



GENERAL GUIDELINES - TOURNAMENT RULES

The FIFG FootGolf World Tour will be played entirely under the rules of the Federation for International FootGolf. Each tournament will follow the official rules of the sport, although local rules may apply. All local rules must be available for players before the initiation of the tournament.

Important change: In every tournament point category → maximum kicks / hole → PAR + 10 kicks

The World Tour 2020 is based on an aspirational concept in which every player would be able to play and compete according to his or her possibilities, on a global scale (World Ranking) regional scale (Regional Rankings) and national scale (National Ranking). This model introduces the Regional Tours and Rankings, giving the chance to all countries to organize international tournaments.

REGIONS

- 1) North & Central America (Region 1)
- 2) South America (Region 2)
- 3) Europe (Region 3)
- 4) Asia & Oceania (Region 4)

TOURNAMENTS

6 FIFG 50 per Country (*)

6 FIFG 100 per Country (*)

1 FIFG 250 per Country (*)

16 FIFG 500

- 3 in Region 1

- 2 in Region 2

- 8 in Region 3

- 3 in Region 4

5 FIFG Majors 1000

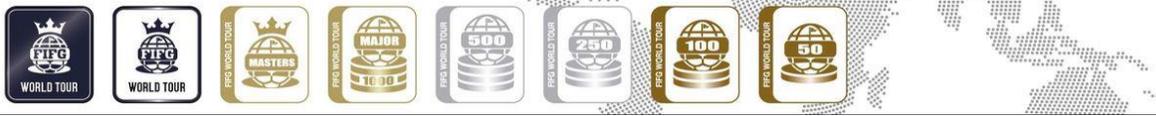
- 1 in Region 1

- 1 in Region 2

- 2 in Region 3

- 1 in Region 4

(*) If, within a region, not all the countries are hosting the FIFG 50, FIFG 100 and FIFG 250 tournament,



those tournaments can be relocated without exceeding total count of tournaments assigned to the Region. For example, Region 4 cannot host more than six FIFG 250 tournaments.

Each region should be responsible for the distribution of FIFG 500 and FIFG 1000 tournaments. If there is a need to host any conversation to distribute tournament, the responsibility will fall under the FIFG Board members as follows:

- Laura Balestrini: Region 1
- Javier de Ancizar: Region 2
- Gabor Gelencser: Region 3
- Leonardo Fernandez: Region 4

REGIONAL RANKING

Each Regional Ranking will have a maximum of 3.450 points distributed as follows:

- The BEST FIFG 1000
- The BEST FIFG 500
- The BEST 3 FIFG 250
- The BEST 8 FIFG 100
- The BEST 8 FIFG 50

(Regional ranking will only consider points for tournaments within its region)

WORLD TOUR RANKING

The World Ranking will have a maximum of 7.000 points distributed as follows:

- The BEST 4 FIFG 250 (Max 1.000 points)
- The BEST 4 FIFG 500 (Max 2.000 points)
- The BEST 4 FIFG Majors 1000 (Max 4.000 points)

CATEGORIES

- **MEN:** Men must be 18 years old by 31st December 2020 and older, including Seniors
- **SENIOR*:** Born in 1974 and older
- **WOMEN:** Women who are 18 years old by 31st of December 2020 and older
- **JUNIORS:** Players under 18 by 31st of December 2020 who have received an FIFG and World Tour Committee exception to play. Juniors (male or female) will be able to play tournaments if the country association authorizes it.
- **COUNTRIES (Guideline for tournaments):** A maximum of 4 results (4 best players/country in any category) are counted to make the team ranking. Each country organization must present at least 3 players to be able to compete in the Country category.
 - The WT points determine the ranking.
 - The Country tournament is not mandatory in any WT tournament.



***SENIOR** players MUST decide at the beginning of the season if they want to compete under the Men or Senior category. Senior players must communicate the decision to their country association before playing any FIFG tournament. If no communication is made, Senior players will automatically be included in the Senior Category.

PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY

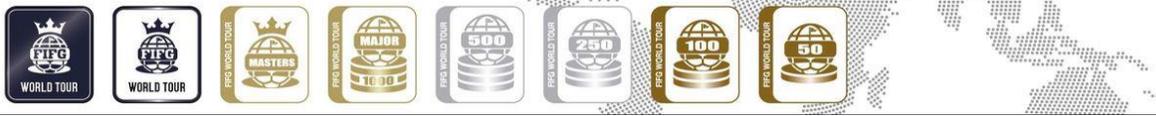
In order to be part of the World Tour ranking, players need to:

- **Become a member of the FIFG World Tour under its [country organization](#).**
- To play **FIFG 50 / FIFG 100 / FIFG 250 / FIFG 500 / FIFG MAJOR** World Tour competitions, **players must be affiliated to the FIFG Member in their Country** of birth or permanent residency and **hold a World Tour license: Euros 20.**
 - Players from non-FIFG countries **must contact the FIFG directly** and register as a [Guest Player](#).
 - **World Tour License is required** for any tournament with FIFG Ranking points.
- Registration for the World Tour will be **open all year** round. A players ranking will be activated after they obtain World Tour license. Tournaments prior to activation will not count.
- If a player’s situation is not completely clear in terms of registration, or any sort of penalty, he will be able to present a query to the FIFG committee in order to perform an analysis of the situation for proper arbitration.

POINTS AWARDED – 92% SCALE

ALL positions **will be awarded 92% of the points** received by the preceding position.

	FIFG 50	FIFG 100	FIFG 250	FIFG 500	FIFG 1000
1ST	50	100	250	500	1000
2ND	46	92	230	460	920
3RD	42	85	212	423	846
4TH	39	78	195	389	779
5TH	36	72	179	358	716
6th	33	66	165	330	659
7th	30	61	152	303	606
8th	28	56	139	279	558
9th	26	51	128	257	513
10th	24	47	118	236	472



ONLY first three places points are not shared. There should be a tie breaker to define the Top three in each tournament.

TIE BREAKER

In case of a tie, in addition to the first, second and third place, the cash and prize positions will tie break on the course. All players involved in a tie will be awarded the average number of points of the positions they would take in case of a playoff. (E.g. If three players tie in 10th position, these players would eventually be in positions 10, 11 and 12. The number of points for these three positions will be added and divided by 3 and this score will be awarded to the three players.)

For all FIFG tournaments (**MAJORS / FIFG 500 / FIFG 250 / FIFG 100 / FIFG 50**), the **playoff** will be played on a **minimum of one hole and a maximum of three holes for the title**. If the players are still tied after the playoff, there will be a **penalty shootout** (five putts/players from a minimum of 5 meters and a maximum of 11 meters) followed by a **sudden death penalty shootout** if necessary.

If for any reason (climate conditions, lack of sunlight, safety, etc.) **the playoff cannot take place**, the organizer and marshal will proceed this way:

1. 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions will be decided by the **last 18 holes** (final day) for a 36- or 54 or more-holes tournament, or by the **back 9 for 18 holes** tournament.
2. If there is tie again, the **last 6 holes** will be taken into consideration
3. then the **last 3 holes**.
4. then the **last hole**.
5. If there is a tie after that, the organizer must split the money and a coin toss should determine the winner.

CASH PRIZES

The cash prize must be paid as soon as possible and PREFERABLY right after the event. A **maximum period of 30 days** is fixed to execute the payment. Furthermore, only effective **real money can be used to pay** the cash prize. The organizing country will receive a USD 500 penalty if they do not comply with this rule. Players should receive the exact amount of the prize, commission should be absorbed by organizer. If an organizer knows that he won't be able to pay within 30 days he **MUST** communicate that before opening the registration so players are aware of that situation.

FLIGHTS



Organizers must make everything possible to set up flights of 4 players.

