



Clutch Tour Policy & Regulations 2024

Clutch Golf is the leading golf event provider in the UK offering events from grassroots through to the elite levels. Clutch Golf's objective is to stage influential events, providing an exciting and fair platform for player development.

This following document constitutes the official regulations governing the events run under the auspices of the Clutch Pro Tour, Clutch Amateur Tour & Clutch Junior Tour. All rules and regulations are set by The Clutch Pro Tour Committee and no rule shall be made without the approval of the Tour Committee.

Tournament conditions may vary between events, but the overriding conditions that govern the tournaments shall fall within the framework of these tournament regulations. Conditions unique and specific to an individual event will be published on Golf Genius on the tournament information page for that event, and this shall be binding. Publication of the conditions at www.clutchprotour.co.uk and on the tournament notice board shall be considered proper and official notice to all competitors.

Tour Policy Approval

When becoming a member and entering any Clutch Golf event the player must take the time to read the Tour Policy and Regulations. The purchase of a Clutch Golf membership and or tournament entry serve as confirmation that the player understands and is in agreement with the Tour Policy.

The Tour Policy & Regulations will be displayed at the review section on the tournament entry purchase page. This acts as an official reminder that payment serves as acceptance of The Tour Policy & Regulations.

Open Access Ethos:

Clutch Golf offers a fully inclusive golf event platform. All events staged by Clutch Golf are open to male and female golfers and they are also open to disabled golfers.

Clutch Golf put a great amount of thought and consideration into the course set up providing a fair and equal playing field. Women will compete off designated tees at all Pro & Amateur events at a minimum of 12% less yardage.

On Clutch Junior Tour, there will be different tees and course lengths set for girls and boys, and for the differing age categories.

All OOM incentives and playing invitations are open to both male and female golfers.

Coronavirus

Clutch Golf is committed to providing a safe environment for players to compete in and the Tour will comply with HM Government's guidelines on Coronavirus and any other other specific hygiene precautions required by the golf club hosting the event. The Tour requires the assistance and full cooperation of players, caddies, and families to help achieve this.

Players are encouraged to practice good hygiene including thorough and frequent washing of hands and use of hand sanitiser.

Where a player tests positive for Coronavirus ahead of an event, the positive test result will be required for proof and for Tour records. In this instance, a player's entry fee will be carried over to a subsequent tournament.

Membership

In 2024 Clutch Golf is offering four membership options covering all tournament divisions.

Players MUST be a member to qualify for the annual OOM prizes, and players MUST be a member to receive the playing invites & cards offered on The Challenge, LET & DP World Tour.

Membership Inclusions for 2024:

- Clutch Gift Set
- Eligibility to win tour starts and tour cards
- Priority booking at all tournaments
- Member exclusive entry rates
- Brand discounts
- Range Balls
- Water, Fruit & Energy Supplements
- Golf accessories including tee pegs
- Free practice rounds
- Course Guides by Clere Golf (Tier 1 professional tour only)

Membership Categories & Cost 2024:

-**Tier 1 Pro**: £580.00 (Access to Tier 1 & 2 on Clutch Pro Tour 2024)

-**Tier 2 Pro**: £399.00 (Access to Tier 2 ONLY on Clutch Pro Tour. Tier 2 membership can be upgraded mid season to grant access to Tier 1)

-**Elite Amateur**: £350.00 (Access to Tier 1 & Tier 2 on Clutch Pro Tour)

-**Amateur**: £200.00 (Access to Tier 2 ONLY on Clutch Pro Tour)

Please note that memberships for the 2024 season are **non-refundable**. Please also note that there are only 500 Clutch Golf memberships available for the 2024 season.

Clutch Golf retains the right to review, evaluate and refuse any entry and membership application. Refunds will not be given to players whose membership has been cancelled or withdrawn due to poor behaviour and conduct.

Medical exemptions will only be granted for players that can provide medical proof that they have been medically unable to compete or play golf for a period greater than 10 months.

