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ABOUT NORDIC GOLF LEAGUE

The main purpose of the Nordic Golf League is to give professional players the possibility to become the best golfers possible by offering a series of high quality tournaments. The Nordic Golf League is part of the third level Satellite Tour and the top finishers on the Nordic Golf League Ranking annually earns category on the European Challenge Tour the following year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Nordic Golf League is governed by the Nordic Golf League Executive Committee that consists of representatives from either PGA or the National Golf Federation in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. The Nordic Golf League Executive Committee decides the Rules & Regulations, schedule, point's table, split of membership fee's etc. and elects members of the Executive Committee.

During annual meetings every Nordic country has one vote given it has completed a minimum of two Nordic Golf League tournaments during the last season and/or a Challenge Tour event in the country during the previous two seasons. Representatives from Federations, PGA's and Nordic Golf Tours can attend the meetings shortly after the Main Season and again after the conclusion of the tournaments in the Winter Season. Issues not covered by the Rules and Regulations (R&R) can be decided outside of the annual meetings by email/phone by the executive committee. The two countries hosting the main tours (Sweden and Denmark) has a veto right to stop decisions or changes to the R&R if both countries agrees.

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DEFINITIONS OF TOURNAMENTS

Tournaments on the Nordic Golf League must be approved by the Nordic Golf League Executive Committee and must comply with the Nordic Golf League rules and regulations.

In order to be approved the tournament must fulfill the following criteria's. The tournament must

- Be approved by its national golf federation as well as national PGA
- Be operated by one of the participating countries/tours and count towards its ranking.
- Have € 30 000-100 000 in prize money
- Not be a European Challenge Tour tournament

Announcement of tournaments

The Executive Committee must announce a Nordic Golf League tournament no later than two months before the tournament starts. If the tournament is played outside the Nordic countries, the announcement must be done no later than three months before the tournament starts. The Executive Committee is entitled to make exceptions.

Calendar structure and distribution of dates

The Executive Committee allocates the weeks between the participating countries to create a schedule. There can only be one Nordic Golf League tournament each week. A tournament week starts Monday and ends Sunday. The Executive Committee is entitled to make exceptions.

The calendar is divided into two periods and three sections:

- Winter Season January 1st to April 23rd
- Main Season April 24th to October 31st
Main season is divided into two sections:
Section A: April 24th to July 2nd
Section B: July 3rd to October 31st

NB: Section B re-ranking is performed after the conclusion of the tournament played in week 25 and is effective from the tournament in week 27.

Allocation of weeks for 2017:

- Denmark: 11 weeks; no. 6, 7, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, 31, 36, 38, 40
- Finland: 3 weeks; no. 28, 30, 35
- Norway: 2 weeks; no. 25, 33
- Sweden: 12 weeks; no. 8, 9, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 32, 34, 37, 39, 41

Each country has primary rights to the same week numbers for the 2018 season.

Each country is allowed to exchange one or more weeks with another country and each country has the right to give an allocated week to another country. A country can allow another country to arrange a tournament in their country.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

All tournaments on the Nordic Golf League are played in accordance to:

- Rules of Golf effective January 2016
- Nordic Golf League Local Rules and Conditions of Competition (hard card)
- Local Rules as approved by the tournament committee

PARTICIPATION

Nordic Golf League tournaments are open to:

- Professionals who are members of a national PGA or Swedish licensed Non-Amateurs, with a handicap of -3,4 or better approved by a national federation
- REAM with a handicap of -3,4 or better approved by a national federation
- Amateurs with a handicap of -3,4 or better approved by a national federation

Please note that in the Swedish PGA Championship only members of a PGA and Amateurs are allowed to participate.

Nordic Golf League tour fee

Professional players who wish to participate in more than one main season tournament must pay the tour fee to Nordic Golf League. Professional players eligible for participation may play one Nordic Golf League tournament without paying the Nordic Golf League tour fee.



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Players with category 11 or better on European Tour (or corresponding tour) may play up to three Nordic Golf League main season tournaments without paying the tour fee.

The annual Nordic Golf League tour fee for professionals is €500.

Amateurs who wish to participate in one or more Nordic Golf League tournaments must pay an annual administration fee of €50.

The tour fee/administration fee is due together with the entry fee for the first tournament you participate in.

Entry

Any player who wants to enter a tournament must do so online prior to relevant closing date, which normally is at 12:00 (CET) 14 days prior to the first day of competition. The Executive Committee can decide on exceptions for tournaments in Period 1.

Late entry

In case of a not full field at close of entry, late entries will be accepted at a first come, first serve basis. In tournaments with a full field and an official reserves list, late entries can be accepted and in those cases they will appear after the official reserves list in chronological order. Such a player will only be offered a spot in the tournament when there are no more official reserves.

