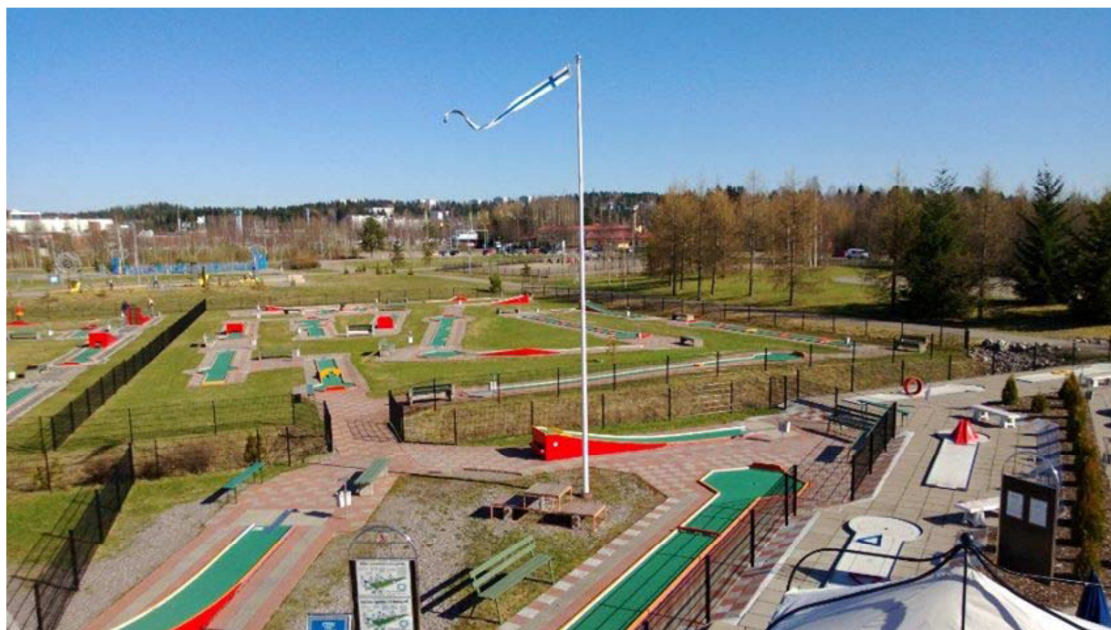


Minigolf

World Championships

19th–22nd August 2015
in Lahti / Finland



PROMOTER



Approved by WMF Technical Committee in February 2015

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**INVITATION
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
19th-22nd AUGUST 2015**

- PROMOTER:** World Minigolf Sport Federation
- ORGANIZER:** Lahden Minigolfkerho in cooperation with Suomen Ratagolfliitto
- LOCATION OF COURSES:** Kaarikatu 30, FI-15100 Lahti
course A: feltgolf
course B: miniaturegolf
- CATEGORIES:** General class women; women's teams (3 players + 1 substitute)
General class men; men's teams (6 players + 1 substitute)
- PARTICIPATION:** All active members of the WMF, as long as they came up to their obligations towards the WMF. WMF Board can on application approve the participation of nations, which are not yet active members of WMF.
- REGISTRATION:** **Until May 31st 2015 compulsory with enclosed form only to**
WMF Sport Director
Pasi Aho
Messerschmittstraße 1
DE-96052 Bamberg
Germany
phone: +49/172/8392963
email: sportdirector@minigolfsport.com
- If participants from your country need visa for travelling to the championships, please send information including all necessary data VERY EARLY to the organizer!! The contact address can be found under ACCOMMODATION in this invitation.**
- PRACTICING FEE:** Pre official training: EUR 3,00 / day / player (payable to organizer)
- PARTICIPATION FEE:** **EUR 70,00 for players, coaches and officials**
Fees have to be paid until May 31st 2015 to the account of WMF. Please note that all banking fees (also those charged by the recipient's bank) must be paid by the sender and the full amount must arrive to the WMF account. When transferring from a bank outside the eurozone, please choose a charging option ensuring that all bank charges are paid by the sender ("OUR" charging option in most payment systems).
Please pay right in time and only to:
Bank: Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken
IBAN: SE80 5000 0000 0593 0828 6683
SWIFT: ESSESESS
For further questions please contact WMF Sport Director.
For delayed registrations or payments, the participation fee is 125 % of the fee above.
- ACCOMMODATION AND VISA CONTACT:** Overview of available accommodation can be found at
<http://www.minigolflahti.fi>
Special hotel offers for the tournament participants are available in Scandic Hotel Lahti, 1,5 km from the minigolf premises, as well as in Cumulus Hotel Lahti, 2,2 km from the minigolf courses. Both hotels are located in the downtown of Lahti.
Please contact the hotel(s) of your choice directly. You will receive a separate information on the special offers via e-mail.
- Should you need assistance with your accommodation booking, please contact:**
Harry Grönlund
Phone: +358 405 021 573
E-mail: harry.gronlund@taxi83.inet.fi