Qualifying School

In 2024 Clutch Pro Tour will be staging a qualifying series in the UAE in March. This series will consist of 2 x 54 hole tournaments at Al Hamra & Al Zorah Golf Clubs.

The top 12 non exempt players across this series will receive a TIER 1 exemption for the 2024 season. The entry for these qualifying events will be £350 per tournament, with £30,000 guaranteed prize fund available.

Order of Merit

Only members can qualify for the Order of Merit prizes on Clutch Golf across all of our respective divisions in 2024.

- On Clutch Pro Tour, a separate OOM will be run for Tier 1 & Tier 2.
- On Tier 1 the Top 60 in the OOM will RETAIN their full playing rights for Tier 1 in 2025.
- On Tier 2 the Top 60 in the OOM will RETAIN their full Tier 2 playing rights for 2025, with the **TOP 15** receiving full playing rights on Tier 1 for 2025.

To qualify for the Order of Merit prizes and exemptions, players must have played a minimum of 5 events during the 2023 season across all divisions.

The 2024 OOM for both Tier 1 & Tier 2 will be based upon a points structure that reflects the prize fund breakdown. The provisional OOM points breakdown for 2024 will be published on The Tour Website and will be published on each individual tournament information page on The Golf Genius tournament management software.

Please note that NO points will be awarded for those missing the cut or for those finishing outside the money spots on Tier 2.

Tiered System & Exemption List

In 2024 Clutch Pro Tour will be delivering a two tiered system to heighten accessibility and player development. Both Tier 1 and Tier 2 will operate with a full field capacity of 156 competitors (Daylight permitting).

To structure the 2024 season Clutch Pro Tour has compiled an exemption category list to reward performances on Clutch over the past two seasons and to acknowledge performances

within UK development golf. This exemption list will be publicly available on the tour website and this category list will govern entries into Tier 1.

Once Tier 1 events are full, a reserve list will be in operation. Players will not be charged for being on the waiting list and charges will only be incurred once a player's position in the tournament is fully confirmed.

In 2024 Tier 2 will remain a fully open access platform, open to all professionals and amateurs as well as providing a development platform for players that do not secure their Tier 1 playing rights for 2024.

Promotion

A fundamental part of the new two-tiered system is the element of Promotion & Relegation. We believe that competition drives development and growth and we believe this will become a key feature of Clutch Pro Tour moving forwards.

Details on promotion and relegation are subject to change and evolution over time, with the initial plan outlined below:

- After event 4 of the Tier 1 schedule, the Top 3 players from each Tier 2 event will be granted an invite to compete in the next scheduled Tier 1 tournament.
- If any of the top three players from the Tier 2 event decide not to take up their invite onto Tier 1 then the entries will return to the category list.

Re-Rank

After event 6 and event 12 of the Tier 1 schedule there will be a re-rank in Category 4 that will see the Top 10 players from the Tier 2 OOM promoted to Tier 1. This ranking will remain for the next 6 events until the conclusion of Event 12, at which time there will be another re-rank.

Invite Allocations

Clutch Pro Tour will be issuing a minimum of 30 Challenge Tour invites in addition to a minimum of 3 x full Challenge Tour Cards in 2024. These invites will be distributed at the end of the season, providing playing opportunities on The Challenge Tour for the 2025 season.

Players that gain invites onto The Challenge Tour for the 2025 season will be given a pre-allocated selection of invites provided by Clutch Pro Tour.

Please note that Clutch Pro Tour may not be able to alter the allocation of invites.

If a player wins invites at the end of the season but decides not to take the invites then the reallocation of invites will be at the sole discretion of the tour.

14 x Challenge Tour Invites will be issued on the Clutch Pro Tour Tier 1 OOM with 7 invites being issues to 3rd and 4th in the OOM rankings. In addition to this, the Champions of events 1-8 on TIER 1 will also receive an invite for the 2024 season providing in season opportunity. 1 Invite will also be issued to the Tour Champion on TIER 1 in 2024.