Entry Fee

The maximum entry fee for Nordic Golf League tournaments is € 225, or corresponding in local currency, with the exception of tournaments on ECCO Tour which are € 250. Yardage book, range balls and rental trolley is included in the entry fee.

The entry fee for amateurs is € 105, or corresponding in local currency, for tournaments included in Swedish Golf Tour.

Registration

All competitors are required to register no later than 18:00 (CET) three (3) days prior to the first day of competition. Registration is done online by paying the full entry fee.

A player that fails to register on time will lose his place in the tournament and will be obligated to pay the full entry fee.

Reserves

A player who has entered a tournament but not selected as a competitor will be placed on the reserves list in order of his category. If a competitor withdraws from the tournament, the first player on the reserves list will be selected as a competitor. It is each player's responsibility to monitor the list of competitors and register on time if being selected as a competitor.

At the time of the registration deadline, and for the following three hours, players on the reserves list must be reachable by phone on the number entered in the Nordic Golf League online entry system. If a player does not answer the phone call he will lose his place on the reserves list.

Withdrawal

Withdrawal is done online no later than the entry deadline.

Withdrawal after the entry deadline is called cancellation.

If a player withdraws from an ongoing tournament without a valid reason he will be fined € 150.

Cancellation

A player who cancels his entry after the entry deadline must do so by contacting the tournament office or the Tournament Director for that specific tournament.

A player who cancels his entry more than 7 days prior to the start of the tournament will have to pay a fee of €100.

A player who cancels his entry less than 7 days prior to the start of the tournament will have to pay the full entry fee.

The fees above apply in all cases unless the player has acceptable reasons, i.e. playing a tournament on a higher ranked tour, injury evidenced by a medical certificate etc.

Player in debt

A player who is in debt to any country/tour within Nordic Golf League is not allowed to start a tournament before settling the debt.

GOLFBX NORDIC GOLF LEAGUE RANKING

Nordic Golf League Ranking is a points system based upon a fixed percentage of the prize fund in an official Nordic Golf League tournament. Eligible players can earn points on the Nordic Golf League Ranking and all points earned during the season are summed up. The ranking starts January 1st and ends October 31st.



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Professional players eligible for participation may play one Nordic Golf League tournament without paying the Nordic Golf League tour fee.

In stroke play tournaments only players making the cut will earn points.

In match play tournaments only players advancing from the first round will earn points.

The fixed points table is shown on [page 8](#).

To be included in the final Nordic Golf League Ranking and to be eligible to enter the Final 4 tournaments, a player must participate in a minimum of seven (7) Nordic Golf League tournaments in at least three (3) countries. A player who does not fulfill this rule will be removed from the final ranking.

In the event of a tie for any position on the final Nordic Golf League Ranking, the player's final positions will be determined in order of the highest number of points earned in a single Nordic Golf League tournament.

The Nordic Golf League website and ranking is administrated by GolfPromote in Denmark.

Winter Series 7/3-regulation

If Finland and Norway combined have three or less tournaments on the main season schedule, the Winter Series events counts as an event played in Spain.

If Finland and Norway combined have four or more tournaments on the main season schedule, the Winter Series events counts as an event played in the hosting tours country, i.e. Swedish Golf Tour Winter Series is Sweden, ECCO Tour Winter Series is Denmark etc.

Exemption from First Stage of the European Tour Qualifying School

The leading six (6) players to a limit of 10th place from the Nordic Golf League Ranking, as at the entry deadline, are exempt from the First Stage of the European Tour Qualifying School, provided that the relevant applicants have applied to enter by the Qualifying School entry deadline.

Earning a Challenge Tour category via Nordic Golf League Ranking

The leading players, to a maximum of 5, within the top ten of the final Golfbox Nordic Golf League Ranking 2017, not otherwise exempt, will be eligible for the Category 13 on the 2018 European Challenge Tour.

FIELDS AND FORMATS

All stroke play tournaments on the Nordic Golf League must be open to at least 64 players. The Nordic Golf League Executive Committee reserves the right to change or amend the format, conditions and schedule of play for any tournament. Exceptions will apply to FREJA Final 4 tournaments.

Winter Series

Winter series tournaments are allowed to make field selections in other ways than in order of the Nordic Golf League Category System.

Main Season tournaments

The fields for all main season tournaments are based on Nordic Golf League Category System. Exceptions will apply to FREJA Final 4 tournaments.

Joint Events

The fields for joint events hosted in a Nordic country are based on the Nordic Golf League Category System. The spots in category 7 (National Players/Hosting Tour), as well as any remaining spots, will be divided between the hosting countries/tours.

The field for joint events hosted outside a Nordic country is divided equally between the hosting countries/tours.

Format of play

Each stroke play tournament must be played over a minimum of 54 holes, with a cut after 36 holes. The tournament can be played over three days (18+18+18) or over two days (36+18).

