

## **Official rule interpretation**

Answers on questions of WMF active members  
(Updated 100328)

### **2.3 Worldwide international sport rules**

#### **2.15 It is not permitted to make any changes to the lanes .....**

The term “changes to the lane” means e.g.:  
Heating a lane with a heating bag is not allowed by the current rules as it must be seen as changing the lane. Cleaning a lane is allowed, but adding of any additional substances is prohibited.

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#### **5.1 Uniform team clothing from the waist upwards and sports shoes are required.**

Regarding jeans the WMF Technical Committee and WMF board stated:  
Minigolf sport has to develop on different fields. One field is the appearance of minigolf generally and especially at our most important events. The rules at the moment say, that teams have to be uniform from the waist upwards. That means not automatically that from the waist down it is free what you wear.  
To avoid any misunderstanding the WMF TC discussed this matter in the meeting February 2008 and came to the result to integrate following additional sentence in the official invitations for international championships.  
**Each player and coach has to wear sports shoes, sports hats and uniform team sports clothing appropriate for minigolf.**

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#### **17. Doping and others**

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The term “during competition” means:  
“inside the area, where the 18 lanes are located”. If there is clearly restricted area for spectators, this is not “on the course”.

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The term “on the course” means:

The time period from the first player’s start to the last player’s finishing of the last lane. A possible sudden death is also defined to be “during the competition”. Victory ceremonies after the competition are not “during the competition”.

### **3.3 Worldwide international sport regulations**

**2.6** *Players may only change clubs over national borders during a designated “transfer window”. This “transfer window” runs from December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> in any given year. The player becomes **entitled to play** for the club in the new active member on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year. Until receiving entitlement to play for the new club the player may continue for the previous club if the player is still a member there.*

Regarding entitlement to play for European Cup TC states:

Due to different transfer windows and national rules in different active members it seems to be impossible to create a rule, which covers all cases. However a clear violation against the spirit of the current rules (e.g. transfer only for the Continental Cup and back after the Cup) will be punished. Decisions are taken by the responsible sport officer concerned.

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