



13TH BLACKSEARAMA VIVACOM PROAM

BlackSeaRama Golf & Villas, Bulgaria
07 - 09 July 2021

COMPETITOR INFORMATION

1. Eligibility

Professionals

The "13th BlackSeaRama Vivacom Pro-Am" is open to all PGA Members and trainees as recognised by their respective National PGA. A limited number of exemptions may be considered provided that the Professional is a member in good standing of an organisation that is considered a Professional Member of the International Golf Federation. Any doubts as to eligibility will be decided by the Confederation of Professional Golf (CPG) Board of Directors whose decision will be final.

Amateurs

Amateur participants must be in possession of a valid handicap certificate.

2. Tournament Itinerary

Monday 05 July	Arrival and Registration Day at BlackSeaRama Golf & Villas
Tuesday 06 July	Official Practice Round & Welcome Reception
Wednesday 07 July	Round 1 Lighthouse Golf Course Cocktail Evening at Boutique Hotel Terrace
Thursday 08 July	Round 2 Thracian Cliffs Golf Course BG Avangarde, Thematic Evening at Lake Taverna
Friday 09 July	Round 3 BlackSeaRama Golf Course Prize Giving Ceremony & Gala Dinner at Eventum Hall

3. COVID-19 Safety Guidelines and Measures

In line with the current COVID-19 climate, the CPG have outlined all measures in place for the tournament in line with Health & Safety and social distancing guidelines.

It is the responsibility of **ALL PLAYERS** to have read this policy document before arriving at the tournament.



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4. Registrations and Competitor Briefing

CPG Registration:

The Professional and Amateur Registration desks will be operational from 12.00hrs on Monday 05 July and will be located at the main reception area at the BlackSeaRama Golf & Villas Clubhouse - All players are requested to register by 12:00hrs on Tuesday 06 July in person. If this will not be possible, they must send an email to tb@cpg.golf.

If a Professional can't register in person before 12.00hrs on Tuesday 06 July, they are requested to register their teams with the CPG via email or telephone, or alternatively through the online registration form (accessible at the tournament noticeboard or sent via email prior to the tournament).

Telephone number: **+44 (0) 20 71 83 59 83** Email: tb@cpg.golf

All amateur competitors **MUST** confirm their current handicap upon registration and **MUST** bring an updated handicap certificate to send as an image.

It is the Professional's responsibility to ensure that the CPG is made aware of their amateurs' exact handicaps as well as the system that their handicap uses and **MUST** provide a current handicap certificate. Failure to do so will result in the amateur playing off a handicap of 0.0.

BlackSeaRama Registration Upon Arrival:

Teams will be required to register in-person with BlackSeaRama representatives from 12:00 h on Monday 05 July or upon arrival to BlackSeaRama Golf & Villas. Registration will be in the Clubhouse reception area and will be one team at a time.

Data Use:

Participants agree that their personal data may be given to third parties for reasons related to timing, results' ranking and announcement on the internet. Personal data of the participants required during the registration procedure are stored and will be used for purposes only related to the staging of the event (unless otherwise opted-in to). By submitting an entry form, each participant consents to the storing of his/her personal data and its use for the purposes of the event.

Participants consent to the use of their image during the event by the organizers, sponsors, or other partners of the event for promotional purposes, with no right to claim full or partial compensation for that reason.

Competitor Briefing:

There will be a compulsory Professional briefing at the BlackSeaRama Clubhouse before the Opening Ceremony on the evening of practice day. Attendance is compulsory from all PGA Professionals only, and will cover various procedures for the event.



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5. Conditions of Play

The event shall be played under The R&A Rules of Golf, the Tournament Regulations of the CPG, the 2021 CPG Conditions of Competition and the local rules for the Thracian Cliffs, BlackSeaRama and Lighthouse Golf Courses, as determined by the CPG Chief Referee.

The Professionals will play a 54-hole individual Strokeplay event.

Up to 30 teams (consisting of 1 Professional and 3 Amateurs) will compete over 54 holes stableford betterball format, with the best two scores from the team of four to count on each hole.

The handicap limit is 28 for men and 36 ladies with a $\frac{3}{4}$ sloped handicap allowance in the Pro-Am. The World Handicapping System (WHS) will apply and each amateur will play from the applicable handicap.