For visa assistance, please contact:

Ari Ahrenberg

Phone: +358 400 469 387

E-mail: ari.ahrenberg@erlatek.fi

The worldwide international sport rules of WMF including supplementary rules and worldwide international sport regulations are applied for the World Championships. In particular please note the regulations for the World and Continental Championships of WMF. Each participant or for minors their legal guardian must have signed the forms for acceptance of WADA-code 2015 as well as media coverage and accept the WMF anti-doping regulations in current version. Sport shoes and uniform team sports clothing appropriate for minigolf are required during official practice time and tournament. Only sports hats are allowed.



**Pasi Aho
WMF Sport Director**

SCHEDULE

Groups for nations training:

The final composition of the groups will be published according to the final entries after May 31st by e-mail. It will be also available at the official information board at the location.

The accreditation of all participants has to be filed **immediately after arrival in Lahti, latest Saturday, 15th August 2015, 6 p.m.**

FRIDAY, 14th AUGUST 2015

08.00 am – 01.00 pm	Nations training group A
01.00 pm – 06.00 pm	Nations training group B
after 06.00 pm	Courses open for both groups
04.00 pm	Last possibility for written complaints regarding courses
06.00 pm	Inspection of the courses by the Sport Director and a member of the Organizer

SATURDAY, 15th AUGUST 2015

08.00 am – 01.00 pm	Nations training group B
01.00 pm – 06.00 pm	Nations training group A
after 06.00 pm:	Courses open for both groups
06:00 pm:	Deadline for accreditation of all players, officials and coaches

SUNDAY, 16th AUGUST 2015

08.00 am – 01.00 pm	Nations training group A
01.00 pm – 06.00 pm	Nations training group B
after 06.00 pm:	Courses open for both groups

MONDAY, 17th AUGUST 2015

Players, who lose practice time as delegates at the WMF Delegates Conference on 16th August 2015, get as compensation more practice time during Monday from 08.00 am to 05.00 pm.

08.00 am – 12.30 pm	Nations training group B
12.30 pm – 05.00 pm	Nations training group A
after 05.00 pm:	No training allowed due to the opening ceremony
11.00 am	Media conference
12.00 pm	Deadline for payment of the practicing fees
12.00 am	Coach meeting
05.00 pm	Deadline for name lists of players (team order)
07.00 pm	Opening ceremony and draw of starting order

TUESDAY, 18th AUGUST 2015

08.00 am – 01.00 pm	Nations training group A
01.00 pm – 06.00 pm	Nations training group B
after 06.00 pm:	Courses open for both groups
03.00 pm	Referee meeting

WEDNESDAY, 19th AUGUST 2015
FIRST DAY OF COMPETITION

08.00 am	Start for men	miniaturegolf	feltgolf	miniaturegolf	feltgolf
08.00 am	Start for women	feltgolf	miniaturegolf	feltgolf	miniature

If the jury has decided to cut the team competition to 3+3 rounds before the start of the tournament:

08.00 am	Start for men	miniaturegolf	feltgolf	miniaturegolf
08.00 am	Start for women	feltgolf	miniaturegolf	feltgolf

THURSDAY, 20th AUGUST 2015
SECOND DAY OF COMPETITION – FINAL DAY OF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pairings are regrouped in accordance with the individual results after the first day for individual players and team results after the first day for team players. The team players are divided into two tournament groups. Group 1 consists of teams from place 7 downwards and this group starts before group 2. Group 2 consists of teams on places 1 to 6 and starts after group 1.

