



BGU Tournament Withdrawal & Non-Completion Policy

Introduction

To address the issue of late withdrawals and players walking off the course during a round, the Boland Golf Union (BGU) has established a policy to ensure fairness and discourage manipulation. The BGU Disciplinary Committee (DC) will review all withdrawals and non-completion from BGU-sanctioned tournaments, with the authority to take appropriate actions or sanctions as outlined below.

Before the Start of a Tournament

- If you withdraw before the closing date of the tournament, the entrant will be eligible for a refund less an administration fee of 20% of the fee.
- If an entrant chooses to withdraw after the closure of entries but before the publication of the draw, 50% of the entry fee will be forfeited.
- No refunds will be provided for withdrawals made after the publication of the draw for the tournament. However, substantiated medical reasons will be taken into consideration when making the final decision regarding refunds.
- No-shows will result in disqualification with no scores and could be subject to further sanctions.
- In the event that the Club or the Union cancels a tournament, entrants will be eligible for a full refund.

After the Start of a Tournament

For any player who walks off the course before completing the round, fails to start or complete subsequent rounds, the following actions will be taken:

- **1st Breach: Verbal Warning**
- **2nd Breach: Written Warning**

In the event of additional breaches committed by the player after receiving a written warning, the BGU Disciplinary Committee will issue an official letter to the player requesting their presence at a formal meeting.

During the meeting, the player will have the opportunity to provide an explanation for the transgression in question. The BGU Disciplinary Committee will carefully evaluate each case on an individual basis 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.