

GETTING STARTED WITH IGC

Well done! You have submitted your application form, paid your subscription and are now ready to play golf with IGC. Here are some notes that may help you get started.

1. KEEPING YOU INFORMED

- Our website: igc.golf is brimming with helpful information. Here you'll find our Calendar of Events, competition results, past newsletters, a comprehensive photo gallery. and most importantly, the I-Golf Booking system.
- Committee members: Do not hesitate to ask an IGC Committee member, if there is anything, you need clarifying.

2. HANDICAP & FEDERATION CARD

- If you have a recent documented handicap from a recognised golf association, this will become your handicap with IGC.
- If you do not have a recognised handicap, you will need to play three "handicap establishment" rounds with us. These rounds take place during regular IGC events, but your score will not be included for prize purposes within the competition on those days.
- After your three "handicap establishment" rounds, your IGC handicap will be confirmed to you by the Captain and/or vice Captain.
- Your Belgian Golf Federation card, with your unique Federation number, will be ordered once you are registered with the IGC

3. PLAYING IN IGC COMPETITIONS

Registering for an event:

- Registration for any IGC event needs to be made in the I-Golf booking system by 8pm on Thursday, for the weekend ahead. You can book as far ahead as you like.
- If you are forced to cancel, you can do this in I-Golf. If you have to cancel after you have received your tee-time, please notify the ringmaster for that event (using the e-mail: igcbelgium@gmail.com).
- You will notified by email either Thursday night or Friday of your tee-time, the cost of the round and the IGC Ringmaster for the event.
- green fees are paid to the IGC account **BE32 0018 8773 6602** in at least 24 hours before your tee time

On the day:

- Once the GF is paid, you will be handed your scorecard, showing your actual handicap and your playing handicap for the day.
- Before and after the round, we are free to use the club's practice facilities. Many clubs now provide practice balls free of charge, some have ball machines that take €1 coins, a few still require a token ("jeton") to be purchased from the pro shop.
- Make sure you are on the tee and ready to play 10 minutes before your scheduled tee-off time.
- Any applicable local rules and conditions of play will be advised to players on the day.

On the course:

- The world over, pace of play is an issue.
- At IGC, we think a three-ball (our typical mode of play) should complete a round in **four hours**.
- the usual pace of play tips apply, but what we've seen make a big difference is:
 - When on the green, position your bag between your exit point from the green and the next tee.
 - As soon as you arrive at your ball, decide which club to take, and then have that club in your hand, so that you are ready to play when it is your turn.
 - Keep a close watch on the landing place of shots made by all others in your flight.
 - Do not play out of turn, unless given the okay to do so by other players in your flight ... "ready golf" does not mean "free for all".

Scoring:

- most IGC competitions are scored on a **stableford** basis ... 2 pts for a net par; 1 pt for a net bogey; no pts for a net double bogey or worse; 3 pts for a net birdie; 4 pts for a net eagle; 5 pts for a net albatross (double-eagle).
- During the round, you will need to record the gross and stableford score for the player whose card you are marking and yourself.
- After the round, review and confirm these scores with the player whose card you are marking, and then both sign. Unsigned cards are not accepted.

In the clubhouse:

- IGC tradition dictates that within your flight, each player buys the other players a drink in the clubhouse after the round. It is not mandatory, but we seem to have followed the "buying your round" concept (round of drinks that is) since year dot!
- Please ensure you "pay your bar bill" before you leave the venue ... and, of course "drive safely home".

Vouchers:

- At our regular “bread & butter” events, you may be the deserving winner of an IGC voucher. These vouchers can be accumulated and used in three ways: to buy IGC logo wear, to spend in the Golf de L’Empereur pro shop, and as a contribution to the cost of IGC’s Spring Stay&Play weekend.

4. IGC LOGO WEAR

- A range of IGC logo wear can be purchased from the club (contact Rodolphe Matossian).
- Golf shirts (aka T-shirts or polos), pullovers, and slipovers (aka sleeveless pullovers) are all available.
- Club logo wear is worn by all IGC players in our matches against other golf clubs.

5. YOUR 2019 IGC COMMITTEE

Don’t hesitate to ask an IGC Committee member, if there’s anything you need clarifying.

- **President:** Rodolphe Matossian
- **Captain:** Barry McAlpine
- **vice Captain:** Alastair Fyfe
- **Secretary:** Gregg Hawson
- **Treasurer:** Saskia Van Oldenborgh
- **Membership Secretary:** Andy Sisk
- **Webmaster:** John Hughes
- **Seniors Coordinator:** Tommy Smith