

# **EUROPEAN FATHER AND SON GOLF COMPETITION 2010 RULES**

## **IMPORTANT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY**

The 2010 European Father and Son Golf Championship (EFSGC) will be strictly run in accordance to the rules of golf.

The tournament referee's decision is final in all matters. In the event of difficult rulings, consultation with the PGA will be taken at the referee's discretion.

### **Rulings**

During your round a referee buggy will circulate around the courses. If you have a query or need a ruling please ask the official before submitting your card. In the event no official is on hand please play the two ball rule. Declare to your partners that your intention is to play a second ball and consult the referee at the first opportunity before the end of your round for a ruling before you sign your card.

### **The Event**

The tournament will be played over 3 days making a 54 hole competition. There will be two events - the Best Scratch (no handicap) and the Best Handicap (3/4 of handicap allowance). After 36 holes there will be a cut for the Handicap Competition with the top half of the field playing the South Course on the final day going out in position order with leaders going out last (*please note any teams within 10 strokes of the scratch leader after 36 holes will remain on the south course for final days play*) the bottom half of the field will play the North for the Norman Taylor Plate.

A practice round is available on the Wednesday where we will hold A Charity Trophy an optional fun individual stableford competition in aid of charity (Entries go to charity €10 pp). Please support this amazingly worth while cause.

### **Format**

The format of the tournament will be a Father and Son team, two ball, better ball, stableford with one best ball score on each hole being recorded from the pair. The highest amount of accumulated points over the three days will win the event.

### **Handicap**

The maximum handicap is 24. All handicaps will receive ¾ of their allowance with a maximum of 18 strokes permissible. All Golf Professionals will play off Scratch. Strokes will be given against the stroke index on each hole on the card, starting from the 1st hardest hole upwards.

### **Congu Handicaps**

In accordance with Congu handicapping all competitors will take their club handicap from the Slope Rating of El Rompidos Course Slope – This will be calculated automatically by our scoring system and your strokes (if applicable) will be printed on your scorecard against the holes where they are taken

Stableford points will be scored in accordance to the rules of Golf i.e:

0	Double	3	Birdie
1	Bogey	4	Eagle
2	Par	5	Albatross

In areas of a tournament ruling or dispute the two ball rule will come into effect and decided upon on the return of your scorecard on completion of your round.

### **Registration**

**IMPORTANT CHANGE:** This year's registration will be held on Tuesday evening in the hotel reception between 18.00 – 20.00 pm. We would ask everyone to make sure they register on that evening (only people arriving after 20.00 will have the opportunity to register the next day).

You will need to register your team's arrival, enter Wednesday's Charity Competition and confirm if your Handicap Verification Form has changed (any changes must be supported by an original handicap Certificate or new Handicap Verification Form).

Please note that the top 10 teams on the last day will have their handicap checked by our staff by calling your golf club on Friday/Saturday.

### **Handicap Verification Forms**

**IMPORTANT CHANGE:** - This must be completed, signed and returned by fax, post or email by **01/10/10**

**Failure to register or produce a Handicap Certificate will result in your team not being entered.** You must attend the registration desk everyday to collect your cards and be given the rules for that day (we cannot be held responsible for anyone who does not receive the rules for the day). You will also be given the local rules, nearest the pin, longest drive, holes in one for each day at reception. EFSGC Reception desk opens at 07.45 everyday.

In the case of bad weather your team must still report to the golf course until the day's play is officially cancelled and you have spoken to the tournament director.

#### Local Rules

These can now be found on the website – please make sure that you are fully aware of all the local rules before you arrive at the tournament.

#### Scoring

It is compulsory that you pick up your ball if you cannot score! Do not continue playing or holding up play. If you score on a hole you MUST record both team scores on the scorecard.

You must hand in your card within 20mins after your round, wait for your card to be verified and agreed. We will NOT accept scorecards at the hotel. Failure to hand in your completed signed cards will result in disqualification for that day.

#### Slow Play

Slow play will not be tolerated. You should be taking a maximum 15mins per hole, 45mins to play 3 holes. Consistent offenders will be recorded and warned. Three warnings will be a compulsory 2 points penalty to be taken off your finals days score. Thereafter you are subject to disqualification. If a gap opens between you and the group in front you will be asked to close the gap. El Rompido Golf Resort have normal tee times after our event and therefore that have stated that they will have their own marshalls on the golf course and these marshalls will ensure that play is kept to a good pace – if a marshall reports to our officials that they are not happy with a team we have been asked to confirm that we will automatically agree to issue a warning.

#### Tee Times

Due to the size of the event and amount of competitors teeing off it is IMPERATIVE all competitors tee off on their allocated time. All teams MUST report to the starter on the tee 10mins before your allocated tee time ready to play. Failure to be at the tee 5 mins before will result in a 1 point penalty. Failure to tee off on time will result in your match being put back a time and your team receiving a 2 points penalty to be taken off your final score!

**PLEASE BE AWARE IT IS A 10 MINUTE WALK FROM THE CLUB HOUSE TO THE TEES ON THE NORTH COURSE – SO PLEASE GIVE YOURSELF PLENTY OF TIME**

On the final day your tee times will be allocated based on your tournament position with the leading teams going out last working backwards. Times will be posted in the hotel on Friday evening.