08.00 am	Start for men	miniaturegolf	feltgolf	miniaturegolf	feltgolf
08.00 am	Start for women	feltgolf	miniaturegolf	feltgolf	miniature

If the jury has decided to cut the team competition to 3+3 rounds before the start of the tournament:

08.00 am	Start for men	feltgolf	miniaturegolf	feltgolf
08.00 am	Start for women	miniaturegolf	feltgolf	miniaturegolf

End of team competition.

Necessary team sudden-death: Immediately after the end of team competition at the course played last by the category

After the competition: Medal ceremony for team championships at the courses

FRIDAY, 21st AUGUST 2015
THIRD DAY OF COMPETITION – FINAL DAY OF INDIVIDUAL STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pairings are regrouped in accordance with the individual results after the second day. If the time calculations show need for it, the intermediate round will be played with shotgun start.

Intermediate round of the individual strokeplay championships for all participants:

08.00 am	Start for men	miniaturegolf	feltgolf
08.00 am	Start for women	feltgolf	miniaturegolf

Necessary individual sudden-death for qualifying to the individual matchplay finals (best 32 men / 16 women): immediately after the end of intermediate round on course A

Final round of the individual strokeplay championships:

02.00 pm	Start for women + men	miniaturegolf	felt
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After the competition: Medal ceremony for individual strokeplay championships at the courses

SATURDAY, 22nd AUGUST 2015
FOURTH DAY OF COMPETITION – FINAL DAY OF INDIVIDUAL MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

08.00 am	Start of individual matchplay finals for the best 32 men
09.30 am	Start of individual matchplay finals for the best 16 women

Necessary sudden-death: Immediately after the end of each match, continuing at the next of the 18 lanes chosen for the individual matchplay finals

After the competition: Medal ceremony for individual matchplay championships at the courses

08.00 pm Closing ceremony

Mode of team championships

- Admittance:** All registered teams participate in the team championships in their respective categories.
- Mode and ranking:** The scores of all finished rounds in the category are added up for the ranking of team championships.
- The number of rounds for team competition can be reduced to 6 (3+3) by the decision of jury before the tournament. If such decision is made, it will be announced latest at the coach meeting. Furthermore, if it is not possible to finish the scheduled 8 rounds of the team competition by the end of day 2, the jury has the right to cut the number of rounds to 7 or 6.
- If at least six rounds of the team competition have not been finished by the end of day 2, the team competition will be continued on the day 3 and the intermediate round of individual strokeplay championships will possibly be cancelled.
- Deadline for the end of team competition is 2.00 pm on day 3. All fully completed team rounds are counted for the respective category.

Mode of individual strokeplay championships

- Admittance:** All registered players participate in the individual strokeplay championship in their respective categories.
- Cut for the final round:** The best 9 players of category women after the intermediate round (and players with equal scores)
The best 15 players of the category men after the intermediate round (and players with equal scores)
- Mode and ranking:** All finished rounds of the team competition and the intermediate round are the preliminary rounds of the individual strokeplay championships. If the team competitions have not been finished in scheduled time, the intermediate round will possibly be cancelled or cut.
- The final round is played in pairings of three players.
- The scores of the preliminary rounds and the final round are added up for the ranking of individual strokeplay championships. If the intermediate round has not been finished in scheduled time, the final round can be cut to be played on fewer than 36 lanes.

Mode of individual matchplay championships

- Admittance:** First 16 women and 32 men according to the results of the qualification rounds (team competition rounds + intermediate round of individual strokeplay championships) are qualified.
- For equal scores at the cut there will be a sudden-death beginning at lane 1 of course A. In case of equal scores among the qualified players, the ranking order of the players and thus the places in the matchplay bracket are defined by the WMF sport rules (chapter 2.3.9.4) for scoring and play-offs. If there still is a tie between two or more players after counting all the differences, a coin toss or other way of draw has to be made for deciding these ranks. The mentioned WMF sport rules apply even to the players qualified by sudden-death – their ranking order is decided by those rules, not by the results of the sudden-death. The results of the final round of individual strokeplay competition do not affect the rankings for the matchplay finals. The bracket for matchplay championships is defined according to the results after the intermediate round.
- Brackets for the individual matchplay finals of women and men youth are presented on the following pages.
- If any qualified player doesn't appear to the start for any reason whatsoever, there is no replacement by the next player of the ranking list after qualification rounds. His/her place in the bracket remains empty and other players keep their original places.

