

REGULATIONS
of the Russian Qualifying Competitions for the Tournament
BMW Golf Cup 2021

I. Introduction

1.1. Russian Qualifying Competitions for the Tournament BMW Golf Cup 2021 (hereinafter - the Competitions) are carried on in accordance with:

- the official translation of the Rules of Golf to the Russian language, approved by the decision of the Executive Committee of the RGA (Minutes No. 6 of 05 December 2018);
- the Rules of the sport "Golf" approved by the Order of the Ministry of Sports of the Russian Federation dated February 12, 2020 No. 111;
- the local rules of the competition, approved by the chief referee of the competition, prepared in accordance with the Rules of Golf and reflecting the specific non-standard conditions of this golf course;
- pace of play requirements at golf competitions, held by the Russian Golf Association;
- these Regulations.

II. Purposes and Objectives of the Competitions

2.1. The Competitions are held in order to:

- popularize golf in Russia and provide its further development;
- select the best athletes to participate in the BMW Golf Cup World Final 2021;
- improve the skills of athletes.

III. Ensuring the safety of participants and spectators

3.1. The Competitions are held in sports facilities that meet the requirements of the relevant regulations, operating under the jurisdiction of the Russian Federation and targeted to ensure public order and safety of participants and spectators.

3.2. During the Competitions, participants must comply with the standards of player behaviour (Rule 1.2), strictly follow all instructions of the Referees' Committee in case of suspension of play (Rule 5.7) and comply with the requirements of the Code of Conduct of the Russian Golf Association

https://rusgolf.ru/files/embedded_gallery/0101/15/e93ff5659790d1f34798a713bec5297f12943b5c.pdf).

3.3. All participants are required to comply with arrangements for the prevention of infectious diseases under conditions of risks of the spread of COVID-19 and comply with the relevant requirements of the clubs in which the Competitions are held.

During the training and competition round, one should touch, remove and move the flags on the holes, as well as rakes in the bunkers only with personal gloves or with a separate towel and / or treat after that one's hands with an individual disinfectant solution.

3.4. Responsibility for the safety of participants and spectators during the competition rest with:

- head of sports facilities where the Competitions are held;
- the Chief Referee of the Competitions.

IV. Venue and Date of the Competitions

4.1. The Competitions are held in two stages: Qualifying and Final.

4.2. The qualifying stage is held:

July 17 at the MillCreek Golf Club, Vsevolozhsk, Leningrad Region - the first qualifying round (the game will take place along the route the Joker's Course);

July 22 and 23, 2021 at Skolkovo Golf Club, Moscow, Skolkovskoe highway, 50 - the second and third qualifying rounds.

Qualifying stage is held as three independent qualifying rounds of golf. Applicants for entering the Final stage have the right to participate in only one qualifying round of three (by their choice).

4.3. The national final of the tournament will traditionally take place at the venue of the strategic partner of BMW Russia - Skolkovo Golf Club. Only golfers who have taken certain places in one of the three qualifying rounds have the right to take part in the Final stage.

4.4. The following program of the Selection phase is established:

08:00 – 09:55	Registration, breakfast, training on the driving range
09:55 – 10:15	Greeting, explanation of the rules
10:15 – 10:30	Group photo
11:00	Simultaneous start on all the holes ("shot-gun")
12:30 – 15:30	Lunch for participants in the intervals between playing on the holes
17:00 – 18:30	End of the Qualifying stage, calculation of results
17:00 – 18:30	Dinner

18:30 – 19:15 Prize giving ceremony

According to the decision of the organizers, taking into account specific circumstances, amendments may be made to the program of the Qualifying Stage, participants to be informed about.

4.5. The program of the Final stage is made public by the organizers on the Internet no later than two weeks before the start of this stage.

V. Event Organizers

5.1. The organizer of the Competitions is the BMW Group Russia. The organizer of the Competitions approves the Regulations containing the Terms of the Competitions.

5.2. The sports agent responsible for the sports part is the Putter Club. The sports agent appoints the Referees' Committee of the Competitions.

