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Welcome to the 4th FIFG European FootGolf Championship! This December, from the 7th to the 13th, Europe's finest FootGolf players from 20 countries will gather in Belek, Antalya, Türkiye, for an exhilarating week of skill, strategy, and teamwork. In three categories—Men, Senior, and Women—over 450 athletes will compete in Team Match Play, with the added goal of securing places in the 2026 Team World Cup.

This championship is more than just a competition; it's a celebration of unity, passion, and the remarkable drive that fuels our sport. We eagerly anticipate each participant giving their all, representing their countries, and embodying the spirit of FootGolf. Together, let's make this championship an unforgettable experience!

We wish you all a great game and the best of luck.

Faruk Pazarci, President, FootGolf Türkiye **Guy Pernet**, President, European FootGolf Association **Aleksander Kravanja**, President, Federation of International FootGolf

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Program

Friday, 6.12.24	Presidents dinner
Saturday, 7.12.24	 Player arrival day Registration Practice day Captains meeting (evening) Presidents and delegate meeting and workshops (afternoon)
Sunday, 8.12.24	 Practice day Presidents and delegate meeting and workshops (morning) Competition committee meeting Opening ceremony
Monday, 9.12.24	Competition day 1 - groupe stageCaptains meeting
Tuesday, 10.12.24	Competition day 2 - groupe stageCaptains meeting
Wednesday, 11.12.24	 Competition day 3 - group stage (Women only) Quarterfinals + Consolation Bracket Captains meeting
Thursday, 12.12.24	 Competition day 4 - Semifinals Consolation Bracket Captains meeting
Friday, 13.12.24	 Competition day 5 - Finals Consolation Bracket Press conference Closing and awarding ceremony
Saturday, 14.12.24	Departure day

^{*}See Detailed Schedule Below (Page 9)

Basic Rules

The tournament will be conducted according to the official rules of the game established by the Federation for International FootGolf. The complete set of rules can be found at https://www.footgolf.sport/rules. It is each player's responsibility to read, understand, and apply these rules appropriately.

1. Putting from Golf Greens

Putting from golf greens is permitted, following the official FootGolf rules.

2. Match Play Rules

 Match play rules will be included in the local rules and will be published one week prior to the competition.

Basic Eligibility Requirements for Competition Attendance

To participate in any competition format, players must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. World Tour License

• All players must hold a valid 2024 World Tour license. Participation is not allowed without this license.

2. Rules Test

 Players are required to successfully complete an online rules test to confirm their understanding of competition regulations.

3. Anti-Doping Education

 Participation in the Euro online anti-doping education program, including passing the associated online test, is mandatory for all players.

4. Documentation Submission by Captains

- Captains must upload the following documents to the FIFG Euro drive:
 - A completed checklist.
 - A list of all players.
 - For each player:
 - Confirmation of rules test completion.
 - Confirmation of anti-doping education and test completion.

Practice Rounds

Practice Days: Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8, 2024.

• Practice Permissions and Limitations

- Practice on the course is only permitted during designated Practice Days.
- Players may not practice on the course between rounds or during a round.

Penalties for Violations

- **During a Round**: If a player is found practicing on the course during a round, the penalty will be a **lost hole**.
 - Practicing means doing a practice putt, approach, tee off when in a hole during the competition. Penalty must be applied by the rival team, in case no Marshall is present.
 - Kicking the ball while walking to the next hole is also prohibited, a warning will be applied. Following with loss of hole if done again.
 - Kicking the ball in anger will be a loss of the actual or next hole.
- **Between Rounds**: If a player is found practicing on the course between rounds, they will be disqualified from playing in the next game..

• Eligibility for Practice

- o Practice rounds are open to all registered team players.
- o Coaches and caddies are not permitted to practice on the course.

• Practice Schedule

- All Coaches and Captains will receive an email with detailed practice round information, including assigned time slots. The organizing team will distribute these schedules.
- Players may walk the course at any time between designated hours on Practice Days, provided they do not interfere with any active playing groups.
 Practice hours TBA.

Pace of Play

- Players must maintain a steady pace and allow faster groups to play through if delays occur. Each group is responsible for keeping pace with the group ahead.
- o Player Assistants will monitor pace of play daily to ensure compliance.
- Players are allowed to practice more than one shot per turn, provided they do not delay play or hold up groups behind them.
- Failure to adhere to pace of play requirements may result in disciplinary penalties.

Pace of Play Timing

 An official pace of play table will be provided, indicating the expected timing for each hole.

Qualified Teams

The following countries and teams have qualified to compete in the FIFG European FootGolf Championship 2024.

1. Qualified Countries from the 2021 European Championship

 France, Netherlands, Slovakia, Hungary, Italy, Switzerland, Norway, Luxembourg, and the host country, Türkiye.

2. Qualified Countries from the Qualifiers

o Spain, Belgium, England, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Scotland, and Portugal.

