

## 2.9 Tournament approval for minigolf courses



### 1. General

- 1.1 The approval procedure has the agreed target to assure a high level of minigolf sport facilities worldwide.
- 1.2 The inspection of the courses for tournament approval is given to the hands of WMF active members and has to be implemented on a high level of responsibility. On one hand the active members and the WMF bodies have the clear goal to spread minigolf worldwide and on the other hand all active members have to respect the sport sense of our organisation handling this approval system in the right way.
- 1.3 All minigolf courses worldwide, where are played any national or international minigolf tournaments within the organisation of WMF and the active members, have to be approved following these rules.
- 1.4 Only courses, which fit to the general worldwide international sport rules including the system-specific sport rules and the homologation conditions of WMF can be approved as tournament courses.
- 1.5 Each active member is responsible for the inspection of the courses for tournament approval of all minigolf courses in the own territory and has hereby to guarantee a controlled tournament standard. All course owners or course builders have the right, that the course is inspected by the WMF active member concerned. The active member has to make sure, that the spirit of minigolf sport with fair and calculable conditions can take place on the base of a nationwide organisation.

### 2. Registration procedure and approval plate

- 2.1 The minigolf course concerned has to be inspected by an authorized person of the responsible active member.
- 2.2 For the inspection procedure has to be used
  - A the general approval form of WMF
  - B the detailed form according to the system, which has to be approved (concrete, miniaturegolf, feltgolf, MOS)

- 2.3 The filled and signed form is sent by the active member to the WMF Sport Director, who checks and finally approves the course concerned for tournaments under consideration of the current worldwide international sport rules, the system-specific sport regulations as well as the homologation rules. Even if the inspection of the course by the active member leads to a negative result the approval form has to be sent to WMF Sport Director.
- 2.4 The active members have to make sure, that they have taken all legal steps in consideration, that the data on the official forms can be stored, digitally registered and used for internal purposes by WMF and continental federations.
- 2.5 The sport director organizes, that an approval plate is sent to the owner of the approved course directly or through the active member. The plate shows the WMF-logo, the WMF-website, the term "approved minigolf course", the course address, the minigolf system and the date of last approval on an individual sticker.
- 2.6 An approval of a permanent minigolf course is valid 3 years from approval date + until the end of the calendar year of the expiry date. For exceptions on temporary and moved courses see chapters 3.4 and 3.5.

The prolongation procedure for all approved courses has to be arranged by the active members. Prolongation of approval for all courses has to be organized latest 3 years after the last inspection. For prolonged courses with current expiry date in the middle of a calendar year the next prolongation is valid 3 years + until the end of the calendar year of the new expiry date. The courses concerned have to be announced to WMF Sport Director immediately after the inspection.

If the prolongation of approval is organized after the expiration of the valid approval, the course will be handled as prolonged as long the prolongation of approval takes place not later than two years from the expiration. If the prolongation of approval takes place more than two years after the expiration, it will not be considered as prolongation. In such case it will be handled as new approval for old course.

- 2.7 The fees for tournament approval are listed in the WMF charge catalogue. Its up to the active member to charge an additional national fee for the approval procedure.

### **3. Approval of existing and new minigolf tournament courses**

- 3.1 Minigolf courses, which are built before 01.01.2006, have to be approved for tournaments by the active members until 31.12.2007.
- 3.2 Minigolf courses, which are built after 31.12.2005, have to be approved for tournaments by the active members before playing tournaments on it.

- 3.3** If 6 or more lanes of a course are exchanged within a period of three years, this course is handled in the same way as a course which is built after 31.12.2005.
- 3.4** If a course is installed for max. two years only (e.g. due to championships or other events), it is handled as temporary course. If competitions are played on a temporary course in the third year of existence at same location, the course will be handled as permanent course and an additional fee will be charged.
- 3.5** If an approved course is moved from the original to a new location, it will be handled as moved course and a fee for moved course will be charged.

#### **4. Approval for international championships**

For international championships the courses have to be approved under the supervision of the WMF technical committee latest 12 months before the championship itself.