



# **ISTANBUL GOLF CLUB**

## **2016 Tournament Policy**

Valid as of January 1, 2016

**IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TOURNAMENTS THE HANDICAP FEE FOR THIS YEAR SHOULD BE PAID TO TURKISH GOLF FEDERATION.**

**The Tournament Regulations are published by the Golf and Handicap Committee at the beginning of the year and are updated by the same committee as needed throughout the year.**

**A "Tournament Committee" is designated for each tournament. In tournaments where a "Tournament Committee" has not been designated the "Golf and Handicap Committee" undertakes this responsibility.**

### **1. SPONSORED ACTIVITIES**

# TOURNAMENTS

## 1) TOURNAMENT DAYS AND PLAYERS

- Quota is limited to 100 players for Saturdays and 40 players for Sundays.
- If the number of participants exceeds 140 players, an extra quota will be created for Fridays.
- If the golf course is unavailable on Sundays (Federation tournament, etc), the entries will only be accepted for Saturdays and Fridays.
- Unless a different program is specified, the award ceremony will take place at IGK Nakkaştepe on Sundays at 18:30.

## 2) REGISTRATION AND DAY SELECTION

- Tournaments are open to all members who have active E.G.A handicaps. According to tournament regulations, players who have inactive handicaps may participate in tournaments, but they cannot win any prizes. Our members should check their handicap information via our club or web page.
- Our members register for the "Day" they prefer.
- Applications are submitted by e-mail to [turnuva@igk.org.tr](mailto:turnuva@igk.org.tr) or online in the tournament application section on our website.
- Registrations start with the tournament announcement and will be accepted until 16:00 on Wednesday evening before the tournament.
- For "Tournament Days" on which the applications exceed the maximum number, a draw will be made without any privileges.
- The draw will be held in our club at 17:00 on the closing day of the registration, with the attendance of the members who will be present and ready.
- Players who are registered on the waiting list after the draw, will be included in the game according to the order of draw, when a place becomes available. The waiting list will be announced at the same time as the tournament players list.
- Players who prefer to play on Fridays, but are allocated another day or put in the waiting list as a result of the draw, are not included in the draw for the next tournament applications. (In tournaments like BMW, where the format requires playing for 3 days, this condition will not be applied).

## 3) GAME REGULATION

- Unless otherwise announced, play on Saturdays start in "shot gun" format.
- Unless otherwise stated, play on Sundays and Fridays start with "tee times".
- Flights are set by a separate draw, having 1 player from each category on principle.
- Tournament play is completed under the supervision of a "Course Marshall" and pace of play guidelines will be enforced.
- Regardless of whether the tournament starts with a tee-time or with a shot-gun format, in the event of a tie, holes 10-18 are taken into consideration. In the further event of a tie, scores on holes 10-18, 13-18, 16-18 and 18 are compared respectively. If still a tie, the scores on holes 1-9, 4-9, 7-9 and 9 are compared respectively. If still a tie, the Game Committee decides which method to be adopted at the end of the tournament and explains it with justification.

## 4) CANCELLATIONS

- Cancellations must be made until 16:00 on Thursday evenings. (Until 16:00 on Friday if it is not a Tournament Day)
- If a player withdraws after the specified time, he/she loses his/her right to participate in the next tournament.
- If a player is absent from a tournament without notice, he/she loses his/her right to participate in the following two tournaments.

## **5) APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

- Our members who have not fully paid their annual green fees, pay the daily green fee per tournament directly to Klassis.
- Players are responsible for payment of Buggy fee. Players who share a Buggy, share the fee. Players who ride alone are responsible for their buggy fee.

## **6) CATEGORIES**

- According to the recommendations of the Turkish Golf Federation, tournaments will be played in three categories (A, B, C) for men and two (A, B) for women.
- The rates used to determine male categories will be approximately A- 20%, B- 35%, C- 45%. The rates used to determine the categories of women will be approximately A- 40%, B- 60%.
- The senior category includes players who are 55 years of age or more senior on the tournament date. If a player wishes to take part in the Senior category, he/she should inform the Playing Committee when signing up for the event in question. In order for a player to be placed in the Junior category, he/she must be 17 years old or younger (younger than 19 years old) at the tournament date.
- It is the players' responsibility to reach the Tee 10 (ten) minutes prior to their tee time to meet their playing partners and exchange their score cards.
- After each tournament is completed, a report will be written by the Club Manager and sent to the members of the IGK Board and, if necessary, any inaccurate game report will be thoroughly investigated by taking action on the actual events.
- In a weekend tournament, the sponsor is entitled to invite a maximum of ten players. All guests must comply with the tournament conditions.

