5 STARS JUNIOR CUP BY ADRIAN MERONK TOURNAMENT RULES

§1. General

1. 5 Stars Junior Cup by Adrian Meronk is a series of tournaments for juniors under 18 years.
2. 5 Stars Junior Cup by Adrian Meronk is being organized by ‘’Fundacja 5 Stars’’.
3. Tournament committee consists of: Tournament Director, Head Rules Official and Golf Course Representative.
4. Organizer requires all players participating in the tournament to follow below (‘’Rules’’), rules of golf and golf etiquette.
5. Main goal of this tournament is to promote competitive golf among young individuals according to a fair play spirit.

§2. Participants

1. Juniors; amateurs according to R&A Rules Limited, born in 2006 or later.
2. Participants are competing in age group categories based on §5 appendix 2.
3. Event organizer reserves the right to combine all or some groups if there are **less than 5** participants under one age category.
4. Players above 10 years of age need to have valid HCP card. If certain players have HCP card issued by different golf federation than Polish Golf Union, he/she is obliged to present official confirmation of HCP. Paper or electronic version of confirmation is required at least one day before the event starts.
5. Players below 10 years of age do NOT need a HCP card.
6. Players representing clubs affiliated with the Russian Golf Federation and the Belarusian Golf Federation will not be allowed to compete in tournaments in the 2024 season

§3. Tournament dates and sites

1 – 3 June 2024 – Kraków Valley Golf&CC
24 – 26 June 2024 – Ropice Golf Resort
10 – 12 July 2024 – Modry Las
19 – 21 August 2024 – Mazury Golf&CC
4 – 6 October 2024 – Wrocław Golf Club

§4. Qualifications and applications to the event

1. There can be up to 100 players participating.
   In the tournament at Wrocław Golf Club can participate maximum of 12 players in the U10 group.
2. Registration can be done via Golf Box at:
   https://www.golfbox.dk/livescoring/tour/?language=1045#/customer/2299/schedule
3. Registration does not automatically qualify given player for respective event.
4. Tournament fees and bank account information are mentioned under §10 appendix 1. Once the payment is visible then he/she will be moved to qualified list of players.
5. Full list of qualified players and reserve list will be visible under tournament tab at www.polskigolf.pl within 3 days before the tournament start date.
6. Reserve list players will be allowed to participate, when the maximum number of players has not exceeded previously stated number. Reserve list players will be allowed to participate based on their application date and time.
7. Official closing of participants list will take place at noon one day before the event start date.
8. In case of exceeding the maximum number of players registered for the tournament, which will be held in Wroclaw, players will be qualified according to the number of tournaments played from the series in the 2024 season. Priority of participation is given to players who played in 4, then 3, 2 and 1 tournaments from the series 5 Stars Junior Cup by Adrian Meronk in the 2024 season. In case of remaining vacancies, the remaining players will be qualified according to the order of registration.

§5. Tournament format and group classifications

1. Event will consist of 54 holes (3 rounds) for all age groups except players who are below 10 years of age. Kids below 10 years old will play 27 holes (3 rounds of 9 holes).
2. Below classifications will be used, unless player participates in different age group within Polish Golf Association. If so, he/she will be allocated to the age group based on Polish Golf Association.

- boys

- U18: 16- 18 years old – **stroke play gross**
- U15: 13-15 years old - **stroke play gross**
- U12: 11- 12 years old - **stroke play gross,**
- U10 - below 10 years old - **stroke play gross**

- girls

- U18: 16- 18 years old– **stroke play gross**
- U15: 13-15 years old - **stroke play gross**
- U12: 11- 12 years old - **stroke play gross,**
- U10 - below 10 years old - **stroke play gross**

3. Players will compete from below tee boxes:

- boys

- U18 – yellow tees
- U15– yellow tees
- U12 – red tees
- U10 – orange tees or different calibrated for children

- girls

- U18 – red tees
- U15 – red tees
- U12 – red tees
- U10 – orange tees or different calibrated for children

4. Tournament Committee reserves the right to change HCP limit and maximum number of players as well as combining the age groups.

§6. Tournament winners/ Ties

1. A ‘’sudden death’’ playoff is in place once there is a tie for first place in stroke play gross category. Tournament committee will assign playoff holes.
   In the case of exceptionally unfavorable weather conditions (threat of lightning, field unfit for play, darkness falling, etc.), the Committee Director will determine another way to resolve ties.
   If there is a tie for second and third place; a count back rule is in place. Meaning: best final round. Once there is still a tie, better 9, 6, 3 and last hole will determine the winner.

§7. Prizes

1. There will be 3 prizes for the best players (boys and girls) within age group categories -, U18, U15, U12 and U10 for stroke play gross.