In **FIFG 250 / FIFG 500 / FIFG MAJOR** tournaments, the flights for the first round have to be **drawn on the day before the tournament at 10pm at the latest**. The draw must be made either live on internet either in front of World Tour officials or in front of a minimum of five players representing three different countries.

As much as possible, a maximum of three players from the same country should play in the same flight. From the second round, there is no limit for players from the same country. The organizers must publish the starting list on the official tournament website and/or send it by e-mail to all the players.

BAD WEATHER

If weather conditions force the organizer to suspend the tournament, full points will still be allocated and the result based on the number of completed rounds if the total number of holes played is at least 50% of the total number of holes.

Before the game, if for any reason (flooding, animal damages, etc.) a hole is declared unplayable, it has to be replaced by another similar hole (same par, similar distance) or cancelled. If more than three holes are declared unplayable, then the entire course could be considered as unplayable and therefore the round may be cancelled.

If this happens during the game (flooding, animal damages, etc.), the tournament director has the authority to make the decision to cancel the hole and give all the player the score of the par. If more than three holes are declared unplayable during the game, the entire course could be considered as unplayable and the general rules of bad weather applies.

COURSE

The **PAR** must be fixed somewhere between **66 and 74**, it should be set in a way to be a real and coherent reference for the players.

The designer must take natural weather conditions (strong wind or heavy rain) in consideration when he designs in order to prevent unplayable holes. He also has the responsibility to design a course that assure a decent pace of play for the players, especially when setting the pin position.

It is the responsibility of the designer and tournament director **to set DROP ZONES** and objects to reach ball easily, on the holes which can represent a danger for the pace of play (if there is a big water obstacle to cross for example).

RETROSPECTIVE PENALTY

If any player is penalized, the leaderboard will be updated and **any prize money or award must be returned to the organizer** to be re-allocated to the corresponding players after the



tournament is over. The time limit for any penalization is set on 1 month after the tournament has finalized.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Players should **clearly understand the terms and conditions** of each competition before they register for the event.

BLUEGOLF

In 2020, BlueGolf will be the new console used by the FIFG for the Regional and World Tour rankings. Furthermore, BlueGolf scoring system needs to be used in order to update the respective rankings. It can also be used for live scoring and player statistics.

FOR MAJOR

- Organizers save **165 spots** to the following players:
 - **50** best national ranked players
 - **80** spots in MEN category for the TOP 80 players on the previous year WT ranking.
 - **20** spots in SENIOR category for the TOP 20 players on the previous year WT ranking.
 - **15** spots in WOMEN category for the TOP 15 players on the previous year WT ranking.

Those spots are saved for those players **30 days** after the registration process begins. If the national ranked players are also ranked in the TOP 80 players of the WT 2019, the spots available go to the following player in the WT 2019 ranking (81st, then 82nd,...)

FOR FIFG 500

- Organizers save **165 spots** to the following players:
 - **50** best national ranked players
 - **70** spots in MEN category for the TOP 80 players on the previous year WT ranking
 - **20** spots in SENIOR category for the TOP 20 players on the previous year WT ranking
 - **15** spots in WOMEN category for the TOP 15 players on the previous year WT ranking

Those spots are saved for those players **20 days** after the registration process begins. If the national ranked players are also ranked in the TOP 70 players of the WT 2019, the spots available go to the following player in the WT 2019 ranking (71st, then 72nd,...)



FOR FIFG 250

- Maximum number of the players on the tournament:
 - 220 if there is only one course
 - 350 if there is more than one course
- Organizers save **165 spots** to the following players:
 - **50** best national ranked players
 - **60** spots in MEN category for the TOP 80 players on the previous year WT ranking
 - **20** spots in SENIOR category for the TOP 20 players on the previous year WT ranking
 - **15** spots in WOMEN category for the TOP 15 players on the previous year WT ranking

Those spots are saved for those players **10 days** after the registration process begins. If the national ranked players are also ranked in the TOP 60 players of the WT 2019, the spots available go to the following player in the WT 2019 ranking (61st, then 62nd,...)