5 x Challenge Tour invites will be issued on Clutch Pro Tour Tier 2 OOM. These 5 invites will be allocated to the TIER 2 OOM Champion for the 2025 season on The Challenge Tour.

Tournament Format

Tournament formats may vary from event to event, but the format and length of the event will be published on the tournament information page.

Clutch Golf tournaments will be governed by the Rules of Golf published by The R&A Rules Limited. Clutch Golf retain the rights to make additions to these rules and include local rules that are deemed necessary.

Tournament specific local rules will be made available and communicated to competitors at each tournament. They will be published on the tournament notice board at registration and be available for all competitors to review on the 1st tee, with copies also being provided to each player by email.

Event Entry

Members in all three divisions (Pro, Elite Amateur & Amateur) will be given a two week period of priority booking over non members. Event entry will be staggered for members and non-members, with all entries being handled on a first come first serve basis.

In 2024 Clutch Pro Tour will be issuing an exemption list to guide participation in Tier 1 tournaments. This exemption list has been designed to reward past performance on Clutch Pro Tour and also to acknowledge the performance of developing talent across the UK. The NEW 2024 exemption list will be appropriately communicated to all players via email as well as being placed on The Clutch Pro Tour website.

Clutch Junior events are open to both girls and boys aged from 8-18yrs with an official WHS index and CDH number.

Clutch Amateur Events are open to both male and females with an initial handicap limit of 18. All players must hold an official WHS Index and CDH number. The number of entry spots per tournament will be listed on the Golf Genius booking system.

Clutch Pro Tour events are open to all male and female professionals and elite amateur golfers with a handicap of scratch (0) or below. Entry numbers per tournament on Clutch Pro Tour may vary from event to event. Entry numbers will be listed on the tournament information page on the Golf Genius booking system.

Before entry and payment, players are required to set up a profile on the Golf Genius booking system. This requires the player to submit personal contact details for business use only. Entries and payment for an event cannot be submitted until this is provided.

Players MUST read and agree to the Clutch Golf Policy & Regulations (document in question) before they enter and pay for an event. An entry cannot be processed until the tour policy is accepted. Payment and entry acts as confirmation that players are accepting of the Clutch Golf Policy.

Entries must be submitted and paid for online, using the official booking system or via Direct Transfer upon request. Clutch Golf will not accept cash payments for tournament entries. Entries must be paid in full by the tournament entry deadline. Entry spots will not be held without payment.

Refunds of any nature are at the total discretion of the Tour. Withdrawals after the official withdrawal deadline will not receive a refund unless accompanied by a valid doctors note.

Clutch Golf maintains the right to issue sponsors invites to any player that they choose for any given event in the 2024 schedule.

It is the players responsibility to indicate any changes to personal or contact information that might have an impact on correspondence between Clutch Golf and the player.

Entry Closing Dates:

Entries for Tier 1 tournaments will close 21 days prior to a tournament starting. Depending on the uptake of any given event Clutch Golf reserves the right to accept entries up to 48hrs prior to the event in the instance that an event is not full and that entries have gone through the exemptions and reserve list.

Entries for Tier 2 will close 48hrs prior to a tournament starting.

No player will be allowed to play a tournament or have a practice round without the tour having received full payment for the respective event. Late entries will be handled entirely at the discretion of the Tour.

In the event that an entry deadline is extended the official withdrawal deadline and policy (of 21 days) will remain in place.

Domestic Tournament Withdrawals (21 Day Policy)

The withdrawal policy for Clutch Golf will govern all UK based events on Clutch Pro Tour, Clutch Amateur Tour & Clutch Junior Tour. Any International tournaments held by Clutch Pro Tour will be governed by a separate policy listed below.

A player will receive a full refund on a tournament entry fee (Less 3%) for a tournament withdrawal submitted before the official withdrawal date (21 days). The official withdrawal date for each event will be posted on the tournament entry system and will be typically 21 days prior to a tournament starting. Players who withdraw, giving the minimum correct notice will receive a refund less 3%, which covers the cost of the transaction fee incurred by Clutch Golf.

