



Tournament Regulations





United Elements Open Tournament Regulations

Aims and objectives of Tournament

1. International friendly and business relations re-enforcement
2. Participants' sportsmanship improvement
3. Preservation of traditional golf values in Russia
4. Creation of golfers' society supporting traditional rules and ethics in golf in accordance with the R&A rules of golf.
5. The popularization of golf in Russia; preservation of rules, traditions and ethics

General issues

1. International golf tournament "United Elements Open" (hereinafter – the Tournament), is a private one.
2. For staging the Tournament, The Organizing Committee is appointed by the Providers.
3. Any player approved by Organizing Committee and confirmed game classification (handicap) could take part in the Tournament.
4. Players who are not members of the golf club shall provide Organizing Committee with 3 calculating cards for the last half of a year. Handicap will be calculated on the average score of these 3 cards.
5. Participants pay their own expenses for travel to the Tournament, accommodation and meals at the time of the Tournament.
6. The Tournament is held in accordance with R&A Rules Limited and the local rules of golf club where it is held.
7. The Tournament providers and Organizing Committee are not responsible for any possible damage to health or property of participants and spectators in connection with staging the Tournament.



Tournament's format

1. Handicap stroke play and Stableford. The scores achieved for every hole by participants within the days of competition are summarized.
2. The tournament is held in 3 handicap groups: men – from 1 to 18 (handicap stroke play) and from 18 to 28 (stableford), women – from 0 to 32.
3. Players with handicap index of over than 28 for men and over than 32 for women are qualified taking into account maximum possible handicap index (28 for men and 32 for women).
4. Organizing Committee divides the players into groups and defines their positions on the course (divides between holes for shotgun start) as well as prepares starting protocol.
5. Starting protocol is forwarded to participants via e-mail 2 days prior to the tournament.

Terms and venue of the tournament

1. Timing is determined by Organizing Committee at least 2 months prior to the date of the tournament.
2. A place of the tournament to be held is announced by Organizing Committee at least 2 months prior to the date of the tournament.

Applications for participation:

1. Preliminary applications will be accepted in written form. Application should be filled in Russian and English languages.
2. Preliminary applications should be sent to Organizing Committee or filled in on the web site of the tournament www.uesport.ru
3. Applications shall be considered by Organizing Committee and a list of participants shall be published on a web page www.uesport.ru



Practice

1. Players are allowed to have full round or half of round on a golf course as a training 1 day prior to the Tournament. No practice is allowed on a golf course during the Tournament days.
2. Players are allowed to hold a warm-up on academy course at the day of the play before entrance the first tee.

Play

1. Participants' start occurs in accordance with starting protocol.
2. Participants should be present at the start tee pad no later than 10 minutes before scheduled start time. Latecomers participants will be disqualified regardless of the cause of delay.
3. It is forbidden for players to carry mobile phones and drink alcoholic beverages during the time of competition.
4. In the event of players net score being tied, a smallest handicap will determine the winner.

Awarding

1. First-place winner in men's handicap group from 0 to 18.0 (Stroke play) awards a Cup and memorable prize.
2. First-place winner in men's handicap group from 18.1 to 28.1 (Stableford) awards a Cup and memorable prize.
3. First-place winner in women's handicap group from 0 to 32 awards a Cup and memorable prize.
4. Challenge Cup, with engraved names of all Tournament winners, is stored in the organizing committee
5. Winners in these and other handicap groups award prizes.
6. Organizing Committee assigns sponsors' additional prizes in different categories.