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### **Announcement regarding the Youth World Championships 2021, Murnau, Germany**

The current SARS-CoV-2 pandemic situation seems to be improving slowly, with several parts of the world still experiencing travel restrictions and lockdowns though. It is very hard to imagine that it would be possible to play a YWC in August, even in reasonably limited version with adjusted procedures and accompanying events around the championships, like opening and closing ceremonies etc. Travel restrictions regarding entry to Germany are loosening at the moment, but still at present visitors from some potential participating countries would need to do a quarantine at entry. It is also unclear, which size of events can be held in the district of Garmisch-Partenkirchen in August. Many teams might further face quarantines at return from Germany. We feel that not all nations willing to participate in YWC might be able to do so in August. Consequently, it would be unfair to those WMF member nations if the tournament remained as a "world championship" event. The organizers would face considerable losses with smaller field of participants, at the same time having higher costs by guaranteeing a safe championship.

**Therefore, the Minigolf Youth World Championships 2021 is hereby cancelled.**

The organizers have confirmed even after two cancellations their will to hold the event in 2022 and so we are looking forward to the YWC 2022 in Murnau on August 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 2022.

At the same time WMF, DMV and MGC Murnau are working together on an alternative international event with the working title "World Youth Grand Prix" on August 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 for all those teams who are willing and able to participate. Judging by the initial feedback the interest is high if circumstances allow. We had an online working meeting last Monday with all organizing parties and several youth teams and will come with the details regarding this event very soon. So don't cancel your reservations completely yet, there may be a chance for some international minigolf in Murnau in August after all. Stay tuned!

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