3. Qualified Teams by Category

- Men: France, Netherlands, Slovakia, Hungary, Italy, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Türkiye, Spain, Belgium, England, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Scotland, Portugal, Ireland.
- Seniors: France, Netherlands, Slovakia, Hungary, Italy, Switzerland, Norway, Türkiye, Spain, England, Slovenia, Scotland, Portugal, Sweden, Rusfootgolf, Germany.
- **Women**: France, Netherlands, Slovakia, Hungary, Switzerland, Türkiye, Spain, Scotland, Rusfootgolf, Sweden.

General Schedule and Competition Format

To create a balanced competition, the official draw was conducted live during the Major in Sweden. The structure ensures fairness and optimal competition for all categories.

Men's Category - All Male Players

- **Group Formation**: Based on ranking, 16 teams were divided into four groups (Groups 1-4).
- **Hat Distribution**: The top four teams from the last European Championship were placed in separate groups to avoid early-round matchups.
- Groups:
 - o **Group 1**: France, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal
 - o Group 2: Hungary, Luxembourg, Slovenia, Scotland
 - o Group 3: Slovakia, Italy, Belgium, Czech Republic
 - o **Group 4**: Netherlands, Türkiye, England, Ireland
- **Progression**: The top two teams from each group advance to the Quarter Finals, with matchups as follows:
 - Quarter Final 1: 1st Group 1 vs. 2nd Group 2
 - o Quarter Final 2: 1st Group 3 vs. 2nd Group 4
 - Quarter Final 3: 1st Group 2 vs. 2nd Group 1

- o **Quarter Final 4:** 1st Group 4 vs. 2nd Group 3
- Semi-Finals: Winner QF1 vs. Winner QF2; Winner QF3 vs. Winner QF4
- o **Final**: The Men's Championship Final 2024

Seniors Category - Male players born in 1978 and before

- Group Distribution:
 - o **Group 1**: Rusfootgolf, Slovakia, Spain, France
 - o Group 2: Italy, Türkiye, Netherlands, England
 - o Group 3: Germany, Slovenia, Portugal, Scotland
 - o Group 4: Norway, Hungary, Switzerland, Sweden
- **Progression**: The top two teams in each group advance to the Quarter Finals.
 - Quarter Final 1: 1st Group 1 vs. 2nd Group 2
 - Quarter Final 2: 1st Group 3 vs. 2nd Group 4
 - o **Quarter Final 3:** 1st Group 2 vs. 2nd Group 1
 - Quarter Final 4: 1st Group 4 vs. 2nd Group 3
 - o Semi-Finals: Winner QF1 vs. Winner QF2; Winner QF3 vs. Winner QF4
 - o Final: The Seniors Championship Final 2024

Women's Category - All Female players

- Group Distribution:
 - o **Group 1**: Türkiye, Scotland, Netherlands, Sweden, Spain
 - o Group 2: Slovakia, Hungary, France, Switzerland, Rusfootgolf
- Progression: The top four teams in each group advance to the Quarter Finals.
 - Quarter Final 1: 1st Group 1 vs. 4th Group 2
 - Quarter Final 2: 2nd Group 2 vs. 3rd Group 1
 - Quarter Final 3: 2nd Group 1 vs. 3rd Group 2
 - Quarter Final 4: 1st Group 2 vs. 4rd Group 1
 - Semi-Finals: Winner QF1 vs. Winner QF2; Winner QF3 vs. Winner QF4
 - Final: The Women's Championship Final 2024

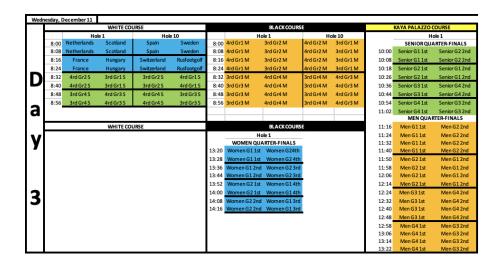
Ranking Matches

Each team will continue playing until the final day to ensure a ranking from first to sixteenth (Men & Senior), first to tenth (Women) place. This structure guarantees a minimum of 5–6 games for each country, enhancing their championship experience.

Tournament Schedule



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Match Venues

- Quarter Finals Men and Seniors : Kaya Palazzo Course
- Quarter Finals Women: Black Course of Titanic and Cullinan complex
- Semi-Finals: White Course of Titanic and Cullinan complex
- Finals: Black Course of Titanic and Cullinan complex

Playing Formats

- Individual: Head to head matches played as individuals.
- **Foursome**: Played in pairs using one ball where any player can kick off then the hole played with alternate shots until each hole is finished. Any player can then kick off the next tee.
- **Fourball**: Played in pairs, each player kicks their own ball and the lowest individual score per pair is recorded.