## **ECLECTIC TROPHY**

Eclectic Trophy is open to all members who have an active EGA handicap.

The Eclectic Trophy is a year-round tournament. The best gross scores on each hole are taken from your score cards for all sponsored 18-hole strokeplay events that are played at Klassis, and are updated after each played event. At the end of that calendar year's sponsored events, the gross winner will be determined and a net winner will be determined by subtracting the handicaps from the gross table of results.

## **2. MONTHLY CLUB TOURNAMENTS**

### **MEDAL/STABLEFORD**

Tournaments are open to all members with an EGA handicap.

Depending on the number of players and course availability, players can participate in these tournaments, set tee times and choose their own playing partners.

All members are responsible for their registration for every activity. Golf reception staff will not automatically register members.

It is the players' responsibility to reach the Tee 10 (ten) minutes prior to their tee time to meet their game partners and exchange their score cards.

## **3. MATCH PLAY ACTIVITIES**

### **Arçelik Cup / Istanbul Cup / Boğaziçi Cup**

Tournaments are open to all members with an EGA handicap.

According to the EGA handicap, golfers with a playing handicap that exceeds 28 are limited to 28.

The handicap limit to be applied in these events will be determined by the Golf and Handicap Committee every year.

Junior players who are 17 years of age or younger (not 19 years old) at the time of the last registration, cannot participate in adult matchplay events. Junior Arçelik and Junior İstanbul Cup categories are also available.

There is no handicap restriction for juniors.

It is the players' responsibility to reach the Tee 10 (ten) minutes prior to their tee time to meet their game partners.

The handicap stroke allowances will be in accordance with the European Golf Association matchplay recommendations.

The handicap difference in Arçelik Cup is calculated as 90% of the handicap difference between the lowest-handicapped player and the other players.

Istanbul Cup (singles men) & Boğaziçi Cup (singles ladies) will be played with full handicap difference

It is the responsibility of each team/player to determine their starting time once the tournament schedule has been set by draw and announced on noticeboard and published on [www.igk.org.tr](http://www.igk.org.tr). Both teams/players will be disqualified if any of the parties does not report a result to the golf reception until 19:00 on the due date for the relevant session.

Competitors who participate in Matchplay events do not have priority to play through other golfers who are not playing tournaments on the golf course.

A competition will be extended to the next day only if it is not completed due to loss of daylight or inclement weather. However, if extraordinary circumstances have occurred during the competition on the last day of the relevant round, the players inform the golf reception.

Every member who has an official handicap as of 1 January of each year has the right to register and to play in the above mentioned events.

Registration can be done individually by signing the register at the golf reception desk. The entries will only be accepted with the condition that members sign the book themselves.

Golf receptionists will not register for the tournament without receiving applications.

The registration deadline for Arçelik, Istanbul and Boğaziçi Cups is February 29, 2016. Entries are done by sending an e-mail to [turnuva@igk.org.tr](mailto:turnuva@igk.org.tr). Entries after these dates will not be accepted.

Player replacements cannot be made after the first-round match draws have been completed. However, if one of the couples has to withdraw due to health problems and the first-round tee time is not scheduled with the opponents, then another player who has the right to participate may be proposed and if it is accepted by the opponents, the new player qualifies to play in the round.

Match play tournament will mainly be played in Klassis. If one of the sides does not want to play in Klassis, he is considered to have lost the match. On the other hand, if the winner is decided between both parties and reported to IGK within the time limit, the reported match result will be valid.

Players who have completed the age of 55, can participate in the Senior category of the tournaments and play their match plays at Klassis from the blue tees. Yet, players must have declared at the beginning of the season that they will play in the senior category.

#### **4. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

The championship will be a 36-hole strokeplay event played over two days.