Withdrawals submitted after the official withdrawal deadline will be handled at the discretion of the Tour. Refunds for a withdrawal after the official deadline will only be granted if a player is medically unfit to compete or they have secured an invite into a higher ranking tournament. Withdrawals on medical grounds must always be accompanied with an official doctors note.

PLEASE NOTE: Higher ranking events include: PGA Tour, Korn Ferry Tour, DP World Tour, LIV, Challenge Tour, LET, LPGA, and the Asian Tour. Events that **DO NOT** count as higher ranking include: Sunshine Tour, Asian Development Tour, MENA Tour, Tartan Tour, Alps Tour, Pro Golf Tour, Nordic League and DP World Tour Q School stage 1

PLEASE NOTE: An official doctors note is deemed to be a note administered following a face to face consultation with a Doctor, whereby the player is deemed to be medically unfit to travel and compete. Online or over the phone consultations do **NOT** meet the tours criteria.

Failure to give notice of a withdrawal before the official withdrawal deadline will result in the full entry fee being charged for that respective event. A fine of £150.00 will also be implemented, with the fine increasing to £200 for repeat withdrawal breaches.

Once a tournament has begun, no refunds will be granted under any circumstance.

International Tournament Withdrawals (28 Day Policy)

The international tournament withdrawal policy reflects the domestic policy with the exception of an extended time frame for notice to be provided to the tour. The withdrawal notice period for International events is 28 days as opposed to 21 days for domestic tournaments. This extended notice period is in place to allow Clutch Pro Tour additional time to fill fields when heightened travel and logistics are required for player entries.

A player will receive a full refund on an international tournament entry fee (Less 3%) for a withdrawal submitted on or before the official withdrawal date (28 days prior to an event). The official withdrawal date for each event will be posted on the tournament entry system and will be typically 28 days prior to a tournament starting. Players who withdraw, giving the minimum correct notice will receive a refund less 3%, which covers the cost of the transaction fee incurred by Clutch Golf.

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Once a tournament has begun, no refunds will be granted under any circumstance.

Manual Entries

Manual entries will be allowed at the discretion of the tour. Manual entries are defined by entry fees paid via direct bank transfer or online payment links sent through Golf Genius.

Official tournament entry & withdrawal deadlines still apply to manual entries. Players who fail to process their manual entry payment before the entry deadline (48hrs prior to a tournament) are subject to a £150 fine, and the player risks losing their place in the tournament.

Players who fail to make their manual entry payment and subsequently withdraw before the tournament has started will still be charged and or invoiced for their full entry fee.

Tournament Cancellations

Clutch Golf reserves the right to cancel any tournament for any reason that they deem necessary. In the unlikely event of a tournament cancellation, players will be given the option to carry forward their entry fee to a future event or to request a full refund. Full refunds granted for a tournament cancellation will be processed and paid within 14 working days.

Players acknowledge that Clutch Golf cannot be held accountable for expenses, costs or a loss of earnings in the event of a tournament cancellation. If a tournament is cancelled during or prior to the scheduled date, Clutch Golf will endeavour to find an alternative venue, or reschedule the event. Players however acknowledge that this might not be possible.

18 holes of golf must have been completed by all players in order for an event to be declared as completed. Clutch Golf will endeavour to complete all tournaments within the season.

Should a tournament be interrupted by adverse weather or uncontrollable factors, players MUST make themselves available to complete the tournament outside of the scheduled dates.

The Tour maintains the right to cancel or postpone any given tournament should the numbers of participants be deemed to be too low to sustain an effective tournament. This decision will be made at the sole discretion of Clutch Golf.

Registration:

Players must register as soon as they arrive on site on ALL tournament days at the tournament registration desk at the tournament venue. A player is registered when their name has been signed off in person or by a member of the Clutch Golf staff. No other player or person is allowed to register on behalf of the player.

Failure to register may be treated as a tournament withdrawal and no refund will be issued.

