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Foreword

THE OLYMPIC GOLF COMPETITION OF THE XXXI OLYMPIC GAMES

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1. THE OLYMPIC GOLF COMPETITION

1.1. Date

The Olympic golf competition will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from Thursday 11 August to Sunday 14 August 2016 (Men’s event) and Wednesday 17 August to Saturday 20 August 2016 (Women’s event).

The Opening Ceremony of the Rio 2016 Olympic Games will take place on Friday 5 August 2016 and the Closing Ceremony will be held on Sunday 21 August 2016.

1.2. Venue

The competition will be held at the Rio 2016 Olympic Golf Course in the Reserva Marapendi, in the neighbourhood of Barra da Tijuca, often simply called Barra, which will concentrate most of the Rio 2016 Games venues: the Olympic Village, Rio’s Olympic Park, the Riocentro Convention Centre, IBC/MPC and Barra Media Village.

Reserva Marapendi Golf Club will be a stand-alone venue, located approximately 9 Km away from the Olympic and Paralympic Village and 7 Km from the Media Principal Centre (MPC) and the International Broadcast Centre (IBC). The Rio 2016 Olympic Golf Course will be used for both Competition and Practice sessions. After the Games, the Venue will operate as a public facility, the main purpose of which will be to promote golf in Brazil and South America.

1.3. Events

The golf competition consists of 72 holes of individual stroke play for both men and women (four rounds scheduled over four consecutive days). Scores are cumulative from round to round. The athlete with the lowest aggregate score wins.

For all rounds, the intention is to play in groups of three off the first tee. However, due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, play could be in groups of two or three and/or off the first and tenth tees. For rounds 1 and 2, groupings will be published no later than two (2) days before the start of each respective event (men’s and women’s). For rounds 3 and 4, groupings will be done according to cumulative score at the end of the previous round, with the leaders teeing off last. Subject to Appendix 6.7.3.1, all athletes will play all four rounds (i.e., there will be no reduction of the field/cut). Groupings and Starting Times policy may be found in Appendix 6.7.

1.4. Golf Course and Practice Facilities

**Golf Course Technical Specifications**

The International Golf Federation (IGF) publishes a Homologation Manual for the Games which includes specifications for the Golf Course. Information related to Golf Course Preparation & Set-Up Philosophy may be found in the IGF Policy in Appendix 6.7.

**Practice Facilities**

Practice facilities will be available for practice and warm-up at the Rio 2016 Olympic Golf Course. Certain dates and times for practice have been established within the IGF Practicing Policy which may be found in Appendix 6.7.
1.5. Equipment

Equipment shall be in conformance with the Rules of Golf and the Olympic Charter, in particular in accordance with the golf-specific application of the Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications (Olympic Charter, Rule 50).

Equipment Manufacturers will be on site to provide services to athletes as per standard practice.

Further information on Athlete Equipment may be found in the IGF Policy in Appendix 6.7.

Golf Balls
IGF and Rio2016 have secured practice range golf balls from golf manufacturers in accordance with normal allocations for elite professional championships.

Yardage books
Yardage books (provided in yards/metres) will be produced by Rio2016 using an IGF recommended surveyor (recognised tour supplier) and provided at the Olympic Golf Course for athletes and caddies.

Towels
Towels will be provided at the Olympic Golf Course for athletes and caddies.

1.6. Weather Forecasting

A weather forecasting service will be provided on site at the Olympic Golf Course by the Rio2016 Organising Committee, providing timely information on factors which may affect practice and the competition. The meteorologist provided by Rio2016 must be approved by the IGF.

1.7. Medal Ceremonies

Medal ceremonies, at which all medallists are required to be present dressed in ceremonies uniform as stipulated by their NOC, will be held at the conclusion of each event.

2. ATHLETES

2.1. Eligibility to Compete and Conditions of Competing

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games. This includes Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of Competitors).

Additional IGF Requirements:
To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must:
- Be listed by name on the Olympic Golf Ranking at http://www.igfgolf.org/ as of the 11 July 2016.
- Be in good standing with their National Federation and the IGF.
- Be recognized or hold a valid license issued by his/her National Federation.

Any athlete is eligible for nomination to the Olympic Golf Competition provided he/she:

i. Respects the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times.
ii. Accepts these Regulations and its appendices which shall apply for the entire duration of the Olympic Games and such period prior, not in excess of fourteen days, established by the NOC for purposes of preparation for and travel to the 2016 Olympic Games.
iii. Agrees to undergo any medical control and anti-doping tests which are in operation before or during the event and to the use of the World Anti-Doping Agency’s Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS) as part of the anti-doping programme, as outlined in the Notice to Athletes about Processing of Personal Information within ADAMS.

As a condition of eligibility, athletes shall:

i) Arrange with their National Olympic Committee (NOC), through their National Federation, to come under the formal responsibility and disciplinary control of their NOC and to comply with the Regulations established by their NOC for its Olympic delegation.

ii) Be part of the Olympic delegation of their NOC, who shall be responsible for all aspects of participation, including uniform, travel, accreditation and accommodation.

While participating in the Olympic Golf Competition an athlete:

i) Must accept all the applicable provisions of the Olympic Charter and the Rules of Golf.

ii) May not accept, either directly or indirectly, any form of financial reward whatsoever, except for any payment which may have been established in respect of their Olympic team.

iii) Must accept the provisions regarding manufacturer identifications as detailed in Rule 50 of the Olympic Charter and the IOC Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications for the Rio2016 Olympic Games.

2.2. Nomination of Athletes

A National Federation, with the endorsement of its NOC, may nominate an athlete provided that:

i) The NOC is recognised by the International Olympic Committee, and the National Federation is affiliated to that NOC and to the IGF.

ii) The athlete conforms to and agrees to abide by Section 2.1 of these Regulations “Eligibility to Compete and Conditions of Competing”; and

iii) The athlete is eligible to represent the country concerned in accordance with the Olympic Charter (Appendix 6.1)

The IGF shall be responsible for ensuring that all athletes nominated are eligible.

2.3. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC

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<tr>
<th>Quota per NOC</th>
<th>Event Specific Quota</th>
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<tr>
<td>Men 4</td>
<td>Maximum 4 athletes per event if within Olympic Golf Ranking top-15 Otherwise maximum 2 athletes per event</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Women 4</td>
<td>Maximum 4 athletes per event if within Olympic Golf Ranking top-15 Otherwise maximum 2 athletes per event</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total 8</td>
<td>Maximum 4 athletes per event if within Olympic Golf Ranking top-15 Otherwise maximum 2 athletes per event</td>
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2.4. Entries

By 11 January 2016, Entry Forms (by NOC) to confirm intent to enter athletes, will be sent by the IGF to all National Federations eligible to participate. NFs will also be asked to confirm the contact information for entries / Golf Team Leader.

By 11 March 2016, the completed Entry Forms confirming intent, endorsed by each NOC and National Federation, are to be received by the IGF. National Federations and NOCs must confirm to the IGF by this time their qualification system for the selection of athletes for the Games of the XXXI Olympiad and the contact information for entries / Golf Team Leader.

2.5. Selection Dates

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Milestone</th>
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<tr>
<td>14 July 2014 – 11 July 2016</td>
<td>Qualification period to earn OGR ranking points</td>
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<tr>
<td>11 July 2016</td>
<td>End of Olympic Golf Rankings qualification period</td>
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<tr>
<td>12 July 2016</td>
<td>Olympic Golf Rankings published &amp; IGF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places</td>
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<tr>
<td>14 July 2016</td>
<td>NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to IGF</td>
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<td>15 July 2016</td>
<td>IGF to reallocate all unused quota places</td>
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<td>18 July 2016</td>
<td>Rio 2016 Sport Entries Deadline</td>
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<td>10 August 2016</td>
<td>End of reallocation for the men’s competition</td>
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<td>16 August 2016</td>
<td>End of reallocation for the women’s competition</td>
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Further information on the Qualification System for the Games of the XXXI Olympiad may be found in Appendix 6.8.

2.6. Caddies

All athletes in the Olympic Games shall employ caddies for all practice and competition rounds. A caddie is not required to be of the same nationality as the athlete he/she is employed by. Payment of the caddies is the sole responsibility of the athlete and they shall be paid promptly. The IGF assumes no responsibility for the payment of the caddies. The fee is to be resolved prior to the competition between the athlete and caddie. In the event of illness or injury to a caddie during the round, the athlete may replace the caddie with anyone who is properly accredited for field of play access.

Athletes shall be responsible for the conduct and behaviour of their caddies at the Olympic Golf Competition and subject to penalty for any breach of the rules by their caddie as detailed in the Rules of Golf. Caddies are not eligible to receive a medal/ diploma. Caddies shall adhere to these IGF Olympic Golf Regulations and its appendices.

3. THE COMPETITION

3.1. Size and Composition of Draws

The maximum number of athletes accepted into the competition is 60 athletes for each of the men’s competition and women’s competition, as follows:

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<th>Qualification Places</th>
<th>Host Country Places</th>
<th>Tripartite Commission Invitation Places</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>Men</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>60</td>
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<td>Women</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>118</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>120</td>
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3.2. Criteria for Selection

Qualification Places (Men/Women):

Athletes will first be selected by name within the top-15 on the Olympic Golf Rankings as of Monday, 11 July 2016 (following the conclusion of all eligible Olympic Golf Ranking events in the week immediately preceding), with no more than four (4) athletes per NOC.

Athletes will then be selected by name in order from 16th place onwards on the Olympic Golf Rankings as of Monday, 11 July 2016 (following the conclusion of all eligible Olympic Golf Ranking events in the week immediately preceding), up to a maximum of two (2) athletes per NOC and for NOCs not already having two (2) or more athletes within the top 15 on the Olympic Golf Rankings until the number of 59 athletes is reached, including continental places.

Each of the five (5) continents of the Olympic Movement will be guaranteed at least one (1) athlete in each of the women's and men's Competitions respectively, if not automatically qualified in accordance with the above (continental places). The continental places will be allocated to the highest ranked athlete(s) on the Olympic Golf Rankings from the continent(s) without representation.

Host Country:

The Host Country is guaranteed at least one (1) athlete in each of the men's and women's competitions respectively, only if it does not qualify any athlete through the Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016. The athlete selected by name shall be the highest ranked athlete from the Host Country listed on the Olympic Golf Rankings. In the event there is no athlete from the Host Country listed on the Olympic Golf Rankings, the IGF will, in collaboration with the Host Country NOC, identify the athlete(s) to represent the Host Country.

3.3. Withdrawals

For athlete withdrawals prior to competition, the athlete shall notify the IGF Executive Director of his/her reason for withdrawal in writing and the athlete will subsequently be removed from the Olympic Golf Rankings. The athlete would thereby not be eligible to compete in the Olympic Games. Reference should be made to the Qualification System for the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Appendix 6.8 for the reallocation process.

As stated in the IGF Policy in Appendix 6.7, during the competition, urgent medical conditions may prevent the participation of an athlete, or otherwise for exceptional circumstances. The athlete shall notify the IGF Technical Delegate or an IGF Technical Official of his/her reason for withdrawal, and within a period of 24 hours submit written evidence supporting such reason to the IGF Executive Director.

Upon completing any round of 18 holes an athlete may withdraw, upon notifying the IGF Technical Delegate or an IGF Technical Official and returning a signed score card.

4. TECHNICAL ORGANISATION

4.1. Management

The Competition shall be under the direction and control of the IGF and in co-operation with Rio2016.

The IGF is responsible for the general management including the approval of the Regulations and the interpretation of those Regulations.

The duties of the IGF shall include:

i) Appointing the Chief Referees for the Olympic Golf Competitions.
ii) Deciding on any disputes arising among National Federations participating in the Olympic Golf Competition.

iii) Appointing an IGF Tribunal, to settle any disputes during the Olympic Golf Competition, other than technical matters on the field of play which are settled directly by the Chief Referee.

iv) Suspending from the Olympic Golf Competition for such period of time as it may determine, any athlete, or Official who it is considered does not maintain at all times the high ideals of the Sport and/or the Competition.

v) Applying the Rules of Golf or other policies as laid down in these Regulations.

The duties of the IGF Olympic Golf Competitions Committee shall include:

i) Responsibility for overseeing the management and presentation of the Olympic Golf Competition.

ii) Ensuring that all athletes nominated to compete in the Olympic Golf Competition are eligible to participate.

iii) Recommending Referees/Officials for the Olympic Golf Competition.

iv) Undertaking such other duties as may be laid down in these Regulations.

The duties of the Technical Delegate shall include:

i) Acting on behalf of the IGF, to oversee the technical control and direction of golf in the Games of the XXXI Olympiad.

ii) Reporting to the IGF Executive Director and/or the Olympic Golf Competitions Committee on all matters relating to the staging and operation of the Olympic Golf Competition.

iii) Confirming the list of Direct Acceptances.

The Chief Referee shall be responsible for all Rules of Golf related matters during the competition.

IGF International Technical Officials (ITOs) are appointed by the IGF to decide questions of fact and apply the Rules of Golf. A Technical Official must act on any breach of a Rule that he/she observes or is reported to him/her. Also referred to as a "Rules Official" or "Referee" or as a member of the "IGF Rules Committee".

