

# 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 elite amateurs.

## CATEGORIES

Category 1: PRO (Men + Women\* + Seniors\*)

Category 2: Amateurs (Amateur WAGR Men + Women\*)

Category 3: Seniors\* or Ladies\*

If less than 8 amateur women play in a WAGR tournament, they will be a mixed WAGR ranking.

\*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. Players who confirmed payment and participation, played an event and finally did not pay will get a DQ because of fraud and acting against the Toro Tour rules.

## ENTRY & ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are published on the website [www.torotour.com](http://www.torotour.com). Entries for each tournament close at 20:00h, 2 days prior to the first tournament day. If spots are still available after the registration closed, players must directly contact the Toro Tour e-mail [info@torotour.com](mailto:info@torotour.com).

## PRACTICE ROUNDS

Practice rounds are not included in registration fees. But players can book practice rounds directly at the golf course for an exclusive Toro Tour rate.

## WAGR & EGR

The WAGR & EGR events will be played under the R&A rules. Players are responsible to inform themselves about actual rules. In order to become a WAGR Ranked Player, a player must achieve a finish position earning at least 6.5 ranking points in an event. The Power of events in WAGR® is determined based on the ranking of all the players who make up the field. Ranked WAGR players will get the points according to the strength of the field. For special WAGR inquiries send an e-mail to [info@torotour.com](mailto:info@torotour.com).

## MEMBERSHIP

No membership required. But members get benefits and special support during their stay from the Toro Tour team.

## PRIZES FOR AMATEURS

Since 01.01.22 amateurs are allowed to win prize money up to £700 per event. If you play for a college team in the NCAA, please get in touch with us before the event starts that we can explain you the special rules.

## PRIZE MONEY

**Normally € 100 per full paying player** goes into the players' prize fund. Based on 50 full paying players the prize fund will be 5'000 Euro.

Players who won free entries from other events or players which are invited by the golf clubs are not counted as full paying players and their registration does not count for the prize fund. For example: 60 players including 2 invites = € 5'800.- total prize fund. At some events, Toro Tour adds a special U16 junior class. These players do not contribute to the prize fund. The prize fund will be announced before the event starts.

The Toro Tour informs the winners in the following 7 days after each event about the effective prize fund and paid out prize money. Prize money will be paid out twice a month. We apply the following prize money break down if we have 21 and more players in the field.

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

For field sizes under 33 players, Toro Tour can adjust the pay out only pay out the first 4 - 8 over all ranked players.

## SPONSORING MONEY

If sponsoring money will be obtained for an event, additional prize money will be paid.

## PRIZE CEREMONY

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

## TAXES

Our business is legally run by a registered company. 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 after the event, players must provide an invoice with accurate IBAN and SWIFT code information to the Toro Tour tournament office.

### **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 might be applied if Toro Tour does not get enough tee times for day 3 of an event. Normally there won't be a cut if less than 39 players are registered. If round 1 or 2 needs to be cancelled by unforeseen occurrences (weather, etc.), there won't be no cut. Players will be informed before the event start in case a cut would be applied.

### **WITHDRAWAL OR CANCELLATION POLICY**

Withdrawal from a tournament must be made in any case by the player himself and officially by e-mail: info@torotour.com. The following penalty fees apply:

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

Cancellations between 5 - 13 days of the tournament start: 80% refund

Cancellations made less than 3 -5 days before tournament start: 50% refund

Cancellations made less than 3 days before tournament start: no refund

**We charge for every cancellation an additional administration fee of €30.**

If you have to cancel your participation due an injury 1- 13 days before the event starts and a doctors' certificate can be presented, the registration fee can be used for another Toro Tour entry. All bank, credit card or paypal fees will be deducted from all repayments or refunds due to cancellation.

### **CADDY**

Caddies are allowed. During a competition, caddies are not allowed to give any advises or take decisions regarding golf rules. A golf coach is allowed to caddie for a player but not allowed to give advises or caddie for different players during one tournament round. In special cases, the organization committee has the right to not admit certain caddies if they disrupt the pace of play. A player can be disqualified by misconduct of his/her caddie.

### **RULES**

The competition will be played according to the golf rules applied by the R&A, NCAA and Andalusian Golf Federation. 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. Players get codes and are asked to put in their scores in the Golfbox scoring system during the event.

### **TEE TIMES**

If possible, Tee-Off times will be announced no later than 20:00 at the day prior to the tournament. If tee times must be postponed due to weather conditions, players must stick to their new tee times. The committee can re-group players to ensure that rounds can be played or finished.

### **ORDER OF MERIT**

OOM is published on website based on prize money wins.

### **CONDUCT-MISCONDUCT**

Improper behavior on the course, before or after a tournament will incur a fine of €100 up to €500 followed by sudden DQ of the player. Criticism of the course, sponsor, event or tour committee will be subject to a fine of at least €100. Any complaints shall be addressed to the tour director. Rules officials, tour responsible and other competitors are allowed to report breach of conduct. The decision rests with the Toro Tour owners.

### **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.

### **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.