

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 Mallorca, Spain for the Grand Final 2026

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

Registration Form

We, _____ (Name of the Golf Club),

hereby register with a qualification tournament for the *Follow the Pros* series. We declare to recognize the tournament announcement as binding.

We explicitly acknowledge point 16 of the tournament announcement “Duties of the Golf Club” and commit to fulfilling them.

Tournament date

Qualification tournament *Follow the Pros* on: _____ (Date)

Contact person: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

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Date	Golf Club	Signature

The registration form is valid for one qualification tournament in the 2026 season and ends with the Grand Final in November 2026.

The contract to host a tournament within the *Follow the Pros* series is concluded once a confirmation email from *Follow the Pros* has been sent to the golf club. All partner clubs participating in 2025 have priority in hosting the series in 2026.

Contract Partner:

Follow The Pros FZCO

CEO Thomas Schilling, ts@follow-the-pros.com

Building A1, Dubai Digital Park, Dubai Silicon Oasis, Dubai, UAE

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 18 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 Follow The Pros FZCO (Building A1, Dubai Digital Park, Dubai Silicon Oasis, Dubai, UAE) 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.

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 **18 November 2026 to 22 November 2026** in **Mallorca, Spain**. 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 friday before the event.
 - Polo shirts for registered players, plus extras, will be delivered.
 - Missing shirts must be reordered via ts@follow-the-pros.com and will be delivered afterward.