For the Olympic Games, ITOs are nominated, reviewed and approved by the IGF Olympic Golf Competitions Committee, subject to the approval of the IGF Board. ITOs are required to meet the standards as set by the R&A and USGA for officiating at Major Championships, or as otherwise determined at the sole discretion of the IGF Olympic Golf Competitions Committee.

National Technical Officials (NTOs) play a support role to the ITOs. They are nominated by the Brazilian Golf Federation (Confederação Brasileira Golfe - CBG), in consultation with the OCOG and are approved by the IGF. NTOs are required to have completed the R&A rules course level 2, reside in Brazil/be associated with the CBG, have participated in a substantial number of national events and at least two of the PGA Tour Latino America events and should participate in the Olympic Test Event.

4.2. General Rules and Regulations

Rules and Regulations
The Olympic Golf Competition will be conducted in accordance with these Regulations and its appendices and the Rules of Golf. Any modification to the Rules of Golf contained in the IGF’s Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for the Olympic Golf Competition will be made available to athletes prior to their starting times.

Failure to comply with the Rules of Golf, as established by the R&A and USGA, and as amended by Local Rules in force at the competition or any conditions of competition, regulations or other rules, by-laws, directions or instructions as specified by the IGF shall be referred to the Technical Delegate or Chief Referee for decision, as appropriate.

Any unforeseen incidents not covered by the Regulations and its appendices shall be dealt with as follows:

i) Cases of a general nature shall be resolved in accordance with the Olympic Charter.
ii) Technical questions shall be resolved according to the Rules of Golf.

iii) On-site appeals shall be resolved by the Technical Delegate or Chief Referee for decision, as appropriate.

**Anti-Doping**

Doping control tests shall be conducted at the 2016 Olympic Golf Competition by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) according to IOC rules and in conjunction with the IGF and Rio2016. Education on the Anti-Doping Programme will be provided to the athletes in advance of the Olympic Games.

**Officials and Course Personnel**

The following positions shall be appointed by the Federation to cover the men’s and women’s competitions:

- Chief Referees
- Course Set Up
- Starting & Scoring
- Referees
- Agronomy
- Athlete Relations

In addition, in conjunction with the IGF Olympic Golf Competitions Committee and the Brazil Golf Confederation, the IGF will appoint the National Technical Officials necessary for the competitions. The duties of all officials are outlined in the IGF Delivery Plan for Rio2016 Olympic Games.

**The Draw**

A Draw Announcement will be conducted by officials from the IGF on 8 August (men’s competition) and 15 August (women’s competition). Details of the announcement will be provided by the IGF. Further information may be found in IGF Policy on Groupings & Starting Times in Appendix 6.7.

**4.3. Conduct of Play**

**Schedule of Play**

The proposed schedule of play is given in Appendix 6.4 and is subject to confirmation by the Chief Referee.

**Official Scoring Record**

The score card is the only official scoring record. Score cards are verified in the scoring area by the Official Scorer together with the athletes, as each athlete finishes his/her round. The athlete is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his/her score card. A results terminal will be available for the Official Scorer to compare the scores on the score cards with those recorded in the results system.

Simultaneously, there will be statistics’ officials who will verify the statistics collected in the course of a round. Once all score cards are made official and all statistics have been verified, results of a round, or final results, will be checked and approved by the IGF Technical Delegate.

**Technical Specifications for Scoring and Data Collection**

The policy on Technical Specifications for Scoring and Data Collection may be found in Appendix 6.7.

**IGF Policies for Competition**

The IGF Policies for Competition may be found in Appendix 6.7

**4.4. Medals/Diplomas**

Medals will be awarded for first, second and third place to the lowest three individual finishers in each competition based on cumulative score for the four rounds as listed below. Any ties for the first, second or third place finishers will be broken by play-offs as necessary.
– First place: A gold medal, a diploma and an Olympic medallist’s pin.
– Second place: A silver medal, a diploma and an Olympic medallist’s pin.
– Third place: A bronze medal, a diploma and an Olympic medallist’s pin.
– Fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth places, including ties: A diploma (no play-off for these positions).

As stated in the Olympic Charter, bye-law to Rule 46, 1.2, it is the responsibility of the IGF to establish the final results and ranking of the Olympic competitions.

5. ENFORCEMENT AND AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS

5.1. Enforcement of the Regulations

The above Regulations and its appendices shall be binding on all concerned. The IGF Executive Director may supersede these Regulations in extraordinary conditions and may delegate this responsibility to the Chief Referee and Technical Delegate on site.

5.2. Amendment of the Regulations

These Regulations and the Appendices to the Regulations may be amended by the IGF Executive Director. The information provided within these Regulations was correct at the time of publication; however, please note that amendments may be made at a later date.

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6. APPENDICES


The Olympic Charter (Rule 41 and its Bye-law) states that:

41. Nationality of competitors

1. Any competitor in the Olympic Games must be a national of the country of the NOC which is entering such competitor.
2. All matters relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in the Olympic Games shall be resolved by the IOC Executive Board.

Bye-law to Rule 41

1. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one country in the Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognised by the relevant IF, he may not represent another country unless he meets the conditions set forth in paragraph 2 below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

2. A competitor who has represented one country in the Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognised by the relevant IF, and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in the Olympic Games to represent his new country provided that at least three years have passed since the competitor last represented his former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the NOCs and IF concerned, by the IOC Executive Board, which takes into account the circumstances of each case.

3. If an associated State, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, if a country merges with another country, or if a new NOC is recognised by the IOC, a competitor may continue to represent the country to which he belongs or belonged. However, he may, if he prefers, elect to represent his country or be entered in the Olympic Games by his new NOC if one exists. This particular choice may be made only once.

4. Furthermore, in all cases in which a competitor would be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games, either by representing another country than his or by having the choice as to the country which such competitor intends to represent, the IOC Executive Board may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any competitor, including the duration of any waiting period.

Please also refer to IGF Nationality Policy which may be found in IGF Policies in Appendix 6.7.

6.2. Extract from the Bye-Law to Rules 27 & 28 of the 2015 Olympic Charter

The Olympic Charter (Rules 27 & 28, Bye-law paragraph 2.3) states that:

The NOCs perform the following tasks:

They have the sole and exclusive authority to prescribe and determine the clothing and uniforms to be worn, and the equipment to be used, by the members of their delegations on the occasion of the Olympic Games and in connection with all sports competitions and ceremonies related thereto.

This exclusive authority does not extend to specialised equipment used by athletes of their delegations during the actual sports competitions. For the purposes of this rule, specialised equipment shall be limited to such equipment acknowledged by the NOC concerned as having a material effect on the performance of athletes, due to the specialised characteristics of the equipment. Any publicity in respect of any such specialised equipment must be submitted to the NOC concerned for approval if there is any reference, express or implied, to the Olympic Games.
6.3. **Extract from the Bye-Law to Rule 40 of the 2015 Olympic Charter**

The Olympic Charter (Rule 40, Bye-law paragraph 3) states that:

*Except as permitted by the IOC Executive Board, no competitor, team official or other team personnel who participates in the Olympic Games may allow his person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the Olympic Games.*

The IOC Executive Board acknowledged that generic (non-Olympic) advertising may take place during the period of the Olympic Games in compliance with specific conditions and an application process as outlined in the *Rule 40 guidelines issued by the IOC, which may be found on the IGF website.*

6.4. **Proposed Schedule of Play**

The proposed schedule of play for both men’s and women’s competitions is as follows (all times are Rio de Janeiro local time):

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6.5. **IOC Code of Ethics**

The IOC Code of Ethics may be found [here on the IOC website](#).

The ‘Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions’ will be implemented in the IOC Code of Ethics as the ‘Rio Rules on Betting’ applicable during the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. These rules may be found [here on the IOC website](#).

6.6. **Code of Conduct for Athletes and Athletes Support Personnel**

**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR OLYMPIC GOLF COMPETITION**

1) **INTRODUCTION**

The aim of this Code is to provide fair and reasonable standards of conduct for all athletes, to ensure and maintain an orderly and fair administration and conduct for Olympic Golf Competition and to protect the athletes’ rights and the respective rights of the IGF.

Athletes participating in the Olympic Golf Competition shall observe the Rules of Golf, the IGF Olympic Golf Regulations, Local Rules or Conditions in effect for the conduct of the Competition, and at all times shall conduct themselves in a manner that will not reflect unfavourably on the IGF and its members, officers or representatives.

The Executive Director shall be the final authority for the interpretation of this Code as to all matters arising that requires immediate resolution at the competition site.
2) **RULES OF GOLF & IGF REGULATIONS**

Any athlete who breaches the Rules of Golf, the Local Rules or Conditions or the IGF Olympic Golf Regulations in effect for the conduct of the Competition, shall be subject to the penalties provided in such Rules, Regulations or Conditions, as well as any other penalties determined by the IGF Rules Committee. The decision of the IGF Rules Committee for the competition with respect to such breach(es) shall be final and conclusive.

3) **ATHLETES’ COMMITMENT**

No athlete may withdraw their entry except where there are urgent medical conditions preventing participation of an athlete, or in exceptional circumstances in line with the Qualification System for the Games of the XXXI Olympiad. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Olympic Golf Competition, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

4) **ATHLETE ON-SITE OFFENCES**

   a) **GENERAL**
   
   Every athlete shall, during the competition and at all times while within the precincts of the competition site, conduct themselves in an orderly and sportsmanlike manner and in accordance with the normally accepted standards of courtesy and golf etiquette. The following provisions shall apply to each athlete's conduct while within the precincts of the site.

   b) **AUDIBLE OBSCENITY**
   
   Athletes shall not use audible obscenity within the precinct of the competition site. For the purposes of this Rule, audible obscenity is defined as the use of words commonly known and understood to be profane and uttered clearly and loudly enough to be heard by the IGF Rules Committee, spectators or television viewers.

   c) **VISIBLE OBSCENITY**
   
   Athletes shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the competition site. For the purposes of this Rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by an athlete with their hands and/or equipment that commonly have an obscene meaning.

   d) **VERBAL ABUSE**
   
   Athletes shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, other athlete, spectator or other person within the precincts of the competition site. For the purposes of this Rule, verbal abuse is defined as a statement about an official, opponent, sponsor, spectator or other person that implies dishonesty or is derogatory, insulting or otherwise abusive.

   e) **PHYSICAL ABUSE**
   
   Athletes shall not at any time physically abuse any official, other athlete, spectator or other person within the precincts of the competition site. For the purposes of this Rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, spectator or other person.

   f) **ABUSE OF EQUIPMENT**
   
   Athletes shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a golf ball, club or other equipment within the precincts of the competition site. For the purposes of this Rule, abuse of golf clubs or equipment is defined as intentionally and violently destroying or damaging clubs or equipment, or intentionally and violently hitting the course or other fixture during the competition or practice rounds out of anger or frustration.

   g) **UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT**
   
   Athletes shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponents spectators and others. For the purposes of this Rule, Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as any misconduct by an athlete that is clearly abusive or detrimental to the Sport, but that does not fall within the prohibition of any specific on-site offence.
contained herein. In addition, Unsportsmanlike Conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the giving, making, issuing, authorising or endorsing any public statement having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interests of the competition and/or the officiating thereof.

h) BEST EFFORTS
An athlete shall use their best efforts when competing in the Olympic Golf Competition.

i) LEAVING THE COURSE
An athlete shall not leave the course area during a round without the permission of the Chief Referee.

j) FAILURE TO COMPLETE COMPETITION
An athlete must complete a competition in progress unless he/she is reasonably unable to do so. A violation of this Section shall subject an athlete to immediately default and shall also constitute the Major Offence of “Aggravated Behaviour”.

k) CEREMONIES
An athlete must attend and participate in the medal ceremony unless reasonably unable to do so.

l) MEDIA CONFERENCE
Unless injured and physically unable to appear, an athlete must attend the post-competition media conference(s) organised immediately or within thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of each round whether the athlete was leading the round or not, unless such time is extended or otherwise modified by the Technical Delegate or his designee for good cause. In addition, all athletes must participate, if requested, in a pre-event press conference to be arranged during the two days before the start of the event. All media obligations include, but are not limited to, interviews with the host and athlete’s national broadcaster.

5) FAILURE TO REPORT A BREACH OF THE CODE
Athletes shall report a breach of the Code by another athlete when the breach is known to that athlete or in circumstances where he/she should reasonably have realised that a breach of the Code may have occurred. Furthermore, athletes shall fully co-operate in any enquiry or proceedings relating to a breach or suspected breach of the Code.

6) DETERMINATION AND SANCTIONS
Any allegation or suspicion of a Violation of the sections 3-4 of the Code of Conduct shall be reported to the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson. The procedure used will be determined by the nature and the seriousness of the breach. Not every breach of the Code must be the subject of a formal investigation and determination.
In some cases, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson will appoint the IGF Integrity Unit to investigate the facts and material relevant to the allegation(s). In other cases, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson may determine the sanction and/or may decide to refer, at his/her sole discretion, the case to the IGF Tribunal for Hearing and/or to the relevant Professional Member to which the athlete is a member

7) ATHLETE MAJOR OFFENCES
a) AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR
No athlete or Athlete Support Personnel in the Olympic Golf Competition shall engage in “Aggravated Behaviour” which is defined as follows:
One or more incidents of behaviour designated in this Code as constituting “Aggravated Behaviour”.
One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the Olympic Golf Competition, or is singularly egregious.
A series of two (2) or more violations of this Code which singularly do not constitute “Aggravated Behaviour”, but when viewed together establish a pattern of conduct that is collectively egregious and is detrimental or injurious to the Olympic Golf Competition.
In addition, any Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel who, directly or indirectly, offers or provides or receives any money, benefit or consideration to or from any other Covered Person or third party in exchange for access and/or accreditation to the competition site shall be deemed to have engaged in Aggravated Behaviour and be in violation of this Section.