BUDGET & FUNDING STRUCTURE

FIFG has eliminated the mandatory cash prizes for 250 and 500 tournaments, as this regulation prevented some countries to host these important tournaments mainly due to budget concerns. This new requirement does not impede those countries that want to offer cash prizes in its tournaments anyway. In other words, the prize money for these and any other tournaments does not disappear, but it is no longer mandatory.

Moreover, each country should pay for the right to host any World Tournament:

- 500 dollars for 250s
- 1.000 dollars for 500s
- 1.500 dollars for Majors + a mandatory cash purse of USD 7.500

This money (an estimated of USD 35.000) will be assigned to the Masters and the Top players of the World Tour as cash prizes and also to cover part of the extra costs that the hosting country may have. This budget not only allows FIFG to reward its best players from each different region, but also represents a substantial reduction compared to the mandatory cash purse for 250 and 500 tournaments model.



Distribution

WT & Regional Tours Prizes

WORLD TOUR			
POSITION	MEN	SENIOR	WOMEN
1	2200	950	700
2	2000	700	500
3	1500	400	300
4	1100	330	
5	800	200	
6	650		
7	500		
8	400		
9	300		
10	200		
	9650	2580	1500
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REGIONALS				
WINNER	MEN	4	900	3600
WINNER	SENIOR	4	750	3000
WINNER	WOMEN	4	600	2400
				9000

Masters (*)

Prizes, venue, organization: 13,000

(*) Masters organization and format will be defined by the national organization hosting the Major. FIFG estimates that two additional competition days will be added to the Major schedule. Important note: The Major and the Masters will be two separate events.



FIFG WORLD CUP 2020 QUALIFIERS

The following positions in the final ranking will receive a direct entry and consequently open new spots for their FIFG Member Country.

World Tour Ranking:

- Men Category: Top 10
- Senior Category: Top 5
- Women Category: Top 3

Regional Ranking:

- Men Category: Top 3 per region
- Senior Category: Top 1 per region
- Women Category: Top 1 per region

Important Note: Rankings cut for the world cup qualification is August 31st, 2020. This means that the world cup qualification spots will be assigned based on the partial positions due to the mentioned date.

If a player that has already qualified to the World Cup earns a spot on the current year rankings, that spot will be relocated to the next player in the list within the same ranking.

FIFG TOURNAMENTS CATEGORIZATION

FIFG-50

These tournaments can also be part of national tours and Regional Rankings, any player can participate in these competitions. However, only players affiliated to FIFG Member Countries will receive World Tour's cash purses and ranking points. Guest players cannot play in the same flight as affiliated players.



Each FIFG-50 tournament should:

- Be played on a **Golf or FootGolf course** and follow FIFG rules
- Be played **on a 9 hole or 18 hole** FootGolf course
- Be played over a **minimum of one round of 18 holes**
- **Mandatory FIFG World Tour license**
- Have at least **one head marshal**
- No downgrade is applicable.



- Expect a minimum of 15 players in Men category (*)
- Expect a minimum of 3 players in SENIOR category (*)
- Expect a minimum of 3 players in WOMEN category (*)

(*) The FIFG will monitor the Country organizers to meet the expected criteria and may sanction the Organizers (not allowing future tournaments) if the criteria is not met.

FIFG-100

These tournaments can also be part of national tours and Regional Rankings, any player can participate in these competitions. However, only players affiliated to FIFG Member Countries will receive World Tour's cash purses and ranking points. Guest players cannot play in the same flight as affiliated players.