Lanes to be played: 9 lanes felt / course A
9 lanes miniaturegolf / course B
The lanes will be chosen by the tournament jury. The decision regarding the lanes which are played will be published at the coach meeting.

Mode and ranking: All rounds are played as matchplay.
Matches until semi-finals are played with shotgun start.
For starting lanes, see matchplay brackets.
Semi-finals, finals and matches for rank 3 are started at lane 1 of course B (in order: women, men), one match after the other.
The higher-ranked player after the qualification rounds in the pairing always plays first on the starting lane of the match. After that, the leading player in the match always starts the next lane. If there is currently no leader in the match the playing order remains unchanged until there is a leader and thus possibly a new starting player. This also applies for the first lane of the sudden-death playoffs in the matchplay. The following lanes are played according to the general sudden-death rule (the starting player changes at every lane).
Number of won lanes decides about the winner (matchplay mode), who proceeds to the next round. In case of equal number of won lanes after full 18 lanes (or fewer if the number of played lanes has been cut due to weather), the match is continued at the next of the chosen lanes until one of the players wins one lane.
A match has to be stopped earlier than after 18 lanes, as soon as one player has already won the match mathematically.
Play at a lane has to be stopped as soon as there is a winner for the lane.
Losers of the same round are finally ranked according to their total results of qualification rounds.

Bad weather conditions: In case of bad weather conditions during the **individual matchplay finals**, rounds are cancelled in a way that a chance for a real final always remains. **First option** is to cut the first round for men and to start with 16 players. **Second option** is to change the number of lanes for each round if necessary. The minimum number of lanes played per round is 12. It is possible to play same lanes more than once during a round, if this helps to complete the competition (for example 2 x 6 lanes). It is also possible that these lanes are on one course only (for example, 2 x 6 lanes miniaturegolf covered by tents), but if possible, the option of playing both courses must be preferred.
The decisions for any changes are done by the jury of the championships.

Terminal abandonment during individual matchplay finals:

In case of terminal abandonment during any round before finals (until all matches of the round in one category have been completed): The matchplay championship of such category is completely cancelled and there is no ranking at all.

In case of terminal abandonment during final match and/or match for rank 3: Both finalists will receive a gold medal and/or both players in the match for rank 3 will receive a bronze medal.

Penalty system:

The standard system described in WMF worldwide international sport rules chapter 2.3.18 is used in the **team competition and individual strokeplay competition**. All penalties from the qualification rounds of the individual strokeplay competition are carried forward to the individual strokeplay final round.

The following penalty system is applied for the **individual matchplay finals**:

No penalties from the qualification rounds are carried forward to the matchplay finals.

First step is a written pre-warning with no consequences.

For all following violations, the player in question loses the next undecided lane (meaning the next lane, which has no winner yet).

Referees have the possibility to skip the pre-warning level in case of severe or tactical violations.

All penalties are also announced on the scoreboard.

Coaches:

Maximum of two coaches per nation are allowed on each course during all competitions, regardless of the number of participating players of the nation.

Bracket for individual matchplay finals – women

match 1	1	
	16	
starting lane		A2

match 2	8	
	9	
starting lane		A3

match 3	5	
	12	
starting lane		A4

match 4	4	
	13	
starting lane		A5

match 5	3	
	14	
starting lane		A6

match 6	6	
	11	
starting lane		A7

match 7	7	
	10	
starting lane		A8

match 8	2	
	15	
starting lane		A9

match 9	winner match 1		
	winner match 2		
starting lane			A1

match 10	winner match 3		
	winner match 4		
starting lane			A3

match 11	winner match 5		
	winner match 6		
starting lane			A5

match 12	winner match 7		
	winner match 8		
starting lane			A7

semifinal 1	winner match 9		
	winner match 10		
starting lane			B1

final	winner semifinal 1		
	winner semifinal 2		
starting lane			B1

semifinal 2	winner match 11		
	winner match 12		
starting lane			B1

match rank 3	loser semifinal 1		
	loser semifinal 2		
starting lane			B1

Legend: A1 = lane 1 of chosen lanes at feltgolf

B1 = lane 1 of chosen lanes at miniaturegolf

Bracket for individual matchplay finals – men

Semi-finals, final match and match for rank 3 analogous to the chart of individual matchplay finals – men (start at B1).