Prizes:

Amateurs

- Three overall team prizes (1st, 2nd 3rd) will be awarded in the 54-Hole Pro-Am;
- Longest Drive (Men)
- Longest Drive (Ladies)
- Nearest to the Pin (All in one category)

In the event of a tie in the Pro-Am category, prizes will be determined by a card countback based on the scores achieved over the last 18 holes, then 9, 6, 3, and last hole.

Professionals

The Professionals will compete in a 54-hole individual strokeplay competition. The Professional Prize Fund is €30,000 based on 30 teams competing in the Pro-Am, which will increase or decrease pro-rata by €1,000 for any teams more than or less than 10 (The Prize Fund is also subject to a CPG 5% Levy).

Any disputes regarding the interpretation of these Conditions of Competition will be settled by the CPG Tournament Manager in consultation with BlackSeaRama Golf & Villas and will be binding.

6. Draws

The starting times for Round 1 and 2 of the Pro-Am will be published on the noticeboards in the BlackSeaRama clubhouse (reception and Tournament Office) and sent by email by 14.00hrs on Tuesday 06 July. The starting times for Round 3 will be published on the noticeboards in the BlackSeaRama clubhouse and sent by email following completion of Round 2. The order of play will be based on strict professional score order.

NOTE: No changes to the draws will be permitted once they are posted and the decision of the Tournament Manager will be final.



7. Starting & Tees

All competitors are required to be at their starting tee 10 minutes prior to their start time. This is to allow the starter to provide pin positions, local rules and additional information to each player. This also ensures that all team members are present and able to start on time.

NOTE: Female Professionals will play from a course that is not shorter than 10-14% shorter than the total course yardage of the course played by the male Professionals. The Chief Referee will vary the tees as necessary to ensure the fairness of the holes and the event.

Important

Missing team members including the PGA Professional may be subject to penalty if the team in question fails to meet the points highlighted in 20.1 of the CPG tournament Regulations

NOTE: When both Professional and the team are subject to a two-stroke penalty for lateness on the tee, the team total for the first hole will be increased by two shots prior to any penalty being added to the Professional's individual score for that hole.

8. Buggies

Buggies will be provided to ALL competitors for the round at **Thracian Cliffs** and ALL competitors (Amateurs and Professionals) can ride in them for this round only.

Buggies are available to **ALL AMATEURS ONLY** for the rounds at **Lighthouse** and at **BlackSeaRama**, however these are **AT THE PLAYER'S OWN COST** and are on a first-come-first-served basis. Professionals are **NOT** permitted to ride in a buggy during tournament rounds at BlackSeaRama and Lighthouse.

9. Recording of Scores

All scorecards must be returned to the Tournament Office in the Clubhouse immediately following play.

10. Rulings & Doubt as to Procedure

There will be CPG Rules Officials on the courses at all times to deal with any disputes.

If, however, there is no Rules Official present the player may invoke Rule 20.1c(3) (two ball rule). The player must nominate the ball with which he wants to score, should the rules permit, and report the facts to a CPG Official immediately after the conclusion of play. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

11. Distance Measuring Devices



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All competitors will be permitted to use distance-measuring devices provided they measure distance only. If a player has any doubt as to whether a device is conforming, they should seek the advice of a CPG official.

12. Slow Play

For everyone's enjoyment we ask for each team to "keep up with the team in front, and not in front of the team behind". If a player is not going to score on a hole, he/she is requested to please "pick up". A Pace of Play will be enforced on the courses.

It will be the professional's responsibility to ensure that the team's pace of play adheres to the guidelines of the Tournament Manager.

13. Bad Weather / Play Foreshortened or Cancelled

In the event of bad weather and an overall result not being possible, the overall result will be decided over completed rounds.

All players should make themselves aware of the Suspension of Play Policy, which can be found on the CPG Hard Card – Section A11. In all instances when there is a threat of lightning the player should put their own safety first and seek shelter as soon as possible.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances any decision shall be made by the CPG and, in consultation with BlackSeaRama, will be binding.

14. Dress Regulations

Normal Golf clothing is to be worn at Thracian Cliffs, BlackSeaRama Golf Club and Lighthouse Golf Club during the tournament or the equivalent after golf.

Professionals are permitted to wear shorts throughout the practice and tournament rounds.

Dress code will be indicated for each advertised function.

15. Exchange Rate

The local currency is Bulgarian Lev.

16. Officials and Contacts

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