



Rules and Regulations 2012

The Faldo Series takes great pride in the quality of its players and their high standards of behaviour. In order to maintain this level of excellence and to ensure that Faldo Series Tournaments ("Tournaments") are enjoyable for all, the Committee requires that all players adhere to the rules and regulations listed below.

- 1) All Tournaments shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and such Local Rules as shall be approved by the Committee.
- 2) Competitors are entitled to participate in more than one Tournament but not more than one Tournament in the same country.
- 3) Competitors will be notified of starting times prior to each Tournament. The Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter starting times.
- 4) All players should be at their allocated tee, ready to play, ten minutes before their starting time. A competitor who is not present at their allocated tee more than five minutes after his/her appointed starting time shall be disqualified. A competitor who arrives, ready to play, within five minutes after his/her appointed starting time shall receive a penalty of two strokes at the first hole instead of disqualification.
- 5) Players must register at each Tournament at least 30 minutes before their allocated starting time.
- 6) If it becomes impossible to complete the Tournament in accordance with the conditions thereof because of adverse weather conditions, or other circumstances which in the opinion of the Committee make it impossible or impractical to do so, the Committee shall be empowered to vary such conditions to the extent necessary to achieve a result within the time available.
- 7) All competitors will be required to play with a golf ball named on the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews list of conforming golf balls current at the date of the Tournament. Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification.
- 8) All competitors will be required to play with driving clubs that do not have a characteristic time greater than 257 microseconds when measured on pendulum testing apparatus approved by R&A Rules Limited—see also Appendix II, 4a of the Rules of Golf. Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification.
- 9) The Faldo Series allows Distance-Measuring Devices (DMD) to be used by both male and female competitors in its 2012 Tournaments.
- 10) On completion of each round, cards must be checked, signed and returned to the scorer by the individual competitor immediately. Cards not returned within a reasonable time will be regarded as 'nil-returns'.
- 11) Any competitor who during the course of a Tournament, including practice days, misbehaves by, for example, swearing, throwing clubs, or abusing or vandalising the golf course or club house, or acts in any manner which might bring the game or the Faldo Series into disrepute may be barred from entering or taking part in any Tournament for such period as the Committee may decide.
- 12) Competitors are reminded that neither caddies nor ride-on golf buggies are permitted in Tournaments. Each player must carry his/her bag or use a trolley (electric or manual) as allowed by the club.
- 13) Players may neither ask for nor receive advice from anyone. In order to eliminate any possibility of doubt spectators are asked to remain at least 25 yards away from play at all times. In addition, they should not encroach onto Teeing Areas or Putting Greens. Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification. Rulings must only be taken for appointed rules officials.
- 14) It is imperative that a player wishing to withdraw from a Tournament notifies the Faldo Series office as soon as possible out of courtesy to officials and fellow competitors.
- 15) No refunds will be given to participants who are registered as members of the Faldo Series, but fail to play in a Tournament / Tournaments, for whatever reason.
- 16) Practice round times are for Faldo Series competitors only.
- 17) The Faldo Series retains the right to include wild card invitees to the Faldo Series Grand Final.
- 18) In all matters arising, the decision of the Faldo Series will be final.