



# Rulebook

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## 1. ELIGIBILITY

The Deutsche Golf Sport GmbH ("DGS") operates a long drive competition series in Germany under the current title German Long Drive Championship ("GLDC"). Under the current rule the competition is open to each longhitter (male & female, amateur & pro, younger & elder).

Depending on participation levels, the DGS may divide players into different „Categories“. The Categories for 2020 of the GLDC include:

- Men's Category (minimum number of participants: 8)
- Women's Category (minimum number of participants: 8)

The German Long Drive Championship Series 2020 will contain of the GRAND FINAL.

The entry fee for each event of the 2020 season is €200 for professionals. Amateurs can participate free of charge.

All participants of the 2020 German Long Drive events will compete within one group (no separation into a Division 1 & Division 2 anymore).

At the beginning of each event players compete in a seeding phase. They will have 3 times 8 balls with a time limit of 3 minutes per 8 balls (=“set“; see below for definition). So each player hits 24 balls in total (3 sets). The longest ball of each player counts for the seeding. At the first event of the 2020 season the starting order within the seeding will be in alphabetical order.

The Top 8 of the players will qualify for the quarterfinal (respectively Top 16 of the players for the round of last sixteen; in case of 30 or more participants at an event). From the quarterfinal on single-elimination-matchplay-format will be played (players will be seeded according to results in seeding phase).

In the quarterfinals (respectively in the round of last sixteen) one set (8 balls within 3 minutes) will be played. The longest ball (qualified drive) will count.

From the semi-finals on (both semi-finals; match for 3<sup>rd</sup> place, final) the matches will be played in a best of three sets-format with 8 balls per set.

Amateurs, who will be ranked among the first three places receive material prizes instead of prize money. This distinction between prize money (pros) and material prizes (amateurs) is due to the golf amateur statutes.





Prize Money:

Place	GRAND FINAL
	200 € Entry Fee
	Prize Money
1	4.000 €
2	2.000 €
3	1.000 €
4	- €
5	- €
6	- €
7	- €
8	- €
9**	- €
10**	- €
11**	- €
12**	- €
13**	- €
14**	- €
15**	- €
16**	- €

\* 25 % prize money for women

## 2. WORLD LONG DRIVE CHAMPIONSHIP-SPOTS

In 2020, a total of two spots for the World Long Drive Championship will be awarded to the men and one spot to the women. Two spots will be given to the both winners (men's- & women's category) of the GRAND FINAL. Furthermore, the Runner-Up within the men's category will earn a spot for the WLDC. The winner gets the spot only if he makes use of it and participates in the World Long Drive Championship. If he cannot participate, the participant finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> gets the spot (move-up procedure). The same applies, when the winner is already otherwise qualified for the World Long Drive Championship. In this case the spot will be given to the next in the classification, who has no spot for the World Long Drive Championship. Those who cannot accept the spot have no claim for an alternative prize.

## 3. EQUIPMENT

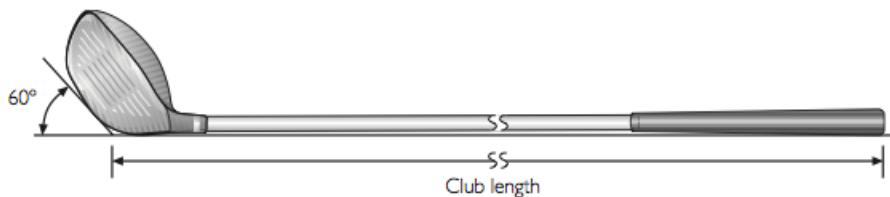
### GOLF CLUBS





Golf clubs used at the GLDC cannot appear on the R&A Non-Conforming List and must appear on the R&A Conforming List available at [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org). In addition, all golf clubs used at the GLDC must conform with the R&A Rules of Golf, which limits golf club length to a maximum of forty-eight inches (48”).

Fig.1



All golf clubs are subject to Characteristic Time (“CT”) testing at any time during the GLDC competition at the DGS’s sole discretion. All equipment, including golf clubs, is subject to inspection by the DGS at the DGS’s sole discretion.

Players can stand on the “Competition Tee” (see below for definition) with the golf club of their choice. From the beginning of a “Set (Round)” (see below for definition) until its conclusion, the player is restricted to clubs thus selected. The only exemption is the replacement of a damaged club.

#### TEES & GLOVES & FOOTWEAR

All tees, gloves and footwear must conform to the R&A Rules of golf.

#### **4. OFFICIAL GOLF BALL**

Players are required to hit the golf ball provided by the DGS at the GLDC. Players will be assigned a hitting location and each player is required to ensure that his or her DGS issued golf balls are visible at all time. If players play balls that have not been provided by the DGS, the shot is considered void and they will receive a warning or may be disqualified.