1. **Men**:

- o Format: 3 singles and 3 pairs
- o Flights:
 - Flight 1: 2 singles
 - Flight 2: 1 single and 1 Foursome
 - Flight 3:1 Foursome
 - Flight 4:1 Fourball
- o Match Type: Matchplay

2. Seniors:

- Format: 2 singles and 2 pairs
- Flights:
 - Flight 1: 1 single and 1 Foursome
 - Flight 2:1 single and 1 Foursome
- o Match Type: Matchplay

3. **Women**:

- Format: 2 singles and 1 pair
- Flights:
 - Flight 1: 2 singles
 - Flight 2:1 Foursome
- Match Type: Matchplay

In each category, substitutes are allowed for both singles and pairs.

This structure ensures a robust competition framework, where each match is crucial for progression, leading to a thrilling conclusion in the finals.

Points Distribution and Tiebreaker Rules

1. Points Allocation in Game

o Victory: 3 points

o **Tie**: 1 point

o **Defeat**: 0 points

2. Points Allocation in a Match

o Victory: 1 point

o Tie: 0 point

o Defeat: 0 points

3. Tiebreaker Criteria

In the event of a tie of a game in the group phase, each team receives 1 point. In case of a tie in points at the end of the group phase matchups, the following criteria will be applied in sequence until the tie is resolved:

- 1. Match difference
- 2. Matches won
- 3. Result against the other tied team
- 4. Hole difference
- 5. Holes won
- 6. Coin toss (if all other criteria are exhausted)

Note: These tiebreaker criteria may be subject to change if FIFG general rules or guidelines are updated.

4. TieBreaker during playoffs

- o In case of tie during the Playoff game, the winner will be the team with the best hole difference during that game. If the tie persists, there will be a sudden death tiebreaker (match play) on the field in 1 Foursome Match. If tie persists after five holes, 5 penalty putts.
- Coaches can select any 2 players and 1 substitute, that have participated in the game to form part of the Foursome match.

5. Complete Match Requirement

 All games must be played through the full 18 holes to ensure complete scoring for potential tie scenarios and **seedings for consolation matches**. Games must continue through the final hole, even if the outcome seems predetermined (e.g., a score of 10–1 in a match play format). Completing the entire course is mandatory.

6. Consolations Matches

o To determine games in consolation matches the **"Tiebreaker Criteria"** will be used. For example, the match ups for 5th and 7th place of the four teams that lose in quarter finals will depend on the result of the match lost. The two teams with the most favorable match difference in the quarter finals game will play for 5th place. The two with the worst match difference will play for 7th place.

7. Schedule Modifications

 The schedule may be adjusted as necessary in cases of adverse weather or other extreme circumstances.

Competition Rules

1. Game Sheets

 Each match will have a <u>Game Sheet</u>, which must be completed and signed by the team captain. Sheet must be given to the starter at the starting hole, 15 minutes prior to the game start time. If the game sheet is not turned in on time, the first hole will be lost.

2. Player List Submission

 Each country is required to submit a finalized Player List for each category (Men, Senior, Women) one week before arrival. This list is final and cannot be modified once submitted.

3. Category Participation

- Players are allowed to compete in categories as follows:
 - Seniors may compete in the Men's category.
 - Senior+ may compete in the Seniors category.
 - Senior Women may compete in the Women's category.
 - Juniors have no age restriction and may compete in either the Men's or Women's category. For example, a 15-year-old junior may play with the Men or Women.
- Players may only appear on one category's Player List. For instance, if a Senior is registered on the official Men's list (15+1 players), they may not compete with the Senior team. Dual listing is not permitted.

Referees and Tournament Officials

To ensure fair play, maintain a smooth pace, and uphold order on and off the course, **4 to 6 referees** will oversee all courses. Additionally, **two to three officials** will support the referees, with equal authority to deliver consistent rulings and ensure smooth tournament flow. All referees and officials are pre-trained and will wear a clear **FIFG identification badge** for easy recognition.

Each player, official, caddie, and spectator is required to respect tournament guidelines and must be able to identify themselves upon request. This promotes an environment of respect, efficiency, and sportsmanship, ensuring smooth interactions and compliance with regulations.

Players and team members are expected to fully cooperate with referees and officials, treating them with courtesy. Verbal offenses, disrespect, or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated.

Together, let's ensure a positive and enjoyable championship experience, embracing the spirit of sportsmanship and FootGolf.

Weather and Extreme Circumstances Policy

In the event of adverse weather conditions or any extreme circumstances, the competition schedule may be adjusted to ensure player safety and fair play. The following rules apply to unfinished matches under such conditions:

1. Course Evacuation

- o If an evacuation signal (e.g., siren or similar) is issued, players must immediately stop play without completing the current hole, unless they are 10 meters from the hole and is still safe to play.
- All players must proceed directly to designated evacuation shelters.
 Completing the hole during an evacuation is not permitted.

2. Resumption of Play

o If play can safely continue, players will return to the current hole and restart play from the tee box.

3. Daylight Limitations

- If daylight becomes insufficient, the organizer will issue a revised start list for the Cullinan Black course. The pars may differ from the holes left to be played, but this does not influence significantly in match play.
- Teams will be assigned specific starting holes on the Cullinan black course to complete the remaining holes.

