



BGU Tournament Withdrawal Policy

Introduction

The Boland Golf Union withdrawal policy outlines the conditions under which a player can withdraw from a tournament and any associated penalties or consequences. The BGU Disciplinary Committee will review all withdrawals and non-completion from BGU-sanctioned tournaments, with the authority to take appropriate actions or sanctions as outlined below.

- The entry fee must be paid at the time of registration. Players who withdraw from the tournament before the closing date without making payment will be deemed ineligible for future tournaments. A R50 admin fee will be invoiced to the player.
- Players must notify the tournament committee of their withdrawal 48 hours before the event to allow the committee to fill the spot.

Before the Start of a Tournament

- If an entrant withdraws before the closing date, they will be eligible for a refund, minus a R50 administration fee.
- If an entrant withdraws after the closing date or once the tournament draw has been published, the entry fee will be forfeited. However, the following exceptions apply, with a R50 administration fee still applicable:
 - **Medical Withdrawals:** A doctor's certificate will be required if a player withdraws for medical reasons.
 - **Replacement Player:** If a player on the waiting list can replace the withdrawn player.
- If a player fails to show up for their scheduled tee time without prior notification, they will forfeit the entry fees and may face suspension from future events.
- If the Club or Union cancels a tournament entrants will be eligible for a full refund.

After the Start of a Tournament

If a player leaves the course before completing their round, fails to start or finish subsequent rounds, or does not report their withdrawal from the tournament to the Tournament Director, appropriate actions will be taken. However, any mitigating circumstances will be taken into consideration.

First Breach: Verbal Warning in addition to the following:

- The player will be assigned the highest score of the tournament, which will be recorded in the Order of Merit (OoM).
- In a Tournament with two counting rounds, and only one round has been completed, it will not count towards the Order of Merit (OoM).

Second Breach: Written Warning

If there are further breaches after the written warning, the BGU Disciplinary Committee will issue an official letter requesting the player's presence at a formal meeting.

During the meeting, the player will have the opportunity to explain the transgression in question. The BGU Disciplinary Committee will carefully evaluate each case and impose appropriate sanctions based on the severity of the transgression.

These sanctions may include suspension from participating in future BGU tournaments.

This policy is effective immediately and will be referenced in all BGU Conditions of Entry.