Furthermore, neither athletes nor other individuals acting on such athletes’ behalf shall solicit or accept any compensation, gratuity or other thing of value offered for the purpose of guaranteeing their appearance in the Olympic Golf Competition.

Conversely, neither athletes nor other individuals acting on such athletes’ behalf shall offer anything of value to the IGF in return for special treatment of any kind.

Violation of this Section by an athlete, directly or indirectly through Athlete Support Personnel or others, shall be reported to the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson who will examine possible breaches of this Policy. The procedure used will be determined by the nature and the seriousness of the breach. Not every breach of the Code must be the subject of a formal investigation and determination.

In some cases, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson will appoint the IGF Integrity Unit to investigate the facts and material relevant to the allegation(s). In other cases, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson may determine the sanction and/or may decide to refer, at his/her sole discretion, the case to the IGF Tribunal for Hearing and/or to the relevant Professional Member to which the athlete is a member.

Violation of this Section shall subject Athlete Support Personnel to a maximum penalty of permanent revocation of accreditation and denial of access to the International Golf Competition.

b) CONDUCT CONTRARY TO THE INTEGRITY OF THE GAME

No athlete or Athlete Support Personnel shall engage in conduct contrary to the integrity of the game of golf.

If an athlete has at any time behaved in a manner severely damaging to the reputation of the Sport, he/she may be deemed by virtue of such behaviour to have engaged in conduct contrary to the integrity of the Game of Golf and be in violation of this Section. Violation of this Section by an athlete, directly or indirectly through Athlete Support Personnel or others shall be reported to the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson. The procedure used will be determined by the nature and the seriousness of the breach. Not every breach of the Code must be the subject of a formal investigation and determination.

In some cases, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson will appoint the IGF Integrity Unit to investigate the facts and material relevant to the allegation(s). In other cases, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson may determine the sanction and/or may decide to refer, at his/her sole discretion, the case to the IGF Tribunal for Hearing and/or to the relevant Professional Member to which the athlete is a member.

6.7. IGF Policies for Competition

6.7.1. OLYMPIC GAMES OPERATIONS

6.7.1.1. Accreditation Allocation

POLICY DESCRIPTION

The IOC Accreditation Guide will determine allocation of accreditations amongst the IGF stakeholder populations.
6.7.1.2. Athlete Uniform Guidelines

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

While on-site at the Olympic Venue, athletes shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Clothing and shoes worn by athletes shall be consistent with currently accepted golf fashion. The IGF Technical Delegate shall interpret this regulation, at his sole discretion. Clothing shall be in conformance with the Olympic Charter and the golf-specific application of the Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications (Olympic Charter, Rule 50).

Whilst it is difficult to be specific, the following provides guidelines around which the IGF Technical Delegate will interpret this Regulation:

- **Women** - Prohibited items of clothing shall include jeans, cut-off shorts, shirts of a transparent material/design, work-out gear, t-shirts which are not produced as part of a golf clothing line, and all tank tops including racerback tops.
- **Men** - Prohibited items of clothing shall include jeans, shorts of any kind, work-out gear, collarless or sleeveless shirts, shirts of a transparent material/design or shirts worn outside trousers.

6.7.1.3. Autographs

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

In an effort to provide a more orderly and controlled environment for spectators seeking autographs, and at the same time allow athletes to avoid interruptions and distractions while preparing for and competing in the competition, the IGF has established the following guidelines:

1. The autograph policy is in effect for official competitive rounds only. During a competition round, an athlete may not sign autographs after the start of his/her round until it is completed, except, at their option, during a suspension of play.
2. An autograph area may be designated by the IGF, though its use by athletes is optional.
3. If the IGF designates an autograph area, to enhance the use of the autograph area, Rio2016 shall assign marshalling assistance and security for marquee athletes.

6.7.1.4. Betting & Anti-Corruption

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The integrity of sport depends on the outcome of sporting events and competitions being based entirely on the competing merits of the participants involved. Any form of corruption that might undermine public confidence in the integrity of a sporting contest is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of sport and must be eradicated at all costs.

1.2 The IGF has adopted this Policy ("Policy") as a means of safeguarding the integrity of the sport of golf by (i) prohibiting any conduct that may impact improperly on the outcome of the Olympic Golf events and (ii) establishing a mechanism of enforcement and sanction for those who, through their
corrupt conduct, place the integrity of the sport at risk.

1.3 The IGF is committed to taking all practical steps within its power to prevent corrupt practices undermining the integrity of the sport of golf. This commitment shall include:
(a) raising awareness of this Policy at all levels, including using existing and/or suitably adapted educational programmes and tools to provide information and educational materials to the widest possible target audience;
(b) establishing the best means of monitoring sports betting at the Olympic Golf Competition, including monitoring any irregular betting patterns that may occur;
(c) establishing the best means for the receipt of third party information on a confidential basis, for example, by establishing an information ‘hot-line’;
(d) establishing and, where appropriate, making use of effective channels for the exchange of intelligence and information related to the investigation and/or prosecution of Violations under this Policy;
(e) co-operating with competent national and international authorities where information in its possession may also amount to or evidence infringements of other applicable laws or regulations; and
(f) exchanging information with partners in the Olympic Movement (through the IOC Integrity Betting Intelligence System or otherwise) on acknowledged areas of best practice in relation to combatting corruption in sport.

2. APPLICATION AND SCOPE

2.1 This Policy shall apply to all Participants who participate or assist in an Olympic Golf Competition and each Participant shall be automatically bound by, and be required to comply with, this Policy by virtue of such participation or assistance.

2.2 It shall be the personal responsibility of every Participant to make himself aware of this Policy including, without limitation, what conduct constitutes a Violation of the Policy and to comply with those requirements. Participants also be aware that conduct prohibited under this Policy may also constitute a criminal offence and/or a breach of other applicable laws and regulations. Participants must comply with all applicable laws and regulations at all times. Further, each Athlete shall have a duty to inform Athletes Support Personnel with whom they are connected of all the provisions of this Policy and shall instruct them to comply with the Policy.

2.3 Each Participant submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the IGF Tribunal convened under this Policy to hear and determine charges brought by the IGF.

3. RULE VIOLATIONS

The following conduct shall constitute a Violation of this Policy (in each case whether effected directly or indirectly):

3.1 Betting
(a) Participation in, support for, or promotion of, any form of Betting related to the Olympic Games (whether the Participant is directly participating or is otherwise taking place in Organisation in which the Participant is participating), including Betting with another Person on the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of an Olympic Games Event or Competition.
(b) Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging a Participant to commit a Violation set out in this Rule 3.1.

3.2 Manipulation of results
(a) Fixing or contriving in any way or otherwise improperly influencing, or being a party to fix or contrive in any way or otherwise improperly influence, the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of an Olympic Games Event or Competition.
(b) Ensuring or seeking to ensure the occurrence of a particular incident in an Olympic Games Event or Competition which occurrence is to the Participant’s knowledge the subject of a Bet and for which he/she or another Person expects to receive or has received a Benefit.
(c) Failing in return for a Benefit (or the legitimate expectation of a Benefit, irrespective of whether
such Benefit is in fact given or received) to perform to the best of one’s abilities in an Olympic Games Event or Competition.
(d) Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging a Participant to commit a Violation set out in this Rule 3.2.

3.3 Corrupt Conduct
(a) Accepting, offering, agreeing to accept or offer, a bribe or other Benefit (or the legitimate expectation of a Benefit, irrespective of whether such Benefit is in fact given or received) to fix or contrive in any way or otherwise to influence improperly the result, progress, outcome, conduct or any other aspect of an Olympic Games Event or Competition.
(b) Providing, offering, giving, requesting or receiving any gift or Benefit (or the legitimate expectation of a Benefit, irrespective of whether such Benefit is in fact given or received) in circumstances that the Participant might reasonably have expected could bring him/her or the sport into disrepute.
(c) Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging a Participant to commit a Violation as set out in this Rule 3.3.

3.4 Inside Information
(a) Using Inside Information for Betting purposes or otherwise in relation to Betting.
(b) Disclosing Inside Information to any Person with or without Benefit where the Participant might reasonably be expected to know that its disclosure in such circumstances could be used in relation to Betting.
(c) Giving and/or receiving a Benefit for the provision of Inside Information regardless of whether any Inside Information is actually provided.
(d) Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging a Participant to commit a Violation set out in this Rule 3.4.

3.5 Other Violations
(a) Any attempt by a Participant, or any agreement by a Participant with any other person, to engage in conduct that would culminate in the commission of any Violation of this Rule 3 shall be treated as if a Violation had been committed, whether or not such attempt or agreement in fact resulted in such Violation. However, there shall be no Violation under this Rule 3 where the Participant renounces his/her attempt or agreement prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the attempt or agreement.
(b) Knowingly assisting, covering up or otherwise being complicit in any acts or omissions of the type described in Rule 3 committed by a Participant.
(c) Failing to disclose to the IGF or other competent authority (without undue delay) full details of any approaches or invitations received by the Participant to engage in conduct or incidents that would amount to a Violation as set out in this Rule 3.
(d) Failing to disclose to the IGF, or other competent authority (without undue delay) full details of any incident, fact or matter that comes to the attention of the Participant that may evidence a Violation under this Rule by a third party, including (without limitation) approaches or invitations that have been received by any other party to engage in conduct that would amount to a Violation of this Rule;
(e) Failing to cooperate with any reasonable investigation carried out by the IGF or other competent authority in relation to a possible breach of this Policy, including failing to provide any information and/or documentation requested by the IGF or competent competition authority that may be relevant to the investigation.

3.6 The following are not relevant to the determination of a Violation of this Policy:
(a) Whether or not the Participant was participating, or a Participant assisted by another Participant was participating, in the specific Olympic Games Event or Competition;
(b) The nature or outcome of any Bet in issue;
(c) The outcome of the Olympic Games Event or Competition on which the Bet was made;
(d) Whether or not the Participant’s efforts or performance (if any) in any Olympic Games Event or Competition in issue were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omissions in question;
(e) Whether or not the results in the Olympic Games Event or Competition in issue were (or could be expected to be) affected by the acts or omissions in question.
(f) Any form of aid, abetment or attempt by a Participant that could culminate in a violation of this Code shall be treated as if a violation had been committed, whether or not such an act in fact resulted in a violation and/or whether that violation was committed deliberately or negligently.
4. BURDEN AND STANDARD OF PROOF

4.1 The IGF or other prosecuting authority shall have the burden of proving that a Violation has occurred under this Policy. The standard of proof shall be whether the IGF or other prosecuting authority has proved a Violation to the comfortable satisfaction of the IGF Tribunal, a standard which is greater than the mere balance of probability but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt.

4.2 Where this Policy place the burden of proof on the Participant alleged to have committed a Violation to prove facts or circumstances, the standard of proof shall be by a preponderance of the evidence.

4.3 The IGF Tribunal shall not be bound by judicial Policy governing the admissibility of evidence and facts may be established by any reliable means, including but not limited to, admissions, evidence of third parties, witness statements, expert reports, documentary evidence and other analytical information.

4.4 The IGF Tribunal shall have discretion to accept any facts established by a decision of a court or professional disciplinary tribunal of any competent jurisdiction which is not subject to a pending appeal as irrefutable evidence against the Participant to whom the decision relates unless the Participant establishes that the decision violated the principles of natural justice.

4.5 The IGF Tribunal shall be entitled to draw an inference adverse against any Participant who is accused of committing a Violation if that Participant fails to appear in front of the IGF Tribunal if requested to do so a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, or fails to comply with any information request that has been submitted in accordance with this Policy.

5. INVESTIGATING A BREACH

5.1 Any allegation or suspicion of a Violation of this Policy shall be reported to the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson.

5.2 The IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson will examine possible breaches of this Policy, report on its inquiries and deliberations and refer the case to the IGF Integrity Unit to conduct an investigation into the activities of any Participant. Such investigation may be conducted in conjunction with relevant competent national or international authorities (including criminal, administrative, professional and/or judicial authorities) and all Participants must co-operate fully with such investigations. The IGF Integrity Unit shall have discretion, where it deems it appropriate, to stay its own investigation pending the outcome of investigations conducted by other competent authorities.

5.3 As part of any such investigation, if the IGF Integrity Unit reasonably suspects that a Participant has committed a Violation of this Policy, it may make a written demand to such Participant for information that is related to the alleged Violation and/or require the attendance of such Participant for interview, or a combination of the two. Any interview shall be at a time and place to be determined by the IGF Integrity Unit and the relevant Participant shall be given reasonable notice in writing of the requirement to attend. Interviews shall be recorded and the Participant shall be entitled to have legal counsel and an interpreter present.

5.4 By participation in an Olympic Golf Competition, each Participant shall be deemed to have agreed for the purposes of applicable data protection laws and other laws, and for all other purposes, to have consented to the collection, processing, disclosure or any other use of information relating to his activities, including without limitation, (i) records relating to the alleged corruption offense (including without limitation, betting account numbers and information, itemized telephone billing statements, text of SMS messages received and sent, banking statements, Internet service records, computers, hard drives and other electronic information storage devices) and (ii) a written statement setting forth the facts and circumstances with respect to the alleged corruption offense.

