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## **Cancellation of all WMF International Minigolf Championships in 2020 and postponing them to 2021**

WMF Executive Committee has yesterday confirmed the following decision regarding 2020 International Minigolf Championships (world and continental events). The decision is made in close cooperation with the continental federations EMF, AMF and AMSF:

**All remaining scheduled championships in 2020 are hereby officially cancelled due to the current Covid-19 pandemic situation. We believe that even though organizing competitions might be possible later this year, it could probably happen only with strong restrictions and the full focus would not be on sport. Also international travelling will probably stay restricted for longer time and it would be very hard to allow all nations similar possibilities to participate.**

**After discussions with the designated organizers they all have agreed to organize the championships in 2021 (with the exceptions listed below). We are grateful for their flexibility and cooperation and have decided to change the WMF International Sport Regulations for World and Continental Championships so that the rotation of the championships will be moved ahead by one year. This means that even years will from 2022 on be World Championships years for general class and odd years Continental Championships years. For youth and seniors it will be vice versa.**

### **The WMF International Championships calendar 2021 regarding confirmed events will look like this:**

<b>May 22-23:</b>	<b>U23 Nations Cup – Murnau, Germany</b>
<b>May 22-23:</b>	<b>Seniors Nations Cup – Wanne-Eickel, Germany</b>
<b>June 11-13:</b>	<b>World Adventure Golf Masters – Kuopio, Finland</b>
<b>August 10-14:</b>	<b>Youth World Championships – Murnau, Germany</b>
<b>August 11-14:</b>	<b>Seniors World Championships – Wanne-Eickel, Germany</b>
<b>August 25-28:</b>	<b>Open European Championships General Class – Voitsberg, Austria</b>

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September: Open African Championships – Accra, Ghana (dates to be confirmed)  
October: European Champions League Final – Portel, Portugal (dates and organizer to be confirmed)  
October: Open Asian Championships – Chiangmai, Thailand (dates to be confirmed)

Further we intend to organize World Deaf Minigolf Championships in spring 2021. There is one applicant and the official awarding will be done in near future.

Open Oceanian Championships were already held in March 2020 before Covid-19 restrictions. If Oceanian continental federation wishes to organize another championship in 2021, they are allowed to do so.

Open American Championships were not officially scheduled for 2020. If American continental federation wishes to organize a championship in 2021, they are also allowed to do so.

#### Category age limits:

No exceptions will be made for category age limits in 2021. We understand that this is a great pity especially for the youth players born in 2001 who are currently in their last youth year, but any exceptions might lead to big problems in national competition systems in different countries.

#### WAGM 2022:

World Adventure Golf Masters 2022 have now been awarded to Gumpoldskirchen, Austria (2020 designated organizer). Dates to be confirmed as soon as the championship contract is signed.

#### WMF World Rankings:

WMF World Ranking Lists are “frozen” for 2020 and no points are awarded in any competitions. The only exception is Open Oceanian Championships 2020, in case no championship will be played in Oceania in 2021.

We wish all minigolf friends further good health, patience and endurance in these difficult times and hope to see you all on the minigolf courses as soon as it is safe again to train and compete.

On behalf of WMF, EMF, AMF and AMSF



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