§8. Classification and prizes for 5 Stars Junior Cup by Adrian Meronk series

1. 5 Stars Junior Cup by Adrian Meronk series will have ORDER OF MERIT ranking system. The ranking is for players who have played in at least 2 tournaments in the series.
2. Every player participating in an event will receive 10 points added to the ranking system.
3. Additional points will be added as follows:

For all age groups under stroke play gross

Position	Number of players in each age group (girls and boys)			
	15 +	10-15	6-9	1-5
1	25	25	20	10
2	20	20	16	6
3	16	16	12	2
4	14	12	10	
5	12	10		
6	10			

4. Order of Merit results will be posted after the tournament concludes.

5. There will be prizes for 3 boys/girls in all age groups for whole5 Stars Junior Cup by Adrian Meronk series, which gained the greatest number of points. The prizes - vouchers for participation in the following year's competition - cannot be transferred to another person and, if not used in the indicated season, are not valid for the following year.

6. If there is a tie regarding the number of point in Order of Merit ranking, player will be allocated certain position based on the number of points from the event played at Wrocław Golf Club.

§9. Champion of Champions – qualifying criteria

1. Winners of gross stroke play category (boys/girls) in all the age groups will qualify to Champion of Champions World Championship 2024, only if there were at least 5 participants.
2. If a certain player has already qualified before, then another player from the list qualifies automatically.

§10. Torunament fees

1. Player who wishes to participate must pay the respective tournament fees within 2 weeks before the event starts for the bank account number:

   Name: Fundacja 5 Stars
   ul. Gwiaździsta 5, 01-651 Warszawa

   account number: **16 1140 1010 0000 4320 4500 1001**

   BIC/ SWIFT: BREXPLPWXXX

   Title: First and Last name, + name of the golf course

   Fees:

	9 holes	**18 holes**
Member	380 PLN	500 PLN
Non-member	450 PLN	600 PLN

2. ‘’Reserve’’ list of players who do not qualify to the event will receive full return of fees. Return of fees for players who have qualified for an event will be accepted only based on the previous notification sent to info@5stars.pl within 5 days before the event start date. Return of fees will take place within 14 days after the event concludes.

§11. Caddy

1.Use of caddies is **prohibited** for age groups U18, U15, U12.

2. Players U10 can use caddy for the tournament.

§12. Player movement/ use of trolleys

1. Player is required to walk on the golf course.
2. During the round, the player or caddie shall not use any means of transportation except with the approval or subsequent approval of the Committee. In case of violation of this local rule, the player shall receive a penalty of two strokes for each hole on which this local rule was violated. If the rule violation occurs between two holes, the penalty shall apply to the next hole. A player who will play, or has played with a stroke and distance penalty always has the permission of the Committee to travel by means of transportation.
3. Under special circumstances, tournament committee can allow use of electric cart as long as it has been proved and justified by health reasons

§13. Rules

1. This tournament follows rules of golf accepted by R&A Rules Ltd. and local rules accepted by tournament committee released on the day of the event.
2. Code of conduct:

    a) During the tournament, the course is closed to parents and spectators (except for the players' coaches).
    b) Entering to marked forbidden golf areas is strictly prohibited.
    c) All players should conduct according to the spirit of the game and the expected norm of golf, in example – cleaning pitch marks, taking care of the golf course, raking bunkers and replacing divots.
    d) Ready Golf is strongly recommended
    e) Using of offensive language is not acceptable.
    f) Throwing clubs and destroying of the golf course is prohibited.
    g) Players pay attention to other participants and do not disturb their game.
    h) Golf Course attire is required.
    i) Alcoholic beverages are strongly prohibited on the golf course during tournament.

3.Penalties of breaching above rules:

- First breach – warning
- Second breach – one stroke penalty
- Third breach – disqualification

4. There is a possibility of removing caddy or other person like parent or spectator once tournament committee agrees; he/she disturbs players. Not following to this decision may result of disqualification penalty to the player associated to the troublemakers.

§14. Start and finishing the round (Rule 5.3)

1. Player must start his round on time (not earlier).
   -This means, he/she must be ready to play on time and location agreed by the committee. Starting time agreed by committee is treated as the accurate time.
2. Penalty of breaching rule 5.3 a: disqualification – except three exceptions below:
   - If player arrives to tee box not later than 5 min late: Player receives 2-stroke penalty added to his first hole.
   - Player tees off not earlier than 5 min too early: Player receives 2-stroke penalty added to his first hole.
   - When tournament committee decided, that under special conditions given player could not tee off on time: there is no breach of the rule, and no penalty applies.
3. Official starting time is measured based on the time located at the place of the start.

§ 15. Slow play

a. Unjustified delay of game (Rule 5.6)
Player cannot delay the game without any justification, regardless of whether one is playing the hole or is between the holes.
Breach of rule 5.6a:
- First breach – one stroke penalty.
- Second breach – two stroke penalty.
- Third breach – disqualification.