5.5 Following an investigation, the IGF Integrity Unit shall provide the IGF Integrity Committee
Chairperson with a report including the findings and facts, the conclusion and recommendation(s) of its investigation.

6. **ISSUING A NOTICE OF CHARGE**

6.1 Where, following the investigation’s report from the IGF Integrity Unit, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson determines that there is a case for the Participant to answer under Rule 3, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson shall issue the Participant with a written Notice of Charge setting out the following:

(a) The specific Violation(s) that the Participant is alleged to have committed;
(b) The facts upon which such allegation(s) are based;
(c) The range of sanctions applicable under the Policy for such Violations;
(d) Details relating to the Participant’s response to the Notice of Charge within a specified deadline; and
(e) The Participant’s right to have the matter determined by a hearing.

6.2 The Notice of Charge shall also specify that, if the Participant wishes to exercise his right to a hearing, he must submit a written request for a hearing so that it is received by the IGF as soon as possible but in any event within 14 days of receipt of the Notice of Charge. The request must state how the Participant responds to the charge and must explain (in summary form) the basis for such response.

6.3 If the Participant fails to file a written request for a hearing by the specified deadline, he shall be deemed to have:

(a) waived his right to a hearing;
(b) admitted that he has committed the Violation(s) specified in the Notice of Charge; and
(c) acceded to the range of applicable sanctions specified in the Notice of Charge.

6.4 Where the Participant requests a hearing in accordance with Rule 6.2 the matter shall proceed to a hearing in accordance with Rule 7. Where the Participant is deemed to have waived his right to a hearing and to have admitted the Violation(s) in accordance with Rule 6.3, any hearing held at the IGF’s discretion shall be limited to determining the applicable sanctions only.

6.5 In any case where the IGF decides to charge a Participant with a violation under this Policy, he/she shall have discretion, in circumstances where he/she considers that the integrity of the sport could otherwise be seriously undermined, to provisionally suspend the Participant pending the relevant tribunal’s determination of whether he/she has committed a Violation. A provisional suspension shall be effective from the date of notification to the Participant in accordance with this Policy. Alternatively, the Participant may accept a voluntary suspension from competition provided that it is confirmed in writing to the IGF. A voluntary suspension shall be effective only from the date of receipt of the Participant’s written confirmation of such to the IGF.

6.6 A decision to impose a provisional suspension on a Participant shall not be subject to appeal.

6.7 If a Participant retires whilst a disciplinary procedure under this Policy is underway, the IGF shall retain jurisdiction to complete the relevant procedure. If the Participant retires before any disciplinary procedure has begun, the IGF shall nevertheless have jurisdiction to conduct the relevant procedure.

7. **RIGHT TO A FAIR HEARING**

7.1 Where the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson alleges that a Participant has committed a Violation of this Policy and the Participant denies the allegation and/or disputes the sanctions to be imposed for such Violation, then the matter shall be referred to a hearing before the IGF Tribunal.

7.2 The IGF Tribunal shall be appointed by the IGF in accordance with the principles set out in Rule 7.3 below, the members of the IGF Tribunal shall have had no prior involvement with the case and shall not, unless otherwise agreed between the parties.

7.3 The hearing process shall respect the following principles: a timely hearing, a fair and impartial IGF Tribunal, the right to be represented by counsel (at the Participant’s expense), the right to respond
to the asserted anti-corruption rule violation and range of resulting sanction; the right of each party to present evidence, including the right to call and question witnesses (subject to the IGF Tribunal’s discretion to accept evidence by telephone or written submission), the Participant’s right to an interpreter at the hearing (with the IGF Tribunal to determine the identity and responsibility for the cost of the interpreter) and a timely, written reasoned decision specifically including an explanation of the reason(s) for the sanction imposed.

7.4 Once the parties have made their submissions, the IGF Tribunal shall determine whether a Violation has been committed. Where the IGF Tribunal determines that a Violation has been committed and this Policy specify a range of possible sanctions for such Violation, the IGF Tribunal shall also fix the appropriate sanction within that range after considering any submissions on the subject that the parties may wish to make.

7.5 The IGF Tribunal shall issue a decision in writing, with reasons, as soon as possible after the conclusion of the hearing. The decision will set out and explain:
(a) the IGF Tribunal’s findings as to whether any Violation has been committed;
(b) the IGF Tribunal’s findings as to what sanctions, if any, are to be imposed;
(c) the date that any period of ineligibility shall commence; and
(d) the rights of appeal described in Rule 9.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY
The principle of confidentiality shall be strictly respected by the IGF during all the procedure and information shall only be exchanged with entities having a need to know. It must also be strictly respected by any person concerned by the procedure until there is public disclosure of the Case.

9. SANCTIONS

9.1 If the Tribunal decides that a Participant has committed a Violation, the Tribunal shall be entitled to impose a period of ineligibility on the Participant. It shall fix the period of ineligibility within that range based on its assessment of what is proportionate in all of the facts and circumstances of the case, taking into account in particular:

9.1.1 The nature of the breach(es).
9.1.2 The degree of culpability of the Participant.
9.1.3 The harm that the breach(es) has/have done to the sport.
9.1.4 The need to deter future breaches, and
9.1.5 Any specific aggravating or mitigating factors.

9.2 Ineligibility
(a) The period of ineligibility shall commence on the date the decision of the IGF Tribunal is published and shall end on date stated in the published decision. The IGF Tribunal may at its sole discretion reduce the period of ineligibility imposed by any period of provisional suspension already served by the Participant prior to the decision being reached.
(b) No Participant shall participate in any capacity in any Event or Competition during his period of ineligibility as imposed by the IGF Tribunal save that, if directly invited by the IGF, an ineligible Participant may attend an Event in an educational capacity as part of anti-corruption program organised by the IGF.
(c) If a Participant violates any prohibition on participation imposed in accordance with this Rule 8, such Participant shall be disqualified immediately from the relevant Event or Competition and the period of ineligibility originally imposed in accordance with this Policy shall recommence from the date of such violation.
(d) This Policy shall continue to apply to any ineligible Participant and any Violation committed during a period of ineligibility shall be treated as a distinct Violation and separate proceedings shall be brought against the Participant in accordance with this Policy.

9.3 Financial Sanctions
The IGF Tribunal has the discretion to impose a fine in addition to ineligibility.
9.4 Disqualification of Results
If a Participant is found to have committed a Violation at Event(s) or Competitions that they have entered, the Participants results of the Event(s) or Competition(s) will be disqualified.

9.5 Aggravating and Mitigating Factors
(a) In imposing a Sanction in accordance with this Rule 8, the IGF Tribunal shall be entitled to consider the existence of any aggravating and/or mitigating factors.
(b) Aggravating factors which may be considered by the IGF Tribunal shall include (without limitation and where applicable):
   (a) a failure to co-operate by the Participant with any investigation or requests for information;
   (b) any previous Violations by the Participant;
   (c) the Participant receiving or being due to receive a significant Benefit in connection with the Violation;
   (d) the Violation having or having the potential to affect the course or result of an Event or Competition;
   (e) the Participant displaying a lack of remorse (including, for example, refusing to take part in anti-corruption educational programs organised by the IGF); and
   (f) any other aggravating factor the IGF Tribunal deems relevant.

9.6 Mitigating factors which may be considered by the IGF Tribunal shall include (without limitation and where applicable):
(a) co-operation by the Participant with any investigation or requests for information;
(b) a timely admission of guilt by the Participant;
(c) the Participant's clean disciplinary record;
(d) the youth or inexperience of the Participant;
(e) the Violation not having affected or not having the potential to affect the course or result of an Event or Competition;
(f) the Participant displaying remorse (including, for example, agreeing to take part in anti-corruption educational programs organised by the IGF); and
(g) any other mitigating factor the IGF Tribunal deems relevant.

10. RIGHT OF APPEAL

10.1 Appeals against decisions of the IGF Tribunal may be lodged with the IGF Appeals’ Panel, either by the IGF or the respondent(s) who is the subject of the decision.

10.2. The time for filing an appeal to the IGF Appeals’ Panel shall be fourteen (14) days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party.

10.3. Any decision and any Sanctions imposed shall remain in effect while subject to the appeal process unless the Appeals’ Panel directs otherwise.

11. FURTHER APPEAL

11.1 Any further appeal against the decision by the Appeals’ Panel can only be lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Court of Arbitration for Sport shall act as an arbitration tribunal and there shall be no right to appeal to any other jurisdictional body.

11.2 The time for filling an appeal to CAS shall be twenty-one (21) days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party.

12. RECOGNITION OF DECISIONS

12.1 Final decisions in relation to a Participant that are within the Olympic Games’ jurisdiction and based on the same or similar betting and anti-corruption Policy as this Policy shall be recognised and respected by the IGF upon receipt of notice of the same. Any disciplinary process, so far as determining a Participant’s Sanction beyond the sanction imposed by the IOC is concerned, shall be determined by
the IGF in accordance with this Policy.

13. **NOTICE OF THE TRIBUNAL DECISION**

Within 48 hours, the Tribunal chairperson will:

- forward a notice of the Tribunal’s decision to the IGF Integrity Committee chairperson, to the IGF Executive Director and including any disciplinary measures imposed.
- forward a notice of the Tribunal’s decision to the relevant Professional Tour organisation to which the athlete is a member including any disciplinary measures imposed.
- forward a letter reconfirming the Tribunal’s decision to the parties, including any disciplinary measures imposed. The letter should also outline the process and grounds for an appeal, if allowed. If matter is especially complex or important, the Tribunal chairperson may inform the parties in writing within 48 hours that the decision will be delayed for a further 48 hours.

14. **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

14.1 No action may be commenced under this Policy against a Participant for a Violation of this Policy unless such action is commenced within eight (8) years from the date on which the Violation occurred.

14.2 Subject to Rule 12.1 above, the IGF may temporarily suspend any investigations under the Policy to avoid prejudice to and/or to give precedence to, investigations conducted by the relevant authorities into the same or related matters.

15. **AMENDMENTS AND INTERPRETATION**

15.1 This Policy may be amended from time to time by the IGF.

15.2 Betting and anti-corruption Policy are, by their nature, competition rules governing the conditions under which the sport of golf is to be held. They are not intended to be subjected to or limited by the requirements and legal standards applicable to criminal proceedings or employment matters. The policies and standards set out in this Policy as a basis for the fight against corruption in the sport of golf represent a broad consensus of those with an interest in fair sport and should be respected by all courts and adjudicating bodies.

15.3 This Policy shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to existing law or statutes.

15.4 The headings and sub-headings in this Policy are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to be part of the substance of this Policy or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.

15.5 The Glossary in section 7 of this document shall be considered an integral part of this Policy.

15.6 All references to the masculine gender in this Policy shall also include references to the feminine.

15.7 If any Rule or provision of this Policy is held to be invalid, unenforceable or illegal for any reason, it shall be deemed to be deleted and the Policy shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.
6.7.1.5. IGF Tribunal

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

This policy applies to the IGF National Federation Members (NFMs) and to the IGF Professional Members who are directly impacted by IGF and IOC policies and procedures.

The types of disputes that IGF Tribunal can hear and decide include:

- Anti-doping violations
- Betting and anti-corruption policy violations
- Code of Conduct for Athletes and Athletes Support Personnel violations
- Code of Conduct for Tournament Personnel violations • Caddie regulations’ policy violations
- IGF Code of Ethics’ violations
- IGF Member Protection policy violations
- IOC Olympic Charter violations
- Any other matter referred to the Tribunal by the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson

**COMPOSITION OF THE IGF TRIBUNAL**

The IGF Tribunal’s chairperson must be either a retired judge of a court or statutory tribunal, or a senior barrister or solicitor. The Chairperson must also have significant understanding of and interest or experience in sport. At least one other Tribunal member must be lawyers with substantial experience in the legal issues affecting sport, or substantial involvement in sport in some capacity.

The other non-legal members of the Tribunal must have substantial experience in sport over a minimum of a 10-year aggregate period.

Members of the IGF Tribunal shall be appointed to a pool by the IGF Board, and, for each dispute hearing, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson shall decide a minimum of three people (the Chairperson or one of the lawyers, and two others) who will adjudicate on a particular case. If possible, the Tribunal panel should include at least one person with knowledge or experience of the relevant laws/rules (e.g. anti-discrimination). If the Chairperson is not one of those nominated, the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson shall designate an alternate Chairperson for the hearing (Deputy Chairperson).

If an issue is particularly complex or significant, more Tribunal members may be involved in deciding the dispute. The Chairperson or presiding Deputy Chairperson is responsible for guiding the procedure of the hearing and for issuing the Tribunal’s directions on the dispute.

**IGF TRIBUNAL**

A Tribunal may be convened to hear a formal complaint referred to it by the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson. The IGF Tribunal’s Chairperson shall determine how the hearing will be conducted (in person, by telephone, by video conference, or through consultation in a written form).

The working language of the IGF Tribunal shall be English. Documents provided to the IGF Tribunal in a language other than English must be accompanied by a certified translation unless the IGF Tribunal Chairperson decides otherwise.