General condition for final round start

The final round of any regular Nordic Golf League tournament usually use the following final round start system.

Two tee start using a reversed U-draw with the better half of the field starting on hole 1 and the leading group teeing off around 10:00. The recommended finishing time is 15:00. If the planned finishing time is later for some reason, this will be informed prior to the entry deadline.



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Cut

The cut in all stroke play tournaments with 78 players or more is 45 professionals + ties.
The cut in all stroke play tournaments with fewer than 78 players is 30 professionals + ties.
If a tournament is granted to be played with less than 64 players, no cut is recommended.

Ties

In the event of a tie for first place, a hole-by-hole play-off will be played to determine the winner. If a play-off involves more than two players, those other than the winner will be deemed to have tied second place regardless of their scores. In the event of a tie in a stroke play qualifier for a match play tournament, a play-off hole-by-hole will be played to determine the player's final position.

FREJA FINAL 4

FREJA Final 4 consists of the final four tournaments of the season and will be the Nordic Golf League playoff. All spots in the fields will be selected based on Golfbox Nordic Golf League Ranking, no wild cards will be allowed. FREJA Final 4 Order of Merit will include results only from the FREJA Final 4 tournaments and the leading professional after the final tournament will receive a premium watch valued at around € 10.000.

Eligibility for Final 4 tournaments

To be eligible for the Final 4 tournaments, a player must have played a minimum of 7 events in three of the Nordic countries (DK-FI-NO-SE) before the start of the Final Series and be within top 100 on the cleaned ranking as after the last played tournament before the start of the Final 4.

FREJA Final 4 tournaments 2017:

Tournament 1: Thisted Forsikring Championship, 78 players with cut for 30 professionals + ties

- Will be played at Storådal Golf Klub in Denmark 21-23 September 2017

Tournament 2: TBA, 78 players with cut for 30 professionals + ties

- Will be played at TBC in Sweden TBC 2016

Tournament 3: Race to Himmerland, 78 players with cut for 30 professionals + ties

- Will be played at Himmerland Golf & Spa Resort in Denmark 5-7 October 2017

Tournament 4: Tourfinal Kristianstad Åhus Open, 30 players with no cut

- Will be played at Kristianstad GK i Åhus in Sweden 12-14 October 2017

If a player withdraws from any of the tournaments the next player entered in order of ranking, up to position 100, will be allowed to play.

Note: Players outside of top 100 on the cleaned ranking will be denied a playing spot, even if the field for a Final 4 tournament is not full.

PRIZE MONEY AND POINTS BREAKDOWN

Prize money is defined as the prize money paid to the professional players in a tournament. Official prize money must be announced and calculated in €. Where prize money is contracted in another currency, the € equivalent will be calculated using the exchange rate on the Monday of the tournament week in question.

Prize money and points breakdown in each Nordic Golf League tournament will be published before each tournament. The full prize money amount must be paid out to the players within 30 days after the conclusion of the tournament. The amount that should have been awarded to an amateur carries over to the next professional.

In tournaments with fewer than 45 players the prize money breakdown (not the point's breakdown) should be adjusted so that 100% of the prize fund is paid out. Each tournament host has the responsibility to announce the final prize money breakdown prior to the start of the tournament.

In order to receive prize money a copy of passport and tax certificate needs to be sent to each country/tour.

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Please refer to next page for breakdown tables



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The following breakdown percentages are applicable to all regular Nordic Golf League tournaments, with more than 78 players and a cut limit of 45 professionals + ties.

Pos.	%	Pos.	%	Pos.	%
1	18,0	16	1,8	31	0,60
2	11,8	17	1,7	32	0,55
3	7,9	18	1,6	33	0,50
4	5,9	19	1,5	34	0,45
5	4,9	20	1,4	35	0,40
6	4,0	21	1,3	36	0,38
7	3,8	22	1,2	37	0,36
8	3,4	23	1,1	38	0,34
9	3,1	24	1,0	39	0,32
10	2,8	25	0,9	40	0,31
11	2,6	26	0,85	41	0,30
12	2,4	27	0,80	42	0,29
13	2,2	28	0,75	43	0,28
14	2,0	29	0,70	44	0,27
15	1,9	30	0,65	45	0,25

- Reserve money 0,75% - All players making the cut receives minimum 0,15%.
- In tournaments without cut only players in top 45 and ties receive points and prize money.
- To cover expenses to administration and international bank transfer fee's a levy of up to 5% is deducted by the hosting country/tour from all prize fund earnings.

The following breakdown percentages are applicable to all regular Nordic Golf League tournaments, with less than 78 players and a cut limit of 30 professionals + ties.