match 1	1	
	32	
starting lane		A2

match 2	16	
	17	
starting lane		A3

match 3	9	
	24	
starting lane		A4

match 4	8	
	25	
starting lane		A5

match 5	5	
	28	
starting lane		A6

match 6	12	
	21	
starting lane		A7

match 7	13	
	20	
starting lane		A8

match 8	4	
	29	
starting lane		A9

match 9	3	
	30	
starting lane		B1

match 10	14	
	19	
starting lane		B2

match 11	11	
	22	
starting lane		B3

match 12	6	
	27	
starting lane		B4

match 13	7	
	26	
starting lane		B5

match 14	10	
	23	
starting lane		B6

match 15	15	
	18	
starting lane		B7

match 16	2	
	31	
starting lane		B8

match 17	winner match 1
	winner match 2
starting lane	B1

match 18	winner match 3
	winner match 4
starting lane	B2

match 19	winner match 5
	winner match 6
starting lane	B3

match 20	winner match 7
	winner match 8
starting lane	B4

match 21	winner match 9
	winner match 10
starting lane	B5

match 22	winner match 11
	winner match 12
starting lane	B6

match 23	winner match 13
	winner match 14
starting lane	B7

match 24	winner match 15
	winner match 16
starting lane	B8

match 25	winner match 17
	winner match 18
starting lane	B1

match 26	winner match 19
	winner match 20
starting lane	B3

match 27	winner match 21
	winner match 22
starting lane	B5

match 28	winner match 23
	winner match 24
starting lane	B7

Legend: A1 = lane 1 of chosen lanes at feltgolf

B1 = lane 1 of chosen lanes at miniaturegolf

Registration for the World Championships 2015 in Lahti, Finland

REGISTRATION DATE: 31st May 2015

NATIONAL FEDERATION

For participation at the World Championships from 19th to 22nd August 2015 we announce:

national team women

national team men

If no full team is announced: single players women

single players men

Total number of announced players:

We will arrive on (date)

by CAR / BUS / TRAIN / FLIGHT (please mark)

And additionally will follow

officials and accompanying guests

Our accommodation address is
(please add phone number):

Chef de mission :

Coaches, officials, guests:

We shall NOT participate in the World Championships 2015

place

date

signature

Please fill in and send to:

WMF Sport Director

Pasi Aho

Messerschmittstraße 1

DE-96052 Bamberg

Germany

email: sportdirector@minigolfsport.com

Accreditation for the World Championships 2015

ENTRY DATE: Saturday 15th August 2015, 06.00 pm latest

NATIONAL FEDERATION

Entries by name of players, officials and coaches • Please use print letters
Announcement of team order (pg. 13) must be handed over until Monday 17th August 2015 05:00 pm

NAME, FIRST NAME

Birthdate

Category

WOMEN PLAYERS

NAME, FIRST NAME	Birthdate	Category

MEN PLAYERS

NAME, FIRST NAME	Birthdate	Category

OFFICIALS

NAME, FIRST NAME	Birthdate	Category

COACHES

NAME, FIRST NAME	Birthdate	Category

Announcement of team order for the World Championships 2015

ENTRY DATE: Monday 17th August 2015, 05.00 pm latest

NATIONAL FEDERATION

Players for team competitions have to be listed in the team order • Please use print letters

NAME, FIRST NAME

Category

Exceptions*

NATIONAL TEAM WOMEN

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NATIONAL TEAM MEN

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SINGLE PLAYERS WOMEN

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SINGLE PLAYERS MEN

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Legitimate person for substitutes:

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***Exceptions:** **A** - medical attestation for no sport shoes, **B** - medical attestation according to the anti-doping regulations of WMF