Any costs of witnesses, legal representation, etc. of the parties are at their own expense.
**PREPARING FOR A TRIBUNAL HEARING**

The IGF will follow the steps set out below to hear formal complaints made under our IGF Tribunal Procedures Policy.

1. A Tribunal panel will be established to hear a complaint that has been referred to it by the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson.

2. The Tribunal panel members will be provided with a copy of all the relevant correspondence, reports or information received and sent by the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson relating to the complaint/allegations.

3. The Tribunal hearing will be held as soon as practicable. However, adequate time must be provided for the parties to prepare for the hearing.

4. The Tribunal panel will not include any person who has any actual or perceived conflict of interest or bias regarding the complaint/allegations.

5. The IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson will inform the parties in writing that a Tribunal hearing will take place. The notice will outline:
   - that the person has a right to appear at the Tribunal hearing to defend the complaint/allegations
   - the details of the complaint and of all allegations, as well as the clause of any policy or rule that has allegedly been breached
   - the date, time and venue of the Tribunal hearing that either verbal or written submissions can be presented at the Tribunal hearing
   - that a reasonable number of witnesses (to be agreed by the Chairperson) may be called at the Tribunal hearing to support the positions of the parties (declarations from witnesses not available to attend and from character witnesses may also be provided to the Tribunal hearing, provided that all such written declarations must be made under oath, signed by the witness, and officially notarized). Witnesses must, in the discretion of the Chairperson, be capable of supplying probative testimony to relevant facts.
   - that each party has the right to have one legal representative and one representative of its/his National Federation Member present at a hearing.
   - that, if the respondent party is a minor, he or she should have a parent or guardian present.
   - an outline of any possible penalties that may be imposed if the complaint is found to be true.

6. A copy of any information/documents that have been given to the Tribunal panel (e.g. investigation report findings) will be provided to the parties.

7. The parties will be allowed to participate in all IGF activities and events, pending the decision of the Tribunal, including any available appeal process, unless the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson believes it is necessary to exclude one or more of the parties from all or some activities and events because of the nature of the complaint.

**TRIBUNAL HEARING PROCEDURE**

8. The following people will be allowed to attend the Tribunal hearing:
   - Tribunal panel members
   - the respondent(s)
   - the complainant(s)
   - any witnesses called by the respondent(s)
   - any witnesses called by the complainant
   - one legal representative and one representative of its/his National Federation Member
   - any parent/guardian or support person required to support the respondent or the complainant.

9. If the respondent(s) is not present at the set hearing time and the Tribunal Chairperson considers that no valid reason has been presented for this absence, the Tribunal hearing will continue subject to the Chairperson being satisfied that all Tribunal notification requirements have been met. If the Tribunal Chairperson considers that there is a valid reason for the non-attendance of the
respondent(s), or the Chairperson does not believe the Tribunal notification requirements have been met, then the Tribunal hearing will be rescheduled to a later date.

If any complainant is not present at the set hearing time and the Tribunal Chairperson considers that no valid reason has been presented for this absence, the complaint will be considered withdrawn with respect to any and all complainants not present, and no appeal will be permitted. If the Tribunal Chairperson considers that there is a valid reason for the non-attendance of the complainant(s), or the Chairperson does not believe the Tribunal notification requirements have been met, then the Tribunal hearing will be rescheduled to a later date.

10. The Tribunal Chairperson will inform the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson of the need to reschedule the hearing and the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson will arrange for the Tribunal to be reconvened.

11. The Tribunal Chairperson will read out the complaint, ask each respondent if he or she understands the complaint and if he or she agrees or disagrees with the complaint.

12. If the respondent agrees with the complaint, he or she will be asked to provide any evidence or witnesses that should be considered by the Tribunal when determining any disciplinary measures or penalties.

13. If the respondent disagrees with the complaint, they will be asked to respond to the complaint.
   • Reference may be made to brief notes.
   • The respondent may call witnesses.
   • The respondent(s) shall have the opportunity to address the Tribunal on disciplinary measures which may be imposed.

14. The Tribunal may ask questions of the respondent and any witnesses.

15. The parties may be present when evidence is presented to the Tribunal hearing. Witnesses may be asked to wait outside the hearing until they are required.

16. The Tribunal may:
   • Consider any evidence, and in any form, that it deems relevant (any documentary or other evidence relied on by a party must be properly authenticated upon presentation to the Tribunal)
   • Question any person giving evidence
   • Limit the number of witnesses presented to those who provide probative testimony on relevant facts
   • Require (to the extent it has power to do so) the attendance of any witness it deems relevant
   • Act in an inquisitorial manner in order to establish the truth of the issue/complaint before it.

17. Video evidence, if available, may be presented. Arrangements must be made entirely by the person(s) wishing to offer this type of evidence.

18. If the Tribunal panel considers that at any time during the hearing there is any unreasonable or intimidatory behaviour from anyone, the Tribunal Chairperson may deny further involvement of that person in the hearing.

19. After all the evidence has been presented; the Tribunal will make its decision in private. It must decide whether the complaint has, on the balance of probabilities, been substantiated. As the seriousness of the allegation increases, so too must the level of satisfaction of the Tribunal that the complaint has been substantiated. Any disciplinary measures imposed must be reasonable in the circumstances.

20. All Tribunal decisions will be by a simple majority vote. All members must take part in the deliberations of the Appeals’ Panel and no member of the Appeals’ Panel may abstain.

21. The Tribunal Chairperson will announce the decision in the presence of all those involved in the hearing and will declare the hearing closed. Alternatively, he or she may advise those present that the decision is reserved and will be handed down in written form at a later time.
22. Within 48 hours, the Tribunal Chairperson will:
   • forward a notice of the Tribunal’s decision to the IGF Integrity Committee Chairperson and to
     the IGF Executive Director, including any disciplinary measures imposed.
   • forward a notice of the Tribunal’s decision to the relevant Professional Tour organisation to
     which the athlete is a member including any disciplinary measures imposed.
     Upon request, the relevant Professional Tour will be granted access to all related documents,
     facts and findings of the investigations and hearing.
   • forward a letter reconfirming the Tribunal’s decision to the parties, including any disciplinary
     measures imposed. The letter should also outline the process and grounds for an appeal, if
     allowed. If matter is especially complex or important, the Tribunal Chairperson may inform the
     parties in writing within 48 hours that the decision will be delayed for a further 48 hours.

23. The Tribunal does not need to provide written reasons for its decision.

PENALTIES

If the Tribunal decides that a Participant has committed a Violation, the Tribunal shall be entitled to
impose a period of ineligibility on the Participant of a minimum of three (3) months and a maximum of
life. It shall fix the period of ineligibility within that range based on its assessment of what is proportionate
in all of the facts and circumstances of the case, taking into account in particular:
   • The nature of the breach(es)
   • The degree of culpability of the Participant
   • The harm that the breach(es) has/have done to the sport
   • The need to deter future breaches, and
   • Any specific aggravating or mitigating factors.

APPEALS PROCEDURE

24. Appeals against decisions of the IGF Tribunal, with the exception of those related to any anti-
doping violation, may be lodged with the IGF Appeals’ Panel, either by the IGF or the parties who is the
subject of the decision.

25. The time for filing an appeal to the IGF Appeals’ Panel shall be fourteen (14) days from the date
of receipt of the decision by the appealing party.

26. Any decision and any penalties imposed shall remain in effect while subject to the appeal
process unless the Appeals’ Panel directs otherwise.

27. Appeals against decisions of the IGF Tribunal related to anti-doping violations may be lodged
exclusively to Court of Arbitration of Sport (CAS). The time for filing an appeal to CAS shall be twenty-
one days (21) from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party. Any decision and any
Sanctions imposed shall remain in effect while subject to the appeal process, unless CAS directs
otherwise.

6.7.1.6. IGF Appeals Panel Policy

POLICY DESCRIPTION

1. The IGF Appeals Panel shall hear appeals filed by a party that has been penalised by a decision of
the IGF Tribunal with the exception of any anti-doping related decisions.
2. Appeals against decisions of technical officials or IGF chief referees made during a competition are
dealt with in accordance with the Rules of Golf and are not subject to appeal to the IGF Appeal’s panel.

**GROUNDS OF APPEAL:**

3. The grounds for an appeal shall only be one or more of the following:
   (a) Natural justice was denied;
   (b) The IGF Tribunal acted outside of its power and/or jurisdiction (i.e. acted ultra vires);
   (c) Evidence which was not available or accessible prior to the IGF Tribunal hearing became available after the decision, and such evidence is reasonably likely to have resulted in a significantly different decision and/or a different penalty by the IGF Tribunal;
   (d) In the case of a decision relating to misconduct, the penalty was either excessive or inappropriate;

**COMPOSITION OF THE APPEALS PANEL:**

4. The IGF Appeals Panel Chairperson must be either a retired judge of a court or statutory tribunal, or a senior barrister or solicitor. The Chairperson must also have significant understanding of and interest or experience in sport. The Chairperson shall oversee the activities of the IGF Appeals Panel.

5. Appeals to the Appeals Panel shall be heard by a panel of three (3) members acting as judges.

6. Members of the IGF Appeals Panel shall be appointed to a pool by the IGF Executive Director, and, for each dispute hearing, the Executive Director shall decide a minimum of three people, unless the Chairperson of the Appeals Panel decides that the matter can be ruled upon by a single Appeal’s Panel representative because it is of minor importance, not of a difficult nature, or requires an immediate decision. If the Chairperson is not one of those nominated, the Executive Director shall designate an alternate Chairperson for the hearing (Deputy Chairperson). The Chairperson or presiding Deputy Chairperson is responsible for guiding the procedure of the hearing and for issuing the Appeals Panel directions on the dispute.

7. No member of the IGF Tribunal Panel who adjudicated on a particular case shall be permitted to hear the appeal of the case in question.

8. Appeals Panel representatives shall have legal training. Persons employed by IGF or holding a position within IGF cannot be appointed as judges.

9. In each case, the Appeals Panel representatives must be independent of the parties and must disclose immediately to the IGF Appeals Panel Chairperson any circumstance likely to affect their independence. The Appeals panel will not include any person who has any actual or perceived conflict of interest or bias regarding the complaint/allegations.

**REQUEST FOR APPEAL, ADVANCE ON COSTS**

10. An appeal before the IGF Appeals Panel is commenced by filing a valid Request for Appeal with the IGF Executive Director within fourteen (14) days following the day of receipt by the appealing party of the decision being appealed against. Failure to file a timely appeal in accordance with this paragraph is deemed to be a waiver of the right to appeal. The appeal shall be accompanied by a copy of the decision appealed against.

11. To be valid, the Request for Appeal must be in English language and satisfy the formal requirements set out in this policy. Without prejudice thereto, the notice shall be signed by the person bringing the Appeal (who shall be referred to as the “Appellant”) or his authorised representative, must be accompanied by a copy of the decision that is being appealed and must identify:
    - The name, address and full contact details of the Appellant and/or their authorised representative
    - The part(s) of the Decision that is/are being appealed; and
The grounds of the Appeal.

12. The Request for Appeal may be accompanied by an Appeal Brief setting out the arguments in support of the Appeal, and any supporting witness statements, expert reports, or other evidence relied upon, as well as copies of any legal authorities cited in the Notice of Appeal. Where a transcript or recording of the first instance hearing is available, it shall also be filed, either with the Notice of Appeal or as soon thereafter as it becomes available.

13. The Appeal will not proceed until the non-reimbursable handling fee of CHF 2000. is received.

14. In the event that the Appellant fails to pay the handling fee, no date for a hearing will be fixed or a hearing date already fixed will be cancelled.

15. The Chairperson of the Appeals Panel may fix a final date for the payment of the non-reimbursable handling fee, failing which, the request for Appeal shall be deemed withdrawn.

Advance on Costs

16. The Appeals Panel shall fix an advance on costs (and may adjust the same in the course of the proceedings) to be paid in equal shares by both parties (unless decided otherwise by the Appeals Panel Chairperson) into the IGF Bank account; in fixing the amount an advance of costs the Appeals Panel shall take into account inter alia the monetary value of the dispute and the complexity of the case.

17. If a party fails to pay its share, the other party may substitute for it.

18. The Appeals Panel will not proceed with the Hearing until the full amount of the advance on costs is received.

19. The Chairperson of the Appeals Panel may fix a final date for the payment of an advance on costs failing which the Request for Appeal shall be deemed withdrawn.

IGF AS RESPONDENT

20. In all Appeals to the IGF Appeals Panel, the IGF shall be the Respondent to the Appeal.

CONVENING A HEARING PANEL TO DETERMINE THE APPEAL

21. The IGF Executive Director will forward a copy of the Request for Appeal and accompanying documents to the IGF Appeals Panel Chairperson, with a request that he/she convenes a Hearing Panel to hear and determine the Appeal.

DECISION TO REMAIN IN EFFECT

22. Unless the Appeals Panel Chairperson orders otherwise, the Decision being appealed shall remain in full force and effect pending determination of the Appeal.

ANSWER

23. Within 20 days of receipt of the Request for Appeal and accompanying documents unless the parties agree to an alternate schedule, the IGF shall file with the Appeals Panel and serve on the Appellant an answer containing its defence to the Appeal (including any claim of lack of jurisdiction). The answer may be accompanied by any supporting witness statements, expert reports, or other evidence relied upon, as well as copies of any legal authorities cited in the answer.