Club Champions or Sausmarez champions of previous years will directly participate in this tournament. Lowest 72 handicap index participants will have the right to play in the championship.

On the first day, 18 hole tee times will be made in handicap order, 'the first stroke made by the lowest handicapped player'.

After the first 18 holes, the top 18 players and tie compete on the final day.

On the final day, the tee times will be determined according to the scores of the previous day's finalists, so that the player with the best score will be the last to play.

The player with the lowest total GROSS score for 36 holes will be the Club Champion of the relevant year.

In the event of a tie at the end of normal play, a play-off will be played over the 18<sup>th</sup> hole until the winner is determined.

The player with the lowest total net score for 36 holes will be awarded with the SAUSMAREZ CUP of the relevant year.

On the final day tee times, players will tee off in handicaps order as they did in 2015.

## **5. LADIES OPEN TOURNAMENTS**

Tournaments are open to all members with an EGA handicap and visitors from other golf clubs in Turkey.

All members are responsible for their registration for every activity. Golf reception staff will not automatically register members.

It is the players' responsibility to reach the Tee 10 (ten) minutes prior to their tee time to meet their game partners.

The average of the best four scores of each player will be taken and the player with the best score according to this average will win the cup.

In the event of a tie, it will be decided by looking at the scores in the last 18th, 36th, 54th and 72nd holes.

## **6. COMPARISONS BETWEEN CLUBS**

# **ISTANBUL CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT**

The Challenge Cup is a matchplay activity between all the Golf Clubs in Istanbul.

The tournament committee will consist of the Golf Directors and Captains of the relevant clubs on the respective dates.

The dates of the Istanbul Challenge Cup are subject to agreement on dates suggested by all of the relevant clubs.

The selection can be made only among the "home club" members of the relevant clubs.

A team of 20 people will represent IGK both on the home course and at the opponent's course. The same 20 players are not obliged to take part in each match and no player is guaranteed to play on both days regardless of the ranking he/she has. Players who wish to be selected must have submitted 4 scorecards within the relevant calendar year to be eligible.

Team members representing the Istanbul Golf Club will be selected according to the order in the current Men's A-B-C and Ladies A-B Order of Merit on the date of the selection to be held before the event. The Captain decides on how many players from which merit group will be selected in consultation with the Golf and Handicap Committee. If matches are to be played before 3 tournament results have not yet been placed in the Order of Merit in the related year, the rankings of the Order of Merit of the previous year will be evaluated by the Captain.

The captain has the authority to select four 'wildcards' on the rounds played both in home course and in the opponent's course. The captain can do preparatory work and those who want to take part in the team can participate in them, however participating in the preparatory work does not mean to be selected in the team.

All players will be informed in advance.

Each team will play both in their home course and in the opponent's course.

First game of the year: It will be played between the second and third of the previous year,

Second game of the year: Between the champion of the previous year and the loser of the first game of the year,

Third game of the year: Between the champion of the previous year and the winner of the first game of the year.

Matches will be played in the format of fourball betterball matchplay (the best ball/score within one pair compete against the best ball/score of the other pair).

The handicap difference is calculated as 90% of the handicap difference between the lowest-handicapped player and the other players.

90% of the handicap difference of the handicap of the group with the other players is calculated as the handicap allowance. A win is worth one point, a tie is half points, a loss is zero points.

At the end of all matches, in the event of a tie, the result will be determined by the difference calculating how many "ups" the team have won or lost the matches.

## **FİKRET ÖZTÜRK CLUB PLAYER GOLF TOURNAMENT**

This tournament consists of 12 players from 7 clubs, with a total of 84 players, playing fourball, foursome and single matches with each other. Players who have reached the age of 20 and have 28 handicaps maximum may take part in the Home Club teams.

The team captains determine the players who will participate in the tournament. The 12 players and the substitutes who will play in IGK team will be invited by the Captain. The Captain makes the selection of the pairs and can change the pairs if necessary or get the substitute players play in the team.

The winners of the fourball, foursome and singles matches are awarded 1 point for the teams and half points for the winners. The team that gets the most points at the end of the matches becomes the champion ... All 18 holes are played in all games. The teams' matches are recorded for the calculation of how many "ups" the team earns or lost.

## **7. LIYAKAT / ORDER OF MERIT**

The Order of Merit is open to all members who have the EGA handicap.

