**9th Diplomatic Golf Tournament**

**16 June 2018**

1. **Format**

Players will compete in two divisions.

А Division – individual stableford

B Division – individual stableford

Handicap divisions will be determined after registration is closed.

1. **REGISTRATION**

Players must register no later than 14th of June.

Maximum number of entries – 120

1. **GROUPING AND STARTING TIMES**

All players will receive information for their starting time on Friday 16th of June

Saturday – 16th of June – 10:00 Shot gun start

1. **TEES**

**DIVISION А**

 Men - YELLOW

 Ladies - RED

**DIVISION B**

Men - YELLOW

 Ladies - RED

1. **Prizes and Awards**

The trophy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs WILL BE AWARDED TO THE best gross result scored in the group of Diplomats, accredited in Bulgaria

The winner in A division will be the player with the highest net stableford score over 18 holes.

The winner in B division will be the player with the highest net stableford score over 18 holes.

There will be a prize for the competitors finishing on second and third place in each category.

The special prize for the longest drive will be on hole 7 and for the nearest to the pin on hole 15.

1. **Decision of Ties**

Any tie will be decided based on the final stipulated 9, 6, 3 holes or last hole of the best score from each of the tied teams.

1. **Pace of Play**

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and, in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any competitor exceeds 50 seconds on a first to play approach shot (including a Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt, or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or second or third to play shot, he is deemed to have a “bad time”. The time allowed to play each hole and stipulated round will be determined by the Committee and published on the official notice board. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front. A competitor whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

**Penalty for Breach of Condition:**

One bad time Verbal warning from official - Stroke Play Match Play

Two bad times - One stroke penalty; Loss of Hole

Three bad times - Two stroke penalty; Final Warning

Four bad times – Disqualification.

1. **Return of Scorecards**

Competitors must return their scorecards, in accordance with Rule 6-6b, to an area designated by the Committee as the “Scoring or Recording Area”. The scorecard is considered returned when the competitor has left the Scoring or Recording Area.

1. **Suspension of Play due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b)**

The specimen condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect (page 144). **Note:** A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by a **prolonged note of a horn**. All other suspensions will be signaled by **three consecutive short notes** of a horn repeated. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by **two short notes** of a horn repeated.