Tee Times

Tee times will be released 48 hours prior to each event. Players will be notified via email, text message and tee times will also be posted on www.clutchprotour.co.uk.

A random draw will be conducted to formalise the tee sheet to ensure competitive fairness. Clutch Golf retains the right to alter and arrange groupings where they see fit.

Tee time requests for early or late starts MUST be received by the close of entries 14 days before the start of a tournament. All requests will be considered carefully, but there is no guarantee that requests will be granted. It is the tour's obligation to maintain a fair and competitive environment.

Prize Money

Male and female professionals compete for the same prize money; there are no gender separate pots.

All professional prize funds are guaranteed for the 2024 season based upon a full field of entrants (156 players). Prize funds for professional tournaments are subject to change dependant upon entry numbers, and the tour retain the right to change the size of the prize fund that it distributed. Any changes in the prize fund will be communicated to the players in advance of a tournament starting.

In the event of a tie, the result of a tournament will be determined by a sudden death play-off. Clutch Golf maintains the right to conclude a tournament on the day after the scheduled tournament date if daylight is deemed too poor to finish on the assigned day. However, if there is insufficient daylight to conclude the tournament and the host venue cannot accommodate a further days play, then Clutch Golf reserves the right to declare a tie and split

the prize money accordingly.

All runners up will be deemed too have finished 2nd and the place money will be divided equally between them. All winnings will be processed as a batch payment within 10 working days. It is the responsibility of the player to make sure the tour has their current and correct bank details. Once processed, batch payments can take up to 3 days to clear dependent on the clearing process of the host bank.

Amateurs competing in professional events are entitled and eligible to win up to £750 in prize money.

In 2024 the prize fund guarantees will be as follows:

Clutch Tier 1: Minimum guarantee of £50,000 per event

Clutch Tier 2: Minimum guarantee of £20,000 per event

Prize Giving:

Any player who is predicted to win a prize or is positioned inside the top 10 is required by the Tour to stay on site for the prize giving ceremony and media duties. Prize giving ceremonies will take place straight after the close of play when all scores have been finalised.

Tournament winners will be asked to acknowledge the event and the host venue on social media following the tournament. Clutch Golf will encourage all tournament winners to write a note of thanks to the host venue and title sponsor for their participation in the event

Prize Fund, Prizes & Entry Inclusions

All guarantees, incentives and invites offered by the tour are true and accurate at the time of the publishing of this policy on the 14th of October 2023.

All prizes, prizes funds and invites are subject to change and any changes will be clearly communicated to the membership.

Spot prizes, hole in one incentives and cash bonuses can be won by all competitors (Professional, Amateur & Junior). The allocation of these prizes is at the discretion of the Tour.

On Tier 1 in 2024 prize funds will be distributed to 50th position with a discretionary reserve pot for players making the cut and finishing below 50th position. This discretionary reserve pot is subject to change from event to event.

Fines, Penalties & Late Withdrawal Charges:

Clutch Golf retains the right to issue monetary fines and penalties for any of the following circumstances. ***Please note that the tour withholds the right to charge players with immediate effect through Golf Genius:***

- A £150 fine will be issued to players who NR or walk in off the course without a medical reason (Medical reasons must be supported by a retrospective doctors note).
- A £150 fine will be issued for damage to Clutch Golf property (Players will also be expected to pay the full price of the damaged object/s).
- A £150 fine will be issued for damage caused to the course and host venue property (Players will also be expected to pay the full price of the damaged object/s)
- Failure to give notice of a withdrawal before the entry closing date will result in a £150 fine.
- Foul and abusive language on the course or to tournament staff will incur a £150 fine per offence.
- Aggressive and threatening behaviour towards playing partners, officials or others will result in a £150 fine per offence.
- Leaving the scoring area before the whole group has finalised scores will incur a £100 fine.
- If a player is caught cheating they will have their membership stripped and they will be fined £500. They will not be allowed to compete again in any Clutch Golf event and all national governing bodies and tours will be notified.
- Slow play and the issuing of a 3rd bad time during a single round will result in a £150 fine and a two (2) shot penalty. Full timing and slow play sanctions are listed in the Pace of Play regulations below.
- A £100 fine will be incurred if players fail to repair pitch marks, rake bunkers and replace divots.
- A £150 fine will be implemented for players that fail to hit a provisional ball
- The FULL entry fee will be charged for withdrawals made after the official withdrawal deadline (21 days).

