# Golf

What is golf? What is main goal in this sport? What rules there are.

Golf is sport, where are used various clubs (woods, putter, irons, wedges) to hit small ball and get him in the hole. Golf is one of the less sport where isn´t where it is not specified what the course, playground should be. Every golf area is specific.

Game starts with a shot from a Tee box to the goal which is hole in putting green area. Courses are diveded on 18 or 9 holes. So can be play short game on 9 holes, or full game on 18 (2 x 9).

Exist two type sof games:

1. Stroke play – Stroke play is the most basic form of golf scoring. On every hole, players record the number of strokes, with penalties, it took to complete the hole.

At the end of the round, each player adds up the scores for each hole, generally 18. The player who needed the fewest shots to complete the round wins

1. Match play – with oponent fight for every hole separately, less stroke than opponent wins the hole, same score then nobody wins the hole - draw , in the end who will has more won holes, wins the game

History

Basisc of modern game of golf are from 15th century from Scotland, where the herdsmen (pastevci) hit the stones with their sticks. Ancient history is unclear – exist two type of theory:

1. Romans played game of paganica (bent stick with leather ball, simile to the modern game)
2. Chinese played game named Chuiwan, striking small ball with clubs in 8th – 14th centuries

Golf course

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First 18 holes golf course was found in USA, sheep farm, Downers Grove, 1892

Rules

Rules are internationally standardised. Starting from tee, end is hen the bal lis in the hole.

„Play the ball as it lies, play the course as you find it, and if you cannot do either, do what is fair.“

In the golf is rule of fair play, you have responsibility for one s own, if not will be punishment with disqualification.

Penalty

Get extra stroke(s) when player or his caddie break the rules.

One stroke penalty:

1. Lost the bal lor bal lis hit out of bounds
2. Unwanted movement of the ball
3. Ball lies in red or yellow penalty area

Two stroke penalty

1. Player hit wrong, not his own ball

Scoring

Every hole has his own score table for stroke, it means how many strokes player should have for getting the ball into the hole.

1. Par
2. Under/over par

Hole in one mainly could be done in 3 par hole.

Tours

Over the world exist more than 20 professional golf tours. Their task is arrange events, sponsors and regulating the tour. The famous one is PGA tour, winner gets money prize of 800 000 USD.

Men s major championships

Including the four most prestigious men s tournament of the year, of PGA tour

1. The Master (winner gets green suit of the club for one year)
2. US Open
3. The Open Championship (British open)
4. PGA Championship

Women s major championships

There isn’t agreed set of majors globally. The famous ones:

LPGA tour – five major tournaments

1. ANA ispiration
2. Women’s PGA championship
3. U.S. Women’s Open
4. W British Open
5. The Evian Championship

Last two – Ladies European Tour

LPGA tour more dominated than PGA tour in mens golf, „monopol in golf“

Famous player

1. Rory McIroy
2. Tiger Woods
3. Phil Mickelson
4. Dustin Johnson
5. Vladimír Čejka (cze)