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RE: BGU TOURNAMENT WITHDRAWAL / DISQUALIFICATION POLICY -DRAFT

Preamble

There have been numerous instances where players have made late withdrawals from tournaments or walked off the course during a round. This practice is not acceptable to the Union, especially where there is a waiting list of potential players whom due to field limits, are not able to get into the field. In addition, whilst there are rules regarding the entering of scores for handicap purposes, these rules are not appropriate for Order of Merit purposes and may lead to manipulation.

This policy attempts to address these issues.

The BGU Disciplinary Committee (DC)

The BGU Disciplinary Committee (DC) will review any withdrawals / disqualifications from BGU sanctioned tournaments to determine whether such withdrawals / disqualifications require further investigation and possibly action. The DC will have sole discretion on actions or sanctions (if any) to be taken and will be guided by the following:

Before the start of a tournament

- Withdrawal before entry closing date – No sanction and a full refund of fees paid.
- Withdrawal after entry closing date, but more than 24 hours from tee time:
No refund of entry fee.
1st Offence: First written warning.
2nd Offence 1 (one) months suspension from all BGU sanctioned tournaments.
3rd Offence: 6 (six) months suspension from all BGU sanctioned tournaments.
- Withdrawal within 24 hours of tee time:
No refund of entry fee.
1st Offence: 1 (one) month suspension from all BGU sanctioned tournaments.
2nd Offence 6 (six) months suspension from all BGU sanctioned tournaments.
3rd Offence: 12 (twelve) months suspension from all BGU sanctioned tournaments.

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After the start of a tournament

This sanction applies to any player who walks off the course, prior to the end of the round, submits a no return, is disqualified, or fails to submit a score.

Where the round is completed, effort will be made to determine a fair score for OoM purposes (also in conjunction with playing partners).

Where it is not possible to determine a fair score for a completed round and for an incomplete round, the player will receive the highest gross score (from the applicable tees) for that round for OoM purposes.

In addition, depending on the seriousness of the transgression, the following sanction may be considered:

1st Offence: 2 (two) months suspension from all BGU sanctioned tournaments.

2nd Offence: 4 (four) months suspension from all BGU sanctioned tournaments.

3rd Offence: 12 (twelve) months suspension from all BGU sanctioned tournaments

This policy will be effective immediately and will be referred to in all BGU sanctioned Terms of Entry.




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