Guidelines for Junior Players Competing Internationally

To ensure the safety, proper supervision, and legal compliance for junior players, these guidelines establish mandatory requirements for their participation in international competitions. They provide clear responsibilities for Member Countries, parents, and designated supervisors, creating a secure and supportive environment for all junior competitors.

- 1. Team Responsibility for Junior Player Security
 Each Member Country (M.C.) President must submit a written statement to the
 competition organizers, confirming that the team will ensure the junior player's
 security and well-being during the competition.
- 2. Parental Authorization for Travel and Competition in Higher Categories

Junior players must obtain written authorization from both parents or legal guardians to travel internationally and compete in a higher age category. This authorization

must include signatures from both parents or legal guardians and be submitted to the competition organizers prior to the event.

3. Limitation of FIFG Responsibility

The FIFG will not assume any responsibility for players under 18 years of age. It is the responsibility of the Member Country to ensure all necessary permissions, security arrangements, and compliance with these guidelines.

4. Supervision Requirement for Junior Players

A junior player must be accompanied on the course at all times by a responsible adult, either a parent or an assigned member of the Country Delegation.

The designated adult is responsible for supervising the junior player throughout the competition.

Competition Conditions

1. Official Player List Submission

 Each country must complete and submit an official sheet indicating the player list and designated officials for each category (Men, Senior, Women).

2. Captain's Meetings

 A daily meeting will be held with the captain and one additional official from each team. Each country will receive two passes for attendance at these meetings.

3. Player Limits per Category

Each country may bring a maximum of 35 players, distributed as follows:

- Men: 15 players + 1 (total 16)
 - Game Sheet: Maximum of 15 players
- Senior: 10 players + 1 (total 11)
 - Game Sheet: Maximum of 10 players
- Women: 7 players + 1 (total 8)
 - Game Sheet: Maximum of 7 players

Dress Code & Equipment

PRACTICE DAYS

• Any attire that adheres to the FIFG official dress code is permitted.

COMPETITION DAYS

Uniform:

- o All players must wear their country's official uniform.
- o In team competitions, all players on a team must wear the same official kit.

- Alternate uniforms are allowed if they adhere to the country's official attire quidelines.
- o Non-compliance with these uniform guidelines may result in disqualification.

Specific Guidelines:

Headwear

- o All styles of golf hats are allowed.
- o Preferred styles include ball caps or Hogan-style hats.

Polos

- o Collared, golf-style polo shirts are required.
- Tee shirts or polo shirts with non-affiliated logos are not allowed, both on and off the course at official venues.

Footwear

- o Only turf or indoor soccer shoes are permitted.
- No cleats of any kind are allowed.

• Gear & Apparel

 Rain jackets, wind jackets, sweaters, or other outerwear worn on the course must be part of the official kit for the FIFG Member country.

Sponsors

 No restrictions on the size or location of sponsor logos, including on hats and shorts.

Ball

• Size 5 soccer ball is required.

Ball Tee

Only FIFG size-approved ball tees are allowed.

• Ball Marker

o Golf ball markers, poker chips, or FIFG-approved size markers are permitted.

Other Equipment

o Bags, backpacks, air pumps and distance measuring devices are allowed.

Shorts

- o Fitted golf-style shorts with belt loops and pockets are required.
- Women may wear a skirt and short combination suitable for athletic activities.
- o Non-golf shorts, jeans, and shorts with non-affiliated logos are prohibited.

Socks

- Knee-high socks are mandatory and must be pulled up to the knee.
- Mid-calf, ankle, or other sock types are not allowed during competition.

Hotel and Golf Club facilities Dress Code:

• Please respect the dress code requirements.

Golf carts

o TBA

Code of Conduct

To uphold the standards of sportsmanship, integrity, and respect, all participants—including players, team members, staff, and spectators—are expected to adhere to the following Code of Conduct throughout the tournament.

1. Alcohol

- The possession and use of alcohol on the course are strictly prohibited for players, team members, staff, and spectators.
- The use of alcohol is banned while playing or on the course outside of designated areas. Violations will result in disqualification.
- If a player consumes alcohol after a round and displays belligerent behavior while still at the event, they will be disqualified, forfeiting their points and position.

2. Tobacco / Vape Use

- The use of tobacco and vaping products is strictly prohibited during play and on the course for players, team members, and spectators.
- This European Championship marks the first international FIFG competition with a total smoking ban.
- Penalty for Violation: Any violation of this smoking prohibition will result in the disqualification of the player for the entirety of the competition, regardless of whether they are actively in play at the time of the offense.

3. Anti-Doping Policy

- Random anti-doping testing will be conducted by the International Testing Agency (ITA) during the championship.
- The number of tests is confidential, with results expected a few days after testing.
- If a player tests positive for doping, the entire team will be disqualified retrospectively.
- Sanctions for players who test positive are currently being finalized by the ITA and are expected to be published within the next two weeks.