Media & Sponsors:

By accepting the Clutch Golf Tour Policy & Regulations the player grants Clutch Golf full rights to all imagery and footage taken at Clutch Golf events for in perpetuity.

Clutch Golf retains full rights to use imagery and digital content created on site at tournaments. Distribution and the use of this content is at the sole discretion of Clutch Golf. Acceptance of the Tour Policy & Regulations by players upon entry grants Clutch Golf the right to use the image of the competitor for use on social media, on the Clutch website and for use in marketing campaigns.

Host venues are granted full access to the content created during their respective event, and players are granted free use of event imagery for use on their social channels only. Players wishing to use images and content created at Clutch Golf events for their own commercial purposes must first seek approval by the tour. A commercial deal will be required for the use of content in this way.

All media content created at Clutch Golf events may be used in conjunction with third party companies and media outlets such as Sky Sports and national golf publications.

Players are required to respect the Tour, sponsors and host venues at all times when communicating with the media. It is a requirement that all players be available for media duties should they arise. Tournament winners are expected to stay and make themselves available for prize giving ceremonies and respective media interviews.

Players may use tour images captured by our official photographers on social media, but they MUST credit the tour and photographer. Failure to do so is copyright infringement and will result in a minimum £100 fine, subject to increase for repeat offences.

Buggies & Trolleys:

Pull trolleys and motor caddies are permitted at all Clutch Golf events. Pull trolleys from the club are subject to availability and will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Golf buggies are not permitted for tournament play or practice rounds and a fine may be implemented should this rule be breached. Spectators and caddies may not use buggies on the course either. Clutch Golf officials retain the right to make allowances of this rule based on medical grounds.

Competitive Attire:

Players are required to wear standard professional attire at all times on the course. Shorts will be allowed to be worn during practice and in tournament play, and hoodies made by golf manufacturers will be permitted.

Players must obey the clubhouse rules of the host venues and must refrain from wearing hats, golf shoes and waterproofs inside of the clubhouse.

Caddies must wear trainers and tailored shorts, and are not permitted to wear golf shoes in any circumstance.

Distance Measuring Devices:

GPS/Distance Measuring Devices are allowed, however slope and gradient calculators/indicators must be turned off before the tournament round commences. Slope and gradient functions may be used in practice rounds only.

Mobile phones are allowed to be used for GPS and compass apps. Green books are not permitted at any events.

Pace of Play Regulations:

Pace of play is of paramount importance at any Clutch Golf event. Competitors will be closely monitored by tournament referees, and the officials will be focussed on getting groups to complete their rounds within the allotted time frame.

All groups are required to keep pace with the preceding group. Please note that keeping ahead of the group behind is not deemed to be keeping up with pace of play.

Unless there are mitigating circumstances, the following process applies:

- When a group falls out of position they will be given an initial verbal warning and explanation. Falling out of position is defined by a group falling more than 1 hole behind the group in front.
- After an initial warning a group will be monitored for pace of play and officials must see a concerted effort to close the gap on the group in front.
- If there is no improvement on positioning and pace of play the group as a whole will be issued a 1st bad time and official 1st warning.
- Continued slow play will result in a 2nd bad time for the group and a 1 shot penalty PLUS a £100 fine per player.
- A third bad time will result in a 2 shot penalty for the group and £100 fine per player.
- A fourth bad time can result in tournament disqualification, a decision that is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

In the event that an individual player is playing too slow, the tour and officials will carry out and apply the above procedure to the individual rather than to all players within the group.

