

6th World Cup Woodball Championship 2014

Rules and Regulations

1. Steering Unit:

International Woodball Federation (IWbF)

2. Host:

Chinese Woodball Association

3. Organized:

Sanya Woodball Association

4. Date:

5~11 September 2014

5. Types of Competition:

Registered number limitation:

1) Stroke Competition:

- I. Singles: Men and Women (up to 6 players for each entry)
- II. Doubles: Men, Women, and Mixed (up to 2 pairs for each entry)
- III. Teams: Men and Women (1 team for each entry, 4-6 player per team)

2) Fairway Competition:

- I. Singles: Men and Women (up to 4 players for each entry)
- II. Doubles: Men, Women, and Mixed (up to 2 pairs for each entry)
- III. Teams: Men and Women (1 team for each entry, 4-6 player per team)

3) Youth Event – Stroke Competition:

- I. Singles: Boys and Girls (up to 4 players for each entry)
- II. Doubles: Men, Women and Mixed (up to 2 pairs for each entry)
- III. Teams: Men and Women (1 team for each entry, 4-6 player per team)

6. Competition Rules:

1) The Championship will be run in accordance with the latest 2011 IWbF enacted Woodball Rules with the details of the Rules to be explained at team leader meeting.

2) Only the IWbF certified Woodball Equipment shall be used in the championship. The certificated brands of equipment are subjected to be announced by IWbF annually.

3) Competition System:

I. Stroke Competition:

i. Singles Preliminary:

After players complete the preliminary competition of 12 fairways, the sum of

strokes of each player will be the Preliminary score. The top 16 players will qualify for the Singles Final. When scores are tie, whoever has the most of the least stroke fairways among the 12 fairways is the winner. Accordingly, result shall be evaluated in the same manner.

ii. Singles Final:

The top 16 players from Singles Preliminary will be eligible to play in the Final, another 12-fairway round. The sum strokes of 24 fairways from the Singles Preliminary and Final will be added up for the eligibility of the winner. Any player who scores the least strokes is the winner.

iii. Doubles Preliminary:

a. The Men and Women Doubles, players take turns in striking the ball. Male or Female players who's names listed first on the registration roster should strike first on the odd-numbered fairways, and the other players should strike first on the even-numbered fairways. For Mixed Doubles, male player shall be listed first and female player shall be listed on the coming column on Mixed Doubles registration roster. After completing the competition of 12 fairways, the sum of the strokes will be the Doubles Preliminary score.

b. Players take turns in striking the ball until gating. Player 1 from every pair (Pair A1, Pair B1, Pair C1) take turns to strike first from fairway 1 to fairway 3. Striking order of players on fairway 1 is Pair A1, Pair B1, Pair C1. Striking order of players on fairway 2 is Pair B1, Pair C1, Pair A1; moreover, striking order of players on fairway 3 is Pair C1, Pair A1, Pair B1. Continually, Player 2 from every pair (Pair A2, Pair B2, Pair C2) take turns to strike first from fairway 4 to fairway 6. Striking order of players on fairway 4 is Pair A2, Pair B2, Pair C2. Striking order of players on fairway 5 is Pair B2, Pair C2, Pair A2; moreover, striking order of players on fairway 6 is Pair C2, Pair A2, Pair B2. Accordingly, the Player 1 from every pair should take turns for the first shot for the next fairways.

iv. Doubles Final:

Top 12 pairs in the Doubles Preliminary will qualify for the Doubles Final of additional 12 fairways competition. The final score is the strokes sum of the 12 fairways of Preliminary and Final, the total 24 fairways. Any pair who scores the least strokes is the winner. Order of taking turns in striking is the same methods as in the Preliminary.

v. Teams:

Each team consists of 4 – 6 players, and the strokes sum of the best 4 players of the Stroke Preliminary Competition will be counted as the team score. The team which has the least number of strokes is the winning team.

vi. Tie for Singles / Doubles / Teams Events:

a. For Singles Events / Doubles Events, in case there are 2 or more players/pairs secured the same strokes, whoever has the most of the least stroke fairways among the last 12 fairways is the winner. Accordingly, result shall be evaluated in the same manner.

b. For Teams Events, in case 2 or more teams secure the same strokes, any team with player that has the least strokes is the winner. If there is still a tie, then any team with player that has the second least strokes is the winner. Accordingly, results shall be evaluated in the same manner. If the result is still the same, the Organizing Committee will construct alternate methods to decide the winner.

II. Fairway Competition:

i. Competition Format:

Players will compete in single-elimination and will play from the appointed 1st to 12th fairway. The player who scores the least strokes in each fairway will be the winner of the fairway. A tie is counted when both score the same number of strokes. Anyone leads by a number of winning fairways greater than the number of fairways remaining to be played is the winner, and the competition is finished

ii. Singles:

The Organizing Committee should determine the order of play by drawing lots. Each group consists of 2 players and will play from the appointed 1st to 12th fairway.

iii. Doubles:

The Organizing Committee should determine the order of play by drawing lots. Each group consists of 2 pairs and will play from the appointed 1st to 12th fairway. Players whose names listed first on the registration roster should strike first on the odd-numbered fairways, and the other players should strike first on the even-numbered fairways. For Mixed Doubles, male player shall be listed first and female player shall be listed on the coming column on Mixed Doubles registration roster.

iv. Teams:

Teams will compete in the round-robin competition. Each team consists 4 – 6 players, and **each round** 4 players from each team will compete in the order of Singles, Doubles, and Singles fairway competition (as the "3-match") for each round. Every player is not allowed to play more than one match for each round. Each team is required to participate in the first "2 match". Any team that accumulates a 2-match lead wins the competition, and the competition is finished.

