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Covid-19 European Amateur Team Championship guidelines

After a period in which it was prohibited to organize golf competitions, or otherwise impossible due to the intelligent lockdown, from 1st of July 2020 this will be possible again under strict conditions.

This document explains under which conditions we are able to restart the competition. These conditions are described at three levels and made clear to the parties involved:

1. The Hilversumsche Golf Club where the game is played has the responsibility to all players, visitors and volunteers on their course and for the use of their other facilities. Here is a description of the basic agreements. During the visit that is made by the NGF (Dutch Golf Federation) tournament director (TD) prior to the competition, the agreements are further discussed, adapted to the local circumstances and confirmed in the report.
2. The Players is made clear to players, spectators and coaches if applicable what is expected to do on the match day.
3. The Officials, being the tournament director (TD), referees and NGF staff members, it is explained how the tournament day is organized in practical and technical terms and how to promote that everyone adheres to the agreements made.

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The host club

The NGF organizes the golf competition at De Hilversumsche Golfclub which ensures the right conditions such as:

- A corona coordinator (CC) is present and it is made clear how he/she can be reached or is clearly recognizable. If necessary, this coordinator contacts the designated NGF Corona Officials (OC).
- The CC is expected to know the Responsible Sports Protocol of the NOC * NSF and to apply this knowledge to the host club.
- The CC can authorize others, who are also recognizable, to assist in applying the corona measures. The CC supervises this.
- The NGF organizes competitions that are open to public, but no more than 250 people can be admitted in addition to the players and officials. The CC supervises and guarantees by means of estimating or counting how many people are present. Estimation is possible by reserving a number of parking spaces for the public and multiplying this by, for example, 2 people. Other requirements which apply to more than 250 people, cannot be arranged.
- A clear routing is made and at places where queues can be expected, 1.5 m markings are made, for example at the 1st (and 10th) tee. The capacity of the various areas of the accommodation is examined during the course visit of the TD and it has to be ensured that there is always sufficient space for the players in the event of an evacuation from the course (thunderstorms). Maximum 100 people in one room if justified. This may mean that the entire clubhouse is only accessible to players, caddies and officials. The CC ensures that other people are waiting in other areas, eg their car. Shelters are only used in the event of an immediate evacuation and are only available to players.
- On spaces with a limited capacity, the maximum number of people is indicated.
- Due to the extended number of people present at the golf club, extra hygiene measures will have to be taken, such as cleaning door knobs, cleaning sanitary facilities and changing rooms. Sufficient soap and paper towels should be constantly available.
- First aid kit and AED are accessible to the organization.
- A health check can be done at the entrance or clubhouse if desired.
- During practice rounds, host club rules apply and all players and their caddies must adhere to them. If they do not comply with this, this can lead to exclusion from the match in consultation with the TD.
- Rakes will be removed and raised cup liners or other measures will be taken to ensure that the ball can be taken out of the hole without touching the flagstick.

The players

- The players, coaches and parents / supervisors who come to the match are deemed to have read the paragraphs below.
- They strictly follow the safety instructions of the Corona Coordinator or authorized persons and officials of the NGF.
- Anyone with possible corona-related health complaints will be refused to the site.
- During the game, from teeing on the first hole until returning the scorecard, the players do not need to maintain a distance of 1.5 m from their fellow players.
- The Local Rules issued contain the contact number that can also be used to contact the right person regarding corona-related matters. The organization then ensures that this ends up with the right person.
- The player caddy etc. will adhere to the golf course rules during practice rounds under penalty of exclusion from the competition.
- Players are advised to make as little use of the dressing rooms as possible and to dress at home before the game, as the capacity is often too small to hold 1.5 m for everyone.
- The player or his caddy keeps his own card and record also the score for who he is marker. When returning the card, the player draws his own card and the marker verbally confirms to the NGF employee that the score is correct, making it official once the player has left the recording area. See LR below.
- At the end of the game, the player reverts to the rules that apply to the public, including the 1.5 m rule.
- Changes to NGF Competition Terms and Local Rules apply:

1. Score in Stroke Play (Rule 3.3b):

Notwithstanding Rule 3.3b and the Competition Rules Sections A6 and A7, a player must record his own hole scores on the scorecard, instead of the marker. A marker must be appointed by the player, the marker also records the score of the player on his own scorecard. During returning the card, it is sufficient for the marker to approve the score in a verbal way.

2. The flagpole must not be touched as part of the Code of Conduct Section C1

Category B:

It is not allowed to touch or remove the flagstick by hand. Keeping it upright with a golf club is allowed if desired. The hole will usually have an insert that reduces the depth of the cup to about half to facilitate removal of the ball without touching the flagstick. The penalties belonging to this category also apply to this. (1st Warning, 2nd General Penalty, 3rd DQ)

3. Unnecessary forced use of voice and singing is not permitted as part of the Code of Conduct Section C1 Category B:



The penalties belonging to this category also apply to this (1st Warning, 2nd General Penalty, 3rd DQ)

4. Preferred lies in bunkers:

If a player's ball is in a bunker, the player may once place the original ball or another ball in the bunker without penalty. This area may not be improved before placing and must meet the following requirements:

Reference point: spot of the original ball.

Size of the area: one clublength from the reference point, but with the following limitations:

- this area must be not closer to the hole than the reference point, and
- this area must be in the bunker.

When acting under this local rule, the player must select a spot to place his ball and follow the procedures for replacing a ball under Rule 14.2b (2) and 14.2e.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty under Rule 14.7a.

If the ball remains in the bunker after a stroke, this temporary local rule may be applied again.

Players are requested to level their footsteps in the bunker with their feet as much as possible

5. Exception from Section C2-4: players may NOT use motorized transport, including a player who is about to make, or has made, a stroke under the stroke and distance procedure.

The officials:

- The tournament director (TD) will coordinate the necessary safety measures with the host club during the course visit:
 - Announce the Official Corona cases within the organization, usually a referee with extensive experience.
 - Routing marks and distance marks as needed (1st and 10th tee)
 - Discussing the evacuation plan in dangerous circumstances, evacuation clubhouse if necessary. TD makes a timely decision to evacuate.
 - View of capacity of various rooms and see how this is indicated.
 - Go through hygiene protocol, point out more intensive use of toilet and changing rooms.
 - Sufficiently disinfected buggies.
 - Coordinate use of showers, consider closing in case of capacity problem.
 - During the course visit, check whether the cups can be putted “fairly”, in addition to being able to safely remove the ball after holing out.
- The TD takes care of LR and takes care of the (behavioural) rules for:
 - Do not touch flagstick
 - Keep your own score card. (R3.3)
 - Unnecessary forced use of voice.
 - LR preferred lies in bunkers within one club length.
 - How to contact CC or OC about corona-related matters.
- The NGF employees provide:
 - Various disinfection materials and protective equipment for referees and other officials, such as hand disinfection, if desired gloves and mouth masks and disinfection wipes for the track (flagstick, buggy).
 - Appropriate space and procedure for recording.
 - Clean score cards.
 - Communication between the club, CC, OC and / or TD in case of issues.
- The referees:
 - Keep 1.5m. distance from players and spectators on or around the golf course.
 - Do not transport players, even before or after playing a ball, under the stroke and distance procedure.
 - Clean and disinfect the flagstick if it has been (accidentally) touched.

The TD will abandon the game if situations arise that are irresponsible to ensure safety, for example when evacuating players to the club house and 100 people per room (or less if capacity does not allow) is exceeded.