Pos.	%	Pos.	%
1	20,00	16	1,80
2	12,00	17	1,70
3	9,00	18	1,60
4	6,00	19	1,50
5	5,00	20	1,40
6	4,50	21	1,30
7	4,00	22	1,20
8	3,50	23	1,10
9	3,25	24	1,00
10	3,00	25	0,90
11	2,75	26	0,85
12	2,50	27	0,80
13	2,25	28	0,75
14	2,00	29	0,70
15	1,90	30	0,65



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PLAY FORSHORTENED OR CANCELLED

If, in the judgment of the Tournament Director and the committee, adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence beyond the control of the Nordic Golf League renders the commencement or continuation of the tournament impracticable, play shall be postponed until such time as the Tournament Director, after consultation with the Sponsor/Course, considers that play can be continued. The Tournament Director has absolute discretion to implement whatever procedures necessary in order to ensure the continuation and completion of the tournament.

Where possible, the following guidelines will be considered:

- As a general principle, once a stroke has been played the stipulated round have started and will be counted.
- If a stipulated round cannot be finished on the last day of competition, and it is impossible to play the following day, the final result will be declared over that number of rounds completed by all players. The decision rests with the Tournament Director and the committee.

Prize money and points

Due to bad weather conditions, it is recommended that the tournament committee makes every effort possible to get 36 holes completed. However, a minimum of 18 holes must be completed for players to receive NGR points. If less than 36 holes are completed, NGR points and prize money are reduced proportionally by a factor of completed holes divided by 36 (e.g. 27 holes = 75%).

Status of cancelled tournament

When a tournament is cancelled for any reason, after close of entries only, it will be regarded as a counting tournament for all members appearing on the entry list within the cutoff point at time of cancellation.

PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

Unless otherwise stated on the official tournament info board, the three leading players (+ ties) and the best amateur, must be present at the prize giving ceremony.

If a player fails to attend the prize giving ceremony, without first consulting the Tournament Director, he will incur a fine of € 100, doubling up for subsequent offences.

PRO-AM AND PARTICIPATION

Pro-Am events in relation to a Nordic Golf League tournament should be played as pre-tournament event. However, the country/tour is entitled to arrange post-tournament Pro-Ams as long as the day of the event is within the tournament week assigned by the Nordic Golf League Executive Committee.

General Pro-Am rules

- A maximum of four (4) Pro-Ams played over a maximum of two days are allowed before each tournament
- The Pro-Am field is selected by the country/tour hosting the tournament
- A player who is selected for a Pro-Am must play
 - A player may before close of entry ask for a release. Maximum number of releases per season is two
 - If a player refuses to play in a Pro-Am, he will be denied start in the main tournament
 - If a player fails to attend his start in a Pro-Am, he will be denied start in the main tournament
- Pro-Am breakfast, lunch or dinner
 - If invited to a Pro-Am breakfast, lunch or dinner, and proper notification through either the official notice board or individual invitation has been given, all participating professionals are expected to attend with their amateur partners

Players are reminded that it is extremely important to the success of the Nordic Golf League that they endeavor to make the Pro-Am as enjoyable as possible for the amateurs participating.

If a player fails to comply with this rule he will incur a fine of € 100, doubling up for subsequent offences.

LIVE SCORING

In all Nordic Golf League tournaments we strive to have live scoring after every three holes. Players must cooperate when asked for details of their scores by the officials on the course.

If a player fails to comply with this rule he will incur a fine of € 100.



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PRACTICE REGULATIONS

Practice shall be permitted in designated areas only and at designated times.

- If play is suspended for a dangerous situation or in the event that such a situation (as signaled by the Chief Referee or Tournament Director) occurs outside the hours of play, players must cease from using all practice facilities immediately. Notification of all practice facilities re-opening after closure will be issued either by a member of the Nordic Golf League field staff or through the official notice board.
- During practice rounds only one ball shall be in play with the following exceptions:
 - If a player misses the green with his shot to the green, he may play one additional shot.
 - Not more than three chip shots may be played from beside the green provided such practice does not damage the course.
 - Only one bunker shot may be played towards the green from a green side bunker. All other practice bunker shots must be played away from the green.
 - Only three practice putts are permitted.
 - In any case notwithstanding the above regulations no additional practice strokes shall be played if the group behind is waiting to play.

If a player fails to comply with this rule he will incur a fine of € 100, doubling up for subsequent offences.

SMOKING

The Nordic Golf League is a smoking free golf tour. It is strictly forbidden for players and their caddies to smoke during a stipulated round, and this includes any electronic substitute for cigarettes. Smoking is only allowed in designated smoking areas.

If a player fails to comply with this rule he will incur a fine of € 100, doubling up for subsequent offences.

DRESS CODE

The Nordic Golf League is a professional organization and one's attire, conduct and manner should reflect this. Players are expected to be smartly dressed and groomed at all times both on and off the golf course. The following dress code also applies to official practice rounds and during Pro-Am.

