



## **2023 WORLD CRAZY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYERS PACK**

After months of waiting, it is now just under one month to go before the biggest ever World Crazy Golf Championship takes place on the legendary Arnold Palmer crazy golf course in Hastings. The action starts with our new format dedicated Team Championship on Friday evening followed by the main event over the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> June along with the welcome return of the Junior Championship on the Saturday evening. With over 200 crazy golfers taking part across the weekend, this pack contains the key information that you will need to make the competition a tournament to remember for all the players.

The tournament this year is once again centred around the Novice players and all entrants will play 3 rounds on the Saturday, culminating in the Novice Championship finale and the winners' presentations. The first three rounds of the day will have novices and pros in mixed groups (and with the pros playing first in each group during the first round, all the other players get to see how the holes should be played – no pressure then pros!!).

Once the third round has completed, the Junior competition will tee off, then all eyes will be on the overall top 12 novice players as they take to the greens for one final round featuring the legendary 'Crazy Crazy' rules, battling for the title and the top prize of £750 cheered on by the Hastings crowds.

The main event continues into day two and the top 3 novices from day 1 will qualify for free entry into the second day with a chance to take the overall first prize of £1250. Any of the other novices who want to can take part in the Sunday by paying an additional fee of just £15, payable to the organisers at the completion of Day 1. On Sunday all players will play another three rounds before the top 18 players overall take to the greens for one final round, again featuring the legendary 'Crazy Crazy' rules (an overview of the rules for the event follow below).

Everyone - pros and novices alike - will be using the official ball of the event, a great memento to keep after the weekend and there will be plenty of time to watch the other players tackling the course during the day as well as taking advantage of the fantastic discounted food and drink offers that the course always ensure are available to the competition entrants – more details can be found at the end of this pack.

Sean Homer, Tournament Organiser says ***"I've been involved as player and organiser for many years and I am delighted to be supporting the competition again in 2023. This year is a special one – our 20<sup>th</sup> running of the World Crazy Golf Championships – and it's fitting that it will be our biggest competition ever with some new and exciting innovations to mark this landmark event! Hastings Adventure Golf started the event back in 2003 and 2 decades later they continue to host a competition that highlights everything that is great***

*about the game we love to play. The event is always a fantastic occasion with everyone enjoying the weekend and having a brilliant time on and off the greens. Wherever you finish and however you get on, the most important thing is to have fun - after all this isn't the World Sensible Golf Championships!"*

If you have any questions regarding the Competition (or the info below) please do not hesitate to contact Sean either via e-mail ([wgcg@hastingsadventuregolf.com](mailto:wgcg@hastingsadventuregolf.com)) or at the course on Thursday from 9am onwards and he will be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

**Simon Tompkins, Director Saris Leisure Group Ltd says 'It is that time of year again, myself and the team always look forward to welcoming players from far and wide. This being our 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and our biggest event ever makes it even more exciting. We have introduced a few changes which should keep all on their toes. Happy putting and good luck to all taking part over the weekend.**



# TOURNAMENT FORMAT

This year's competition will be taking place over the weekend of 10th and 11th June and is seen by many as the 'flagship' event in the Minigolf calendar attracting the biggest field ever with players from across the world all competing for the biggest prize fund in minigolf. As well as the £1,250 for the overall winner and an additional £2,500 prize fund for the top players overall, the 2023 event will once again ring fence an additional £1,750 exclusively for the novice players\*, with the best placed novice picking up £750 at the event. And if a novice wins the overall event, then they will also pick up the £1,250 for the winner as well!!

*\* A novice is defined as: A player playing in their first, or second World Crazy Golf Championships, a player who has not won prize money in the World Crazy Golf Championship or If any registered Novice finishes in the top 6 of a recognised event prior to the commencement of the WCGC they will automatically be removed from the Novice event and promoted to the pro event.*

The main prize fund over the weekend is as follows;

- **1st place: £1250 and World Crazy Golf Championship trophy**
- **2nd place: £850**
- **3rd place: £550**
- **4th place: £400**
- **5th place: £250**
- **6th place: £200**
- **7th place: £150**
- **8th place: £100**

## EXCLUSIVE 2023 NOVICE PRIZE FUND

- **Top Novice: £750 and World Crazy Golf Novice Championship trophy**
- **Runner Up Novice: £450**
- **3rd place Novice: £250**
- **4th Place Novice: £150**
- **5th Place Novice: £100**
- **6th place Novice: £50**

Please note that all prize money will be paid via bank transfer.