5.3. Skolkovo Golf Club provides the venue for the Competition.

VI. Requirements for participants and the conditions of their admission

6.1. To the Competitions there are admitted:

- citizens of the Russian Federation, as well as citizens of other countries living on the territory of the Russian Federation for more than three years;
- men and women;
- those born on 24 May 2000 or before that date (21 year old and older);
- possessing the value of their handicap index (former "exact handicap") 28.4 or less;

Golfers are allowed to compete if they meet the requirements of the Rules of Amateur Status developed by R&A Rules Limited and the US Golf Association, translated into Russian and approved by the RGA Executive Committee (Minutes No. 2 dated April 17, 2014), clarifications on the Decisions on the Rules of Amateur Status developed by R&A Rules Limited and the US Golf Association, translated into Russian and approved by the decision of the RGA Executive Committee (Minutes No. 2 dated April 17, 2014), in accordance with the Instructions for the Application of the Rules of Amateur Status and Decisions on the Rules of Amateur Status in the Russian Federation, approved by the RGA Executive Committee (Minutes No. 1 dated April 24, 2015).

6.2. To the competitions are admitted citizens of the Russian Federation duly registered in the Russian Golf Association for the purpose of determination / adjustment of handicaps and possessing reliable value of their handicap indices.

For golfers registered in RGA before December 31, 2020 and having handicap qualifying rounds in 2020, handicap indices determined from at least three

qualifying rounds in 2021 demonstrated in the competitions are considered reliable for the purpose of admission to the Competitions.

For golfers registered in RGA on January 2021 or later, handicap indices determined from at least five qualifying rounds in 2021 demonstrated in the competitions are considered reliable for the purpose of admission to the Competitions.

Foreign citizens who have lived in the territory of the Russian Federation for more than three years are allowed to participate in the Competitions. Foreign citizens may either be registered in the Russian Golf Association, or they can provide documents confirming the value of their handicap index, issued by an authorized body (association, federation, golf union) at the place of their citizenship.

In the application one must specify the value of his/her handicap index as of the date of filing. In the case the golfer's handicap index changes between the date of filing the application and the date of the Competitions, the golfer is obliged to inform the Organizing Committee in advance (before the Competitions day) about the actual value of his/her amended handicap index.

If, on the application date, the value of the golfer's handicap index is 28.4 or better and by the day of the Competitions is 28.5 or worse, the golfer may be admitted to the Competitions, but his handicap allowance is calculated based on the value of the exact handicap 28.4.

Unreliable or falsified information about handicap index may serve as the basis for refusing to admit a golfer to the Competitions. On all matters, connected with RGA handicap system, it is recommended to contact Anastasia Krynkin (+7 (495) 363-2385), web site <http://hcp.rusgolf.ru/public/player/>

6.3. The preliminary application for participation in the Competition is accepted only in electronic form. Registration is open on the website www.bmw.ru from 15:00 Moscow time May 24, 2021. Applications sent before the official opening of registration are not considered. Sent preliminary application does not guarantee participation in the tournament.

6.4. Deadline for preliminary applications is June 14, 2021 at 15:00 Moscow time.

6.5. The received preliminary applications after being studied are used to prepare the list of participants admitted to the Competitions subject to the decision of the BMW Group Russia. Each application is agreed individually, confirmation of participation is issued on the basis of internal criteria of the BMW Group Russia.

Not later than three calendar days prior to the event participants are informed individually about their participation. The admission of participants to the Competitions is made by personal invitations of the Organizing Committee.

VII. Organisational aspects

7.1. Participation in the competition is free. This includes:

- using the locker room;

- using balls at the driving range;
- taking part in the competition round;
- using of the trolley for the bag (the number of trolleys in the MillCreek Golf Club and Skolkovo Golf Club is limited, we ask the golfers to use their own trolleys if possible);
- participation in a friendly banquet after completion.

