

INSTRUCTIONS FOR GOLF TOURNAMENT 10th GAY GAMES at LA BOULIE Golf

Dear competitors,

Thank you for participating to the golf tournament of the 10th edition of the Gay Games, Paris 2018. We hope you will have lots of fun playing these two prestigious courses (named “The Forest” and “The Valley”) at the golf of La Boulie.

For the record, and for this year of Ryder Cup in France, a game between the top four French and the four best American was held in La Boulie Golf in 1913 (with France winner of two four-balls and four simple), which makes it the birthplace of the Ryder Cup! In addition, prestigious players such as Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Seve Ballesteros and Tiger Woods also competed in La Boulie!

Where: Racing Club de France – Golf La Boulie
Route du Pont Colbert - 78000 Versailles
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<http://www.rcf-laboulie.com/>
The Valley (5918 meters – Par 72) and The Forest (6122 meters – Par 72)



When: Tuesday, August 7th, 2018
Wednesday, August 8th, 2018
Access to the golf will be possible every day from 8.00 am.

Registration (participants and caddies): On Tuesday, August 7th: 8 am - 9:30 am, at the Golf La Boulie
Reception area and registration of participants (and caddies) **with their golf accreditation** (required) will be located outside if good weather or

inside in case of rain. Location details on these areas will be later informed.

WARNING: Only participants who provided a medical certificate to practice golf as approved by Paris 2018 will be allowed to participate in the competition.

Tickets for picking up food baskets during the 2 days of competition **and access to the awards cocktail** will be given at the registration.

A ticket for a raffle that will take place during the awards cocktail will also be given.

Start times: Tuesday: 10.30 am
Wednesday: 9.30 am

Organization games: **Shotgun only**

4 participants from each hole.

Participants will be divided (half/half) on the two golf courses, The Valley and The Forest. Those who play in The Valley one on Tuesday will play in The Forest one on Wednesday and vice versa.

Because of the number of participants, start from some holes will be doubled.

WARNING: The participants will have to be ready from their holes **at least 10 minutes before start** time.

Marks / starting tees: **For both courses, marks / starting tees will be:**

Blue: Category A Women

Red: Categories B, C and D Women

White: Category A Men

Yellow: Categories B, C, and D Men

Game forms: **4 Categories Women: A, B, C, D**

4 Categories Men: A, B, C, D

Stroke play (or possibly Stableford) **for category A Men and Women**

Stableford for categories B , C, D Men and Women

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Handicaps:**

/ For the first round, participants will be equally divided into the following categories:

- **Women:**
 - Category A: 0 to 12.4**
 - Category B: 12.5 to 24.4**
 - Category C: 24.5 to 36.4**
 - Category D: 36.5 to 54**

- **Men:**
 - Category A: 0 to 9.4**
 - Category B: 9.5 to 24.4**
 - Category C: 24.5 to 36.4**
 - Category D: 36.5 to 54**

For the second round, the distribution of participants may be reviewed for category D based on the individual scores obtained in the 1st round.

Gross and net ranking for all categories.

Note: it will not be possible to win a medal in both gross **and** net score.

**Rules of the
game:**

The rules of play are those approved by the Rules Committees of the R & A Rules Limited (www.RandA.org) and USGA (www.USGA.org) and effective on January 1st, 2016. These rules are specified in particular in the rules of Golf booklet published by the French Golf Federation (www.giga-golf.org/Livret-Regles-2016-2019.pdf).

The event committee consists of the golf La Boulie staff in charge of the competition and some referees of the French Federation of Golf:

**Event
Committee:**

1 golf La Boulie representative + 2 referees

Local Rules: **Game** The local rules of the game will be attached to the scorecard.

Main of them will be recalled at the briefing.

Team Competition: Principle of "**Two balls best ball**": For the best ball format, each player of the team hits his own ball throughout the round. However, at the end of each hole, the lowest score or "best ball" is used as the team score. The total of "best ball" is made on the two days individual competition (Tuesday and Wednesday) for the final team score and ranking.

Whenever possible, the partners of one team (two people, same gender) will play in the same game.

Score cards will be distributed during briefings.

Participants should ensure to exchange their score card with a member of their game (**note:** this person should not be part of the same team).

The signed score cards must be returned to the recording (1 per course) immediately after the end of the game.

WARNING: The score cards will not be accepted beyond 30 minutes after the end of the round.

Play Time - Due to the large number of participants, a total playing time of 5 hours and half to 6 hours each course was determined.

Etiquette and pace of play: Each participant has the responsibility to respect the time per hole calculated and recorded on the scorecard and to follow the instructions / directions given by the Commissioners (Fore caddies) that may be present on the course.

It is especially imperative to never lose sight of the front players.

WARNING: Every player must pick up his ball without finishing the hole once it has reached the stage where it can no longer be point on this hole. Players should play "ready golf" and will not be penalized for playing out of turn.

Briefing: Before the first round on Tuesday, 7th August, two briefings (1 per course) will be organized (location to be later confirmed) no later than 9:45 am. It is requested to every player to participate in order to become familiar with the local rules and recommendations.

Caddies: Caddies are allowed.

WARNING: They must be registered prior to Paris 2018 as "golf coach" in order to obtain the mandatory accreditation "golf". It is the same for accompanying persons in need arising from physical disabilities (people who declared physical disability when registering).

Using GPS: A player can get information on the distances using an instrument that measures only distances. If a player uses a distance measuring instrument which allows to provide or measure other parameters that may assist him in his game (e.g., altitude, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player will be in breach of the Rule 14-3, for which the penalty **is 2 strokes or disqualification if it is repeated.**

Referees: Two referees will cover all areas of the course, monitor the pace of game and give decisions when they are called to do so (phone number on the scorecard).

Course Commissioners : Courses commissioners (fore caddies) will be placed where there is a possibility of losing balls. They will notably improve the pace of play so the balls can be quickly retrieved or if the players can be informed that their ball was not found and thus be encouraged to play a provisional ball.

Carts and wagons: **Using carts will not be possible for any of the two rounds.**

Personal trolleys are allowed, including electric ones (except by decision of La Boulie golf, for example if weather conditions do not allow it).

Manual trolleys will be available for free.

Interruption or suspension of play: According to **local rules of La Boulie golf.**

Medals: The first three winners in each individual competition by category will receive a gold, silver or bronze medal.

WARNING: It will not be possible to win a medal in both gross and net score.

For team competitions, each participant of the first three teams will receive a gold, silver or bronze medal.

Catering: In exchange for tickets issued during registration, a lunch box will be given to each participant and accredited caddie **before the start of each round** at a catering stand provided by the golf La Boulie restaurant .

The organizers reserve the right to alter these instructions if necessary, before the competition.

For any question: golf@paris2018.com