The following tournaments which are played every calendar year are included in the calculations.

- Sponsored IGK tournament,
- Captain's Tournament,
- Club and Sausmarez Championships
- Arçelik, Istanbul and Boğaziçi cups

The final status in the Order of Merit is announced to our members at the end of each month. At the end of December, the Order of Merit of that year takes its final shape.

Order of Merit is calculated separately for Men A-B-C, Ladies A-B, Juniors and Seniors. Even if a player is included in different groups during the year, he/she will be evaluated in the group he/she was included in the last tournament he/she played.

The first 5 net points in each category in each tournament are included in the points that will form the Order of Merit.

Points are given as follows:

1. = 14 points
2. = 11 points
3. = 9 points
4. = 7 points
5. = 6 points

In the Arçelik, Istanbul and Boğaziçi Cups, quarter-finalists, semi-finalists and finalists are awarded points as follows;

Winners	14 points
Runners Up	11 points
Semi Finalists	7 points



Quarter Finalists	3 points
Each Round Won	2 points

## **8. EXTRA DAY SCORES**

The "extra day score" is a stableford card delivered for handicap purposes under tournament conditions.

Cards can only be accepted if they have been notified to the golf table at the proshop before the game starts. Players who wish to deliver cards must register to the 'Extra Day Score Card Book' before the game.

The "Extra Day Score Book" will be found on the golf table in the Pro-Shop.

According to EGA regulations, players who have handicaps of 4.4 or less cannot deliver an Extra Day score card.

The Maximum number of Extra Day Scorecards which can be delivered, in accordance with the Turkish Golf Federation guidelines which are in line with the European Golf Association principles, is one card per month and no more than four cards per year. Any changes to the rules by TGF during the year will be effective from the date it is notified to our club.

## **9. NAKKAŞTEPE GAMES**

They are the activities held in our club's Nakkaştepe facilities. Tournaments are open to all members who have EGA handicaps. Players can participate in these tournaments according to the number of requests and field availability and they coordinate their tee times and groupings with the captains or golf reception.

All members are responsible for their registration for every activity.

It is the players' responsibility to reach the Tee 10 (ten) minutes prior to their tee time to meet their game partners.

- Sponsored Chip & Putt tournaments
  - Themed Chip & Putt tournaments
  - Elimination or League method Chip & Putt Match plays
  - Trackman tournaments
- are played in Nakkaştepe.

## **10. FEDERATION TOURNAMENTS**

Information on Federation events will be posted on the appropriate notice board. Registration is each member's own responsibility and should be done through the golf reception. The reception staff will not automatically register members.

## **11. OVERSEAS TOURNAMENTS AND INVITES**

Decisions on corporate invitations by domestic or foreign Federations, domestic or foreign golf clubs or golf sponsors to IGK for the representation of the management in the domestic or international tournaments or sending players to such events shall be made and pursued by the President or Captain(s) (Senior, Ladies, Junior) and/or the Golf and Handicap Committee.

Similar invitations which are made to members personally by specifying the name or by their duties are outside this article.

## **12. HANDICAP TRACKING**

1. Our players pay annual handicap fees directly to TGF. Handicaps of the players who have not paid their handicap fees, or who gave less than 4 scorecards in a season, become inactive. If the players have not paid their handicap fee they cannot participate in tournaments, if they gave less than 4 score cards they can participate in the tournaments but they cannot win a prize.
2. IGK players should follow their current status of their handicaps on [igk.org.tr](http://igk.org.tr) or through [tgf.org.tr](http://tgf.org.tr).
3. Until they become accustomed, our golf reception may remind our players of their handicap status
  - once at the beginning of the season by sms-email,
  - as verbal notification while registering to the tournaments.
  - informing whether they have been placed on the inactive list when they are delivering the score cards to the players at the tournaments.
4. However, our players are always responsible for their own handicap values and conditions.

**MISCONDUCT OF PLAY WILL BE REFERRED TO THE  
DISCIPLINARY BOARD.**

**ANY DISPUTE REGARDING THE TOURNAMENTS WILL BE  
PRESENTED IN WRITTEN FORM TO THE ATTENTION OF GAME COMMITTEE**