

PARAGOLF FINNISH OPEN 2026

TERMS OF COMPETITION



I. Rules

The competition is played in accordance with the **R&A Rules of Golf 2023**, the **R&A Official Guide to the Rules of Golf**, and the **Finnish Golf Union Hard Card** (competition regulations and local rules). In addition, event-specific local rules of the course may be issued for individual competitions. In addition to these, specific local rules may be added.

2. Eligibility

All amateur and professional players with physical, intellectual, visual, neurological, or hearing impairment, as well as organ transplant recipients, are eligible to participate in Paragolf Tour events organized by the Finnish Golf Union (FGU).

Eligibility must be verified when required by the Tour Manager by an EDGA Pass, membership in HCP Golf ry (finnish players), a patient organization membership card, or other equivalent documentation.

3. Divisions

In Paragolf Tour events organized by Finnish Golf Union, women and men compete in the same divisions.

Championship Division – Handicap limit +8.0 to 20.4

- 36 holes, stroke play without handicap (SCR), gross
- 36 holes, stroke play with handicap (HCP), net

Recreational Division – Handicap limit 16.0–54.0 (maximum playing handicap 36.0)

- 36 holes, Stableford strokeplay with handicap

Teeing grounds:

- Men (stroke play): Yellow
- Men (Stableford): Red
- Women: Red

When entering the Championship Division, the player automatically competes in both the gross (SCR) and net (HCP) categories.

4. Selection of Participants and Field Size

The maximum number of participants is total of 50 players. Players are selected based on handicap order. If the field is full, remaining players are placed on a waiting list according to handicap order.

A division will be played if at least six (6) players are entered.

5. Registration

Registration must be completed through the **Golfbox** system using the player's personal Golfbox ID before the registration deadline. Registration for Paragolf Finnish Open closes one week before the competition, **July 24th**.

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Director if the competition is not full. Tee times will be published approximately two (2) days before the competition.

Note: Players are always responsible for their own registration. Please ensure your registration has been successful. If any issues arise, contact the Tournament Director before the registration deadline. Contact details can be found later in this document and in the Finnish Golf Union's competition calendar.

6. Withdrawals and No Shows

Before the registration deadline, players may withdraw via Golfbox. After the deadline, a player may withdraw due to illness or injury, which must be reported to the Tournament Director as soon as possible.

If a player registers but fails to appear or does not notify the Tournament Director of a withdrawal, they may be suspended from one Finnish Golf Union competition. The decision is made by the Tournament Director. The organizing club may charge the full entry fee to cover the costs and inconvenience incurred.

7. Golf Cart Usage Rights

Players must indicate their need for a golf cart when registering in Golfbox. Carts are allocated in order of registration. Golf cart rental fee is not included in the practice round.

Players are responsible for proving their eligibility for cart use to the Tournament Manager. Cart use during competition is permitted only with a verified recommendation from an EDGA classifier (EDGA Pass or EDGA medical certificate).

Note: Players may be grouped together based on golf cart needs. Two players may share one golf cart.

Note! Depending on the usage of the golf carts, player assistants may need to walk.

8. Practice Round

Players are entitled to one practice round at a reduced green fee. The price is determined by the host course; the Finnish Golf Union recommends a maximum fee of €30.

The practice round may be played after registering for the competition. If a player later withdraws, the course has the right to charge the full green fee.

Golf cart rental fee is not included in the practice round fee.

9. Entry Fee

The entry fee for the Paragolf Finnish Open is €100. The fee must be paid to the golf club before the round begins.

Lunch is not included.

The golf cart usage fee is not included in the entry fee. Courses are recommended to offer a discounted cart fee for Paragolf Tour events; for example, the Finnish Golf Union recommends a maximum cart fee of €25.

10. Assistants and Caddies

The use of a caddie is permitted in Finnish Golf Union's Paragolf Tour events.
In accordance with **Rule 25**, the use of an assistant is also permitted in Paragolf Tour events.

If a player requires an external caddie or assistant, the player must indicate this need when registering for the competition in Golfbox.

The organizing club will arrange volunteer caddies/assistants based on pre-bookings.