7.2. Caddy services provided by the organizers (only in Skolkovo Golf Club) are paid additionally.

7.3. The registered participant has the right to play a practice round on the competition golf course on one of the following days by choice:

- July 14 or 15 at the MillCreek Golf Club; the cost of the training round is paid additionally and amounts to 12,000 Rub;
- July 19 or 20 at the Skolkovo Golf Club; the cost of the training round is paid additionally and amounts to 20,000 Rub;

7.4. The internal rules of the Skolkovo Golf Club stipulate that no more than two rounds on this golf course are allowed for a "club guest" to be played during a calendar year. The organizers reached an agreement that the participation of the golfer in the practice rounds, the Qualifying and Final stages of the BMW Golf Cup 2021 will not be counted among such games.

7.5. The maximum number of participants in the first qualifying round of the Qualifying Stage is 84 players, while the second and third are no more than 88 players. As the number of applied golfers reaches the limit, the further applications are placed in the "waiting list".

7.6. Golfers from the "waiting list" may be included in the the competition field in case of withdrawal of the previously listed golfers. Priority of the "waiting list" is determined by the Organizing Committee.

7.7. Only the golfers, who have taken certain places by the results of the Qualifying Round (see clause 8.7) may participate in the final stage.

7.8. On all matters, regarding participation in the Competition, please contact the official golf agency of BMW Golf Cup 2021 - Putter Club Company tel. +7 (495) 721- 65- 59, from Monday to Friday from 10:00 to 18:00 Moscow time.

VIII. The format of the Competition and the distribution of places.

8.1. The competitions are held:

- separately for men and women;
- in one scoring category for women and two scoring categories for men;
- individually;

- in Stableford format (Rule 21.1) with a handicap allowance of the full (or 100%) course handicap (former "playing handicap").

8.2. Men compete in two scoring categories:

- Category A: with the value of their handicap index of 12.4 or less;
- Category B: with the value of their handicap index from 12.5 to 28.4.

8.3. Women compete in a single scoring category with a value of handicap index of 28.4 or less.

8.4. Both in the Qualifying Stage and in the Final Stage, the Competitions consist of one qualifying stipulated round of 18 holes. The Qualifying Stage of the competitions is held with simultaneous start of groups from different holes ("shot-gun"). The Final Stage of the Competitions is held in a form of consecutive start of groups from a particular tee.

8.5. Places of the participants in their scoring category (both in Qualifying and Final stages) are determined on the basis of their total Stableford points with the handicap allowance in the amount of the full value (100%) of their course handicap.

In case a competitor scores 39 Stableford points or more in the Qualifying Round based on the results of the round, 39 points will be taken to determine his place.

In case of ties the criterion for the distribution places is the lower value of the handicap index as of the beginning of the round; in case of further tie - the points scored on the holes 10 to 18, on the holes 13 to 18, on the holes 16 to 18 or on the 18th hole.

8.6. The minimum number of participants in the Qualifying round in the scoring category is 4. In case of a smaller number of participants in the Qualifying round in particular scoring category, the starts in the category are cancelled and the places are not determined. In this case, participants are recommended to agree with the organizers (with the information of preliminary applications) to participate in a different round of the Qualifying Stage.

8.7. Due to the results of each of the three rounds of the Qualifying stage, to the final stage in each of the three categories are admitted players, who are in the best 1/3 places in their respective category from the total number of players that started in this category (0.5 is rounded up). The number of athletes of the scoring category selected for the Final stage based on the results of their round of the Qualifying stage is determined depending on the number of the participants started in the Qualifying Round according to the Table of the Appendix.

In case of ties, priority is determined in accordance with the provisions of item 8.5.

In case of refusal or impossibility of any of the golfers who have passed to the Final stage to take part in the Final stage, golfers who have taken the next successive places in this scoring category may be admitted to the Final stage. Golfers who refuse to participate in the Final Stage must inform the Organizing Committee in advance.

8.8. Golfers are empowered to use the services of caddies (sportsmen's assistants) in accordance with the Rule of Golf 10-3 without any special restrictions.

8.9. During a round, the golfer or caddy must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized by a representative of the Referees' Committee.

