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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 Terms & 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 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 Terms 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 Terms 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 Week 1 to 12
 - Main Season Week 13 to 41
- Main season is divided into two sections:
 Section A: Week 13 to 26
 Section B: Week 27 to 41

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

Allocation of weeks for 2019:

- Denmark: weeks; no. 6, 7, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 26, 34, 37, 38, 40
- Finland: weeks; no. 35
- Norway: weeks; no. 25, 30
- Sweden: weeks; no. 8, 9, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 31, 32, 36, 39, 41

Each country has primary rights to the same week numbers for the 2020 season except week 36 which is reserved for European Tour QS First Stage Section A event.

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.

TERMS OF COMPETITION

GENERAL

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

- Rules of Golf
- Nordic Golf League Local Rules and Terms of Competition (Hard Card)
- Terms of Competition in this document
- Additional Local Rules and Additional Terms of Competition as approved by the tournament committee

ELIGIBILITY

Nordic Golf League tournaments (including the Qualifying School) are open to male:

- 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

*) REAM is former professional players in the process of awaiting reinstatement of amateur status.

Exception: In the Swedish PGA Championship only, members of a PGA and Amateurs are allowed to participate.



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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 (Winter Season).

Entry Fee

The entry fee for professionals is € 225, or corresponding in local currency, with the exception of tournaments on ECCO Tour where the entry fee is € 250. The entry fee for amateurs and REAM is € 105, or corresponding in local currency, for tournaments included in Swedish Golf Tour. Yardage book, range balls and trolley are included in the entry fee.

Tour fee and administration fee

The annual tour fee for professionals is €500.

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

Professional 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.

Amateurs and REAMs 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 and paid together with the entry fee for the first tournament the player registers for.

Withdrawal

Withdrawal must be done online before the entry deadline. After the entry deadline only cancellation can be done if a player does not intend to participate. 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 entry fee in full. 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.

Late entry

In case of a not full field at close of entries, late entries will be accepted at first com 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 in chronological order. Such a player will only be offered a spot in the tournament when there are no more official reserves.

Reserves

A player who has entered a tournament but who has not been 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.

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.

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.



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FIELDS AND FORMAT

All stroke play tournaments on the Nordic Golf League is open to at least 64 players. The exact number of participants is declared in the Terms of Competition for each specific tournament. The Nordic Golf League Executive Committee reserves the right to change or amend the format, terms and schedule of play for any tournament. Exceptions will apply to FREJA Final Series. 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).

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.

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 Series.

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 6 (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.

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.

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 of the conclusion of the tournament; the amount that should have been awarded to an amateur carries over to a new Bonus Pool for the top 20 professionals on the Final Nordic League Golf Ranking 2019.

The average amount of money won by amateurs per season from 2015-2018 was 47.500 €. The bonus is evenly distributed between the top 20 professional players and is expected to add up to approx. 2.000-2.500 € per player. To be able to receive money a player must participate in the last two tournaments of the year.

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 and bonus 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

- Reserve money 0,75% - All players making the cut receives minimum 0,15%.
- In tournaments without cut only players in top 30 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.



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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.

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 10.

To be included in the final Nordic Golf League Ranking and to be eligible to enter the tournament 3 and 4 in Final Series, a player must participate in a minimum of seven (7) Nordic Golf League tournaments in at least three (3) of the Nordic countries. 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. A player who does not fulfill this term will be removed from the final ranking. Players who fulfill the 7/3 term will remain on the cleaned Nordic League 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 2018, not otherwise exempt, will be eligible for the Category 13 on the 2019 European Challenge Tour.

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 has to be considered:

- As a general principle, once a stroke has been played the round have started and will be counted. In exceptional cases a round that has started can be cancelled (Committee Procedures 6E (4)).
- If a 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 received 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.



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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 relations 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 terms

- 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 term 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, he will incur a fine of € 100.

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 term 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 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 term he will incur a fine of up to € 100, doubling up for subsequent offences.



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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 is a guideline and 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.
- Shirts: Collarless, sleeveless, shirts of a transparent material/design or shirts worn outside trousers are NOT acceptable.
- Blue denim jeans are not acceptable at any time.
- Shorts and Bermudas will be allowed during all practice rounds. All shorts should be knee length, tailored shorts and predominately of one colour. "Cargo pocket styled" shorts are not permitted. Shorts or Bermudas will not be permitted at the golf course during tournaments days, even if a player has missed the cut.

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, could incur a fine of up to 200€.

Logo size, Location and Quantity

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

As a guideline, the following are considered reasonable:

- Hat/Caps: 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.

NB: Players are not allowed to endorse cigarettes, e-cigarettes and tobacco products.

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

CADDIE REGULATIONS

Caddies are the responsibility of the players during a round or practice round and must follow the same code of ethics as the players. Any breach of the following regulations during a 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 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
- Caddies are not allowed to smoke during a round

If a player fails to comply with these terms he will incur a fine of up to € 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.



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- 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.

Penalties

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

- Exclusion (fixed period or indefinite)
- 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 round in a Nordic Golf League tournament is not allowed.

The committee can disqualify a player in accordance to Rule 1.2a 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:



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- 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.
- 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/Antidoping/
Denmark: www.antidoping.dk
Norway: www.antidoping.no
Finland: www.antidoping.fi



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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. This also applies to caddies, coaches, parents and other identifiable persons following/helping a member during a NGL tournament.