Clutch Golf-Recommended Timings:

The Tour recommends that all tournament rounds be played in under 4hrs 30minutes

Par 3 allocated time allowance: 11 minutes

Par 4 allocated time allowance: 14 minutes

Par 5 allocated time allowance: 16 minutes.

Shot timing and allowances are as follows:

- The 1st Player in a group has an allowance of 50s to hit a shot
- The 2nd Player in a group has a 45s allowance to hit a shot
- The 3rd Player in a group has a 40s allowance to hit a shot.

Officials will start timing a player when it is their turn to play, and as soon as the green or hole ahead is safe and clear to play. This decision is at the discretion of the trained referees.

The timings carried out by Clutch Golf officials will be deemed the official and correct timing and overrule the timings of players and caddies.

Ready golf is accepted by the tour and encouraged to maintain a good pace of play as long as it is safe to do so and when it is not to the detriment of playing partners.

A strict provisional ball policy will be in operation. Players are required to hit a provisional ball for any shot deemed in potential danger of being lost. The failure to hit a provisional will result in a £150 penalty. Provisional balls must be clearly announced on the tee before the shot has been played.

Players Responsibilities:

Players and caddies are required to adhere to The Rules of Golf and behave in an appropriate and responsible manner in line with normal golf etiquette.

Players and groupings must stick closely to the allocated playing times for each hole and shot. Pace of play must be maintained throughout.

Players are required to arrive at the 1st tee 10 minutes prior to their round starting. A 2 shot penalty will be incurred for any player that is not ready when called to the tee.

Clutch Golf will not give allowances or move tee times if a player is running late for any reason. The player is fully responsible for arriving at the venue in good time. Players that arrive late and miss their tee time risk forfeiting their entry fee with no grounds for appeal.

The Tour clock on the 1st tee and the Tour staff time measurements are deemed to be the official time.

Players must play by the one ball rule in all Clutch Golf events. The same brand and model of ball must be used for the entire round, and the type of ball must be declared to playing partners on the 1st tee.

All balls should be individually marked by the player to confirm ownership. Any blank balls with no personalised markings are at risk of being deemed lost, should there be a dispute over ownership.

Players must only carry 14 clubs. No additional clubs may be carried in the bag during tournament play. No training aids of any description may be used during a tournament round. This includes laying them on the ground to aid alignment.

Players are given 3 minutes to look for a ball and it is the players responsibility to time their own ball. All tournament officials will have the authority to declare a ball lost if there is no timing device being used to accurately time the search period.

The use of mobile phones is prohibited during tournament play except for the following circumstances: To time for a lost ball, to call a referee, for live scoring and GPS/compass apps.

Caddies, fore-caddies, friends and family must stay insight of all players in group that they are following. They must not interfere with the search for a ball, and the search for the ball must not begin until the players have reached the area of the search. Such following groups must not walk on the fairways or greens nor hinder the pace of play for any subsequent groups of players.

Players are fully responsible and culpable for the actions and behaviours of their caddies, family, friends and supporters. If a player's caddie, family member or supporter breaks any of the tour rules the player will be held responsible and incur a £100 fine and 1 stroke penalty.

In the event of a fine, players are required to make payment in full before they leave the venue.

Appeals, requests, complaints:

Players are entitled to a second on course opinion regarding a ruling. Players must request this at the time of the incident to allow for an accurate assessment to be made.

Any disputes or appeals must be referred to the Tournament Director. All disputes and appeals must be made at the scoring office following a round and before the player has signed their card. Appeals made after the conclusion of the tournament will not be considered.

Tournaments will be deemed officially closed and completed within 60 minutes after the last group has left the scorers office.

Clutch Golf will at all times work in the best interest of the players and consider all facts and details presented in the case of an appeal. However, in all cases, The Tournament Directors decision is final.

In the event of a dispute between players surrounding a ruling, the tournament officials must be called at the time of the incident. Rulings made by a group or individual are subject to change and overruling if the players have made the incorrect ruling.

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Clutch Pro Tour, Clutch Amateur Tour and Clutch Junior Tour are all trading names of The Clutch Tour Limited.

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