

# TORO TOUR RULES



## ABOUT

The TORO TOUR shall be under the management and control of the Tournament Committee, whose decisions on all matters relating to the tournaments will be final.

## PARTICIPANTS

The competition is open to all golfers in possession of the corresponding golf license from the Royal Spanish Golf Federation or a handicap certificate from their countries golf federation. Eligible players are PRO's or amateurs with a maximum handicap of 9.0 on the day of registration.

## CATEGORIES

- Category 1: PRO (Men + Women\* + Seniors\*)
- Category 2: Amateurs (Amateur WAGR Men + Women\*)
- Category 3: Seniors\*

If less than 8 amateur women play in a WAGR tournament, they will be added to the men's WAGR category to ensure their points.

\*Distance reduction for Women + Seniors following PGA recognition

## TOURNAMENTS AND REGISTRATION

Players can sign up for tournaments online on the Toro Tour [www.torotour.com](http://www.torotour.com) website or per e-mail to [info@torotour.com](mailto:info@torotour.com)

## PAYMENT AND TOURNAMENT ENTRY CONFIRMATION

Final tournament entry confirmation is done, when the tournament entry amount has been paid and received in full as cleared funds. Entry fees must be paid at least 3 days before the tournament starts. Otherwise we cannot guarantee you a spot. Please keep a printed receipt for your records of all online transactions.

## ENTRY & ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are published on the website [www.torotour.com](http://www.torotour.com).

Entries for each tournament close at 12.00h, 3 days prior to the first tournament day. If spots are still available after this time players must directly contact the Toro Tour e-mail [info@torotour.com](mailto:info@torotour.com). Entry deadline will be extended if a position is still available for those not already entered.

## PRACTICE ROUNDS

Players can book practice rounds directly at the golf course for a special rate.

## WAGR

The WAGR events will be played under the official WAGR rules. Players are responsible to inform themselves about actual WAGR rules.

## MEMBERSHIP

No membership required.

### **PRIZES FOR AMATEURS**

Non-cash items for the amateur category winners 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### **PRIZE MONEY**

€ 100 per full paying registered player goes into the pro prize fund. Based on 50 full paying players the prize fund will be 5'000 Euro for the Pro's (after 01.01.22 amateurs are allowed to win prize money up to \$1000). Players who get free entries are not counted as full paying players. The Toro Tour apply the following prize money break down\*

Ranking	%
1	22
2	16
3	13
4	10
5	9
6	8
7	7
8	6
9	5
10	4

\* If less than 10 pros playing in one event, the prize money break down will not be changed and only the defined percentages will be paid out. Players cannot appeal this decision. If less than 30 players registered, for an event, the Toro Tour is free to decide additional prize fund contribution paid in credits for future event entries.

### **SPONSORING MONEY**

If sponsoring money will be obtained for an event, additional prize money will be paid to the Pro's.

### **PRIZE CEREMONY**

The 3 best PRO players and the 3 top amateurs have to attend the prize giving ceremony.

### **TAXES**

Players have agreed when registering and booking that they are responsible for their own withholding and income tax or VAT in the country where the tournament is being played (if applicable) and also in their own respective countries. The prize money will be paid by bank transfer after the event, players must provide accurate IBAN and SWIFT code information to the Toro Tour tournament office. For prize money pay out, players are asked to send an invoice addressed to

Royal Sports GmbH  
Schlosspark 5  
8565 Hugelshofen  
Switzerland

stating that all value-added and other taxes will be paid on the players behalf.

### **DISTANCE ALLOWANCE**

The PGA recognized 13%-15% distance reduction rule for female players and 3 -10% reduction for senior players (aged 50 and over) for all events. Toro Tour will assess each venue and decide on an appropriate distance reduction for each category which will reflect the length and difficulty of the course.

## **TOURNAMENT CUT**

Cut after two played rounds if more than 39 players: 60% of the players will play the third round. If one round needs to be cancelled by unforeseen occurrences (weather, etc.), the Toro Tour organization committee will decide if a cut will be applied or not.

## **WITHDRAWAL OR CANCELLATION POLICY**

Withdrawal from a tournament must be made in any case by e-mail: [info@torotour.com](mailto:info@torotour.com).

The following penalty fees apply:

Cancellations made before 14 days of the tournament start: 100% refund

Cancellations between 7 - 13 days of the tournament start: 50% refund

Cancellations with medical certificate made before 7 days of the tournament start: 100% refund

Cancellations made less than 7 days before tournament start: no refund

If you have to cancel your participation due to Covid, no refund can be paid to the player.

All bank, credit card or paypal fees will be deducted from all repayments.

## **CADDY**

Caddies are allowed. No Golf shoes are to be worn by caddies. During a competition, caddies are not allowed to give any advises or take decisions regarding golf rules. A player can be disqualified by serious misconduct of his/her caddie. In special cases, the organization committee has to right to not admit certain caddies.

## **RULES**

The competition will be played according to the golf rules applied by the R&A and USGA. Tournament conditions, local Golf Course rules and additional rules put into force by the committee will apply.

## **GPS – LASER YARDAGE**

The use of GPS and laser devices are permitted during all rounds. Devices with slope and height measures are NOT permitted.

## **SCORECARDS**

Immediately after the round is completed, the scorecards must be returned at the recording area. If a scorecard is not returned within 30 minutes after the completion of the round the player will be disqualified.

## **TEE TIMES**

If possible, Tee-Off times will be announced no later than 20:00 at the day prior to the tournament.

## **CONDUCT-MISCONDUCT**

Criticism of the course, sponsor, tour or tournament committee will be subject to a fine of minimum €100. Any complaints shall be addressed to the tournaments director only. Improper behavior on the course will incur a fine of minimum €100. Rules officials, Tournament Director and fellow competitors have the right to report breach of conduct. The decision rests with the Tournament Director.

### **SLOW PLAY**

To include all players who were timed because they may be playing slowly. Players are now only allowed 40 seconds for a tee shot, except on Par 3's where they have 50 seconds for the first player only. Second shots stay as before. Please also check the Pace of Play rules which will be sent to the players. The Organization Committee is allowed to give penalty strokes to players due to slow play.

### **ORDER OF MERIT**

3 different order of merits will get prizes after 18 played events:

OOM Pros (men & women mixed)

OOM Amateurs (men & women mixed)

OOM Seniors (men & women mixed)

At least 10 players are needed per category per season that the order or merit prizes can be paid out or handed over to the winners. The prizes to win of the different OOMs are published on our website. The sponsors can change their offered prizes for the different OOM owing to hotel capacity. OOM prizes can be adapted during the season by the Toro Tour committee.

### **ADJUSTMENTS**

Toro Tour has the right to make any adjustment or amendment to its rules and regulations or any tournament playing conditions that it deems to be necessary without limitation, the player fully accepts this.

### **EXCLUSION FROM PLAY**

The Tournament Committee may exclude players or caddies from tournaments without giving a reason.

### **COACHING DURING TOURNAMENTS**

No coaching allowed during the tournament.

### **REDUCTION OF ROUNDS**

The Toro Tour staff will make every effort to complete all rounds of the tournament as scheduled. Occasionally, some circumstances such as bad weather or lack of daylight do not allow the completion of rounds. An event to be considered as official, all players must complete a minimum of 18 holes. If rounds have to be cancelled due to bad weather conditions, Covid restrictions or another "Force Majeur", no refund will be paid to the players. The player also cannot insist to play cancelled rounds after the event because he paid the registration fees.

### **COVID-19 RULES**

Participants have to follow the Covid-19 rules from the Royal Andalusia Golf Federation which are published on the TORO TOUR website.