As well as all the main prizes, there will also be the **GOMMERY** trophy being contested for the player with the most hole in ones outside of the final top 18 finishers. This trophy is sponsored and will once again be presented by Dave and Liz Gomm (the winning player gets to keep it until the next World Crazies).

The **Team Competition** takes place on Friday evening from 6pm. 32 Teams consisting of 3 players will take part in one round of the course with the top teams qualifying for the knockout rounds to decide the champion NB: the team score will be the combined total strokes for each of the 3 players across the 18-hole round with the top teams then going into a seeded knockout competition. Prior to the start of the competition each team must nominate who will be player 1, player 2 & player 3.

The main event will tee off on Saturday 10th June from 8am (a shotgun start with groups of two or three players) and as highlighted the first three rounds of the day will have the novices and pros in mixed groups.

This will be followed by the Junior Championship, teeing off from 5pm

The groups will be revised for the final round of the day with the top 12 Novices taking to the greens from 5.30pm in reverse leader board order as they battle it out for the title using the Crazy Crazy Rules.

Sunday will consist of 3 further rounds, with play scheduled to start at 9am (in reverse leader board order – i.e. the players at the foot of the leader board teeing off first and the top of the leader board going out in the last groups for round 4). After 6 rounds, the top 18 players overall will qualify for the final round (featuring the legendary Crazy Crazy Rules with all balls in play in each group!) to decide the winner. This round is expected to start around 3pm (the timings will be confirmed on the day). The estimated finish time on Sunday is 5pm. (Please note the day 2 tee off times and groups will be confirmed on Saturday evening).

We will be looking for refs and scorers for the final rounds on Saturday and Sunday as well as for the Junior event. If you wish to take part and help in the running of these rounds, please let the organisers know.

To enable everyone to stay bang up to date with the competition as it progresses throughout the weekend, live round by round results will be streamed on the internet from Saturday morning once the event has started. The links for the scoring will be published prior to the event and around the complex over the weekend.

As mentioned earlier, due to the number of players taking part, the tournament is being run with a shotgun start. Each player has been slotted into one of three Groups of competitors (Group A, B or C). The Group information will be published on our website shortly. Group A players will tee off their first round at 8am, Group B at 9am and Group C at 10am. Subsequent rounds will tee off 3 hours after the previous round (e.g., Group A at 11am, Group B at Midday, Group C at 1pm and so on). The third round for the final group will tee off at 4pm.

Players must ensure that they report to the Officials Hut at the course no later than 10 minutes before their scheduled tee-off times across the day. Each round will start on time and any player not present will receive 7 shots for each hole they miss. So please ensure you are ready on time! On course officials will be monitoring the pace of play and any player taking longer than the designated time per shot will receive an official warning. Any subsequent warnings will add 1 shot per warning to the relevant player's score.

There will not be any play offs if players are tied for the final rounds of the weekend (either the top 12 novices or the top 18 overall). Places will be decided on a count back. Firstly, by total number of aces (holes in one), then number of 2's, 3's etc until there is a clear winner. If all stats are level, then only in this instance with the players play off to decide the final place. Any ties for prize money places will be decided by sudden death play offs.

Players remain in their groups throughout the first 3 rounds on Saturday (alternating the playing order).

**Sean Homer** is the Tournament Director for the weekend.

# TOURNAMENT RULES

Everyone, pros and novices alike, will be using the official ball of the event, a great memento to keep after the weekend available from Friday 9th from 9am at the course. All players receive this ball as part of their entry fee (and is yours to keep after the event).

## RULES OVERVIEW

- Playing order – for rounds 1 to 6 inclusive each player plays the hole in turn. i.e. Player one completes the hole. Then player 2 completes and then player 3. The order remains the same for each round (holes 1 to 18) but will change for each subsequent round. The only round where all balls are in play is the final round on Sunday and details of this will be communicated on the day.
- Players do not score for themselves. Player 3 scores for player 1. Player 1 for player 2 and player 2 for player 3.
- There is a 6-shot limit for each player on each hole. If a player has not holed out after 6 shots they will score a 7 for that hole.
- Tee off area – these will be marked out with chalk on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. There will be 3 distinct tee off areas for each hole (a different tee off area for each round of the day). These will be highlighted accordingly. **See separate notes below.**
- Shot times – players have a maximum of 30 seconds for each shot.
- No practice shots are allowed throughout the event once official practice ends each day.
- Relief – players can get up to 20cm relief from the hole borders (edges). There is no other relief allowed. The ball must be played from where it lies with the exceptions listed below.
- Specific hole rules – there are a number of holes where there are course specific rules (in addition to the standard relief rules). There are no penalty shots added. Each shot counts.
  - Hole 2 – if the ball fails to reach the green (where the cup is), player tees off again.
  - Hole 5 (Windmill) – if the ball fails to pass the windmill off the tee, player tees off again.
  - Hole 7 – if the ball fails to reach the lower green (with the cup), player tees off again.
  - Hole 8 (waterwheel) – if the ball fails to pass through the waterwheel, player tees off again.
  - Hole 11 – if the ball fails to pass all the way through the obelisk, player tees off again.
  - Hole 16 (the mini jump) – if the ball drops into the ditch and rolls under the overhang, player can reposition up to 20cm from either side of the ramp (but in the ditch – they cannot reposition onto the green).
  - Hole 17 (Lighthouse) - if the ball fails to pass by or through the lighthouse, player tees off again. With the new tee positions playing around the lighthouse is permitted.
  - Hole 18 – If the ball fails to pass through the entire loop the loop, player tees off again.
- Play offs – in the event of players tied for any of the prize money places a sudden death play off will take place from hole 1.
- No smoking or vaping on the course.
- All mobile phones to be switched off or silent.
- Only active players, individuals with special dispensation by the officials and tournament officials are allowed on the course whilst play is in progress.

