



Terms and Conditions for the MGA Race to Makkah UK Event

1. General Information

- 1.1. The MGA Race to Makkah UK Event ("the Competition") is organised by the Muslim Golf Association (MGA).
- 1.2. Participation in the Competition constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions.
- 1.3. All competitions shall be played in accordance with the current Rules of Golf and Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by **R&A Rules Limited** and such **Local Rules** as shall be agreed by the MGA Championship Committee.
- 1.4. The Competition will be played using the **Stableford Scoring System** over multiple events. Participants' **best three scores** will count towards the final standings in an **Order of Merit** format.

2. Eligibility

- 2.1. The Competition is open to amateur golfers who comply with the Rules of Amateur Status.
- 2.2. Participants must possess a valid WHS Handicap Index issued by an authorised golf club, federation, or through the iGolf platform.
- 2.3. Players will compete in one of three handicap divisions:
 - Division 1: Handicap Index 0 - 8.4
 - Division 2: Handicap Index 8.5 - 14.4
 - Division 3: Handicap Index 14.5 - 24
- 2.3. A maximum handicap cap of 24 applies to all male participants. Players with a Handicap Index higher than 24 are eligible to participate but will have their handicap capped at 24 for the purposes of the competition.
- 2.4. **Handicap Changes and Divisions:**
 - Initial Division Assignment: A player's division will be determined based on their Handicap Index at the time of their first event in the MGA Race to Makkah season. Once assigned, the player will remain in that division for the entirety of the season for Order of Merit rankings purposes.
 - Tournament Day Handicap: On the day of each tournament, players will compete in the division corresponding to their current Handicap Index. If a player's Handicap Index changes (up or down) since their first event, they will compete in the appropriate division for that day's competition.



- Order of Merit Division Consistency: Regardless of any changes to a player's Handicap Index during the season, their Order of Merit points will continue to be recorded and ranked within the division they were originally assigned at their first event.
- **Example Scenario:** A player starts the season in Division 2 (Handicap Index 8.5–14.4). If their Handicap Index moves to 7.8 (Division 1 range), they will compete in Division 1 for the tournament but earn Order of Merit points in Division 2.
- Disputes: Any disputes related to divisions or Handicap Index changes will be resolved by the MGA Championship Committee, whose decision will be final.

2.5. To ensure fairness and competitiveness, participants must have completed at least 6 competition rounds between 18th April 2024 and 18th April 2025.

2.6. iGolf members must also meet the requirement of 6 competition rounds within the specified timeframe. If an iGolf player does not meet this requirement, they will automatically be placed in the Social Golf category, where they can participate in the event but will not be eligible for prizes or the Liwaa Cup. (Information about open competitions can be found at [Golf Empire.](#))

2.7. Note:

- It is the player's responsibility to ensure their Handicap Index on the WHS Platform is up to date. MGA accepts no responsibility for out-of-date Handicap Index calculations used for balloting or competition purposes.
- If there is a discrepancy between Handicap Indexes from England Golf and another authorised association, the lowest Handicap Index will be used.

2.8. All entries shall be subject to the approval of the MGA Championship Committee, which reserves the right to accept, refuse, or cancel an entry without providing a reason. The Committee's decision is final. Entry fees will be refunded where applicable.

3. Format and Scoring

3.1. Scoring System: Each event will use the Stableford Scoring System, in accordance with the Rules of Golf and any applicable Local Rules.

3.2. Qualifying Scores: Players will participate in multiple qualifying events, but only their best three Grand Prix ranking points (awarded based on their position in each event) will count toward their final position in the Order of Merit.

3.3. Determination of Rankings:

- A player's overall ranking in the Race to Makkah will be based on their Grand Prix ranking points, which are awarded based on their position in each qualifying event.
- Rankings will be calculated using the Grand Prix points from the player's best three qualifying events.
- The player with the highest total Grand Prix ranking points from their best three qualifying events will be declared the winner.

3.4 Tiebreaker for Event Rankings:



If two or more players achieve the same Stableford score on a given day, their rankings for that day will be decided as follows:

- Compare Stableford points on the **back 9 holes**.
- If still tied, compare Stableford points on the **last 6 holes**.
- If still tied, compare Stableford points on the **last 3 holes**.
- If still tied, the score on the **final hole** will decide.

4. Order of Merit Tiebreaking Formula

4.1. In the event of a tie in the Order of Merit standings, the following tiebreaking process will be applied in sequence:

- The participant with the most individual event wins during the season will be ranked higher.
- If tied on wins, the total Stableford points from all three qualifying rounds combined will decide.
- If still tied, the Stableford points from the most recent qualifying round will be considered.
- If still tied, the Stableford points from the second qualifying round will be used.
- If still tied, the Stableford points from the first qualifying round will decide.
- If still unresolved, the player with the lowest gross score in their best scoring round will be ranked higher.
- If a tie persists, the Competition Committee will resolve it with a coin toss

5. Code of Conduct

5.1. All participants must adhere to the MGA Code of Conduct, which sets minimum standards of behaviour during the Competition. Breaches include, but are not limited to:

- Failure to care for the course (e.g., not repairing pitch marks, failing to rake bunkers, or damaging equipment).
- Foul or abusive language.
- Disrespect towards players, referees, volunteers, or spectators.
- Misuse of social media (e.g., public criticism or excessive use during a round).
- Actions contrary to the spirit of the game.

5.2. Penalties for Breaches:

- First breach: Warning or general penalty.
- Second breach: General penalty.
- Subsequent breaches or serious misconduct: Disqualification.

