

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are delighted to introduce to you our unique tournament series *Follow the Pros*.

Follow the Pros is an attractive golf event that enriches your tournament calendar. Your members and guests will have the opportunity to qualify through a qualification tournament at your golf facility for the German Final / Grand Final. The winning teams will travel in November 2026 to the **DP World Tour Championship Final in Dubai**.

Your benefits:

- National and international promotion on social media channels
- The green fee for guests remains 100% with the hosting golf club
- Expense fee of €20 per participant
- *Follow the Pros* provides the prizes and prepares the tournament announcement
- ... and much more

In the following tournament announcement, you will find all detailed information about the series. For further impressions, please visit our website www.follow-the-pros.com.

We look forward to getting in touch with you to offer your members and guests a truly unique golf tournament.

On the following pages you will find the registration process for your golf course. Please return the signed registration form to your contact person at *Follow the Pros*.

If you have any questions, please contact our “CEO – Follow the Pros” Thomas Schilling (ts@follow-the-pros.com).

We look forward to your participation and a successful cooperation in 2026 and beyond.

With sporting regards,



Thomas Schilling
CEO & Founder

Follow the Pros 2026 – Tournament Announcement

1. Format of Play

Follow the Pros will be played as Four-Ball Best Ball. Each 2-player team plays Stableford over 18 holes. Teams may consist of two men, one man and one woman, or two women. The official R&A golf rules (including amateur status of the USGA and R&A) and the local rules of the hosting golf club apply.

2. Handicap Rules

- Handicap index is limited to max. 28.0. Amateurs with higher handicaps are not excluded but will be adjusted down to 28.0 for the tournament.
- The maximum handicap difference between team members is 12 strokes (course handicap).
- The Four-Ball Best Ball will be calculated at 90% of each player's course handicap.

Examples:

- **Player A:** HCP 20.7 → Course HCP = 22
Player B: HCP 31.7 (adjusted to 28.0) → Course HCP = 31
Difference = 9 strokes → Team eligible.
 - **Player A:** HCP 5.1 → Course HCP = 6
Player B: HCP 18.9 → Course HCP = 20
Difference = 14 strokes → Team not eligible.
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3. Conditions of Participation

- Only players with an active handicap under the World Handicap System may participate.
 - Participants must present their current handicap on the day of the tournament.
 - All participants must be at least 21 years old at the qualification tournament.
 - Minimum number of participants per tournament: 60 players (30 teams).
 - Maximum number of participants is determined by the host club.
 - Buggies are permitted according to the rules of the host club and national associations.
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4. Scoring & Prizes

- Scoring is in one net group. Prizes awarded for 1st to 4th place.
- From 2026, there will also be a gross scoring.
- In case of a tie, a playoff determines placement.

- At the award ceremony, at least one team member must be present. Otherwise, the prize passes to the next ranked team.
 - Legal recourse is excluded.
 - All prizes are sent to the hosting club before the tournament.
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5. Ladies First

- Starting in 2025, there is a separate Ladies' ranking.
 - All-women teams are included in this ranking.
 - *Ladies First* runs until June 30, 2026.
 - The top 50 Ladies teams qualify for the *Ladies First Final* on **20th July 2026** in Bernardus Golf
 - Winning teams travel to the **Solheim Cup 2026 in the Netherlands**.
 - The Ladies First ranking will be updated monthly on the website.
 - Travel costs are not included.
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6. Registration & Withdrawal

- Registration is handled by the hosting golf club.
 - The host club receives all information for proper organization after confirmation.
 - Tournament registration must open at least 14 days before the event.
 - Withdrawals after the closing date do not release participants from paying the entry fee.
 - Entry fee waivers after the deadline are only possible with official proof.
 - With registration, participants agree that the organizer may publish photos, marketing material, and winner lists.
 - Participants consent to *Follow the Pros* accessing their email address and storing data related to the series.
 - Data will be deleted after the season.
 - Legal recourse is excluded.
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7. Closing Date for Entries

- Closing date is 2 days before the tournament.
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8. Entry Fee

- Entry fee is €59, payable directly to the hosting club before the event.
- The golf club receives €20 per participant as an expense allowance.
- Guest green fees remain 100% with the host club.

9. Qualification Mode

- Up to 80 qualification tournaments will be played across Europe until **21 September 2026**.
- In Germany: the winning teams of each qualifier – 1st Net and 1st Gross – qualify directly for the German Final 2026.
- In other participating countries with 5 or fewer qualifiers: the winning teams (1st Net and 1st Gross) qualify directly for the Grand Final 2026.
- In countries with 6 or more qualifiers: a National Final / National Playoff will be held to determine Grand Final qualification.

10. German Final 2026

- The Germany Final 2026 will take place on **26 September 2026** at **Golfclub Hardenberg**. As part of this final, the **five best net teams** and the **five best gross teams** will qualify for the **Grand Final 2026**.

11. Grand Final 2026

- All teams that have won either a **qualification tournament** or the **national final** in their respective country qualify for the **Grand Final**. The **Grand Final 2026** will take place from **12 November 2026 to 16 November 2026** in **Dubai, United Arab Emirates**. Flights are not included.

12. Substitutes for the Grand Final 2026

- It is possible to nominate a substitute in case of illness or other issues.
 - Only one substitution per team is allowed.
 - Entire teams cannot be replaced.
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13. Tournament Committee

- The tournament committee will be determined by the hosting club and published before the event.
 - In case of tied results, the committee decides the playoff method.
 - In case of cancellation (weather, etc.), the committee should be present on site to decide.
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14. Dates & Schedules

- All *Follow the Pros* tournament dates are published on www.follow-the-pros.com.
 - Host clubs receive all required documents immediately after confirmation.
 - The full calendar is always available online and updated regularly.
 - All qualifiers must be played by 21 September 2026.
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15. Disqualification

Organizers may disqualify teams at any time for:

1. Breach of the general code of conduct.
 2. Breach of golf or local rules.
 3. Falsification of scores.
- The committee and *Follow the Pros* will decide on appropriate measures.
 - Protests (e.g., disqualifications) may be submitted up to 48h after the award ceremony. Later protests will not be accepted.
 - Legal recourse is excluded.
 - The organizer reserves the right to adapt, suspend, or cancel the competition at any time.
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16. Duties of the Golf Club

1. Preparation, posting, and publishing of the entry list.
2. Preparation & publishing of the start list to all participants.
 - The start list must also be sent immediately to *Follow the Pros*.
3. Distribution of scorecards.
4. Scoring of results.
5. Conducting the award ceremony after the tournament.
6. Providing the tournament committee.

7. Sending results lists & at least one winner photo to the organizer within 48h.
 - Afterward, *Follow the Pros* issues the invoice.
 - Payment must be made within 7 days of receipt.
8. The club commits to publishing at least 3 newsletters or 3 social media posts promoting the tournament.
 - The *Follow the Pros* team will assist with social media posts.
9. Distribution of tee gifts (procedure):
 - The host club must send an updated participant list (with polo shirt sizes) to ts@follow-the-pros.com by the Monday before the event.
 - Polo shirts for registered players, plus extras, will be delivered.
 - Any surplus must be returned with the provided return slip.
 - Missing shirts must be reordered via ts@follow-the-pros.com and will be delivered afterward.