Please note that player 1 in each of the groups is an experienced WCGC player and they will be happy to assist with any questions you may have during each round.



# COURSE INFORMATION

**Official timings over the tournament weekend are as detailed below:**

- Thursday 8 June – Free practice all day for tournament entrants.
- Friday 9 June – Free practice until 5pm for tournament entrants when the course will be closed in preparation for the Team Championship.
- Friday 9 June – 6.00pm Tee off for the Team Championship
- Friday 9 June – 8.30pm (approx.) Presentations for the Team Championship
- Saturday 10 June – 7.50am practice ends, opening speeches, rulings and group photo
- Saturday 10 June – 8am onwards – WCGC day 1
- Saturday 10 June – 5pm Tee Off for the Junior Championship
- Saturday 10 June – 5.30 pm Tee Off for the final round of the Novice Championship
- Saturday 10 June – 6.30pm (approx.) presentation Junior Championships
- Saturday 10 June – 7.30pm(approx.) presentations for the Novice Championship
- Saturday 10 June – players can practice on Saturday evening once the Novice Championship has concluded.
- Sunday 11 June – Practice allowed up to 8.50am
- Sunday 11 June – 9am onwards – WCGC day 2 (\*as highlighted earlier in the pack, the Sunday start time may be subject to change regarding number of entries)
- Sunday 11 June – 2.30pm (approx.). Final round of the weekend
- Sunday 11 June – 4.30pm (approx.). Presentations

The course is offering an excellent all day practice rate of just £4.25 day for all competitors (**Monday to Wednesday inclusive**) – payable at reception on arrival (with free practice on Thursday and Friday for all competition entrants). **All players need to pay prior to commencing practice.** Players need to ensure that they do not hold up any of the public when practicing (the course will be open to the public during the week, closing only for Thursday and Friday practice and Saturday and Sunday competition days).

The course will be open on Thursday and Friday until 10pm weather permitting and the same again on the Saturday after the first day's play.

The tournament office will be adjacent to the main course kiosk in front of the Crazy Golf course and all player questions, feedback and scorecards, etc will be managed through this addition to the courses for the event.

The Beach Retreat Cafe offers paninis, hot dogs, toasted sandwiches, cold snacks (even Salads for the athletes out there) as well as the usual hot and cold drinks. The Kiosk behind the golf will offer Hot and Cold drinks and will be stock piling Hot Doughnuts for those that enjoy a stable diet. The discounts are available across Saturday and Sunday - 50% at the Kiosk and Café and 25% at the Fish and Chips – please show your competitors badge when ordering.

The public toilets are situated at the far end of the crazy golf.

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## NEW CHANGES FOR 2023 – Tee Boxes