- Shoes must be cleaned and polished.
- Clothing must be tailored, clean, tidy and most appropriate to the game of golf.
- Blue denim jeans are not acceptable at any time.
- Shirts: Collarless, sleeveless, shirts of a transparent material/design or shirts worn outside trousers are NOT acceptable.
- Trousers: Shorts and Bermudas are NOT acceptable.
- Caps: the wear of caps is strictly prohibited in Tournament Offices and Club Houses. It is not allowed to wear the cap backwards at any time.

The committee and officials will monitor the standard of dress. The Tournament Director and the committee shall have full authority to interpret this regulation and any standard of dress, which is considered inappropriate, will incur disciplinary action.

Logo size, Location and Quantity

Logos on a player's clothing and headwear must be in good taste as to size, location and quantity. The overall area occupied by a single logo on any item must not exceed 75 x 130 mm.

As a guideline, the following are considered reasonable:

Hat: Logos where the overall area of any one logo does not exceed 75 x 130 mm. 1 logo front or back and 2 smaller logos each side.

Shirts: Generally accepted locations are as follows.
Right and left breast: 75 x 50 mm. 1 logo each side.
Right and left sleeve: 75 x 50 mm. 1 logo each side.
Right and left collar: 1 logo each side.
Yoke: 75 x 130 mm. 1 centrally positioned logo.

Example of unacceptable size/locations are across the back of a shirt, sweater or waterproof top down the length of either sleeve, down the length of a player's trouser legs and rear-end area of a player's trousers (including waterproof trousers).

If a player fails to comply with this rule he will incur a fine of at least € 25, doubling up for subsequent offences.



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CADDIE REGULATIONS

Caddies are the responsibility of the players during a stipulated round or practice round and must follow the same code of ethics as the players. Any breach of the following regulations during a stipulated round or practice round, will be deemed to be a breach by the player.

- Caddies are not permitted to wear jeans or sandals
- Caddies must not wear footwear that may leave an impression on the greens. Footwear must be flat soled and without dimples
- Caddies may wear shorts
- Caddies are required to wear and display the assigned caddie "bib" or uniform during a stipulated round
- Caddies are not permitted to mark players' scorecards
- A player who starts in a Nordic Golf League tournament and misses the cut is permitted to act as caddie for another player in the same tournament, but not in the same round

If a player fails to comply with this rule he will incur a fine of € 100, doubling up for subsequent offences.

ANTI-GAMING POLICY

- No Player 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 any golf match, tournament or competition (or any part thereof) in which the Player is participating or in which the Player and/or the caddie have any influence, either direct or indirect.
- No Player or caddie shall have any financial interest, either direct or indirect, in the performance or winnings of any other Player in any Nordic Golf League Approved Tournament whether through purse-splitting, prize money "insurance," financial assistance, bets or otherwise.
- A Player shall not fail to give his best efforts in competition in any Nordic League Approved Tournament and shall not induce or encourage any other Player to fail to give his best efforts in competition in any Nordic Golf League Approved Tournament.
- No Player 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 Player or caddie has by virtue of his 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.
- No Player or caddie shall directly or indirectly contrive or attempt to contrive any aspect of any golf match, tournament or competition.
- A Player or caddie shall inform the Chairman of the Nordic Golf League Executive Committee and/or the Director of the Tour included in the Nordic Golf League forthwith, 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 Policy.
- A Player or caddie shall provide the Nordic Golf League Executive Committee with full access to and copies of any document or information which the Nordic Golf League requests to ascertain if a breach of the Anti-Gaming Policy has occurred.
- 'Bet' and 'Betting' shall include any betting or gaming activity as defined by Danish, Finnish, Norwegian or Swedish law.
- Any breach of the provisions of this Anti-Gaming Policy shall be treated as a breach of the Nordic Golf League Code of Ethics and shall be dealt with by the Nordic Golf League Executive Committee.
- A Player shall be responsible (to the extent that it is reasonably possible for him to be so) for any actions of a caddie who is employed by him at the time of such action which contravenes this Regulation. Where it is considered that it would have been reasonable for a Player to have controlled such actions of his caddie and he failed to do so, such circumstances may be investigated by the Nordic Golf League Executive Committee. If it is determined that a breach of the Regulation has taken place, the Player may have a penalty imposed on him. In addition, where it is demonstrated that a caddie has breached any of the provisions of this Regulation, no Player shall employ or use such caddie for such period as may be determined by the Nordic Golf League Executive Committee.

Rules and sanctions

Penalties for breaching the Anti-Gaming Policy include the following non-predetermined penalties;

- Exclusion (fixed period or indefinite)



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- Confiscation of prize money
- Fine or other financial penalty
- Disqualification and cancellation of results etc.
- Suspension of membership and/or playing rights during the proceedings

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Consumption of alcohol during a stipulated round in a Nordic Golf League tournament is not allowed.

