



RULEBOOK

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1. ELIGIBILITY

The Deutsche Golf Sport GmbH ("DGS") operates a long drive competition in Germany under the current title German Long Drive Championship ("GLDC"). Under the current rule the competition is open to each longhitter (male & female, amateur & pro, younger & elder). The DGS recommend you have played golf before.

Depending on participation levels, the DGS may divide players into different „Categories“. The Categories for 2019 of the GLDC include:

- Men's Category (minimum number of participants: 8)
- Women's Category (minimum number of participants: 8)

The German Long Drive Championship 2019 will contain 3 different parts: PRESEASON, REGULAR SEASON & GRAND FINAL. The last event is the GRAND FINAL on the 10th and 11th of August 2019 at the GolfCity Köln Pulheim.

The qualifying will take place on Saturday the 10th of August 2019, the main round and the matchplays will be played on the 11th of August 2019.

In the qualifying a ranking of the personal longest balls of all participants will be built. The longest drive in a so called "set" will be determined by the longest drive of maximum eight balls that must stay in the grid (begins at 175 yards). The eight balls must be hit within the time limit of three minutes.

There will be a cut and the 40 best male athletes move on to the main round. The eight best female athletes will directly proceed to the quarterfinals. There will not be a main round for the women.

In the main round the remaining players will compete in groups of five. In total there will be eight groups. The best two players of each group will proceed to the round of the last 16.

The number of male athletes proceeding to the main round can be modified due to the total number of participants. The total number of participants is certain on the 7th of August 2019 at 6 pm.

The round of the last 16, the quarterfinals, the semifinals as well as the final will be played as a matchplay format: man vs. man / woman vs. woman. There will be no bronze match. The places 3 and 4 will be determined by the best drive from the semifinals.

All players who were listed in the official GLDC ranking and payed an amount of €200 for the season 2019 gain a compensation of €30 on their entry for the GRAND FINAL (e.g. €170 € instead of €200 € for professionals and €20 instead of €50 for professionals).





2. WORLD LONG DRIVE CHAMPIONSHIP

The winner of the GRAND FINAL will receive a spot for the World Long Drive Championship. The participation in at least one REGULAR SEASON event is required to win the WLDC spot in the GRAND FINAL. The winner gets the spot only if he makes use of it and participates in the World Long Drive Championship. If he cannot participate, the runner-up gets the spot (move-up procedure). The same applies, when the winner already has a spot for the World Long Drive Championship. In this case the spot will be given to the next in the classification, who has no spot for the World Long Drive Championship. Those who cannot accept the spot, have no claim for an alternative prize.

3. EQUIPMENT

GOLF CLUBS

Golf clubs used at the GLDC cannot appear on the R&A Non-Conforming List and must appear on the R&A Conforming List available at www.randa.org. In addition, all golf clubs used at the GLDC must conform with the R&A Rules of Golf (Appendix II, 1c), which limits golf club length to a maximum of forty-eight inches (48”).

Fig.1



All golf clubs are subject to Characteristic Time (“CT”) testing at any time during the GLDC competition at the DGS’s sole discretion. All equipment, including golf clubs, is subject to inspection by the DGS at the DGS’s sole discretion.

Players can stand on the “Competition Tee” (see below for definition) with the golf club of their choice. From the beginning of a “Set (Round)” (see below for definition) until its conclusion, the player is restricted to clubs thus selected. The only exemption is the replacement of a damaged club.

TEES & GLOVES & FOOTWEAR

All tees, gloves and footwear must conform to the R&A Rules of golf (Appendix IV; Rules 11 & 14)





4. OFFICIAL GOLF BALL

Players are required to hit the golf ball provided by the DGS at the GLDC. Players will be assigned a hitting location and each player is required to ensure that his or her DGS issued golf balls are visible at all time. If players play balls that have not been provided by the DGS, the shot is considered void and they will receive a warning or may be disqualified.