4. Etiquette / On-Course Behavior

- Serious breaches of etiquette may lead to penalties or disqualification.
 Violations include, but are not limited to:
 - Loud, abusive, or obscene language
 - Public urination
 - Physical abuse, threats, verbal abuse, slander, or libel directed at players, spectators, sponsors, volunteers, or staff
 - Disrespect towards volunteers, officials, and competitors
 - Throwing items or engaging in violent physical actions
 - Littering, mistreatment, or vandalism of the course
 - Cheating

5. Etiquette / Off-Course Behavior

- Off-course breaches of etiquette may result in penalties or disqualification, including:
 - Slanderous social media posts directed at FIFG, sponsors, or volunteers

Vandalism or mistreatment of hotels or host facilities after rounds

6. Cheating

- Players must abide by FIFG rules of fair play and integrity. They are responsible for ensuring fair play within their group, including:
 - Reporting honest scores for themselves and others
 - Confirming scores at the end of each hole; if there is disagreement, shots should be retracted before starting the next hole

7. Spirit of the Game and Serious Misconduct

 The Committee may disqualify players for serious misconduct if actions are contrary to the spirit of the game. Disqualification will be considered for significant and intentional acts, even without prior warnings or penalties.

8. Reporting Misconduct

 Any player observing misconduct should report it immediately to the Tournament Director. All reports will remain confidential as legally practicable.

9. Non-Retaliation

 Retaliation against individuals who report violations of the Code of Conduct is strictly prohibited.

Bib Policy for Caddies, Presidents, Coaches, and Captains

This policy outlines the procedures for registration, distribution, control, and enforcement of bibs for caddies, captains, presidents, and coaches to ensure a secure and organized event.

Maximum Allowed Bibs Per Country

- Caddies: A maximum of 10 caddie bibs per country.
- **President**: One bib per country.
- Coach: Up to three coach bibs per country, with a maximum of one per category.
- Captains: Up to three captain bibs per country, with a maximum of one per category.

All bibs have to be ordered and paid to the organizer.

1. Caddie Bib Policy

- **Eligibility**: Applies exclusively to caddies supporting players. Players are not required to wear bibs.
- Registration: Each country may register up to 1 caddie per match, who will be listed
 on the game sheets alongside one captain, one coach, and the country president (if
 present).
- **Bib Requirement**: Registered caddies must wear their bibs at all times on the course, indicating their country of representation.
- **Restrictions**: Players who have played the course on the same day cannot serve as caddies.

- **Design**: Bibs display tournament branding, the caddie's name, player identification, and country.
- **Distribution**: Caddies collect their bibs at registration, with a maximum of 10 issued per country.
- **Control & Enforcement**: Caddies sign for their bibs at registration. Officials will conduct regular checks to ensure that only registered caddies wearing official bibs are on the course. Non-compliant caddies will be removed, and violations may result in a penalty for the active player.

2. Coach, President, and Captain Roles and Bib Policy

Roles:

- **President**: May communicate with the captain and coach, with players only in between holes or pathway.
- Coach: Responsible for team oversight and ensuring adherence to tournament rules, assisting captains where necessary. May communicate with players, not interfering with pace of play and can not play caddie role (except if registered as caddie in game sheet before the game).
- Captain: Each country may have up to three captains, with a maximum of one
 per category. Captains overseas players in their assigned categories and
 ensures compliance with tournament guidelines. May communicate with
 players, not interfering with pace of play and can not play caddie role (except if
 registered as caddie in game sheet before the game).
- **Course Access**: Captains and the coach are permitted in designated coaching zones. They may observe and communicate with players only in these zones and between holes. Acting as a caddie is not permitted.
- **Control & Enforcement**: Captains, the coach, and the president (if registered) must wear their official bibs at all times while on the course (except if they are playing). Officials will enforce bib compliance through regular checks, ensuring only registered personnel with bibs are in coaching zones. Non-compliance may result in removal from coaching zones and a lost hole penalty for the player.

3. Unauthorized Communication

Communication with unauthorized personnel or those not wearing bibs or listed on the game sheet in each match is prohibited.

• **Penalty**: May result in a lost hole penalty for the active player.

This policy establishes structured conduct for players, caddies, presidents, coaches, and captains, with regular checks and penalties to ensure smooth tournament operations. A distance of 10 meters from the players competing is required.

Scoring

1. Scorecards

 Each match will be issued 1 official scorecard and a designated marker for each round. The other team will receive 1 non official scorecard to enter scores.

2. Live Scoring App

- The official app for live scoring is **BlueGolf**. All scores will be entered into the BlueGolf app throughout the round. The team responsible for doing live scoring will be the team **not** issued the official scorecard.
- Download FIFG Bluegolf APP (data/internet service needed to upload live results)
 - i. IOS (iPhone) https://apps.apple.com/us/app/fifq-footgolf/id6504822087
 - ii. Android https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.bluegolf.android.fifg

3. Score Verification

 Before submitting the official scorecard, the Committee will verify that all recorded scores align with those entered in the BlueGolf app. The <u>results</u> <u>sheet</u> will be completed in the scoring area by captain/coach of each team. In the event of any discrepancies, the scores on the **official scorecard** will take precedence.