#### Leaving the Course

**It is strictly against the rules to leave the course whilst in play.** The only permissible reason would be to use the toilet. Buying drinks or food at the bar or entering the club house during your round is forbidden. A 2 points penalty will be given if caught. A snack trolley will be available on the course during play so there is no excuse.

#### Handicaps

EFSGC aims to find the BEST father and son teams in Europe. We want a competitive and fair championship whereby the golfers that play to the best of their ability during the week have a chance to WIN. Official club handicaps will be accepted as proof of ability. However this does not conclusively reflect the current form/handicap of an individual golfer. The EFSGC considers golfers consistently playing 10 strokes below their allocated handicap (*considering the difficulty of these championship courses and under competitive conditions*) are playing off handicaps that may not be a true reflection of their CURRENT ability. The Tournament Referee and Director reserve the right to cut players on observation for the remainder of the event.

#### 3/4 Handicap Allowance Chart

It is calculated by taking your handicap dividing by 4 and x by 3, if the number is i.e. 11.25 under .5 you round the number down, if it is over .5 you round up

Handicap	3/4 stroke allowance
1	1
2	2
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	5
7	5
8	6
9	7
10	8
11	8

12	9
13	10
14	11
15	11
16	12
17	13
18	14

#### **Bad Weather**

Please note that the golf course reserve the right in the event of bad weather that no buggies will be allowed on the golf course and your team must be aware of this fact. If in the event that one of your team has an injury necessitating a buggy we require a medical certificate to this effect we will do our best to let them be allowed a buggy but this is not guaranteed. If you have a medical condition and the golf course deems no buggies it is your decision if to continue. There will no refunds for lost golf due to bad weather. The event will be concluded or suspended at the discretion of the tournament director if weather concludes the event prematurely. In case of lightening mark your ball and you are allowed to leave the course and take shelter for safety. A shotgun or siren will be fired in the event of abandoning play. Please mark your ball and make your way back to the clubhouse. Play will resume on an official announcement of another siren or shotgun or notice in the clubhouse. No other reason will constitute leaving the course, therefore play should continue.

#### **Tees**

All men including professionals will play from the same men's EFSGC tees (these will be in the approximate position of the men's yellow tees)

#### **Prizes**

EFSGC operates a one prize per team policy. Each person can only win one prize during the week. Please note that you will forfeit your prize if you do not attend the gala dinner as Red Golf do not forward prizes on after the event.

#### **Buggies**

Professionals CAN ride in buggies for the event

#### **Aids**

All official yardage viewers and distance finders recognized by the R&A and the PGA will be permissible for use in the event. Wind and club selection aids are forbidden.

Strokesavers are available at the Club for both courses.

#### **Ties**

Light permitting, ties for the championships scratch and handicap will be settled by a sudden death playoff from the 18th Hole until a result is concluded (please note the playoff will be BOTH balls counting). If light fails the winners will be awarded by count back to the highest points total on the final 18 holes play. Then last 9, 6, 3, 1 .All other ties will be awarded on count back, last 18, 9, 6, 3, 1

#### **Scorecards/Scoreboard**

Scoring your card is EASY – you simply only need to mark your playing partners gross score for each hole. Our automatic scoring system will do the rest and work out your total points score

If you are not sure how to correctly complete a scorecard for this event Toby or Peter (our official Referee) are available after the welcome drink reception to discuss this and show you the correct format

#### **Cheating**

Golf is one of the greatest sports in the world. Respected and admired for its integrity and fair play. EFSGC wants to run an incident free successful event whereby we crown the TRUE and rightful winners of the event. All competitors will be drawn at random for each days play to partner a different team. It is all teams' responsibility to watch their partners and witness their play and scores. If you believe you have witnessed a misdemeanour, it is always best to question or POLITELY discuss this with the opponent first for them to give their explanation, if that is not possible or awkward then please discreetly speak to the tournament referee or director at your first opportunity BEFORE you sign your partner's card. We will take over from there. If this episode creates a negative atmosphere we will attempt to swap the teams with other teams. We ask to keep all accusations and incidences to be kept private and not to discuss with other competitors, only with officials. We will contact the club secretaries of all the top teams in contention on the final day to verify their status.

Anyone caught cheating will be in breach of our T&C and asked to leave the event with immediate effect and lose their complete holiday package and make their own arrangements to travel home.

#### **Sweep**

An optional tote will be run during the week. Simply means you back any team EACH DAY for a €2 bet you think will have the

days highest point score. Each evening the committee will pay out 70% of the pot to the winner/s and 30% of the pot to the runner up. You can place as many bets as you wish

**Behaviour**

All competitors under the age of 18 are the responsibility of their parent/s – we hope that everyone will join in the spirit of the tournament. EFSGC cannot tolerate any bad behavior at the golf course or in the hotel public areas. Please can we ask all fathers to be responsible for under 18s not drinking alcohol – especially at the gala dinner venue please.

Please note: No teeshirts with company names or advertising printed on them are allowed at the event and you will be asked to change your shirt in this event

UKSG reserve the right to change or amend any of these rules with prior notification.

If any competitor has any issues about our Rules and Conditions you **MUST** raise this with the Tournament Controller and or referee **BEFORE** the start of the event otherwise it is concluded that all competitors have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the EFSGC

**Any questions on the above please do not hesitate to contact us.**

**GOOD LUCK, ENJOY YOUR GAME AND PLAY WELL!!!**