5.3. Any penalties imposed will carry forward for the duration of the Competition. Actions by a caddie that breach the Code of Conduct will result in penalties being imposed on the player.

5.4. All decisions made by the Committee regarding breaches of conduct are final.



6. Prizes and Awards

6.1. Prizes will be awarded to the top performers in each handicap division based on the final Order of Merit standings.

6.2. All winners will be subjected to a review process before the final results are confirmed. This review can take place up to 48 hours after the initial awarding of results to ensure compliance with the competition rules.

6.3. Prizes may also be awarded for specific categories at individual events, subject to the Committee's discretion.

7. Trophies

7.1. Winners will hold their respective trophies for approximately **12 months** from the date of the competition.

7.2. Winners must ensure the trophy is available for presentation at the next event.

7.3. If the competition is not held the following year, the trophy must be returned to MGA for safekeeping.

7.4. Winners must engrave the trophy with their names using the same font and size as existing engraving before the next competition. Costs will be reimbursed upon receipt submission.

8. Handicap Verification, Compliance, and Score Review

8.1. MGA reserves the right to review and verify all scores and handicap records submitted by participants, both during and after the Competition, to ensure accuracy and fairness.

8.2. If significant discrepancies are identified between general play and competition scores—such as consistent differences exceeding typical patterns—MGA may:

- Request additional documentation or clarification from the participant.
- Adjust the participant's eligibility status.
- Disqualify the participant from the Competition if evidence suggests intentional manipulation or inaccuracies.

8.3. If evidence is found that a participant has manipulated their handicap or submitted inaccurate information to gain an unfair advantage, MGA reserves the right to:

- Withdraw any prizes, awards, or trophies won by the participant.
- Impose sanctions, including bans from future MGA competitions or events.

8.4. Participants agree to cooperate fully with any investigations and comply with MGA's decisions, which shall be final and binding.

8.5. MGA encourages all participants to maintain accurate and honest scoring records in accordance with the Rules of Handicapping and emphasises the importance of integrity in upholding the spirit of the Competition.



9. Appeals Process

9.1. Participants have the right to appeal any decision made by the MGA Championship Committee concerning disqualification, sanctions, or score verification.

9.2. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the MGA Championship Committee within 7 days of the decision being communicated.

9.3. The written appeal must include:

- A detailed explanation of the participant's position.
- Any relevant evidence or documentation supporting the appeal.

9.4. The MGA Championship Committee will review the appeal and may request additional information or clarification from the participant.

9.5. The Committee will deliver a final decision within 28 days of receiving the appeal. This decision will be final and binding.

9.6. MGA reserves the right to charge an administrative fee for appeals, which will be refunded if the appeal is upheld.

10. Entry Process and Fees

10.1. Entries must be submitted online through MGA's website or as otherwise instructed.

10.2. Participants must ensure their Handicap Index is accurate and up to date at the time of entry.

10.3. Entry fees are non-refundable except in cases where MGA cancels the Competition or specific events.

11. Withdrawals and Substitutions

11.1. Participants who wish to withdraw must notify MGA in writing.

11.2. No refunds will be issued for withdrawals.

11.3. In case of withdrawal, reserves may be invited to participate based on availability.

12. Inclement Weather and Force Majeure

12.1. If adverse weather or unforeseen circumstances prevent the completion of a qualifying event, MGA reserves the right to adjust the format or reschedule the event.

12.2. MGA is not liable for delays, cancellations, or disruptions caused by events beyond its reasonable control.

13. Liability

13.1. MGA and the host venues are not responsible for loss, damage, or injury sustained by participants or their property during the Competition.

14. Photography and Media

14.1. By participating, players consent to MGA using their name, image, and likeness for promotional purposes without compensation.



15. Attendance at the Final Event in Saudi Arabia

15.1. Invitation to the Final:

- The first-place winner of the MGA Race to Makkah UK Event will be invited to participate in the MGA World Championships final event held in Saudi Arabia.
- The invitation is non-transferable and applies only to the winner as determined by the Order of Merit standings.

15.2. Confirmation of Attendance:

- Winners must confirm their availability to attend within 14 days of being notified of the dates by MGA.
- Failure to confirm attendance within this timeframe will result in forfeiture of the invitation, and the opportunity will pass to the next eligible participant in the Order of Merit standings.

15.3. Travel Documentation and Visas:

- It is the responsibility of the invited participant to obtain all necessary travel documentation, including a valid passport, visas, and any other entry requirements for Saudi Arabia.
- MGA will provide guidance or supporting documentation (e.g., invitation letters) to assist with the visa application process but will not be liable for delays, refusals, or other issues related to obtaining travel documentation.
- Failure to secure the required documentation in time for the event will result in forfeiture of the invitation.

15.4. Expenses and Non-Attendance:

- MGA will cover specific expenses associated with participation in the final, such as travel and accommodation, as communicated to the participant. These benefits are non-transferable.
- If the participant is unable to attend, these benefits will not be transferable or redeemable.

15.5. Exceptional Circumstances:

- If the first-place winner cannot attend due to documented exceptional circumstances (e.g., health or emergencies), MGA reserves the right to review and make discretionary decisions regarding their standing and any associated benefits.

15.6. Next Eligible Participant:

- Should the first-place winner be unable to attend, the invitation will pass to the next eligible participant in the Order of Merit standings. The participant accepting the invitation will assume the title of MGA Race to Makkah UK Representative for the final in Saudi Arabia.

16. Final Decisions

16.1. All decisions made by the MGA Championship Committee regarding the Competition, including disputes or interpretations of these Terms, are final and binding.