

2020 Imara International “Virtual” Charity Golf Tournament Rules

Welcome to our very first virtual golf tournament! The 2020 Imara International Charity Golf Tournament is a virtual tournament that golfers can play on any course, anywhere in the world. Tournament players will have the chance to interact and play golf with other golfers as they play on their chosen course and post scores to our virtual tournament provider 18Birdies.com.

Listed below are the official rules for our Ninth Annual Imara International Golf Tournament where the tournament is virtual but the play is real.

Scramble Tournament Description

Scramble tournaments will involve teams of four (4) golfers. In a Scramble tournament each team member tees off on every hole. After the initial tee shots, the team selects the best shot out of their teammates. Each team member plays their next shot from that spot. This continues throughout the rest of the shots on the hole including putting. A player is allowed to place the ball within one club length of the spot of the best shot, but not nearer to the hole. The Scramble is played as a stroke play event with the team with the lowest cumulative score after 18 holes winning.

Fees

The fee for each individual player playing in the virtual tournament is \$100. To lower the score, team members can purchase golf stroke fees are \$25 per stroke. An additional donation is always welcome. Registration fee, golf strokes and additional donations are fully tax-deductible fee as Imara International is a 501(c)(3) organization. Local course fees are not included in the \$100 tournament registration fee.

Tournament Rules

To qualify you must play and post one (1) Qualified round at a course of your choosing (Par 71 or greater) between July 17, 2029 and August 17, 2020.

A round is 18 holes.

Golf strokes purchased at registration will be deducted off your total gross team score.

Imara International Tournament administration reserves the right to contest and/or disqualify any questionable or suspect rounds.

Tournament Registration

Players will register for the tournament on the Imara International website at www.imarainternational.org/golf.

Team Captain Registration: One team member will need to be selected as Team Captain. The Team Captain will create a name for your foursome. In addition, the Captain will download and maintain scoring on 18Birdies app for the tournament. Team members will be responsible for their registration fee and golf stroke purchases. Each player registering separately will be eligible for the tax deductible benefit. Local course fees are not included in the \$100 tournament registration fee.

- The Team Captain will register first, listing the team name and members at www.imarainternational.org/golf. Team Captain need only pay for his/her own fee, golf strokes and additional donation. Each team member will register on their own.
- Team Captain Virtual Team Registration
 - The Team Captain will receive the tournament code via email when all team members are registered on the Imara International website.
 - Download the 18Birdies app on your iPhone or Android from the Apple App store or Google play before day of play. The download is 100% free. Build your profile. Enter the tournament code to access the Imara tournament site.
 - When registering a new account, enter your official handicap index as provided by the USGA, an estimate of your team's handicap or leave it blank. You have the ability to manually update and maintain the team handicap at any time, right on the app.
 - As the Team Captain, you will need to join the Imara Golf Tournament group on the 18Birdies app on the day that you play. Only one round (18 holes) is played. It is played on any day of your choosing, on any golf course of your choosing, on any tee location from July 17, 2020 to August 17, 2020. Only one score per hole is entered in this Scramble tournament.

1. Start the tournament round.
 - a. Select the tournament course
 - b. Be sure to select the proper tees and make sure the course you are playing is at least Par 71
 - c. Note the round is 18 holes
 - d. Note the round is "Starting from Hole 1"
2. Confirm the selections using the "Confirm" button at the bottom
3. NOTE: When your round is started, the "All Players" information shown at the bottom of the screen will display "All Players (1)". This is because only one member of your foursome, the Team Captain, needs to register with 18Birdies. No other members of the foursome need to register since this is a Scramble tournament.
4. Turn on Location Services for the 18Birdies app. The app will request you to select it if you don't have the service activated. Select your golf course. If your course is not shown, search for the course using the top search bar after you prepare for your round.
5. Confirm your handicap. See **Handicap Process** below for calculation guidelines. If it has changed since creating your 18Birdies Profile, update the handicap by selecting the new handicap number. Select the "Confirm" text in the upper right corner of screen.

- a. Use the following process to update your handicap information:
 - i. Open the app and tap Improve on the bottom menu bar
 - ii. Tap Stats on the top menu
 - iii. Tap Handicap
 - iv. Enter your handicap number on the number pad
 - v. Tap Done to save and return to your profile
6. Hole 1 will be presented as an image of the hole on the course you are playing. Update your score as you progress through the round. When you finish Hole 18, enter your final score, select the green button titled “Finish Round” at the bottom of the Hole 18 screen.

Team Members Registration: register separately at www.imarainternational.org/golf. Enter the exact team name of the foursome. Team members will be responsible for their registration fee and golf stroke purchases. Each player registering separately will be eligible for the tax deductible benefit. Local course fees are not included in the \$100 tournament registration fee.

Group Registration: Should a team member or sponsor wish to register and pay for more than one player registration at www.imarainternational.org/golf is available. The registrant will be eligible for the tax deductible benefit of registration, golf stroke purchases and additional donations. Local course fees are not included in the \$100 tournament registration fee.

NOTE: The key to winning this tournament is the number of strokes that you purchase during the registration process as that is an additional number that will lower your Team’s overall net score.

Handicap Process

The 2020 Imara International Virtual Golf Tournament will be played by multiple players on their selected golf course. The Team Captain will post the team handicap on the 18Birdies app. In order to play a fair tournament, as a team, make an estimate of your by comparing a set of golf rounds against another member (or members) of your foursome that have an established handicap. Use this as a gauge to calculate an estimated handicap to enter into the 18Birdies app for the team.

If you don’t have an established handicap index, the following handicaps will be assigned as maximum Men’s – 28 and Women’s – 32.

Tournament Winners

Tournament scores will be tracked on the Official Imara Leaderboard at www.imarainternational.org/golf. Official scoring: net “virtual” score minus strokes purchased equals official score (68 net score – 5 strokes purchased = 63 official score). The official tournament Leaderboard will display official scores. The 18Birdies app will display a leaderboard with net “virtual” scores only.

All contests will conclude on August 17, 2020. Golf rounds played after the posted end date are not eligible for the tournament. Individual trophies will be shipped to the low foursomes

(men's, women's and mixed) after the tournament is over. You will be contacted for shipping addresses. The winning foursomes will also be published on the Imara International website at www.imarainternational.org/golf. As a winner, you also agree that Imara International has the right to communicate to their constituents regarding the tournament.

Contact Us

If you have any questions, please send your questions to golf@imarainternational.org. This email address is monitored daily and we will return your questions as soon as possible.