

XI CIRCUITO DE GOLF SOTOGRANDE



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2024 COMPETITION REGULATIONS

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A) SCOPE OF APPLICATION AND COMPETITION COMMITTEE OF EVENT

This regulation takes precedence over any other publication unless expressly stated otherwise and replaces all versions prior to the date stated at the end of this document.

The Competition Committee (formed by three representatives of the Organisation), will appoint an Event Committee for each event (formed by a representative from the golf club where it is being held and a representative from the Organisation); this Committee will be responsible in terms of registrations, complaints, etc, and will meet before the awards ceremony, if not appointed, the Competition Committee will be the Event Committee in the plenary session.

B) FORMAT, PLAYING CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

FIVE qualifying events will take place, under the Stableford Singles Handicap format. Depending on the circumstances of each course and event, the Competition Committee

will decide the limit on the participants in each case.

The calendar, as well as the courses chosen for the events will be those that appear on the Official Website of the Circuit (www.sotograndedigital.com) and may be subject to possible changes of date and/or course, in which case, the Organisation will inform participants, via email, within a period of 15 calendar days, before the event takes place.

Each event will have three categories:

- 1st Men's Category: up to handicap of 14.0.
- 2nd Men's Category: from a handicap of 14.1 (with an exact maximum handicap of 26.4*).
- Women's Category: single category (with an exact maximum handicap of 32.0*).

* Please note: Higher handicaps can register and participate by playing on each course with the aforementioned maximum.

Each player will remain in the same category as in the first event that they take part in for the purposes of the ranking, while to obtain prizes in each regular event they will compete in the category corresponding to them by handicap on that day.

A trophy and prize will be rewarded to the three top placed handicap players in each qualifying event. As a general rule, no scratch prize is included.

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SPECIAL PRIZES FOR QUALIFYING EVENTS:

- Longest drive on fairway (2 prizes: women and men). At times, This prize may be replaced by the "Longest drive on fairway indiscriminate"
- Closest ball indiscriminate.
- Prize draw among the participants present at the awards ceremony of each event (the first 3 cards of each of the 3 official categories will be excluded, as well the winners of the other special prizes).

C) GRAND FINALE

Qualification for the Grand Finale will be according to the sum of the THREE best cards submitted by each player in the qualifying events; and it will be necessary to have submitted, at least, those THREE cards. According to this ranking, the Grand Finale will feature, as a closed championship, a number of players based on the following criteria:

a. 1st Men's Category:

Players with 3 or more cards Qualified
Up to 12 5
From 13 to 20 7
From 21 upward 9

b. 2nd Men's Category:

Players with 3 or more cards Qualified
Up to 12 5
From 13 to 20 7
From 21 upward 9

c. Women's Category:

Players with 3 or more cards Qualified
Up to 10 3
From 11 upward 4

NOTE: The total number of players who, in each category and after the 5 qualifying events, have presented, at least, THREE cards on the circuit is considered as a criteria.

In the case of a tie-break in the ranking, it will be decided successively according to:

- I. The fourth best card presented
- II. The fifth best card presented
- III. The criteria of section F.11 (in the order stated)

The Grand Finale will be played by the qualified players in their corresponding categories, according to the details of the previous section, the status of finalist cannot be passed onto the next player in the ranking, unless the Competition Committee rules in favour of this, having studied the withdrawal of the finalist giving up their place.

The overall winners of the XI Sotogrande Golf Circuit, in their respective categories, will be the players who hold the best Stableford Singles Handicap format in the competition organised for the qualified players on the day of the Final, Regardless of the position they have obtained in the general ranking, having competed in the 5 qualifying events.

The Organisation can hold a parallel tournament with guests, which will be completely separate to the Grand Finale that the qualified players compete in.

The Grand Finale will be played by the qualified players with the exact handicap that they have, according to the RFEG at the time of competing, and they will participate in it within the category in which they obtained their qualification. This Finale, at this XI edition, will be held on Friday 15 November at the Finca Cortesín course.

D) REGISTRATIONS

- 1.- The registration period for competing in the first event of the circuit will open on 4 MARCH 2024 and close for each event when the maximum number of players is completed or when the Organisation announces.
- 2.- For the other events, registrations will open progressively, and information will be provided through the website and social networks.
- 3.- Registration must be carried out through the Official Website of the Circuit www.sotograndedigital.com or via phone on 956 610 043, during office hours (M-F from 9:00 to 15:30).
- 4.- In order for a registration to be deemed valid, it must meet the following requirements
at the end of the registration period:
 - a. Clearly list name and surname. Initials will not be considered.
 - b. Contain the federation licence number.
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 - c. Provide a mobile phone number and an email address, through which the Organisation can provide information and request the relevant confirmations.
 - d. Payment of the registration fees when requested in advance. The amount will be established for each event and will be published on the official website of the circuit with the precise amount of time in advance.
 - e. Be 16 years old at the time of the event (rule subject to the conditions of each course).
- 5.- For events with payment in advance: Until the period closes, registration may be cancelled through the same means with the right to a refund of the amount paid before this was requested. Once registration has closed, the right to a refund is lost and failure to turn up will result in the loss of the registration fees paid. Registration will only be considered to be cancelled from the time when the player receives written confirmation of cancellation from the Organisation.
- 6.- Players who, if unable to participate in an event, have not cancelled their registration 24 hours before the tee time will be considered reserves for the following events. Repeat offenders may be excluded in the future.
- 7.- After the maximum permitted number of players registered in a specific event has been filled, there is the chance to register as a reserve in the waiting list.
- 8.- All the players who have carried out their registration in accordance with the requirements stipulated above can participate. Also, they will form part of the competition with full rights and following the same rules and criteria required for the rest of the players, guests of the Organisation and of the sponsors or collaborators.