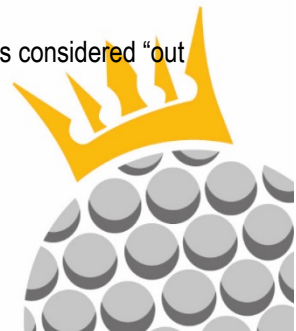
#### **5. AMATEUR / PROFESSIONAL STATUS**

The DGS will follow the R&A Rules of Amateur Status. For more information on keeping your amateur status please visit: <http://www.randa.org/RulesEquipment/Rules/Rules-Explorer>

#### **6. DEFINITION OF A QUALIFIED DRIVE**

A “Qualified Drive” must be a minimum of 250 Yards for players in the Men’s Category and 200 Yards in the Women’s Category. Qualified drives must meet the following requirements:

- A player’s golf ball must land and come to rest resp. be measured electronically within the designated boundaries of the GLDC grid;
- A player’s golf ball touching any part of the GLDC competition grid boundary resp. being “out of line” at the exact defined number (e.g. 30 yards left or right) is considered “in play” and
- A player’s golf ball that does not meet the minimum yardage for that player’s Division as outline above is considered “out of play”.





## 7. MEASUREMENT OF DRIVES

REGULAR SEASON events and the GRAND FINAL shall be played from a tee box in a grid, so the actual distance of a drive is measured. The measurement of each ball will be done the same way.

Measurements can also be taken by an electronic distance-measuring system (e.g. Radar- or Camera System). Solely the measured distances by the system define in this case the distance of the drive and not the actual distance covered by the ball. It is at DGS's sole discretion which mode of the system (e.g. normalized distance measurement) will be used. Distances are expressed in yards.

## 8. DEFINITION OF A SET (ROUND)

A "Set (Round)" is a three-minute period, during which the player performs a maximum of eight attempts. Only the longest drive within the set that meets the criteria of a "Qualified Drive" will be recorded.





## 9. IN CASE OF A TIE

In the event there are two or more identical confirmed yardages recorded, (within 0.5 yards of another player's drive is deemed a tie), those tied players will hit eight additional balls in three minutes to determine the final winner of the set ("Playoff"). The Playoff will continue until a winner is declared. If one of the players is not present for the Playoff, then the player that is present will be deemed the winner. The hitting order will remain the same as originally registered on the official score sheet of the GLDC.

## 10. STARTING TIME

Players must be ready to play their first stroke of a set at the time they are called by the committee. Players must wait for the starting signal. If a ball is played ahead of time or outside the time limit, players will get a warning or – in case of repeated violation - be disqualified.

## 11. COMPETITION TEE

The competition tee is divided into different slots. There will be no practice shots from the competition tee. If the competition tee is bounded by tee-markers, they are deemed to be fixed. In such circumstances, the player must not move or allow the movement of a tee-marker in order to avoid interference with his stance, the area of his intended swing or his line of play.

At the completion of a set, players must exit the competition tee immediately and refrain from any discussions with the officials of the DGS. If a player causes undue delay of the GLDC competition, that player will receive a warning or may be disqualified from the GLDC competition, which determination shall be at the DGS's sole discretion.

## 12. ORDER OF PLAY

Players play at the starting time or at the time they are called.

## 13. WEATHER CONDITIONS

The DGS cannot guarantee weather conditions during competition or that the conditions will remain constant during competition. Severe weather-related conditions may delay or suspend play. Such conditions include: (i) the safety of the players due to the danger from lightning; and (ii) the GLDC competition tee or grid being deemed unplayable at the DGS's sole discretion.

If such inclement weather is present, every effort will be made by the DGS to complete the competition. If play is delayed, all players should remain on property at the host facility and await official announcement from the DGS. If the conditions remain unplayable and/or lightning is present, the DGS will choose one of the following options at DGS's sole discretion: (i) the competition may be shortened and become official; or (ii) the format may be altered (e.g. single elimination; less balls per set; or more players eliminated in each round).





#### **14. ETIQUETTE**

Players and their guests shall conduct themselves in a responsible manner at all times. Proper golf etiquette is required during the GLDC. At no time will disorderly conduct (e.g. excessive display of anger, vulgar language, club throwing), abusive language, disrespect to a fellow player and/or possession or use of an illegal substance be tolerated. Violations of this section will result in immediate expulsion from the GLDC. The DGS has the right to refuse service to any player or guest for improper etiquette. The DGS reserves the right to eject and disqualify any player or any individual at any time for conduct deemed inappropriate or damaging at the DGS's sole discretion.

#### **15. DECISIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS OF RULES**

Any decision or interpretation of the official GLDC rules shall be at DGS's sole discretion and shall be final.

#### **16. Registration**

Sign up through our website [www.germanlongdrive.de](http://www.germanlongdrive.de).

#### **17. Registration Deadline**

GRAND FINAL: Friday, 07.08.2020, at 18.00

Participants who register after the closing date may be accepted by the DGS in individual cases.