Each FIFG-100 tournament should:

- Be played on a **Golf or FootGolf course** and follow FIFG rules
- Be played **on a 9 hole or 18 hole** FootGolf course
- Be played over a **minimum of one round** of 18 holes
- **Mandatory FIFG World Tour license**
- Have at least **one head marshal**
- No downgrade is applicable.
- Expect a minimum of 18 players in Men category (*)
- Expect a minimum of 3 players in SENIOR category (*)
- Expect a minimum of 3 players in WOMEN category (*)

(*) The FIFG will monitor the Country organizers to meet the





expected criteria and may sanction the Organizers (not allowing future tournaments) if the criteria is not met.

FIFG-250

These tournaments can also be part of other tours such as national tours and will form part of both Regional and World Tour. Affiliated players from any official FIFG Member Country may participate in these competitions if they own a World Tour license.

Each FIFG-250 tournament should:

- Be played on a **Golf or FootGolf course** and follow FIFG rules
- Be played **on 9 or 18 hole** FootGolf course
- **Have no golf players** during the FootGolf competition on the same course
- Be played over a **minimum of one round** of 18 holes
- **Mandatory FIFG World Tour license**
- **Mandatory practice** must be available **before the first round** of competition
- Have at least **one head marshal**
- Organizer **should provide** a minimum of 1 liter of water / player / round
- **Live scoring** system **must be done** all the competition days
- No downgrade is applicable.
- Expect a minimum of 35 players in Men category (*)
- Expect a minimum of 5 players in SENIOR category (*)
- Expect a minimum of 3 players in WOMEN category (*)





(*) The FIFG will monitor the Country organizers to meet the expected criteria and may sanction the Organizers (not allowing future tournaments) if the criteria is not met.

FIFG-500

These tournaments can be part of other tours such as national tours, regional tours and World Tour. Players from any official FIFG Member Country may participate in these competitions if they own a World Tour license.

Each FIFG-500 tournament should:

- Be played on a **Golf or FootGolf course** and follow FIFG rules
- Be played **on a 18 hole** FootGolf course
- **Have no golf players** during the FootGolf competition on the same course
- Be played over a **minimum of two competition days** of 18 holes each (36 holes in total)
- **Mandatory FIFG World Tour license**
- **Mandatory practice** must be played the **day before** the first round of competition
- Have at least **one head marshal**
- Have to provide the **warming area:** putting and approach distance minimum
- Organizer **should provide** a minimum of 1 liter of water / player / round
- **Live scoring system must be done** all the competition day
- **No downgrade applicable**
- Expect a minimum of 50 players in Men category (*)





- Expect a minimum of 8 players in SENIOR category (*)
- Expect a minimum of 4 players in WOMEN category (*)

(*) The FIFG will monitor the Country organizers to meet the expected criteria and may sanction the Organizers (not allowing future tournaments) if the criteria is not met.

Major - FIFG-1000

These tournaments can be part of other tours such as national tours, regional tours, and so on. Players from any official FIFG Member Country may participate in these competitions if they own a World Tour license.

Majors should:

- Be played on a **Golf or FootGolf course** and follow FIFG rules
- Be played **on a 18 hole** FootGolf course
- **Have no golf players** during the FootGolf competition on the same course
- Be played over a **minimum of three** competition days of 18 holes each (54 holes in total)
- **Mandatory World Tour license**
- **Mandatory practice** must be played the **day before** the first round of competition
- Have at least **two head marshals**
- Have to provide the **warming area:** putting and approach distance minimum
- **Total prize money** should be no less than **USD 7,500**
- **Team competition cash purse** – 20% of the cash purse – **USD 1,500**





- **SENIOR & WOMEN cash purse** based on the remaining money after taking team cash purse from the total pool. Cash purse related to the percentage of the participating players with a maximum 25% each category, which means **maximum USD 1,875 cash prize** in these categories (if the total prize is USD 7,500)
- Cash purse for the following position are:
 - - **MINIMUM the cost of the green fee** in MEN category for the 10th position
 - - **MINIMUM USD 1.000** for the winner **MEN**
 - - **MINIMUM USD 350** for the winner in **SENIOR**
 - - **MINIMUM USD 350** for the winner in **WOMEN**
- Organizer **should provide** a minimum of 1 liter of water / player / round
- **Live scoring system must be done** all the competition days
- **No downgrade applicable**
- Expect a minimum of 70 players in Men category (*)
- Expect a minimum of 10 players in SENIOR category (*)
- Expect a minimum of 5 players in WOMEN category (*)