4. Scoring Links

- In the following links you will find the group stage standing points, the matchups and the live scoring during the event:
- Men:
 https://fifg.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/fifg23/event/fifg23215/contest/275/leaderboard.h
 tm
- Senior: https://fifq.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/fifq23/event/fifq23367/contest/1/leaderboard.htm
- Women: https://fifg.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/fifg23/event/fifg23368/contest/1/leaderboard.htm

Process for Reporting a Complaint or Dispute

To ensure a fair and efficient resolution of complaints or disputes, please follow this structured process:

1. Submission of Complaint

 Complaints must be submitted in writing, either by hand or via email. Once submitted, please notify officials immediately by phone or in person to confirm delivery and expedite the review process. Note: Please be reasonable in utilizing this process and avoid misuse. If we
determine that this regulation is being misused, a processing fee of €100 per
complaint per instance level may be imposed. If the request is denied, the fee
will be non-refundable.

2. Content Requirements

For clarity and thorough documentation, each complaint should include:

- Exact date and time of the incident.
- Hole and location on the course where the incident occurred.
- o Names, WhatsApp numbers, and emails of any witnesses involved.
- Description of the case in English, the official FIFG language.

3. Notification and Hearing

After receiving the complaint, we will notify the involved parties if a hearing is necessary to review the matter.

4. Resolution Levels

Complaints will be reviewed and addressed in the following order:

- First Instance: Rules Officials
- Second Instance: Tournament Director
- Third and Final Instance: Competition Committee

Limited Liability Clause

The **FIFG European FootGolf Championship** is hosted by a local organizer and venue, both of which have been selected to conduct the event in compliance with FIFG standards and guidelines. By accepting responsibility for organizing this event, the local organizer and venue assume full liability for all aspects of event management, including but not limited to logistics, facilities, safety, and any incidents or claims arising during the event.

FIFG Limited Liability

The Federation for International FootGolf (FIFG) provides oversight and general guidelines to ensure the quality and integrity of the championship; however, FIFG holds no liability for incidents, accidents, injuries, damages, or losses that may occur before, during, or after the event. The local organizer and venue are solely responsible for securing necessary local permits, insurance, and safety measures and for addressing any claims, disputes, or damages that may arise.

Acceptance of Responsibility by Attendees

By attending or participating in this event, all players, staff, officials, and spectators acknowledge and accept that FIFG is not liable for any direct or indirect consequences arising from event operations. Any claims or disputes must be directed to the local organizing body and venue responsible for executing the championship.

This limited liability clause is a condition of entry for all attendees and participants, affirming that the local organizer and venue retain full accountability for the event's successful, safe, and compliant execution.

Media Consent Policy for FIFG European FootGolf Championship

By attending or participating in the **FIFG European FootGolf Championship**, all individuals—including players, staff, officials, caddies, and spectators—agree to and grant permission for the event organizer, FIFG, and accredited media to capture, record, and use their image, likeness, voice, and performance through photographs, video recordings, live streaming, and other media formats.

This policy applies to all forms of media, including but not limited to live online streaming, social media platforms, television broadcasts, print publications, and promotional content associated with the event and the sport of FootGolf. Any footage or images taken may be used globally and perpetually for promotional, editorial, or advertising purposes without compensation or further notification to the individuals.

Conditions of Attendance

Attendance or participation in this event constitutes agreement to this media consent policy. Individuals acknowledge and understand that this is a public event, and any images, recordings, or representations may be shared with a broad audience and distributed across various media channels. All attendees, by being present on event grounds, accept these conditions and agree not to impede, obstruct, or interfere with media activities conducted by FIFG, event organizers, or accredited press.

Privacy and Respect

The organizer and media representatives are committed to respecting the integrity of the sport and ensuring the coverage is conducted professionally and respectfully. The capture of media will focus on sporting activities, audience engagement, and the spirit of the event.

By entering the event premises, all attendees fully consent to this media policy and waive any claims to the rights of images or recordings taken during the event.

Media Accreditation Guidelines

To maintain a secure and professional environment, all media personnel covering the FIFG European FootGolf Championship must adhere to the following accreditation guidelines:

1. Pre-Approval and Briefing

- All media personnel must apply for accreditation in advance. Applications will be reviewed, and only approved media representatives will be granted access to the event.
- Approved media will receive a mandatory pre-event briefing covering event rules, schedules, and designated media zones.

2. Identification and Attire

- Official Badge: Accredited media must wear an official badge provided by event organizers at all times while on event grounds.
- Media Bib: In addition to the badge, a media bib will be issued and must be worn visibly at all times in designated media areas, ensuring easy identification and access to restricted zones.