The committee can disqualify a player in accordance to Rule 33-7 if he breaches this policy.

If a serious breach of the policy occurs the Tournament Director should report the incident to the Nordic Golf League Executive Committee.

ANTI-DOPING POLICY

Using a performance enhancing drug or method to improve performance is cheating.

The Anti-Doping Policy is based upon the banning of certain classes of substances and methods, which are defined as doping. These substances and methods are prohibited if they meet at least two of the following three criteria:

- Performance enhancing
- Health risk
- A violation of the spirit of golf

When playing a Nordic Golf League tournament any player may be selected for testing by the hosting country's Anti-Doping Agency.

Sanctions

The following sanctions may be applied for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation:

- Disqualification, including loss of results, points and prize money from the date the Anti-Doping Rule Violation was found to occur forward.
- Ineligibility to participate in golf competitions and other activities.
 - a. The applicable period of Ineligibility for a first Anti-Doping Rule Violation under the Policy shall be up to one year ineligibility except in cases involving trafficking, administration or aggravating circumstances, where the sanction may be up to permanent ineligibility.
 - b. The applicable period of Ineligibility for a second Anti-Doping Rule Violation under the Policy shall be up to five (5) years ineligibility except in cases involving trafficking, administration or aggravating circumstances, where the sanction may be up to permanent ineligibility.
 - c. The applicable period of Ineligibility for a third Anti-Doping Rule Violation under the Policy shall be up to permanent ineligibility.

If a player is sanctioned with disqualification and/or ineligibility to participate in golf competitions by any official Anti-Doping Agency for a violation at a Nordic Golf League tournament, a National golf tournament or outside competition - the sanction applies for all Nordic Golf League tournaments in the sanction period.

The following matters constitute an Anti-Doping Rule Violation:

- The presence of a prohibited substance or its metabolites or markers in a player's bodily specimen.
- It is each player's personal duty to ensure that no Prohibited Substance enters his body. Players are responsible for any Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers found to be present in their samples. Accordingly it is not necessary that intent, fault negligence or knowing use on the player's part be demonstrated in order to establish an Anti-Doping Rule Violation.
- Use or attempted use by a player of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method. The success or failure of the use of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is not relevant. It is sufficient that the Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method was used or attempted to be used for an Anti-Doping Rule Violation to be committed.
- Refusing, or failing without compelling justification, to submit to sample collection after notification or otherwise evading sample collection.
- Tampering, or attempting to tamper, with any part of the Doping Control.



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- Possession by a player of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method, unless the player establishes that the Possession is pursuant to a therapeutic use exemption granted in accordance with this policy or other acceptable justification.
- Trafficking of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method.
- Administration, Attempted administration to any player of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method, or assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, covering up or any other type of complicity involving an Anti-Doping Rule Violation or any Attempted Anti-Doping Rule Violation.
- Admissions by a player of any of the conduct listed above.

Players are responsible for checking the status of all medications and for applying for the necessary approval to use prohibited medications.

The following websites has a listing of all approved substances, prohibited substances and methods, and information about medications and procedures to can get a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE):

Sweden: www.rf.se/Vi-arbetar-med/Antidoping2
Denmark: www.anti-doping.dk
Norway: www.antidoping.no
Finland: www.antidoping.fi

CODE OF ETHICS

This procedure is designed to help the Management of the Nordic Golf League and its Members to identify the conduct and ethics that are expected from the Nordic Golf League's Members and to set out the procedure to be followed where there may have been a breach of the same.

On becoming a member of the Nordic Golf League, each person voluntarily submits himself to standards of behavior and ethical conduct that will gain respect for the profession. Members must act at all times in the best interests of the Nordic Golf League, its sponsors, clubs, national tours and the game of golf and try to enhance the goodwill which attaches to the same.

Each member will at all times maintain the Nordic Golf League's reputation for honesty, fair dealing, courtesy and sportsmanship whether on or off the golf course.

Each member's professional integrity and loyalty to the game of golf and sense of responsibility to Sponsors, employers and employees, manufacturers, clients must always transcend thought of material gain.

It would be impossible to define exactly the standard of conduct expected from Nordic Golf League Members in all circumstances or to list all acts which would amount to a breach of the Code and lead to disciplinary sanctions. In most cases common sense should tell the Member the standard of behavior that is required. Any member who has any doubt as to the conduct that is expected of him should contact the tournament office for advice.

In most circumstances, the following acts or omissions will be considered to be contrary to the code and if established will lead to a penalty being imposed.

