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Pro Golf Tour: pandemic leads to further postponements and first cancellations

The effects of the corona pandemic are now leading to the first complete tournament cancellations on the Pro Golf Tour: neither the EXTEC Trophy by Atomic Drinks scheduled for mid-May in the Czech Republic, nor the Leipziger Golf Open scheduled for mid-June in Germany, nor the Coevorden Gelpenberg Open scheduled for August in the Netherlands will be held this year. More tournaments will be postponed.

Diedorf - "To our great regret, we now have to cancel three of our tournaments planned for the 2020 season with the EXTEC Trophy by Atomic Drinks, the Leipziger Golf Open and the Coevorden Gelpenberg Open," says Peter Zäh, Managing Director of the Pro Golf Tour. "For a long time we hoped to find alternative dates, but the situation is very difficult for the host clubs and their co-sponsors during these times of the corona pandemic. Massive event and travel restrictions in many countries are also leading to great planning uncertainty. Since there is no realistic prospect of being able to hold the tournaments this year, we have decided to cancel them completely." This step had to be implemented most recently for the Coevorden Gelpenberg Open, once the Netherlands government had signalled that there will probably be no more sporting events in 2020.

Besides four tournaments in Morocco already, for which no new date has been fixed yet, more events will also be postponed: The Haugschlag NÖ Open 2020, originally scheduled for May, will now take place from 8 to 10 September, and those responsible for the Pro Golf Tour, together with the host club, are also looking for a new date later in the 2020 season for the Starnberg Open, which was initially scheduled for mid-June. Always subject to the further development of corona, and always in view of the travel restrictions throughout Europe. Peter Zäh: "We have already played six tournaments this year and we still hope that our players will be able to play again in 2020. However, it doesn't help that the country in which a tournament is taking place allows the game to be played again. It must be ensured that the majority of our members can travel. Only then can we hold a tournament – anything else would be unfair."

The expected start to the tour in Europe this year is therefore the Polish Open 2020 at the beginning of July (1 to 3 July) at the Gradi Golf Club in Prusice, followed by the Raiffeisen Pro Golf Tour St. Pölten (22 to 24 July) in Austria.

All the latest information on the Pro Golf Tour 2020 schedule is available on the tour website at www.pro-golf-tour.com.

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