The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this requirement. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

Players executing stroke and distance procedure may use transportation without the special permission of the Referees' Committee.

Those persons who require such form of transportation to be able to play golf due to medical reasons, are not admitted to the Competitions.

Golfers are allowed to use trolleys to carry clubs, including "self-moving".

By the decision of the Referees' Committee, the transportation of players and caddies on a shuttle vehicle between certain holes specified in the Local Rules may be arranged.

8.10. At the Competition, the RGA pace of play requirements are applied: https://rusgolf.ru/files/embedded_gallery/0101/15/f45ad033c56a6f2ec0c44f64bfd4b45700012874.pdf .

Penalties for breach of pace of play requirements:

- First offence – a formal warning;
- Second offence – from the overall result of golfer for the round one point to be deducted;
- Third offence – from the overall result of golfer for the round two additional points to be deducted;
- In case of subsequent offence the player is subject to disqualification and is removed from the Competitions.

8.11. In potentially dangerous situations in compliance with Rule of Golf 5.7b, the game must be interrupted immediately after the suspension of the game by the the Referees' Committee. If the player fails to stop play immediately, he is disqualified. In case of the Referees' Committee decision on the evacuation of the players from the course until the dangerous situation ends, the players are obliged to follow the instructions of the Referees' Committee's members and persons authorized by them, to follow the evacuation plan approved for the time of the Competitions. The players must resume play when the Referees' Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

The signal to suspend play due to a dangerous situation is a note of siren, with the following types of signals:

- In the case of suspension of the game in a dangerous situation – one prolonged note of siren;

- In the case of suspension of the game to another reason – three consecutive notes of the siren;
- In both cases, to resume the game – two short notes of siren.

8.12. The teeing areas for golfers are determined by the Local Rules of the competition.

8.13. In addition to the Rule of Golf 3.3b(2), the golfer must return his/her scorecard to the Referees' Committee in person and without delay. After returning their scorecards, participants are required to treat their hands with a disinfectant solution.

IX. Awards

9.1. Winners (1st place) and prize-winners (2nd - 3rd place) in each of the scoring categories in each Qualification Stage round are awarded trophy cups of corresponding degrees.

9.2. Winners (1st place) and prize-winners (2nd - 3rd place) in each of the scoring categories in the Final Stage are awarded trophy cups of corresponding degrees.

9.3. Winners of the Final stage in each of the categories are eligible to participate on behalf of Russia in the international tournament of the BMW Golf Cup World Final 2021. In case of refusal or impossibility of the winner to take part in the international tournament, the corresponding right passes to the golfer who took the next place at the Russian Final stage.

Only golfers who did not participate in the international tournaments of the BMW Golf Cup International World Final 2016-2019 have the right to participate in the international tournament of the BMW Golf Cup World Final 2021. Such golfers may be admitted to the Qualifying and Final stages of the Competition, may apply for the respective cups and prizes in case winning respective places (satisfying the conditions), but when taking the best places at the Final stage, the right of admission to the international final goes to the golfer who took the next place, provided he did not participate in the international tournaments of the BMW Golf Cup International World Final 2016-2019.

9.4. Organizers and sponsors of the competition are empowered to establish additional prizes and awards for competition participants, demonstrating any achievements in Qualifying and Final stages, in case they comply with the Rules of Amateur Status.

Attachment:

The table for determining the number of participants in the Qualifying phase, passing to the Final stage

The number of participants in the Qualifying round in particular category	Number of participants passing to the Final stage	The number of participants in the Qualifying round in particular category	Number of participants passing to the Final stage
4	1	35	12
5	2	36	
6		37	
7	3	38	13
8		39	
9		40	
10	4	41	14
11		42	
12		43	
13	5	44	15
14		45	
15		46	
16	6	47	16
17		48	
18		49	
19	7	50	17
20		51	
21		52	
22	8	53	18
23		54	
24		55	
25	9	56	19
26		57	
27		58	
28	10	59	20
29		60	
30		61	
31	11	62	21
32		63	
33		64	
34		65	22