- Failure to comply with normally accepted standards of courtesy and golf etiquette.
- Criticism of the course, sponsor, tour or the committee. Any complaints shall be addressed to the Tournament Director only.
- Improper behavior on the course.
- Club abuse / smashing of tee marker.
- Not raking bunkers adequately.
- Audible obscenity.
- Any behavior viewed as unprofessional in the opinion of the committee or Nordic Golf League Executive Committee.
- Failure to control temper anywhere within the environs of the Club or the course.
- Rules officials, Tournament Director and fellow competitors have the right to report breach of conduct. The decision rests with the Tournament Director.

If a player fails to comply with this rule he will incur a fine of € 100, doubling up for subsequent offences. Each country/tour is responsible for the management of fines in their respective tournaments.



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If the member is dissatisfied with the decision he may appeal in writing to the Nordic Golf League Executive Committee within two (2) weeks of the date of notification of the fine.

Serious breach of code of ethics or the Rules of Golf

When it is deemed that a serious breach of code of ethics or the Rules of Golf has occurred during a Nordic Golf League Tournament the Tournament Director shall investigate the episode by interrogations of witnesses and all involved parties. If relevant and possible, a reconstruction of the episode should be carried out.

According to Golf Rule 33-7 a player can be disqualified in the tournament where the serious breach has occurred.

If the promoter of the country/tour thinks that a disqualified player is liable to an additional fine, suspension of membership or suspension from playing one or more tournaments in a given period (op to a maximum of 2 years) - he should require a detailed report in writing from the Tournament Director. The witnesses and involved parties should then have 14 days to comment on the report in writing before the promoter takes a decision about additional penalty.

A player, who has received an additional penalty, can appeal the decision to the Nordic Golf League Executive Committee within a period of 28 days. The Tour/Promoter where the episode has occurred can't be involved in the appeal procedure.

A serious breach could be one of the following:

- Physically attacks or abuses in any way, a player, an official or other person
- Verbally threatens a player, an official or person
- Wrongfully damages the facilities, including the course and the clubhouse
- Wrongfully removes or damages property belonging to another player, an official or promoter
- Deliberately breaks a Rule (as defined in the Rules of Golf, Local Rules and Etiquette)
- Deliberately returns a false score card
- Violation of Anti-Doping rules

Some of the serious breaches can also be reported to the local police and any sentenced punishment or compensations from the legal system will be taken into account when deciding the final sanction.

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

Nordic Golf League Members (incl. Amateurs) whose playing opportunities have been adversely affected due to serious illness/injury or adverse personal circumstances may be granted a Medical Exemption. The allocation and duration of such Exemption shall be determined by the Nordic League Executive Committee in its absolute discretion. Each case is individual and will be handled accordingly. An Exemption will normally only cover Section A in the Main Season or a specific number of tournaments in Section B.

Section A Exemptions

Only players with Category 1a-b, 2a-b, 5a, 6, 8a, 9 and 12 can apply for a Medical Exemption in Section A the following season. Application deadline is October 1st 2017.

Section B Exemptions

Only players with Category 8a, 9 and 12 can apply for a Medical Exemption in Section B in the current season. Application deadline is June 18th 2017.

Applications must be sent by e-mail to the Chairman of the Executive Committee and must include the following: Name, category, tournaments played with results in current season, tournaments missed, the reason for application and a written confirmation with date (medical certificate etc.).



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QUALIFYING SCHOOL NORDIC GOLF LEAGUE – FIRST STAGE

Conditions of play

The Qualifying School is played using the same rules & regulations as all Nordic Golf League tournaments.

Eligibility

The Qualifying School is open to:

- Professionals, members of a national PGA or Swedish Non-Amateurs with a handicap of -3,4 or better approved by a national federation
- REAM with a handicap of -3,4 or better approved by a national federation
- Amateurs with a handicap of -3,4 or better approved by a national federation

Format of play

The 2018 Qualifying School will be conducted in two stages of stroke play.

Date & venues

The first stage will be played in four different countries.

- Denmark: 9-10 October at Himmerland Golf & Spa Resort
- Finland: 18 September at Kytäjä Golf, South-East course
- Norway: 26-27 September at Miklagard Golf Club
- Sweden: 4-5 October at three venues

A player is only allowed to participate in one (1) first stage venue.

The number of qualifying spots from each event to the Final Stage will be determined and published before the first stage starts.

Field size

Field sizes in the first stage are to be decided by the country/tour.

Entry

Any player who wants to enter the Qualifying School must do so online prior to the closing date. Please note that each hosting country has its own first stage entry in the online entry system.

Entry fee

The entry fee is € 300 and includes the final stage.

Prize money

There is no prize money in First Stage.

Number of spots to Final Stage

A maximum total of 78 players will qualify to the final stage distributed as followed.

- Sweden: 42 players
- Denmark: 22 players
- Finland: 7 players
- Norway: 7 players

The number of players qualifying from each first stage venue is announced before the start of the first round. In the event of a tie for the final stage spot(s), a hole-by-hole play-off will be played to determine the final positions.