24. Unless the parties agree otherwise or the Appeals Panel Chairperson orders otherwise for good cause shown, the parties shall not be permitted to supplement their written arguments or evidence with further written submissions after submission of the Request for Appeal and accompanying documents (in the case of the Appellant) or the answer and accompanying documents (in the case
HEARING

25. The IGF Appeals Panel Chairperson shall determine when (as soon as practicable), where and how the hearing will be conducted (in person, by telephone, by video conference, or through consultation in a written form) and will inform the Appellant that the hearing will take place. The notice will outline:
   • that the person(s) has a right to have its appeal heard in a hearing
   • the date, time and venue of the Appeal hearing
   • that a reasonable number of witnesses (as agreed by the Chairperson) may attend the Appeal hearing to support the position of the Appellant
   • that a reasonable number of witnesses (as agreed by the Chairperson) may attend the Appeal hearing to support the position of the Respondent
   • Witnesses must, in the discretion of the Chairperson, be capable of supplying probative testimony to relevant facts as described in section 3(c) above.
   • Declarations from witnesses not available to attend and from character witnesses may also be provided to the Tribunal hearing, provided that all such written declarations must be made under oath, signed by the witness, and officially notarized.
   • that the person(s) has the right to be represented by legal counsel.
   • that if the respondent is a minor, he or she should have a parent or guardian present
   • that new evidence should not be presented unless there is good cause for why it was not available for the original proceeding
   • that the appealing party shall not communicate directly or take up direct contact with the members of the panel on matters relating to an appeal.

26. The working language of the IGF Appeals Panel shall be English.

27. Save where he/she orders otherwise, the following procedures shall be followed at the hearing:
   • The Appellant shall address the Appeals Panel, summarising his case on Appeal.
   • The IGF shall address the Appeals Panel, summarising its case.
   • Any evidence shall be presented by the Appellant or the IGF. Any documentary or other evidence relied on by a party must be properly authenticated upon presentation to the Appeals Panel
   • The IGF shall make closing statements
   • The Appellant shall make closing statements.

28. If the Appeals Panel considers that at any time during the hearing there is any unreasonable or intimidatory behaviour from anyone, the Appeals Panel Chairperson may deny further involvement of that person in the hearing.

AWARD

29. The Appeals Panel hearing the Appeal shall rule on the Appeal by simple majority. All members must take part in the deliberations of the Appeals Panel and no member of the Appeals Panel may abstain. The award shall be rendered within four (4) weeks following the date of the Hearing.

30. The Appeals Panel shall have the power to:
   • Dismiss the appeal;
   • Exercise any power that the body against whose Decision the Appeal was made could have exercised, whether the effect is to increase or decrease any award, order or sanction originally imposed;
   • Remit the matter for a new hearing;
   • Determine whether and to what extent the Appellant is to be reimbursed for the costs advanced by it according to article 15 above, or whether and to what extent the Appellant is to pay an amount of costs in addition to the advance fixed;
   • Determine the final amount of the costs of arbitration and which party shall bear those costs and in which proportion. The costs shall include the administrative and other costs of the Appeals Panel and the fees and costs of the judges. In addition, as a general rule, the award
shall grant the prevailing party a contribution towards its reasonable legal fees and other expenses incurred in connection with the proceedings and, in particular, the costs of witnesses and interpreters. When deciding on the arbitration costs and on the parties’ reasonable legal fees and expenses, the Appeals Panel shall primarily take into account the relief(s) granted compared with the relief(s) sought and, secondarily, the conduct and the financial resources of the parties:

- Make such further or other order as it considers appropriate either generally or for purpose of giving effect to its Decision.

31. The Appeals Panel shall publish a written statement of its Decision.

FURTHER APPEAL

32. A further appeal against the decision by the Appeals Panel can only be lodged with the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland. The Court of Arbitration for Sport shall act as an arbitration tribunal and there shall be no right to appeal to any other jurisdictional body.

33. The time for filing an appeal to CAS shall be twenty-one days (21) from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party.

6.7.1.7. IOC Social and Digital Media Guidelines

POLICY DESCRIPTION

The IOC Social and Digital Media Guidelines for persons accredited to the Games of the XXXI Olympiad Rio 2016 may be found here.

6.7.1.8. Athlete & Caddie Reallocation

POLICY DESCRIPTION

National Federations and National Olympic Committees should ensure that all potential athletes who could possibly qualify for the Games are entered within the Rio2016 accreditation system by the deadline of 29 April 2016.

As with the athletes, it is just as important for all potential caddies to be entered within the Rio2016 accreditation system by the deadline of 29 April 2016.

After 15 July 2016, and the final reallocation of unused quota, IGF will only reallocate an already confirmed quota place if an athlete is withdrawn by his/her NOC. Such replacement will only occur where there are urgent medical conditions preventing participation of an athlete, or otherwise on a case-by-case basis for exceptional circumstances.

The reallocation in this case will be based on a Reallocation Reserve List (by event) that IGF will publish on 12 July 2016. The Reallocation Reserve List is based on a continuation of the Olympic Golf Rankings and is calculated using the exact same criteria as per the qualification process. Such list clearly outlines, should an athlete withdraw, the next highest ranked athlete by name on the Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016 not already qualified and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event.

In the interest of ensuring a full playing field, every effort shall be made by the IGF to fulfil all quota places. Necessary reallocations will be made up until the time of the IGF Technical Meetings on Wednesday 10th August 2016 (men’s competition) or Tuesday 16th August 2016 (women’s competition).
The following steps outline the process for the reallocation of an athlete following the sport entries deadline:

- NOC to inform IGF (golf2016entries@igfmail.org) of injury and the athlete to notify the IGF Executive Director in writing. The athlete will subsequently be removed from the Olympic Golf Rankings.
- IGF to determine the next best ranked athlete based on the Reallocation Reserve List
- IGF to inform next best ranked athlete’s NOC and inform Rio 2016 sport entries
- Rio 2016 sport entries verifies eligibility and enters all new data in the SEQ database pending final decision
- NOC to confirm the acceptance of place to IGF (golf2016entries@igfmail.org)
- No reopening of DRM and no change to the Rule 38 calculator.

Following the reallocation of an athlete, the following rules will be in place for the athlete’s caddie:

1. If the reallocation based on the IGF Qualification System is granted to an athlete from the same NOC, the NOC can allocate the caddie place to the new athlete’s caddie (presuming he/she is present or can get there on time) or to a person properly accredited for field of play access - in this case, the new athlete is entered and the caddie is accredited and associated with the athlete.

2. If the reallocation based on the IGF Qualification System is granted to an athlete from a different NOC, which has not finalized their Delegation Registration Meeting, then the NOC will be able to allocate a place for the new athlete’s caddie – in this case, the athlete is entered and the caddie is accredited and associated with the athlete.

3. If the reallocation based on the IGF Qualification System is granted to an athlete from a different NOC, which has finalized their Delegation Registration Meeting, then the NOC will not be able to allocate a place for the new athlete’s caddie – in this case, only the athlete is entered and a local caddie could be assigned to the new athlete.

### 6.7.1.9. Medals and Diplomas

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Medals will be awarded for first, second and third place to the lowest three individual finishers in each competition based on cumulative score for the four rounds as listed below. Any ties will be broken by play-offs as necessary.

- First place: A gold medal, a diploma and an Olympic medallist's pin.
- Second place: A silver medal, a diploma and an Olympic medallist's pin.
- Third place: A bronze medal, a diploma and an Olympic medallist's pin.
- Fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth places, including ties: A diploma (no play-off for these positions).

As stated in the Olympic Charter, bye-law to Rule 46, 1.2, it is the responsibility of the IGF to establish the final results and ranking of the Olympic competitions.
6.7.1.10. Nationality

POLICY DESCRIPTION

Nationality

I. General
Any competitor in an International Golf Competition (Section II) must be a National of the country which the competitor is representing or under which the competitor is eligible for the competition.

The IGF publishes this Nationality Policy as it pertains to matters relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in an International Golf Competition listed below, and from time-to-time will advise sanctioning organizations of International Golf Competitions as to guidelines and standards on making determinations on a competitor’s Nationality.

Each sanctioning organization has adopted the IGF Nationality Policy and shares decisions based on nationality with the IGF and other sanctioning organizations. All matters relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in an International Golf Competition listed below shall be resolved by the sanctioning organization for that event, in its sole discretion.

II. International Golf Competitions
For the purposes of this policy, International Golf Competitions are as follows:

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III. Nationality
A competitor will be considered a National of a country if the competitor is a citizen of the country, as defined by the laws of such country.

A competitor who is a National of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as the competitor may elect. However, after having represented one country in an International Golf Competition, the competitor may not represent another country unless first meeting the conditions set forth below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

A competitor who has represented one country in an International Golf Competition, and who has changed nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in another International Golf Competition representing the new country provided that, as of the start of the qualification period for such event, at least four years have passed since the competitor last represented his/her former country. This period may be extended, reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the sanctioning organization, which takes into account the circumstances of each case and any applicable guidelines and standards provided by the IGF.

If an associated State, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, or if a country merges with another country, a competitor may continue to represent the country to which the competitor belongs or belonged. However, if the competitor prefers, the competitor may elect to represent the new country. This particular choice may be made only once.
Furthermore, in all cases in which a competitor would be eligible to participate in an *International Golf Competition*, either by representing another country than his/hers or by having the choice as to the country which such competitor intends to represent, the sanctioning organization may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any competitor, including the duration of any waiting period, taking into account the circumstances of each case and any applicable guidelines and standards provided by the IGF.

**IV. Countries and Continents**

For the purposes of defining a country (or territory, if applicable) of which a competitor is a *National*, the current list of National Olympic Committees as recognized by the International Olympic Committee will be used. For *International Golf Competitions* other than the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games, England, Scotland and Wales will be considered to be separate countries.

For the purposes of defining the continent of Europe as it relates only to certain *International Golf Competitions* which either include all countries within Europe as a team or exclude all countries within Europe from a team, the following countries will be considered to be within Europe and not part of regions other than Europe:

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**V. Rankings**

A competitor should ensure that his/her nationality is correctly listed on the appropriate world golf ranking system. For women’s *International Golf Competitions*, this shall be the Rolex Women’s World Rankings. For men’s *International Golf Competitions*, this shall be the Official World Golf Rankings. For the purposes of applying this policy, the competitor will be presumed to be a *National* of the country listed on the appropriate world rankings system, subject to verification in accordance with this policy. Any decisions taken related to a competitor’s nationality in accordance with this policy shall be referred by the IGF to the appropriate ranking system, who shall display the correct nationality of each athlete within the rankings.

A competitor eligible to participate in an *International Golf Competition* by representing another country to the one previously represented (by either changing nationality or acquiring a new nationality) in accordance with this policy will only be eligible for *International Golf Competitions* for which the qualification period has not yet started, unless otherwise allowed by the sanctioning organization.

A competitor eligible to participate in an *International Golf Competition* by having the choice as to the country which such competitor intends to represent in accordance with this policy will only be eligible for *International Golf Competitions* for which the qualification period has not yet started, unless otherwise allowed by the sanctioning organization.

A competitor who changes his/her nationality for an *International Golf Competition* prior to the qualifications and eligibility period beginning for such event, yet subsequently fails to qualify for the competition, is subject to the provisions of this policy including the time periods prescribed herein.
6.7.11. Needle Policy

POLICY DESCRIPTION
The Olympic Games are “needle-free” for all participating athletes. Needles must not be used except by:
(i) medically qualified practitioners for the clinically justified treatment of injury, illness or other medical conditions (for which a valid TUE may be required); or (ii) those requiring auto-injection therapy for an established medical condition with a valid TUE, e.g. for insulin dependent diabetes. It is the responsibility of each Athlete, his/her entourage and each National Olympic Committee (“NOC”) to ensure compliance with this IOC Needle Policy.

Please refer to the IOC Needle Policy which may be found here.

6.7.12. Prize Money

POLICY DESCRIPTION
No prize money will be awarded.

6.7.13. Registrations

POLICY DESCRIPTION
As per IOC regulations, Athletes, Chefs de Mission, Team Officials, other officials and Caddies must sign the Rio2016 Conditions of Participation Form, prior to the Olympic Games.

In addition, Athletes and Caddies will be required to sign the IGF Games Registration and Regulations forms as below:

Athlete Registration
All athletes must complete and sign the IGF Games Registration & Regulations form for Athletes in order to be permitted to participate at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, thereby confirming their acceptance of the rules laid out in the IGF Olympic Golf Regulations and the IGF Anti-Doping programme for the Olympic Games.

Caddie Registration
All caddies must complete and sign the IGF Games Registration & Regulations form for Caddies in order to be permitted to participate at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, thereby confirming their acceptance of the rules laid out in the IGF Olympic Golf Regulations for the Olympic Games.

6.7.14. Smoking Policy for Athletes & Others with Access to Practice Areas

POLICY DESCRIPTION
The competition venue is a smoke and tobacco-free environment, in line with IOC policy.
6.7.1.15. Starters

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**
Starters are responsible for announcing the athletes prior to them commencing their rounds and ensuring that athletes commence their rounds at the appointed time. The languages that will be used for announcements are English and the host language (Portuguese).

6.7.1.16. Within-Venue Access

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**
Access control within each Olympic venue is governed by a system of codes contained on the Olympic Identity and Accreditation Card (OIAC) and/or additional access passes/devices.

