.g., on a par 4 – 8 strokes, on a par 3 – 6 strokes and on a par 5 – 9 strokes);

6.2.4. The order of play for participants in a team in the second round and the start time of the groups on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, is as follows:

- 15.00-18.00 Captain + Player 2 (9 holes),
- 18.00-21.00 Player 1 + Player 2 (9 holes).
- 21.00-00.00 Captain + Player 1 (9 holes).

6.2.5. ***The third round of 27 holes will be played in teams in the four-ball format with handicap.***

Points are scored in accordance with the Stableford system. On each of the 9-hole rounds, each team is represented by only two teammates. In each group two participants from two teams will play. Each player plays his own ball. A team's overall score is made up of points scored in all of the rounds. A team's overall score consists of the best score on each hole, bearing in mind the player's handicap. Результатом команды на каждой лунке является результат одного из игроков команды с учетом гандикапа, лучший на данной лунке. If a player in the team does not score any Stableford points on the hole, then he must pick up and move on to the next hole (e.g., on a par 4 – 8 strokes, on a par 3 – 6 strokes and on a par 5 – 9 strokes),

6.2.6. The order of play for participants in a team in the third round and the start time of the groups on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019, is as follows:

01.00-03.00 Captain + Player 2 (9 holes);

03.00-06.00 Player 1 + Player 2 (9 holes);

06.00-09.00 Captain + Player 1 (9 holes).

6.2.7. ***In the third round, if one player in the team does not come to the start, it is possible that he be replaced by another player of another team so long as notification of this is given to the referees of the competition.***

6.2.8. ***Additional nominations:***

- Longest Drive: Hole 6
- Closest to the Pin: Hole 8

6.2.9. ***The fourth round of 9 holes will be played in teams (3 people in each) and in the Stableford Greensomes format with 30% of the team's total team handicap.***

Each player starts each hole with a stroke from the tee, the players then choose the ball with the best position while the other balls are picked up.. The captain of the team will determine the order of the second and third strokes from the two players whose balls were not chosen following their first stroke. The players will then continue in this order. The player whose ball was chosen, then the player who hit the second stroke and, finally, the player who hit the third stroke on that hole. If the team does not score any Stableford points on the hole, then the players must pick up and move on to the next hole (e.g., on a par 4 – 8 strokes, on a par 3 – 6 strokes and on a par 5 – 9 strokes).

***In the event that one player in the team does not come to the start, the teams has the right to play with only two players, but in this case 20% of the team's total handicap is taken into account to determine the team's result.***

Each player will play their own ball for the first stroke on each hole, then the players will chose the ball with the best position while the other ball is picked

up. The player whose ball was not chosen will play the second stroke and the players will continue in that order. The player whose ball was chosen will play all odd-numbered strokes, while the player whose ball was not chosen will play all even-numbered strokes on that hole. If the team does not score any Stableford points on the hole, then the players must pick up and move on to the next hole (e.g., on a par 4 – 8 strokes, on a par 3 – 6 strokes and on a par 5 – 9 strokes).

6.2.10. The start of the fourth round from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup> hole is from 09.00 – 12.00 on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

6.3. The final order of teams is determined by the sum of Stableford points scored by a team in all rounds of the competition. The winner is the team with the highest Stableford score. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the team with the lowest total handicap.

Notes:

\* In the event that a team does not finish a round of nine holes in the allotted time, the game is stopped and the score for all holes that have not been played is not included.

\*\* In each group markers should be assigned to players in the opposition team

\*\*\* Admission to the golf course is possible only upon agreement with the course referees.

## **7. Rules of Conduct**

- 7.1. Participants for each round and their start times will be organised by the panel of referees. Participants will be notified of their respective start times in advance. The panel reserves the right to establish and/or change the order of start times.
- 7.2. Participants are required to use only those clubs that meet the requirements outlined in Appendix II of the rules of golf, this includes requirements pertaining to the grooves of clubs with lofts of more than 25 degrees (this is marked with the symbol ‘\*’ in Appendix II). It is not permitted to use clubs that are included in the list of those that are prohibited as outlined on the website <http://www.randa.org/>.
- 7.3. Players are not permitted to employ a caddy. The penalty for violating this condition will be two Stableford points, which will be deducted from the team’s total score for each hole in which such a violation occurred, the maximum penalty for the round is four points. In the event that a violation takes place between two holes, the penalty is applicable to the next hole. If the use of a caddy does not stop immediately after the discovery of a violation, the player may be subject to disqualification.
- 7.4. Obligatory using of live scoring in Golf Genius App.
- 7.5. During specified rounds, players are required to get around the field of play on foot only. The penalty for violation of this rule is two Stableford points which will be deducted from the team’s overall score for each hole in which such a violation takes place, the maximum penalty for the round is four points. The use of any other means of transport must stop immediately, otherwise the player may be subject to disqualification.
- 7.6. In exceptional circumstances (when the pace of the game of several groups of players is under threat, when players are returning to the course after being forced to stop playing, etc.), a member of the panel of referees may make the decision to allow the transportation of an individual on a golf cart.
- 7.7. Participants are permitted to use distant measuring devices. Such devices must comply with the requirements set out by Rule 14-3 and appendix IV of the rules of golf.