5. AMATEUR / PROFESSIONAL STATUS

The DGS will follow the R&A Rules of Amateur Status. For more information on keeping your amateur status please visit: <http://www.randa.org/RulesEquipment/Rules/Rules-Explorer>

6. DEFINITION OF A QUALIFIED DRIVE

Qualified drives must meet the following requirements:

- A player's golf ball must land and come to rest within the designated boundaries of the GLDC grid;
- A player's golf ball touching any part of the GLDC competition grid boundary is considered "in play" and
- A player's golf ball must meet the minimum yardage of 175 yards.

7. MEASUREMENT OF DRIVES

The GRAND FINAL will be played from a tee box in a grid, so the real distance of a drive is measured. The measurement of each ball will be done the same way.

8. DEFINITION OF A SET (ROUND)

A "Set (Round)" is a three minute period, during which the player performs a maximum of eight attempts. Only the longest drive within the set that meets the criteria of a "Qualified Drive" will be recorded.





9. IN CASE OF A TIE

In the event there are two or more identical confirmed yardages recorded, (within 0.5 yards of another player's drive is deemed a tie), those tied players will hit eight additional balls in one minute and thirty seconds to determine the final winning drive, but only if it is for first place or the last place to qualify (the "Playoff"). The Playoff will continue until a winner is declared. If one of the players is not present for the Playoff, then the player that is present will be deemed the winner. The hitting order will remain the same as originally registered on the official score sheet of the GLDC.

10. STARTING TIME

Players must be ready to play their first stroke of a set at the time they are called by the committee. Players must wait for the starting signal. If a ball is played ahead of time or outside the time limit, players will get a warning or – in case of repeated violation - be disqualified.

11. COMPETITION TEE

The competition tee is divided into different slots. There will be no practice shots from the competition tee. If the competition tee is bounded by tee-markers, they are deemed to be fixed. In such circumstances, the player must not move or allow the movement of a tee-marker in order to avoid interference with his stance, the area of his intended swing or his line of play.

At the completion of a set, players must exit the competition tee immediately and refrain from any discussions with the officials of the DGS. If a player causes undue delay of the GLDC competition, that player will receive a warning or may be disqualified from the GLDC competition, which determination shall be at the DGS's sole discretion.

12. ORDER OF PLAY

Other than during a match play, players play at the starting time or at the time they are called.

In the matchplays: When starting a competition, the side that has the honor is determined by the order of the draw. In the absence of a draw, the honor should be decided by lot. After the start of the competition, players who had the highest score in the previous set take the honor.





13. WEATHER CONDITIONS

The DGS cannot guarantee weather conditions during competition or that the conditions will remain constant during competition. Severe weather-related conditions may delay or suspend play. Such conditions include: (i) the safety of the players due to the danger from lightning; and (ii) the GLDC competition tee or grid being deemed unplayable at the DGS's sole discretion.

If such inclement weather is present, every effort will be made by the DGS to complete the competition. If play is delayed, all players should remain on property at the host facility and await official announcement from the DGS. If the conditions remain unplayable and/or lightning is present, the DGS will choose one of the following options at DGS's sole discretion: (i) the competition may be shortened and become official; or (ii) the format may be altered (e.g. single elimination; less balls per set; or more players eliminated in each round).

14. ETIQUETTE

Players and their guests shall conduct themselves in a responsible manner at all times. Proper golf etiquette is required during the GLDC. At no time will disorderly conduct, abusive language and/or possession or use of an illegal substance be tolerated. Violations of this section will result in immediate expulsion from the GLDC. The DGS has the right to refuse service to any player or guest for improper etiquette.

15. DECISIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS OF RULES

Any decision or interpretation of the official GLDC rules shall be at DGS's sole discretion and shall be final.

16. CODE OF CONDUCT

Players and their guests shall conduct themselves in a responsible manner at all times. Any excessive display of anger, vulgar language, club throwing, illegal drug use, lack of golfing etiquette or disrespect to a fellow player, an official or any other individual may be reasons for disqualification from the GLDC competition. The DGS reserves the right to eject and disqualify any player or any individual at any time for conduct deemed inappropriate or damaging at the DGS's sole discretion.