E) TEE TIMETABLES

- 1.- Once registration had ended, the rounds and tee times will be produced which will be published both at the venue club and on the official site of the Circuit (www.sotograndedigital.com).
- 2.- Those registered as reserves will replace those who cancel their registration or who do not turn up in accordance with their registration order (date on which the player registers). These changes will be made by the Event Committee.
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- 3.- Start times will generally be shotgun starts, although in some of the events, due to course circumstances, they may be consecutive, in which case the times will be published the necessary time in advance.
- 4.- As much as possible, the Organisation will consider the provisional rankings and the categories and handicaps of the players in order to create the times and rounds.
- 5.- A player, when registering in each regular event, can request to play in the same round with another player, which is to say, in a maximum of 2, and the final decision on this is up to the Organisation.

F) COMPETITION RULES

- 1.- The current Rules of Golf approved by the R&A shall apply in accordance with the translation published by the R.F.E.G and the Local Rules which will be determined for each course by its Event Committee.
- 2.- Tee Markers: Red for Women and Yellow for Men, which may be modified on a one-off basis through the assessment of a specific course, always under the criteria of the Event Committee.
- 3.- Playing format: Stableford Singles 18 holes.
- 4.- Playing time: It is recommended to play a round as quickly as possible, at a good pace. It should not take over 40 seconds to hit a shot (Rule 5.6-b).
- 5.- The use of distance measurers will be permitted, provided that they only show the distances, and no other factors such as temperature, wind speed, etc.
- 6.- If play is suspended due to a dangerous situation determined by the Event Committee, Rule 5.7-b will be followed.
- 7.- Scorers are not referees, but they are responsible in relation to other players for compliance with Rules and noting down all corresponding penalties, and should inform the Event Committee as soon as possible of any anomaly that they observe or that they become aware of.
- 8.- Cards must be submitted within a maximum of 10 minutes of the end of the round, considering where applicable the extra time needed to reach the club house in shotgun starts; failure to comply with this point may be understood by the Event Committee as the withdrawal of the player in question.
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- 9.- Unless stated otherwise, the Card Collection Area will be that of the caddymaster and/or club shop. A card will be considered to have been submitted when the player has completely left the Card Collection Area; if there is a post-box or ballot for this purpose, it will be considered to have been collected once it has been put into the post-box or ballot.

10.- The result of each hole must be noted on the card in a way that can be perfectly identified by anyone in order to enable the counting of the results in the competition. In the event that the result of a hole cannot be perfectly identified, it will be ruled out, with 0 points in the Stableford format recorded, unless prior to the official announcement of the result, the scorer appears and unmistakably identifies the result recorded on the hole or holes affected by this incident.

11.- Tie-breaks in handicap rankings. Alternatively, it will be decided using:

a) Lowest playing handicap.

b) Lowest exact federation handicap.

c) Comparison of the last 9, 12, 15, 16 and 17 holes.

c) Best result in the previous event/s of this edition of the circuit.

d) The sharing of prizes if they can be divided, or otherwise, a prize draw.

12.- The official results of the event will be published once the awards ceremony has ended and a period of 72 hours will open following that moment to present any kind of complaint to the Competition Committee. At the end of this period, no kind of complaint relating to the event will be admitted.

13.- After this period of 72 hours, the general rankings will be created with the results of the event that has ended, no complaints will be accepted unless there has been a manual or computing error when producing the rankings.

14.- Prizes will be awarded to the winners with the condition that they should be present

at the ceremony, except for trophies with an identifying plaque for the position obtained which will be the only ones kept at the headquarters of the Organisation with their winner having 15 days to collect them.

15.- In the event that an underage player wins an alcoholic drink as a prize, it will not be awarded to them and will be put into a prize draw for the other participants.

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G) ANNEX

These regulations have been produced based on a thorough study by the Organisation Of all the situations that may arise during the competition, in order to make it as unbiased, fair, and enjoyable as possible. In the event that any of the aforementioned situations is not outlined in this document, it will be the sole responsibility of the Competition Committee to take a decision in this regard, which will be definitive and irrevocable.

THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE
Sotogrande, 1 March 2024