- Failure to comply with normally accepted standards of courtesy and golf etiquette.
- Criticism of the course, sponsor, tour or the committee. Any complaints during a tournament shall be addressed to the Tournament Director only. After conclusion of a tournament, complaints must be sent to the Chairman of the NGL Committee.
- Improper behavior on Social Media that bothers or offend the course, sponsor, tour or the committee, fellow players, members or spectators etc.
- Improper behavior on the course (club abuse, smashing of tee marker, not raking bunkers adequately, audible obscenity, etc.)
- 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 term he will incur a fine of up to € 100, doubling up for subsequent offences. Each country/tour is responsible for the management of fines in their respective tournaments.

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.

NB: The fine has to be paid before the start of the members next NGL tournament – an appeal has no suspensory effect.

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 1.2a 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 (up 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, and a further 14 days to comment the comments (which might include new info/details), 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:



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- 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
- More than one DQ, NR or RTD during the same season

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 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 B Exemptions 2019

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 17, 2019.

Section A Exemptions 2020

Only players with Category 1a-b, 2a-b, 5a, 7, 8a, 9 and 12 can apply for a Medical Exemption in Section A and/or Section B the following season. Application deadline is October 1, 2019.

Applications should be sent by email to the Chairman of the NGL Executive Committee and include the following: Name, category, tournament played and results in current season, reason for application and confirmation (medical certificate, statement from doctor, etc.).

Buggy exemption

A player with a certified disability from European Disabled Golf Association that allows the players with an exemption to use buggy in EDGA tournaments may use a buggy or scooter with no roof during a NGL tournament. The speed should be reduced to walking pace and at no time during any round should any other player or any caddie benefit of the use of the buggy or scooter. The Tournament Director has the power to withdraw this exemption if the course does not allow buggies on the course due to bad weather, course conditions, etc.



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QUALIFYING SCHOOL– GENERAL

The 2019 Qualifying School will be conducted in two stages of stroke play, first stage and final stage.

QUALIFYING SCHOOL– FIRST STAGE

Entry requirements

Any player who wants to enter the Qualifying School must do so online prior to the closing date. The dates will be released 1 August at the latest. 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.

Fields and format

The first stage will be played in four different countries. Each tournament will be played over 36 holes. A player is only allowed to participate in one (1) first stage venue.

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

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

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.

Ties

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.

Prize money

There is no prize money in First Stage.



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QUALIFYING SCHOOL NORDIC GOLF LEAGUE – FINAL STAGE

Eligibility

Except from the general eligibility the following players are allowed to participate in the final stage:

- Players that are no. 56-100 on Nordic Golf League Ranking as of 30 September and have participated in a minimum of seven (7) Nordic Golf League tournaments in at least three (3) Nordic countries (Cleaned Ranking).
- Players who qualified from the First Stage (A maximum of 78 players)

Entry requirements

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.

Format

The final stage will be played 11–13 October at TBA in Denmark (18+18+18 holes) with cut after 36 holes for the leading 50 players + ties.

Categories for 2020

Players in the final stage are competing for categories on the 2020 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 7 (or corresponding).

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

Players with position 51-last will earn category 12 (or corresponding).

The full category system for 2020 will be published at 1 August 2019 at the latest, along with the dates and venues for the QS stages.

Ties

Ties within a category will be differentiated according to the mathematical method (scorecard count-back).

Prize Money

There is no prize money in Final Stage.



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NORDIC GOLF LEAGUE CATEGORY SYSTEM 2019

This category system applies for all main season events.

1	Nordic Golf League Ranking a) Nordic Golf League Ranking 2018 positions 1-35 b) Players with positions 1-5 from Nordic Golf League Ranking 2014-2017 c) Nordic Golf League Ranking 2019 positions 1-35 from June 20 th (Section B only) m) Medical Exemption
2	Tournament winners a) Winners of Nordic Golf League tournaments in 2018 and 2019 b) The winner of the same Nordic Golf League tournament in 2017
3	European Tour / Challenge Tour players a) Players with European Tour category 1-17 in 2018 or 2019 b) Players with Challenge Tour category 1-17 in 2018 or 2019
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 2018 positions 36-55 b) Current Nordic Golf League Ranking 2019 positions 36-55 from June 20 th (Section B only) m) Medical Exemption (Section A only)
6	National players / Hosting Tour 30 spots to the hosting tour/nation in a tournament of 156 players ³
7	Nordic Golf League Qualification Positions 1-25 from the 2019 Final Stage Qualification
8	Nordic Golf League Ranking a) Nordic Golf League Ranking 2018 positions 56-75 (Section A only) b) Current Nordic Golf League Ranking 2019 positions 56-75 from June 20 th (Section B only) m) Medical Exemption (Section A only)
9	Nordic Golf League Qualification Positions 26-50 from 2019 Final Stage Qualification (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 (Denmark, Norway, Finland and Sweden), not otherwise exempt, within top-500 (in ranking order) on the World Amateur Golf Ranking on April 3 rd (Section A) and June 20 th (Section B)
12	Nordic Golf League Qualification a) Positions 51 to last player from 2019 Final Stage Qualification (Section A only) m) Medical Exemption (Section A only)
13	Nordic Golf League Ranking 2019 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 2019 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.