

# Fair-Play Guide

## EC 2008 Tampere / Finland

The following guide is valid for the tournament above:

### Coaches

- All coaches have to be documented by written registration together with the team-player nomination.
- Per minigolf system and nation maximum of 2 coaches are allowed on the course (preliminary rounds and k.o.finals).

### Participants

- All players, coaches and officials have to sign the transfer of „right for pictures“ and the acknowledgement of the WADA code on the official registration form.

### Practice time

- Preliminary rounds:  
At lane 1 each round one minute for each pairing.
- K.o.-finals:  
Common practice time at individual starting lane.

### Ball preparation

- It is not allowed to heat up, cool down or by other means prepare a ball after it has passed the border line.
- The ball may be picked up for cleaning only, if the position of the ball will be marked exactly.
- Picking up of the ball at lane 2 and 7 on minigolf is allowed only by the course-referee!!!

### Lane referees

- Players and coaches have to follow the advices of lane referees; lane referees don't have the right to give penalties, but can call for a referee.
- **Lane 2 on concrete:**  
The player is not allowed to touch the ball after it has passed the border-line. If requested the course-referee will hand over the ball to the player for cleaning.
- **Lane 7 on concrete:**  
The the teeing-off area is only the marked circle. Possible local exceptions.  
Two course-referees will decide if the ball went between the posts or not.  
All players of a pairing play until the putting-area is reached. The positions of the balls are marked by the course-referees (exception: balls up to approx. 30 cm from hole will be putt immediately). The players will putt in the same order in which they teed-off.

If requested, the course-referee will hand over the ball to the player for cleaning. The course-referees will organize that the first player of the following group is starting to prepare to play (going to the tee-off-area, arranging his equipment) while the last player of the previous group is putting.

### **Time limits**

- To stay inside the time limits (70 seconds / 60 seconds) is generally in the responsibility of the player, even if a ball is not available due to bad coaching.

### **Loudness and chain calls**

- They will be controlled by the referees on an acceptable level.
- If players are disturbed actively, there will be a penalty without pre-warnings.

### **Course-markings**

- Course-markings of any kind, for example with bags, coaches or shadows etc. will be punished without pre-warnings.

### **Interruptions**

- If there is a rain-interruption, it is always an immediate interruption, that means all balls in play have to be marked. Completing a started lane is not permitted after the interruption call.

### **Pairings**

- Player leaving for toilet must always inform a referee or a member of the jury and his/her pairing.
- It is not allowed to leave the course or the own pairing for any coaching activities (for example to support or coach another player).

### **Wind shielding**

- Wind shielding is allowed only by structures and not by human bodies. Number and position of wind shieldings can only be decided and changed by a member of the refereeing committee. Wind shields used at international championships have to be transparent.
- Only allowed, when it is in position during the total shot.
- It is a question of fair play, that a personal windshelter stays for the complete playing group and not only for the player of the own team.

### **Behavior**

- All players and coaches are called to follow the principles of fair-play.
- Spitting at the course will be considered as misconduct.
- All players have to wear their starting-number while playing.
- Due to the lack of free space especially on the eternit-course players and coaches please pay attention to shadows when walking or standing.
- Each player and coach has to wear sports shoes, sports hats and uniform team sports clothing appropriate for minigolf. Especially jeans are not considered as such.

### **Walking on the lanes**

- The lanes should be entered only for playing. Don't walk inside the lanes.

**Mobile phones**

- It is not allowed to be on the courses or close to the courses with mobile phones, which are switched on.

**Penalties**

- Admonitions and warnings will be given according to the 4-level-program + possible oral admonitions (exception: penalty system at k.o.-finals).
- For severe or tactical infringements some levels can be skipped.
- Admonition will be given directly to the player, there is no filtering through the coach.
- Penalties during k.o.-finals:
- All players have clean accounts at the beginning of the first k.o.-round, possible penalties from the team competition are not carried forward.
- First step is a written pre-warning, which has no consequences to the player
- Every violation after the pre-warning means the player loses the next lane, which isn't finished by the pair. Finishing means here that the lane has a winner.
- Referees have the possibility to skip the pre-warning level in case of severe violations.
- Pre-warnings and lost lane warnings are announced via loudspeakers.

**Green House**

- After last lane all players of a pairing stay at a marked area (green house) until the scorecards / electronically pda's / mobile phones are checked.

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