If a player who is qualified for the final stage chooses not to play, that spot is not available for any player outside those who are qualified.



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QUALIFYING SCHOOL NORDIC GOLF LEAGUE – FINAL STAGE

Format of play

The final stage will be played over three days, 18+18+18 holes, with cut after 36 holes for the leading 50 players + ties.

Date & venue

12-14 October at Himmerland Golf & Spa Resort in Denmark.

Field size

The following players are allowed to participate in the final stage:

- Players that are top-100 on Nordic Golf League Ranking as of 18th September and have participated in a minimum of seven (7) Nordic Golf League tournaments in at least three (3) Nordic countries.
- A maximum of 78 players qualified from a first stage venue.

Entry

Players that have qualified from the first stage do not have to make an entry for the final stage.

Players that are exempt from stage 1 via Nordic Golf League Ranking must enter by contacting the tournament office at the final stage venue no later than 14 days before the first day of competition at the final stage.

Entry fee

Players qualified from the first stage do not have to pay an additional entry fee.

For players that were exempt from the first stage the entry fee is € 300.

Withdrawal

Withdrawals from the final stage must be done through the tournament office at the final stage venue.

Categories for 2018

Players in the final stage are competing for categories on the 2017 Nordic Golf League. At the conclusion of the Qualifying School Final Stage all players will be ranked according to score.

The leading 25 players (and those players tied on that score) will earn category 6 (or corresponding).

Players with position 26-50 (and those players tied on that score) will earn category 9 (or corresponding).

Players missing the cut will earn category 12 (or corresponding).

Ties within a category will be differentiated according to the mathematical method.

Prize Money

There is no prize money in Final Stage.



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NORDIC GOLF LEAGUE CATEGORY SYSTEM 2017

This category system applies for all main season events. NB: Exceptions will apply to FREJA Final 4 tournaments.

1	Nordic Golf League Ranking a) Nordic Golf League Ranking 2016 positions 1-35 b) Players with positions 1-5 from Nordic Golf League Ranking 2012-2015 c) Nordic Golf League Ranking 2017 positions 1-35 from June 26 th (Section B only) m) Medical Exemption (Section A only)
2	Tournament winners a) Winners of Nordic Golf League tournaments in 2016 and 2017 b) The winner of the same Nordic Golf League tournament in 2015
3	European Tour / Challenge Tour players a) Players with European Tour category 1-11 in 2016 or 2017 b) Players with Challenge Tour category 5-17 in 2016 or 2017
4	Wild cards & top-10 previous tournament a) One (1) player each nominated by the participating nations in NGL ¹ b) 1 player, not otherwise exempt, who finished top-10 in the most previous tournament on NGL ²
5	Nordic Golf League Ranking a) Nordic Golf League Ranking 2016 positions 36-50 b) Nordic Golf League Ranking 2017 positions 36-50 from June 26 th (Section B only) m) Medical Exemption (Section A only)
6	Nordic Golf League Qualification Positions 1-25 from the Final Stage Qualification 2016
7	National players / Hosting Tour 30 spots to the hosting tour/nation in a tournament of 156 players ³
8	Nordic Golf League Ranking a) Nordic Golf League Ranking 2016 positions 51-70 (Section A only) b) Nordic Golf League Ranking 2017 positions 51-70 from June 26 th (Section B only) m) Medical Exemption (Section A only)
9	Nordic Golf League Qualification Positions 26 to made cut from Final Stage Qualification 2016 (Section A only)
10	Nordic Golf League Ranking 10 players, not otherwise exempt, within top-50 (in ranking order) on current Nordic Golf League Ranking upon close of entry
11	World Amateur Golf Ranking A maximum of 5 spots are allocated for Nordic amateurs (DK, NO, FI, SE), not otherwise exempt, within top-500 (in ranking order) on the World Amateur Golf Ranking on April 5 th (Section A) and June 21 st (Section B)
12	Nordic Golf League Qualification a) Players missing the cut at the Final Stage Qualification (Section A only) m) Medical Exemption (Section A only)
13	Nordic Golf League Ranking 2017 Players, not otherwise exempt, from current ranking upon close of entry
14	National Spots All remaining players, not otherwise exempt, in accordance to the hosting nation/tour regulations

Please note that the date for when Section B starts may be adjusted when the final tournament schedule for Nordic Golf League 2017 is announced.

¹ Nations who intend to use their spot must notify the hosting tour/nation before the entry deadline. The players name can be announced after the entry deadline.

² A player who intends to use this category must notify the hosting tour/nation entry department no later than 18:00 (CET), the day after the most previous tournament has finished.

³ If the field is smaller the national quote will be reduced proportionally.