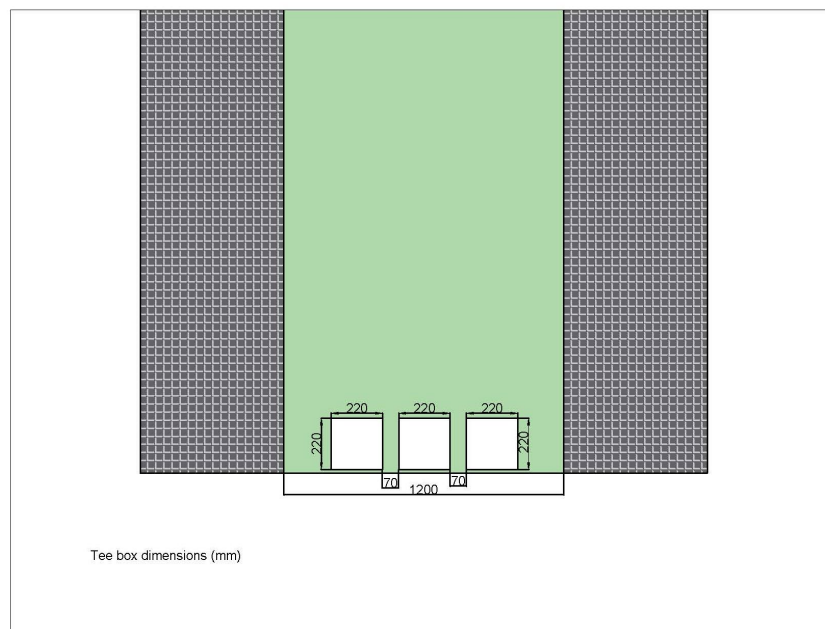
There will now be 3 separate tee boxes at the start of each hole. See the pictures below. On Saturday for round one **all** players will use box 1. Round 2 **all** players will use box 2. Round 3 **all** players will use box 3. For the Sunday rounds the same will be applicable.



The Junior event choose which box they wish to use. The Team event will be explained on the day – all 3 boxes will be in use. The final of the Novice and the Main event will also have the choice of boxes at each hole.

The ball must be placed **on** the line of a box or within the box. The ball cannot be outside of the box 'overhanging' the line.

The boxes are 220mm x 220mm with a 70mm space between them - see the diagram below.



In the interest of fairness, the template will not be available prior to Monday 5th June when the course will mark out the boxes for the week. Staff members at the course **will not** have access to the template. The centre of the middle box will be approximately on the centre of the width of the hole starting at the concrete edge.

# Merchandise

As this is our 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary we are selling merchandise to mark this event. These are on offer at **cost** price. Some hats will be available on the day but T shirt will need to be ordered in advance. See the images attached below. The t shirts are a true to life fit in terms of size.

Caps - £13.50 one size

T-shirts - £13.50 XS-XXL sizes available in men's and ladies.



Please order via Email from [Kristie@sarisleisure.com](mailto:Kristie@sarisleisure.com) by Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>. Payment will be by card on the tournament weekend.

## Other points

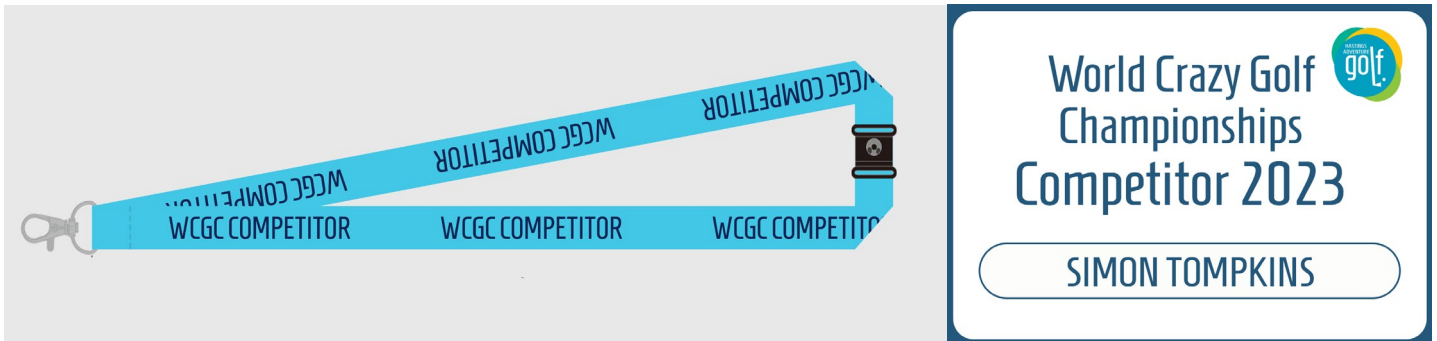
### Lanyards

This year each competitor in the Novice and Main event will receive a lanyard with their name on it. If on display this will help our team when paying at the catering outlets and will need to be shown to receive the players discount.



As Crazy Golf is social, and conversations are always easier when you know someone's name it is friendly to wear it. Visible lanyards will also help the tournament organisers, there are 273 entrants across the weekend, all with different names!

In terms of security, it is hoped lanyards will assist in keeping the competitors area secure.



## Course closure

Please note the course is hosting a Primary School Competition on 17<sup>th</sup> May so Crazy Golf will be closed until 4pm.

That's it from us and we are looking forward to another successful championship!