If player delays the game between the holes, penalty received will be added to the following hole.
b. Fast play
Round of golf should be played fast:

Player should play quickly during the whole round, including:
- **Preparing and execution of shot,**
- **Walking between the shots, and**
- **Moving to the next tee once the previous hole has been completed**.

Player should prepare himself/herself to the next shot and be ready to play once his/her turn comes up. Once the turn is up, we strongly recommend executing shot within 40 seconds from the moment when the player had the ability to play without any disruptions. Players are allowed to play outside of his/her turn to speed up the game. **‘’Ready golf’’** must be **safe** and **responsible** at most! (Rule 6.4b exception).
Timecard- tournament committee sets the time for the full round and each hole, which has to be followed by players. Each group must keep up with the group in front of them. First group has to pay attention that they are not keeping out once they exceed their time of play allocated to given holes. Every group will be ‘’out of position’’ when they do not follow the timecard and the difference between them and group in front of them is larger than their starting time difference. Rules official will warn slow group that exceeds allowed time. If they are still out of position after next two holes, time will be measured without another warning. Shot execution should not exceed 40 seconds.

Breach of this rule under stroke play format:

- First breach: warning
- Second breach: one stroke penalty
- Third breach: two stroke penalty
- Fourth breach: disqualification

§16. Suspension of game during dangerous situations - rule 5.7b

1. Tournament committee can temporarily suspend the game once they agree that golf course is unsuitable for play or there could be a dangerous weather situation.
2. Tournament committee can temporarily suspend the game as follows:

One long, continuous siren – immediate suspension of play

If players are between the holes, they are not allowed to start another hole until the tournament committee allows resumption. If players are in the middle of the hole, they must immediately stop the game. If certain player does not follow to this rule, he/she will be disqualified unless there are some special circumstances.

Three sirens– suspension of play

If players are between the holes, they are not allowed to start another hole until tournament committee allows so. If players are in the middle of the hole they can stop right away or continue so long it is not slowing down everybody. They can stop at any time during that hole. By **NO** means, they are allowed to start another hole.

3. Resumption of play- two quick siren sounds. Players are required to resume the game when the tournament committee announced its resumption.

Penalty of breaching this rule 5.7b – disqualification

§17. Distance-measuring devices

1. Using distance-measuring devices is allowed if they are not able to measure other values like difference in heights, temperature, speed, and wind direction.

§18. Scorecards

1. Marker is required to write down gross scores for each hole. Turning in scorecards will take place at Tournament Committee center and has to be done within 10 min after round completion. Players for each group are required to turn in their cards at the same time. Player takes full responsibility for score and data correctness on the scorecard.
2. The announcement of the results at the awards ceremony shall mean "official announcement of the result".

§19. Doping agents

Any doping agents are not allowed.

§20. Tournament rules changes

Tournament committee reserves the right to change the rules of the tournament before the beginning of the event. The committee will publicly announce any changes at the shortest time possible. Any changes will be published at the tournament committee center.

§21. Personal Data Protection Act

1. Administrator of data under European Parliament ordinance and the Council of EU from 2016/679 from 27 April 2016 about personal data protection act and flowless transition of data as well as repeal of directive 95/46/WE is P.F.D sp z o.o. located at ul. Gwiaździsta 5 Warsaw.

2. Registration of player equals to consent for data processing. Scope of data gathered will include name, last name, e-mail address, phone number, home address, HCP to provide a tee time list, tournament results, livescoring and social media feeds.
3. Each player/ legal guardian consents to use his/her image for movie materials, photos or audiovisuals created by tournament organizers free of charge. Given consent allows the tournament organizers to use the image of certain player for promotional purposes and previously prepared publications.
4. Each player/ legal guardian consents to use his/her image for movie materials, photos or audiovisuals created by tournament organizers free of charge. Free consent of image use covers:
    (a) multiple use of personal image with whatever technique organizer choses
    (b) adding the image of player for operating purposes
    (c) adding the image of player to computer data/ computer cloud or multimedia cloud,
    (d) public sharing of the image of players over the internet and social media sites.
5. Player agrees to distribution of tournament results and is aware that given results can be publicly visible over livescoring feed.
6. Player and legal guardian announces, he/she read tournament resolutions and agrees to follow it. Any breach of these rules can result in inability to play 5 Stars Junior Cup by Adrian Meronk events.
7. Registration of a minor for 5 Stars Junior Cup by Adrian Meronk means that a legal guardian/parent:
    a) Has read the Tournament Rules
    b) Is responsible for data accuracy provided of a minor
    c) Agrees to a participation of a minor at 5 Stars Junior Cup by Adrian Meronk