The Accreditation Card Operating System (ACOS):
- identifies venues and zones within the venues;
- assigns codes, colours and numbers to these precincts, venues and zones within the venues;
- to be able to access the precincts, venues or zones within the venues, individuals need to have the assigned code, colour or number on their OIAC.

The table below summarises the ACOS as it relates to the zones within all venues:

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Once an accredited person has entered a venue, the zone designations on the OIAC identify where that person may circulate within the venue. Access is monitored visually by venue staff throughout the venue. The colour or number associated with each zone must be shown on the individual’s OIAC to enter that area. The OIAC therefore must be worn at all times.

**Access to the Locker Room**
Locked room access is limited to those officially accredited for these athlete preparation areas. During weather delays, only athletes, essential locker room staff and IGF Officials will be allowed in the Locker Room.

**Access Inside the Ropes**
See IGF Policy “Inside the Ropes - Practice Rounds/Competition”
6.7.2. SPORT EQUIPMENT

6.7.2.1. Athlete Equipment

POLICY DESCRIPTION

To help ensure that athletes use equipment which conforms with the Rules of Golf, athletes are encouraged to:

- Confirm with equipment manufacturers that new equipment or samples have been approved by the R&A/USGA.
- Confirm that driving clubs are on the R&A/USGA Conforming Driver List.
- Have any altered or unusual clubs checked by an IGF Technical Official before use in the competition.
- Verify that the ball chosen to be played is on the R&A/USGA’s “Conforming Golf Balls” list.
- Confirm that clubs conform to the Condition of Competition for Groove Specifications in Elite Competitions, as detailed in the Rules of Golf.

If an athlete fails to submit his equipment prior to competition, he/she assumes all risk of a ruling that the equipment does not conform with the Rules of Golf. Additionally, if required by an IGF Technical Official, an athlete is obligated to surrender any equipment if it is determined that additional testing is necessary to rule on conformity. Failure to do so will result in removal from the competition. Additionally, the IGF may collect golf balls and equipment samples on-site for further testing without input from athletes.

Equipment shall also be in conformance with the Olympic Charter, in particular in accordance with the golf-specific application of the Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications (Olympic Charter, Rule 50).

6.7.2.2. Club storage on venue

POLICY DESCRIPTION

Except during weather suspensions, golf bags must be put away in lockers or appropriate bag storage areas provided by Rio 2016. Golf bags must be put away overnight and shall not be left in the locker room.

6.7.2.3. Golf Carts

POLICY DESCRIPTION

Athletes must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by a member of the IGF Rules Committee (for example, in the event of having to return to play another ball having lost a ball).
6.7.3. WEATHER

6.7.3.1. Bad Weather Guidelines

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

In situations involving bad weather, subject to the safety of all persons at the Olympic Golf Course, the first priority of the IGF is always the competition and completion of 72 holes. Every effort will be made to achieve this objective by the final scheduled competition day, which could include playing 36 holes on the final day. If this cannot be accomplished, play will always be extended by one extra day if conditions and the weather forecast permit. A play-off for any medal may extend more than one day beyond the last scheduled competition day on a schedule determined by the IGF in conjunction with the IOC and Rio 2016, but in no case can such play-off be extended beyond the final day of the Olympic Games in accordance with IOC rules.

In making decisions to extend play beyond the final scheduled competition day or to reduce the competition to fewer than 72 holes due to inclement weather or some unforeseen circumstance, the IGF Technical Delegate (or his designee) discusses the situation and conditions with a number of parties, including representatives of the IOC, Rio 2016, the Rio 2016 Venue Manager, On-Site Meteorologist, OBS representatives and the IGF Chief Referee. Athletes are not included in these discussions as policy dictates it is inappropriate to discuss matters directly affecting the competition with contestants.

The competition may be extended by one day beyond the last scheduled competition day but cannot be extended beyond that with the exception of a playoff, which could be contested at a later time as directed by the IGF Technical Delegate and in accordance with IOC rules.

The competition must be contested over at least 36 holes for medals to be awarded.

In an effort to provide more definitive guidelines for use in the decision-making process, the following Guidelines will be followed:

**Extending play by one day beyond the last scheduled competition day:**

- Every effort will be made to finish each round as scheduled. The first priority is always the competition and completion of 72 holes.

- In an effort to achieve this objective by the last scheduled competition day, 36 holes may be played on the last scheduled competition day.

- If conditions exist which prevent 72 holes from being completed by the last scheduled competition day, play will always be extended by one day if golf course conditions and the weather forecast permit. Play on the day following the last scheduled competition day could include 36 holes.

- If conditions exist which make the completion of 72 holes impossible, the next priority is to complete 54 holes. Again, play in this situation will always be extended by one day beyond the last scheduled competition day if golf course conditions and weather permit.

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If, after the 36 or 54 holes of the competition, it becomes clear that for some reason it will not be possible for all athletes to complete the last round of the competition (whether that be the 3rd or 4th round), the IGF Technical Delegate (or his designee), after discussions with representatives of the IOC, Rio 2016, the Rio 2016 Venue Manager, On-Site Meteorologist, OBS representatives and the IGF Chief Referee, may implement a cut. The purpose of such a cut would be to enable the leading athletes to complete an additional 18 holes. In no case can the competition be extended beyond the final day of the Olympic Games in accordance with IOC rules. In this case, medals will be awarded based on scores at
the conclusion of the last completed round, assuming at least 36 holes are completed.

On-Site Communication:

- Once a final decision on any change to the normal competition schedule is reached, the athletes
  will be informed, followed by all other constituents.

Other Factors and Issues:

Factors/issues that are considered in making decisions to suspend, postpone or cancel play include the
following:

- Weather forecast: The likelihood of weather conditions allowing the golf course to be prepared
  for play and the competition to be completed.

- Course conditions: The condition of the golf course must allow the competition to be conducted
  under the Rules of Golf. The Local Rule for Preferred Lies may be put into effect under extreme
  circumstances.

- Cancellation of a started round: If some athletes begin a round under extremely adverse
  weather conditions, conditions subsequently worsen and further play that day is impossible, the
  round may be cancelled and replayed in its entirety.

Tee times:
Tee times may be changed to accommodate television, and a two-tee start may also be utilized.
A procedure defining operational steps and related communications in case of delay, postponement and
 cancellation has to be defined.

Please also refer to the IOC Competition Schedule Change Procedure for the Rio2016 Olympic Games.

6.7.3.2. Fog

POLICY DESCRIPTION

Whether to commence or continue play in a stipulated round when fog is present is a difficult
decision. Fog, by its very nature, is not easy to forecast, and it is challenging to predict when it will set in
or lift.

From a playability standpoint, it is generally the IGF’s policy to commence/continue play in a stipulated
round if the landing zones for all shots to be played are visible to the athletes. In this regard, tee shots
requiring the use of drivers may present the most difficult challenge since such shots cover the most
distance. Things such as fairway lines, hazards, trees, etc., in the drive zone must be visible to a large
extent. However, the fact that visibility is partially obscured by fog such that seeing the entire flight of
the ball is not possible does not necessarily require a decision to delay/suspend play.

6.7.3.3. Severe Weather

POLICY DESCRIPTION

In the event of thunderstorms, lightning or other severe weather, “Weather Warning” information will be
displayed on the electronic scoreboards around the golf course. When these warnings appear,
spectators are advised to take precautions and seek shelter even before play is suspended. If the siren
sounds suspending play, seek shelter immediately (see spectator guide for rain shelters). The electronic
scoreboards will keep spectators advised as to the length of delay in play.
6.7.3.4. Suspension of Play Due to Dangerous Situations

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Play may be suspended for such dangerous situations such as lightning, tornadoes, or other dangerous weather phenomena. If the athletes in a group are between two holes, they must not resume play until the IGF Rules Committee so orders. Athletes who are playing a hole must discontinue immediately and not resume play until the Committee orders. The penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification as detailed in the Rules of Golf.

All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the IGF Rules Committee has declared them open for use. Athletes who disregard such closing shall be subject to disciplinary action under the IGF Code of Conduct.

Note:
- One prolonged siren or horn note signals suspension for a dangerous situation.
- Several short intermittent horn or siren notes signal all other types of suspension.
- Two short horn or siren notes indicate that play is resumed.

6.7.4. SPORT OPERATIONS

6.7.4.1. Athlete Withdrawal during Competition

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

During the competition, urgent medical conditions may prevent the participation of an athlete, or otherwise for exceptional circumstances. The athlete shall notify the IGF Technical Delegate or an IGF Technical Official of his/her reason for withdrawal, and within a period of 24 hours submit written evidence supporting such reason to the IGF Executive Director.

Upon completing any round of 18 holes an athlete may withdraw, upon notifying the IGF Technical Delegate or an IGF Technical Official and returning a signed score card.

6.7.4.2. Breaches of Rules of Golf, Local Rules and Conditions of Competition

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Any athlete who, while participating in the Olympic Golf Competition, breaches the Rules of Golf or the IGF’s Local Rules or Conditions of Competition in effect for the competition shall be subject to the penalties provided in such Rules, Local Rules or Conditions, as well as any other penalties determined by the IGF. The decision of the IGF Rules Committee for the competition with respect of such breach(es) shall be final and conclusive. In the case of any matters that arise in relation to the Rules of Golf (i.e. technical matters on the field of play), in accordance with the Dispute Escalation Procedure, the IGF Chief Referee shall make the final and conclusive decision and there shall be no further appeal related to the Rules of Golf.

Having been given a decision on the Rules of Golf, or the IGF’s Local Rules and or Conditions of Competition by a member of the IGF’s Rules Committee, the athlete may request a second opinion. It is at the discretion of the member of the Committee whether he/she grants such a request.
6.7.4.3. Casual Water Clearance

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

In the event of heavy rain causing water to lie on putting greens, a decision will be taken by the IGF Chief Referee on whether squeegee operators should be deployed to clear casual water.

If it is decided to deploy squeegee operators, they will clear water from the green under their own initiative between groups. When athletes reach the green, in the first instance, the following policy will be adopted.

If an athlete’s ball lies on the putting green and there is interference by casual water on the putting green, the athlete may:

(a) take relief under Rule 25-1b(iii); or
(b) have his line to the hole squeegeed.

**Note:** Such squeegeeing should be done across the line of putt and must extend a reasonable distance beyond the hole (i.e. at least one roller length).

If conditions deteriorate to the extent that this does not provide complete relief from the casual water, the IGF Chief Referee (or his/her designee) may authorise a combination of moving the ball under Rule 25-1b(iii) together with squeegeeing across the line.

In very exceptional circumstances, where the ball lies off the putting green and casual water on the putting green on the line of play materially affects the athlete’s intended stroke, clearance of the water on the putting green may be permitted. This may only be done following specific authorisation by the IGF Chief Referee.

6.7.4.4. Dispute Escalation Procedure

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

The following flow chart outlines the escalation procedure in case of disputes related to technical matters on the Field of Play.
6.7.4.5. Draw

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

A Draw Announcement will be conducted by officials from the IGF on 8 August (men’s competition) and 15 August (women’s competition). Details of the announcement will be provided by the IGF. Further information may be found in IGF Policy on Groupings & Starting Times.

6.7.4.6. Distance Measuring Devices

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Athletes and their caddies are not permitted to use distance-measuring devices during a competition round. However, during practice and outside an athlete’s competition round, distance-measuring devices may be used.
### 6.7.4.7. Format

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

72-holes of individual stroke play, scheduled over four consecutive days. One 18-hole round will be scheduled for each day. The men’s and women’s events will be played separately. Subject to Appendix 6.7.3.1, all athletes will play all four rounds (ie there will be no reduction of the field/cut).

### 6.7.4.8. Golf Course Preparation & Set-Up Philosophy

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

**General**

Golf course preparation and set-up is critical to the IGF and has significant ramifications for the competition. The objective is to provide a level of difficulty and excitement which identifies the world’s best athletes while 1) maintaining fairness, 2) respecting the features and capabilities of the venue, and 3) providing a dramatic stage for the Olympic Golf Competition.

Preparation of the course shall be subject to approval of the IGF Technical Delegate (or his/her designee). Locations of teeing grounds and hole positions on putting greens shall be selected by the IGF Technical Delegate (or his/her designee). The IGF Technical Delegate (or his/her designee) may direct growing, cutting and watering of grass as is deemed advisable to provide appropriate playing conditions. Unnatural substances, such as artificially coloured sand-like material in bunkers, are prohibited.

The IGF Technical Delegate (or his/her designee), in liaison with the Chief Referee, is responsible for golf course preparation and set-up. Course preparation and set-up is subjective, and situations will occur where objectives are unable to be met.

**Preparation**

Although abnormal conditions, adverse weather, or venue capabilities will sometimes prevent establishing the desired course conditions, the following will normally be objectives for the Olympic Competition:

- **Tees:** Firm, closely-mown, level and adequately-sized (to the extent possible), in order to provide flexibility.
- **Fairways and Approaches:** Firm and closely-mown, varying in width according to course and year-long variety.
- **Greens:** Closely mown with firmness and speed appropriate to the contours, grass-type and conditions, and predicted weather.
- **Rough:** Length and penalty appropriate to course design.
- **Bunkers:** Treated as hazards, but prepared each day in a timely manner with well-defined margins.
- **Maintenance & Irrigation:** Undertaken to achieve the above, but modified as necessary for consistency, adverse conditions, and predicted weather.