- 7.8. It is forbidden to use range finders that allow a player to determine the meteorological conditions or the incline of a given surface.
- 7.9. Only golf shoes with plastic studs are allowed on the course.
- 7.10. In accordance with Footnote 2 relating to Rule 6-7 pertaining to the preservation of a game that is not excessively slow, the panel of referees is entitled to impose the following penalties for violation of Rule 6-7:
- For the first violation – an official warning;
  - For the second violation – a penalty stroke is added to the player’s score;
  - For the third violation – two additional penalty strokes are added to the player’s score;
  - Any further violations – disqualification.
- 7.11. In the event that a violation is made pertaining to the pace of the game, the entire group of players will be punished by those players that take more than 50 seconds to strike the ball. The procedure in place as to control the speed of the game will be outlined and given to the players before the beginning of the round.
- 7.12. In the event that a round is completed early or that a group is unable to participate in an upcoming round, participants must inform the panel of referees as soon as possible.
- 7.13. The governing referee retains the right to make final decisions on disputes during the competition. Claims will be accepted by the panel of referees if they are made in writing within 30 minutes following the completion of the round should there be no provision outlined in Rule 34-1b.

## **8. Rules of Safety**

- 8.1. During the competition, participants are required to comply with the details pertaining to security as outlined in the section “Etiquette and rules of conduct on the course” as well as Rule 6-8 of the rules of golf as approved by the Ministry of Sport and Tourism of the Russian Federation on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 No. 115.
- 8.2. If the game is suspended by the governing referee due to a dangerous situation (Rule 6-8b), players must immediately stop the game. If the players have just finished a hole and are yet to move on to the next, they may not resume play until it has been indicated by the panel of referees. If the players are in the process of playing a hole, they must stop the game immediately and may only resume once it has been indicated by the panel of referees. Should a player refuse to stop immediately, it is possible that they will be subject to disqualification.
- 8.3. In the event that the panel of referees decides to evacuate players from the field of play owing to a dangerous situation, players must follow the instructions of the referees and those that have been authorized by them, the evacuation plan approved prior to the competition must then be followed.
- 8.4. The signal that indicates the suspension of the game owing to a dangerous situation is a siren, the following signals are in place:
- Immediately stop playing – one continuous sounding of the siren;
  - Resume play – two short blasts of the siren.
- 8.5. In the event that inclement weather conditions makes play impossible, a signal will be given to ‘stop play’ – this will be signalled with three consecutive blasts of the siren. With this signal, if the hole has already started, the players withhold the right to choose either to stop immediately or to play the hole, provided that they are able to do so without any delay. In any case, once that hole has been played, the game must then be suspended (Rule 6-8b).

## **9. Rewards**

- 9.1. The winners that place first in the “main” classification will be given the title “Winner of the White Nights 24 hours Golf Tournament 2019”. They will be separate winners for both men and women.
- 9.2. The winners that place first in the “main” classification will be presented with an appropriate item to distinguish their success (a White Nights 24 hours Golf Tournament cravat); as well as the honour of having their names engraved on the cup.
- 9.3. Those that place second and third will also be presented with prizes and gifts.

## **10. Applications for participation**

- 10.1. Preliminary applications should be sent to GORKI Golf Resort e-mail address: reception@gorkigolf.ru.
- 10.2. Preliminary applications for participation will be categorised as Application No.1.
- 10.3. The deadline for the admission of preliminary applications is June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, 18.00 Moscow time.
- 10.4. Registration for those that have been admitted is to be held at the venue itself from 09.00 – 11.00 (Moscow time) on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.

## **11. Financial Conditions**

- 11.1. Expenses relating to the payment of the panel of referees, services for the provision of sporting facilities, services for the provision of ambulances, rewards, travel as well as the accommodation for guest referees are to be made at the expense of GORKI Golf Resort.
- 11.2. Expenses relating to the provision of refreshments (drinks, food), transportation services, the organization of opening and closing ceremonies, the provision of office equipment and stationery, information support (advertising, media coverage), participant accreditation, purchase of souvenirs as a prize is to be covered at the cost of GORKI Golf Resort.
- 11.3. Travel expenses (travel, refreshments, accommodation and insurance) are to be covered at the cost of the participant.

\* The price for the guest is 3000 rubles.

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