

Official rule interpretation

Answers on questions of WMF active members and general rule clarifications
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2.15 *It is not permitted to make any changes to the lanes*

The term “changes to the lane” means e.g.:
Heating a lane with a heating bag is not allowed by the current rules as it must be seen as changing the lane. Cleaning a lane is allowed, but adding of any additional substances is prohibited.

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5.1 *Uniform team clothing from the waist upwards and sports shoes are required.*

Regarding jeans the WMF Technical Committee and WMF board stated:
Minigolf sport has to develop on different fields. One field is the appearance of minigolf generally and especially at our most important events. The rules at the moment say, that teams have to be uniform from the waist upwards. That means not automatically that from the waist down it is free what you wear.
To avoid any misunderstanding the WMF TC discussed this matter in the meeting February 2008 and came to the result to integrate following additional sentence in the official invitations for international championships.
Each player and coach has to wear sports shoes, sports hats and uniform team sports clothing appropriate for minigolf.

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9.3 *...In sudden-death play-offs the starting player will alternate after the first lane. The playing order on the first lane of a regular sudden-death playoff will be decided by coin flip or other appropriate method of casting lots....*

The winner of the coin flip or other casting of lots has the first right to choose his/her position in the playing order on the first lane of the sudden-death.

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15.11, French lines 2 and 4

...the composition of the pairings of the two players concerned remains unchanged until the end of that part of the tournament, where on decision of the head referee a rebuilding of pairings by the organizer is technically possible.

“Technically possible” means that the substitute who is brought in has a right to a minimum break of 15 minutes between ending the previous round on the substitute position and starting

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17.4 *Carrying of alcoholic beverages/food as well as smoking are forbidden during official practice and competition hours on the course for all participants of a tournament.*

“Smoking” means here also the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes).

2.4. System-specific rules concrete

Explanation to the border line rule on lanes 5, 12, 13 and 14

The border line on these lanes is positioned at the end of last obstacle (stone or another object with regular or irregular shape). It is possible that a ball returning from the direction of the target circle hits the rear edge of these objects, then returning again to the direction of the circle.

When hitting the obstacle object the ball doesn't necessarily pass the border line in reverse direction. On the other hand it may pass the border line in reverse direction, if the object is for example an irregular stone, under which the ball may go, thus passing the border line at the end of the object.

In all cases the general rule regarding border lines is applied. This means that a ball passing the border line in reverse direction must be stopped and repositioned according to the general repositioning rules. A ball hitting the object, but not passing the border line is still in play and may not be stopped.

The refereeing committee must define unclear cases with said objects before the tournament.

2.8 Homologation rules for courses

1.2 *Playing area regarding miniaturegolf courses specifies the flat surface and straight, sloped and non-modelized plates only; obstacles (including double waves, bridge and middle hill) are not part of this definition and can be built - including frames - from different materials.*

The following applies to all course systems:

As it is not possible with simple definition to define “obstacles” as separation from “playing area”, for which materials to be used are homologated, WMF states that as long as the said parts of lanes are playable in calculable way, it is allowed to use other than homologated materials in their construction.

Such parts are for example (but not only) double waves, bridge, middle hill and target hill on miniaturegolf, uphill ramps of lanes 8, 15 and 18 on concrete as well as target bridge of örkelljunga, bridge and slope of Swedish ledge.

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2.6 *Players may only change clubs over national borders during a designated “transfer window”. This “transfer window” runs from December 1st to December 31st in any given year. The player becomes **entitled to play** for the club in the new active member on January 1st of the following year. Until receiving entitlement to play for the new club the player may continue for the previous club if the player is still a member there.*

Regarding entitlement to play for European Cup WMF TC states:
Due to different transfer windows and national rules in different active members it seems to be impossible to create a rule, which covers all cases. However a clear violation against the spirit of the current rules (e.g. transfer only for the Continental Cup and back after the Cup) will be punished. Decisions are taken by the responsible sport officer concerned.

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