Competition will not be held when only one team registered; when 2 teams registered, the winning team shall be the team who has won 2 out of 3 games; round-robin competition shall be applied for 3 to 5 teams; if 6-11 teams entered, the teams are first divided into 2 groups to compete in round-robin competition, and then the best 2 teams from each group will compete for the final single-elimination; as for 12 teams or more competing, teams are first divided into 4 groups to play the round-robin competition, then the best 2 teams from each group will compete for the final single-elimination.

v. Striking Order:

In Fairway Competitions, no matter if the ball stops on the gate area or fairway, the player/pair with ball which stops further from the gate shall hit first.

vi. Tie for Fairway Events:

When fairways competition ended in a tie after completing 12 fairways competition, players/pairs will play sudden death and compete from the 1st fairway to the next, whoever first wins the fairway is the winner, and the competition is finished.

4) Scores Record:

The international referees will patrol between fairways, and national referees will be appointed by the Organizing Committee to carry out the scoring duty.

5) The Organizing Committee reserves the right to change the competition program according to the actual situation in the competition. There is no right for each team to bring up any opinion.

7. Prizes:

1) Prizes will be determined based on the number of registered participants.

- I. 1 player/team will be awarded when 3 or less players/teams registered.
- II. 2 players/teams will be awarded when 4 to 5 players/teams registered.

- III. 3 players/teams will be awarded when 6 to 7 players/teams registered.
 - IV. 4 players/teams will be awarded when 8 to 9 players/teams registered.
 - V. 5 players/teams will be awarded when 10 to 11 players/ teams registered.
 - VI. 6 players/teams will be awarded when 12 to 13 players/teams registered.
 - VII. 7 players/teams will be awarded when 14 to 15 players/teams registered.
 - VIII. 8 players/teams will be awarded when 16 or more players/teams registered.
- ※Winners of Singles and Doubles events will be awarded certificates and medals.
- Winners of Teams events will be awarded certificates, medals, and trophies.

2) Gate-in-One:

- I. Applicable to the Singles Preliminary of Singles Stroke Competition, whoever hits the ball through the gate (2 gates appointed by the Organizing Committee, 2 Gate-in-One prizes at USD 1,000 in total) by 1 stroke will be awarded medal and cash award of USD 500. If there is more than 1 winner, the prizes will be shared equally with all winners.
- II. Gate-in-One will not be applied for Singles Final.

3) International Tour Championship Ranking:

- I. Singles Stroke Competition, the top 30 male and female players will receive points calculated based on the rules of the International Tour Woodball Championship, and the points will be accumulated with other winning points.
- II. Singles Fairway Competition (single elimination), points shall be secured when at least 16 players participate in the event. The points calculated based on the rules of the International Tour Woodball Championship.

8. Entry:

- 1) Players are allowed to register every event without restriction. However, Stroke Doubles and Fairway Doubles Competition is both limited **one entry per player**. Meanwhile, female players are not allowed to register in males' events, and vice versa.
- 2) Youth Event requirement: players who born after 1st September 1996 are allowed to register the event.
- 3) Please submit the Registration Form, Participation Form, Registration Fee, Participation Fee, and photos of participants to the Organizing Committee before entry deadline.
- 4) **Entry Deadline: 31 July 2014.**

9. Transportation:

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation among airport and Athlete's Village upon arrival and departure of the delegations and local transportation during the Championship, as well as escort when necessary.

10. Delegation's Flag:

For the purpose of opening and closing ceremonies, participating delegations are requested to present 2 flags officially registered with the IWbF.

11. Financial Conditions:

1) Sanction Fee: USD 20 per participant (including all team staff) for International Woodball Federation.

2) Registration Fee: USD 10 per participant (including all team staff).

3) Participation Fee:

I. Stroke Competition:

i. USD 30 per participant for Singles Competition.

ii. USD 40 per pair for Doubles Competition.

iii. USD 40 per team.

(Applied to participants who have registered Singles Stroke Competition and also register Team Stroke Competition)

II. Fairway Competition:

i. USD 30 per participant for Singles competition.

ii. USD 40 per pair for Doubles Competition.

iii. USD 100 per team for Team Competition.

4) Accommodation and Local Transportation Fee:

Accommodation and local transportation fee is USD 50 per person per night. For 7 days / 6 nights, each participant is required to pay USD 300.

12. Arbitration

1) Any protest or appeal should be brought up officially within 30 minutes after each game.

2) Appeal letter shall be signed by the team leader and submitted to the Organizing Committee with a USD100 arbitration fee.

3) Upon receiving the appeal letter, Organizing Committee will arrange the Protest Committee Meeting to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Woodball Rules and regulations within 30 minutes. Should there be any unclear matter; Protest Committee decision will be final. Arbitration fee will be returned if the appeal is accepted; otherwise arbitration fee will be forfeited.