Note: If a player brings their own caddie or assistant, there is no need to indicate the requirement during registration.

II. Scorecard Submission

Players must return their scorecards to the designated Scoring Area. The scorecard is considered returned once the player has left the Scoring Area.

Where possible, Golfbox Player Scoring will be used for live scoring via mobile devices. This is for live results only. The official scorecard must still be returned to the Scoring Area after the round.

12. Ties

In scratch stroke play (gross), ties for first place are decided by a hole-by-hole playoff. The playoff holes are determined by the Competition Committee.

All other ties are decided mathematically by comparing the last 18, 9, 6, 3, and 1 holes, or ultimately by draw.

13. Prizes and Prize Giving

Prize giving ceremony will be held right after the results have been confirmed.

In Paragolf Finnish Open three best players/division will be awarded.

If three best players/division are the same sex, the best opposite sex player will be awarded.

14. Rankings

Paragolf Tour Ranking

Finnish players earn Paragolf Tour ranking points according to a separate points table. Every player with a valid result earns at least one point. The table is included at the end of this document. Foreign players also earn Paragolf Tour ranking points at the Paragolf Finnish Open, although they are not included in the final overall ranking.

Finnish Golf Union Rankings; <https://golf.fi/kilpagolf/kilpailukalenteri/#/orderofmerits>

WR4DG Ranking

In Finland WR4DG (World Ranking for Golfers with Disability) points are awarded to EDGA WR4DG-classified players in the following 36-hole competitions:

- Finnish Stroke Play Championship (for Finnish players only)
- Paragolf Finnish Open, 31.7.-1.8.2026 Tuusula Golf Club
- Paragolf Tour Final, 19.-20.9.2026 Kultaranta Golf Club

WR4DG points are awarded if at least three (3) EDGA WR4DG-classified players participate.

The Tournament Manager submits results to the **World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR)**, which maintains and updates the WR4DG rankings.

<https://www.wagr.com/wr4gd-ranking>

15. Code of Conduct

By participating in a Finnish Golf Union competition, players accept both the Finnish Golf Union's general competition regulations and the specific regulations and rules of the event. Players also accept the disciplinary procedures related to rule violations.

Serious conduct or rule violations occurring in competitions by FGU or official representation duties are handled by the appropriate committee and the Board of the Finnish Golf Union. Sanctions are decided by the Board in accordance with federation's regulations.

As the Paragolf Tour is open to players of all ages, adult players are requested to exercise discretion regarding smoking, the use of snuff, and alcohol consumption, to promote healthy lifestyles in sport.

16. Right to Use Name and Image

Participant lists, tee times, results, and statistics from Finnish Golf Union competitions may be published in media, online, and in federation's publications. By registering for a competition, the player grants permission for the organizer to use their personal data and grants image rights for both photographs and video recordings.

17. Anti-Doping

The Finnish Golf Union follows the rules and regulations of the International Olympic Committee regarding doping and the Anti-Doping Convention of the Council of Europe. In Finland, doping control is supervised by the **Finnish Center for Integrity in Sports (SUEK)**, which may conduct doping tests during both training and competition seasons.

If you use permanent medication containing substances prohibited in sport, you must apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE).

18. Competition and Result Manipulation

The Finnish Golf Union is committed to the Fair Play program of Finnish sport. By participating in competitions, players commit to following competition rules and acting in a manner that prevents competition and result manipulation.

If a player observes or suspects manipulation, they must contact the Tournament Director or the Finnish Golf Union as soon as possible.

19. Competition Committee

The Competition Committee for Tour events consist of the Tournament Director, a referee, and a representative of the organizing club.

Contacts

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PARAGOLF TOUR RANKING points

Ranking points are the same in all three divisions.

Sija	Pisteet
1	50
2	45
3	40
4	36
5	33
6	30
7	28
8	26
9	24
10	22
11	20
12	19
13	18
14	17
15	16
16	15
17	14
18	13
19	12
20	11
21	10
22	9
23	8
24	7
25	6
26	5
27	4
28	3
29	2
30	1
31	1
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