3. Media Conduct and Basic Rules

- Designated Areas: Media representatives are allowed only in designated media zones. Entry into player, official, or restricted areas is prohibited unless specifically authorized.
- **Interviews**: Post-game interviews are permitted only in front of the official press walls or in other designated interview areas.
- Photography and Filming: Media personnel must respect the privacy and concentration of players. Flash photography or intrusive filming is not permitted during play.
- Respect for Play: Media must avoid disruptive behavior, including loud conversations, phone calls, or unnecessary movement near players or officials during play.
- Adherence to Event Schedule: Media should follow the event schedule and respect designated times for interviews and press access to support smooth event operations.
- Code of Conduct: All media personnel are expected to behave professionally, respecting players, officials, and event staff. Violations may lead to the immediate revocation of media credentials.

FIFG European FootGolf Championship 2024 World Cup Qualification Pathways

The **FIFG European FootGolf Championship 2024** offers direct qualification for the upcoming World Cup in 2026 based on final standings:

Men's Category: Top 8 teams
 Seniors' Category: Top 8 teams
 Women's Category: Top 4 teams

These top teams will represent Europe in the World Cup without needing further qualifications.

All other teams will have an additional opportunity to qualify through further qualification, which will be announced in early 2025. We will provide all remaining teams with a clear path to compete for their place in the World Cup.

The final number of possible regional qualification spots for each team category will be confirmed and announced by the end of December 2024.

Match Play & Teams Competition Rulebook

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MATCH PLAY FORMAT:

A form of play where a player or pairs (Foursome, Fourball) plays against an opponent in a head to head match up.

- A player or pair wins a hole by finishing the hole in less strokes than its opponent.
- A match is won when a player or pair leads its opponent by more holes than the ones that remain to play.
- A hole can be conceded by a player or pair to its opponent at any time of the match.

If during a match there is uncertainty on how to proceed in a specific situation, both parties may agree on a course of action even if the decision might not be in agreement with the official rules. However, there is no situation in which both parties can mutually agree to ignore a rule or a penalty. If there is no agreement on how to proceed, play two balls or look for a referee or tournament official.

Unless clarified in this document, the FIFG establishes the use of the FIFG Rulebook, for general ruling and for penalties that should be applied in the hole that the incident occurred. The match play rules of Golf do not apply in FootGolf match play.

Disqualification: If a player is disqualified during a game, the team will automatically lose that match. The organization will determine if the player is disqualified only for that game or for the rest of the tournament.

Finishing Hole: Normally in match play, players are permitted to putt out after a concession, except in circumstances where this putt will give information to another team member still playing the same hole.

1. Foursome:

- A. Pairs (two players) competing together alternating strokes with a single ball on each hole.
- B. *Partners* must alternate shots, each team has the right to choose the starting player in each hole.
- C. If a stroke is made in the wrong order the side automatically loses the hole.
- D. If a pair is penalized during a stroke, it is the other players turn to play. For example, if Player A goes out of bounds, then it is player B's turn to play. Any penalty that the course of action is to replay the shot, it is the other players turn to play.

- E. It is allowed to have a substitute (3rd player) and one caddy per pair.
- F. Either player, substitute or caddy can give advice to each other and act as one. Any of the players are allowed to mark, drop and lift the ball no matter which player's turn it is.
- G. Any action taken or penalty by pair, substitute or caddy applies to all.
- H. Substitutions: can only be made in between holes and should be announced before the very first kick of the next hole. If a substitution is made and not informed to the opponent the side **automatically loses the hole**. This penalty needs to be applied on the current hole. If the following hole has begun the infraction can't be applied retrospectively.

2. Four-Ball / Best Ball:

- A. Pairs competing together, each player with a separate ball. The score that counts is the lowest achieved by any player in the pair on that hole.
- B. It is not necessary for both players to finish the hole. One score is enough to count for the pair.
- C. It is allowed to have a substitute (3rd player) and a caddy per pair.
- D. Either player, substitute or caddy can give advice to each other and act as one. Any of the players are allowed to mark, drop and lift the ball no matter which player's turn it is.
- E. Any action taken or penalty by pair, substitute or caddy applies to all.
- F. Substitutions: can only be made in between holes and should be announced before the very first kick of the next hole. The side must inform prior to the start of a hole the entrance of the substitute player. If a substitution is made and not informed to the opponent the side **automatically loses the hole**. This penalty needs to be applied on the current hole. If the following hole has begun the infraction can't be applied retrospectively.
- G. A pair can play in the order they decide is best. If it is your turn, farthest to the hole, you may decide for your partner to play first. This can be done when the pair has the same or up to 2 stroke difference in the hole. It is strictly prohibited, and will lead to automatic loss of the hole, if a player of a pair starts and finishes a hole before the other has even started (exception made for Par 3 Holes).
- H. When starting a hole, the two members of the pair have to play consecutively, not alternating with members of the other pair

TEAM COMPETITIONS

A competition that consists of **games** between teams. Each game consists of various **matches** (ie.: Individual, Foursome, and/or Four-ball - or other pair formats can be

incorporated). The organization of each competition will define how many matches are in a game.