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TOURNAMENT RATING AND EVALUATION

During the four upcoming years, every main tournament will be rated and evaluated both by players and FIGF officials to have a clear view of the quality of each tournament. The target is to have a tournament organization “ranking” after that period.

- **By the players**
After every high tournament category (FIGF 250 / FIGF 500 / FIGF MAJOR), the **players will receive a form** to fill out in order **to evaluate the tournament** they have just played. They will have two weeks to complete it and if a player fails to complete the evaluation form three times during the year, he or she will be penalized by 50 points in the WT ranking at the end of the season.
- **By the Officials**
Any **World Tour official** can **rate a tournament** he or she attended. Furthermore, players will be named as representatives of the field. These players are also considered as WT officials and will take part in the discussion with the WT committee in order to rate and discuss a tournament.

THE MASTERS 2020

The Masters is a tournament that will be played every year with the best National, Regional and World Tour players of 2020.

For the Men Category, the Top players from each Region (10 Region 1 + 10 Region 2 + 20 Region 3 + 10 Region 4) + the Top 30 players from the World Ranking.

For the Senior Category, the Top players from each Region (3 Region 1 + 3 Region 2 + 5 Region 3 + 3 Region 4) + the Top 10 players from the World Ranking.

For the Women Category, the Top players from each Region (3 Region 1 + 3 Region 2 + 5 Region 3 + 3 Region 4) + the Top 10 players from the World Ranking.

On top of these players, each member country can send 1 player (National Champion or Representative) from any category.

This tournament will take place in parallel with one of the Major tournaments of the following year (rotating every year among the 4 Regions) in order to take advantage of the organizing structure, logistics, etc. The first MASTERS will be in 2021.

A 36 holes competition + playoffs is suggested as competition model, but the Country organizer will work the details and get approval from the FIGF Board.



PLAYER CONDUCT

Players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by acting with integrity, showing consideration to others, and taking good care of the course. **The organizers and head marshal have authority to disqualify a player for any serious misconduct** that is contrary to the spirit of the game and in accordance with FIFG or local tournament rules.

IMPORTANT WARNING

The use of alcohol, illegal drugs and smoking are STRICTLY PROHIBITED at FIFG official competitions. Players must be respectful, and organizers reserve the right to remove a player from the competition at any time for any reason.

ORGANISER CONDUCT

Organizers must report the name of the Tournament Director and the name of the Head Marshals before the beginning of the competition. Each organizer has the authority to adopt their own Code of Conduct for their tournaments if it still respects the FIFG rulebook guidelines about etiquette and behavior.

FIFG WORLD TOUR LOGO USAGE

Players must request the FIFG World Tour 2020 logo for their FIFG Member Country. The FIFG World Tour 2020 logo must be used in conjunction with the logo of the national organization (FIFG Member Country).

If authorization is not given, players are not allowed to use the national organization logo on their uniform. Uniforms with FIFG Member/World Tour Logos combination can be used to compete in FIFG World Tour/FIFG Member Countries events only. Reported players will lose their points on that specific tournament. Each FIFG Member Country is responsible for providing authorization and the correct file to players.

**FOOTGOLF LOGOS NOT ASSOCIATED TO THE FIFG ARE PROHIBITED.
SANCTION COULD POTENTIALLY REACH PLAYER DISQUALIFICATION.**

FIFG WORLD TOUR CONTACT

All players and organizers must contact the FIFG World Tour committee by email. This is the only official way to submit a topic to the board.



Official email address: wt@fifg.org

