

# Rules WSPPF

## Official Rules - World Speed Pitch and Putt Federation (WSPPF)

This regulation defines the technical, sporting, and organizational rules applicable to all competitions recognized or organized under the authority of the WSPPF.

### 1. Authorized Equipment

- Each player must use:
  - 1 mandatory putter
  - A maximum of 2 additional clubs (player's choice)
- Clubs must be approved by the WSPPF.
- Use of any electronic devices (rangefinder, GPS watch) is prohibited in competition.

### 2. Game Format

- All official competitions are played over 18 holes.
- Play can be individual or team-based (2 or 4 players).
- Each player completes the course in real-time with a stopwatch.

### 3. Time and Speed

- No time limit per hole, but total time is recorded for each player.
- Performance is analyzed based on total time and score.
- Time may be used for rankings or comparisons, without automatic penalties.

### 4. Handicap System (HCP) - WSPPF

- HCP is based on the comparison between the player's score and the course reference value.
- Reference Value = Total distance (meters) 70 + total elevation gain 10.
- HCP Adjustment after each tournament:
  - -0.15 point per stroke under HCP
  - +0.05 point per stroke over (max +0.5 per tournament)
  - No lower limit
- HCP rankings are updated automatically after each official competition.

## 5. Refereeing and Fair Play

- Each competition must be supervised by at least one certified WSPPF official referee.
- Any rule violation may lead to penalties: stroke penalty, disqualification or suspension.
- Respect for other players, equipment, and course is mandatory.

## 6. Participation Conditions

- All players must be licensed by the WSPPF to participate in official tournaments.
- The license is obtained after payment of the annual fee and signing the code of conduct.
- Insurance is included in the membership.

## 7. Tournaments and Ranking

- Sanctioned tournaments: World Cup, Continental Championships, National Opens.
- An official calendar is published each year.
- The global ranking is updated after each event based on individual results.

## 8. Claims

- Any claim must be submitted within 30 minutes after course completion.
- The WSPPF Disciplinary Committee analyzes disputes, fraud, or unethical behavior.
- Decisions are communicated within 7 days.

## 9. Specific Golf Rules

- Play follows general golf rules adapted for Speed Pitch and Putt.
- Lost ball (not found within 1 minute) incurs 1 penalty point.
- The player must drop a ball near the estimated lost spot, up to two club lengths, not closer to the hole.
- If a team is overtaken by another, it must allow passage at the next tee available.