Before a match the team's Coach/Capitan must deliver to the organization the list of the formation of its team: Matches, Players, substitutes and caddies. If there is a mistake in the formation, the team will lose the holes played with the wrong formation. Example: If a pair is announced as foursome and then plays in the fourball match or vice versa. Or if you have two foursome matches and pairs are inverted.

A team competition can have a group stage or played directly in playoffs stages (such as, quarterfinals, semifinals, finals).

Image below shows an example of a group stage. In a group stage the organization will define prior to the competition how many teams qualify to the playoffs. Furthermore, the composition of the playoff bracket.

A team that wins a game will receive 3 points, a tie gives 1 point to each, and a loss 0 points.

			GAMES			MATCHES				HOLES		
POS	TEAM	WIN	LOSS	TIE	WIN	LOSS	TIE	DIFF	WIN	LOSS	DIFF	POINTS
1	ARGENTINA	3	1	0	15	7	6	8	87	62	25	9
2	CHILE	2	1	0	11	9	3	2	60	65	-5	6
3	BRASIL	2	1	0	9	7	5	2	54	48	6	6
4	URUGUAY	1	2	0	8	14	1	-6	49	63	-14	3
5	MEXICO	0	3	0	7	13	1	-6	42	54	-12	0

In case of a points tie in group stage the following steps are considered for the tiebreaker:

- 1. Match difference
- 2. Matches won
- 3. Game vs other team
- 4. Hole difference
- 5. Holes won
- 6. Coin toss

Tiebreaker during playoff match:

In a playoff game the team with the most matches won, wins the game. If they are tied in matches, the team with the most holes won, wins the game. If the tie persists there should be a tie breaker on the field:

(Options):

- Sudden death Foursome match play (5 holes maximum)
 a. The Coach/Captain can decide the pairs + substitute.
- 2. Penalty Putts
 - a. 5 penalty putts 2 players (same players of sudden death)



Results Sheet						
GROUP: 1 / 2	2 /	3	/	4	/ P	PLAYOFF
COURSE:						
TEAM A:		_				
TEAM B:		_				
CATEGORY: MEN /	SENIOR /	WOME	N			
MATCH TYPE		TEAM A	Ą			TEAM B
INDIVIDUAL 1						
INDIVIDUAL 2						
INDIVIDUAL 3						
FOURSOME 1						
FOURSOME 2						
FOURBALL 1						
FINAL SCORE:					•	
TEAM A: COACH/CAPT	AIN FULL NAI	ΜΕ:				
	SIGNA	TURE:				
TEAM B: COACH/CAPT	AIN FULL NAI	ИЕ:				

SIGNATURE:

Player Game Sheet



Date: / /

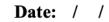
_	MEN GAME SHEET
COUNTRY	
CAPITAN	
PRESIDENT	
GROUP/COURSE	/
GAME VS:	

МАТСН ТҮРЕ	N°	PLAYER - Last Name, Name
INDIVIDUAL 1	1	
INDIVIDUAL 1	2	
CADDIE	3	
INDIVIDUAL 2	1	
INDIVIDUAL 2	2	
CADDIE	3	
INDIVIDUAL 3	1	
INDIVIDUAL 3	2	
CADDIE	3	
FOURSOME 1	1	
FOURSOME 1	2	
FOURSOME 1	3	
CADDIE	4	
FOURSOME 2	1	
FOURSOME 2	2	
FOURSOME 2	3	
CADDIE	4	
FOURBALL 1	1	
FOURBALL 1	2	
FOURBALL 1	3	
CADDIE	4	

Match Type Player amounts

INDIVIDUAL 1 starter + 1 substitute + 1 caddie FOURSOME 2 starters + 1 substitute + 1 caddie FOURBALL 2 starters + 1 substitute + 1 caddie

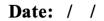
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INDIVIDUAL 1	1		
INDIVIDUAL 1	2		
CADDIE	3		
FOURSOME 1	1		
FOURSOME 1	2		
FOURSOME 1	3		
CADDIE	4		
INDIVIDUAL 2	1		
INDIVIDUAL 2	2		
CADDIE	3		
FOURSOME 2	1		
FOURSOME 2	2		
FOURSOME 2	3		
CADDIE	4		
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		-	Signature & Name Captain/Coach





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CAPITAN	
PRESIDENT	
GROUP/COURSE	/
GAME VS:	

MATCH TYPE	N°	PLAYER - Last Name, Name
INDIVIDUAL 1	1	
INDIVIDUAL 1	2	
CADDIE	3	
INDIVIDUAL 2	1	
INDIVIDUAL 2	2	
CADDIE	3	
FOURSOME 1	1	
FOURSOME 1	2	
FOURSOME 1	3	
CADDIE	4	

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