**Set-Up**

Tee placements and hole locations should take into account the following:

- Hole type, difficulty and length (including forced-carries)
- Design features
• Course conditions
• Predicted weather
• Variety of shot-making and shot-lengths required during the round
• Creation of excitement and drama, particularly on the finishing holes.
• Weather Guidelines (with respect to completing the competition)
• Pace of play
• Competition operations & logistics (this will not be a primary consideration)

On par-3’s, par-4’s and par-5’s, one or more teeing grounds may be used. Back tees will not necessarily be used every round or at all. Creation of drama will weigh heavily in identifying holes suitable for set-up as either reachable par-5’s or drivable par-4’s. On par-3 holes, tee marker placement should vary (if possible) to encourage broader shot selection both on all par-3’s during each round and on each par-3 for the week. Hole locations will generally be a reasonable distance from the green’s edge and from contours. However, some hole locations may not be easily accessible, requiring judgment and skill.

6.7.4.9. Groupings & Starting Times

POLICY DESCRIPTION

For all rounds, the intention is to play in groups of three off the first tee only. However, due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, play could be in groups of two or three and/or off the first and tenth tees.

For rounds 1 and 2, groupings will be published no later than two (2) days before the start of each respective event.

For rounds 3 and 4, groupings will be done according to cumulative score at the end of the previous round, with the leaders teeing off last. The lowest finishers at the end of such rounds, as listed on the IGF official scoreboard, will be grouped together. The remainder of the field will likewise be grouped in similar sequence. Ties shall be decided by the order of starting the round last played, with the later starting time assigned to the earlier starter in the previous round. Subject to Appendix 6.7.3.1, all athletes will play all four rounds (ie there will be no reduction of the field/cut). The procedure for the ordering of groups and the ordering of players in each group within the starting times is outlined in the ORIS document for Golf.

However, in unusual circumstances, the IGF Technical Delegate in his discretion may change this sequence. All starting times shall be fixed under the supervision of the IGF Technical Delegate (or his designee).

6.7.4.10. Inside the Ropes – Practice Rounds / Competition

POLICY DESCRIPTION

At the Olympic Games, the Field of Play (Inside the Ropes) is designated as a blue zone access area. Practice areas will be designated as zone 2 access ("athlete preparation area" e.g. range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers). The activation of these zones will be at the direction of the IGF Technical Delegate.

During competition rounds, only properly accredited athletes, their caddies, IGF Technical Officials, authorised Rio2016 sport staff/volunteers and properly accredited media will have access Inside the Ropes. NOC team officials, NOC representatives, coaches, athlete entourage and family, non-working IGF personnel or IGF guests are not permitted inside the ropes during competition.
Only properly accredited athletes, their caddies, IGF Technical Officials, authorised Rio2016 sport staff/volunteers, properly accredited media, NOC team officials, NOC representatives, coaches, athlete entourage and family, IGF personnel and IGF guests are permitted onto any area designated for practice (e.g. range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers and the competition golf course during practice rounds).

6.7.4.11. Measuring Condition of Putting Greens

POLICY DESCRIPTION

The Rules of Golf state that before a round or play-off on any day of a stroke play competition, a competitor must not practice on the competition course or test the surface of any putting green on the course by rolling a ball or roughing or scraping the surface.

The IGF has adopted the following policy for the Olympic Games:

Athletes and caddies are not permitted to use a device that measures the condition (i.e. slope, texture, firmness or moisture level) of any putting green on the course on any day of the competition. The use of such device is only permitted on practice days. Any breach of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

6.7.4.12. Mobile Devices for Athletes & Others with Access to Practice Areas

POLICY DESCRIPTION

Practice Days
Athletes may use a mobile device in designated practice areas or on the golf course. As a courtesy to fellow-competitors, athletes must step away from the hitting line on the range when using a mobile device. Also, mobile devices must be kept in the “vibrate” or “silent ring” mode in designated practice areas and on the golf course.

All others are prohibited from using mobile devices in designated practice areas or on the golf course, unless used in a specially-designated mobile device calling area. Again, mobile devices must be kept in the “vibrate” or “silent ring” mode in designated practice areas and on the golf course.

Other electronic equipment devices (rangefinders, launch monitors, video cameras for instruction, heart monitors, pedometers, electronic watches with health monitoring sensors, etc) may be used in designated practice areas and on the golf course, but only with proper etiquette and in a manner does not distract or slow other athletes.

Official Competition
Mobile devices are strictly prohibited in all designated practice areas and on the golf course during official competition rounds unless used in a specially-designated mobile device calling area.

Electronic devices are prohibited on the golf course for use by athletes and caddies unless approved by the IGF Chief Referee or his/her designee. In addition to being considered unsportsmanlike conduct, the use of such devices (or accessing certain types of data from such devices) may be a breach of the Rules of Golf.

At any time, the use of unusual or disruptive devices such as drones is not permitted, unless authorised by the IGF.
6.7.4.13. Pace of Play

POLICY DESCRIPTION

Rule 6-7 in the Rules of Golf states, in part: “The athlete must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish.” The following pace of play guidelines, and penalties, apply to the Olympic Golf Competition. In the administration of these guidelines, a member of the IGF Rules Committee shall not tolerate abuse, oral or otherwise, by an athlete. Such abuse may constitute conduct unbecoming a golfer.

DEFINITION OF “OUT OF POSITION”

Each hole will be given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for each hole and for completion of the round will be available prior to play.

The first group and any group after a starter’s gap will be considered to be “out of position” if, at any time during the round, the group’s cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered “out of position” if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

Note: The IGF Rules Committee reserves the right to time a group when the Committee deems it necessary. Further, if an athlete is determined by the Committee to be unreasonably slow, he/she may be timed individually at the Rules Committee’s discretion, regardless of whether his/her group is out of position.

TIMING

When the Rules Committee determines that an out of position group or individual will be timed, all athletes in the group, or the specific individual, will be informed they are being timed.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of an athlete’s stroke will begin when it is his/her turn to play and he/she can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will begin after an athlete has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace his/her ball, repair his/her ball mark and other ball marks on his/her line of putt and remove loose impediments on his/her line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

Note: An athlete is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke, and an extra 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for:

(a) The first athlete to play a stroke on a par-3 hole;
(b) The first athlete to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole;
(c) The first athlete to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole;
(d) The first athlete to play around the putting green;
(e) The first athlete to play on the putting green.

Any athlete in a group being timed, who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke, will be informed as soon as practicable.

PENALTIES DURING ROUND

First Offense: One (1) timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (1 bad time) - no penalty, but the athlete will be given a verbal warning.

Second Offense: One more timing (total of two) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (2 bad times) - a one (1) stroke penalty.

Third Offense: One more timing (total of three) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (3 bad times) - a two (2) stroke penalty.

Fourth Offense: One more timing (total of four) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (4 bad times) - disqualification.
Note: Any timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (referred to as a “bad time”) will be carried over throughout the round.

APPEALS
Any appeal of a bad time or penalty must be referred to the IGF Chief Referee immediately upon completion of the athlete in question’s round and prior to the athlete returning his/her score card. The IGF Chief Referee’s decision shall be final. If the athlete in question does not appeal prior to returning his/her score card, any bad times or penalties shall stand.

Note: An athlete may not appeal an occasion of being out of position and timed.

6.7.4.14. Physiotherapy Services

POLICY DESCRIPTION
Professional Tour Physiotherapists will work as part of the Rio2016 Medical Team at the golf course. These physios will be available for the female athletes during the week of the men’s competition, but only at off-peak times. More specific times will be distributed to the athletes just prior to the Games. Female athletes will also have access to physios in the Olympic Village Polyclinic or through their respective National Olympic Committees.

Space for NOC medical staff will not be available in the Rio2016 physio area in the clubhouse. Rio2016 will endeavor to provide NOC medical staff with space inside the clubhouse, which may be used with their own equipment, in line with venue policies. NOC medical staff may also use their own tables and equipment in the allocated NOC spaces at the Olympic Village.

6.7.4.15. Practicing

POLICY DESCRIPTION
Only properly accredited athletes, their caddies, instructors, media (with bibs), golf equipment manufacturers (when invited by athletes), Rio 2016 Representatives and IGF Technical Officials are permitted onto any area designated for practice (e.g. range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers and the competition golf course during practice rounds).

Practicing shall be permitted only in areas specifically designated for practice by the IGF. On practice days, all play must start from the first tee, unless approved by the IGF Technical Delegate or his/her designee.

There should be a maximum of 4 athletes in a group during a practice round.

During practice rounds, the following shall govern certain types of strokes:

- Only one stroke, including a stroke from a bunker, may be aimed for the putting green, except as follows:
  - If such stroke does not land or stop on the putting green, only one additional stroke may be played.
  - More than one chip shot outside a bunker may be played, provided such practice does not damage the course unduly.
  - A maximum of three bunker shots may be played in directions other than toward the putting green, provided the bunker is not thereby damaged unduly.
  - More than one stroke may be played on the putting green.
In any case, an athlete must not delay any following athletes. No additional strokes shall be permitted if an athlete in the group behind the athlete is waiting to play.

During competition week, practice facilities and the competition course are for qualified athletes and any other athlete on site named on the IGF Reallocation Reserve List. Qualified athletes and athletes named on the IGF Reallocation Reserve List shall not practice with ineligible persons.

The following schedule outlines the permitted dates and times for access to the practice areas/course:

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<td>24 July (Olympic Village opens)</td>
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<td>Access to course and practice areas closed.</td>
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<td>25 July – 31 July</td>
<td>7.00am - 12.00pm</td>
<td>Solely by direct arrangement through Rio2016.</td>
<td>Men / Women</td>
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<td>1 Aug – 4 Aug</td>
<td>7.00am – 5.30pm</td>
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<td>No transport provided by Rio2016 from Olympic Village.</td>
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<td>6 Aug – 8 Aug</td>
<td>7.00am – 5.30pm</td>
<td>Range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers. Playing the course is permitted.</td>
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<td>9 Aug – 10 Aug*</td>
<td>7.00am – 5.30pm</td>
<td>Range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers. Playing the course is permitted.</td>
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<td>Range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers. Walking the course (i.e. no strokes made) is permitted.</td>
<td>Women</td>
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<tr>
<td>11 Aug - 13 Aug (Men’s competition)</td>
<td>6.00am – 5.30pm</td>
<td>Range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers.</td>
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<td>12.30pm – 5.30pm</td>
<td>Range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers. In the unlikely event that space availability becomes limited on practice areas during these hours, women competitors may be asked to temporarily move to a specific area for practicing until space becomes available.</td>
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<td>14 Aug (Men’s competition)</td>
<td>5.30am - 5.30pm</td>
<td>Range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers.</td>
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<td>15 Aug – 16 Aug*</td>
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<td>Range, practice putting greens, chipping, practice bunkers. Playing the course is permitted.</td>
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### 17 Aug – 19 Aug
(Women’s competition)

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### 20 Aug
(Women's competition)

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*The 1st Tee will close at 1:00 pm. on 10 and 16 August for pre-competition maintenance.

All times listed above may be subject to change.

Competitors in the Women’s Competition will be able to walk the course following competitive play of the Men’s Final Round on Sunday, 14 August. In addition, on-course practice will be allowed beginning at 14:00 (2 pm) from the 10th tee only. The holes open for practice beginning at 2 pm will be holes 10 - 15 and 2 - 6.

After the conclusion of the Men’s Competition, men are not permitted to practice on any area designated for practice or on the competition golf course.

Until 1 April 2016, and only on Wednesdays, walking the course may be permitted for NOCs through direct arrangement with Rio 2016. During this period, no golf shots may be played and the exact areas to be traversed should be coordinated with the venue staff. Walking on greens is not permitted. Distance-measuring devices may be used in line with policy 6.7.4.6. All visits to the course within this timeframe, including those requested by National Federations, should be arranged via the country’s NOC, which will liaise with NOC Relations at Rio 2016. An NOC visit to the Golf Course will count as part of an NOC’s quota of official NOC visits. From 2 April to 23 July, Rio 2016 will not permit any NOC visits and therefore any access to the golf course for NOC delegations.

From 24 July to 4 August, NOCs may schedule their athletes’ training days through the Sport Information Centre (SIC) in the Olympic Village or the Sport Information Desk (SID) at the venue. The Sport Information Centre at the Olympic Village is open from 8.00am to 8.00pm from 18-23 July, and from 7.00am to 10.00pm from 24 July to 20 August.

### 6.7.4.16. Technical Specifications for Scoring and Data Collection

#### POLICY DESCRIPTION

The Technical Specifications for Scoring and Data Collection are as follows:

- **Low latency data delivery** – data needs to flow from data collection devices to the central scoring system in less than 2 seconds 95% of the time and in less than 10 seconds 98% of the time. The central scoring system must pass the appropriate data on to other applications in less than 2 seconds.

- **Fairway Ball location data collection** – the system needs to deploy a device that is accurate to +/- 2.5cm. In actual application fairway ball location data must be +/- 3 meters 95% of the time when compared to an independent audit using a survey grade laser device.

- **Greenside Ball location data collection** – the system needs to deploy a device that is accurate to +/- 1 cm. In actual application greenside ball location data must be +/- 30 cm 95% of the time when compared to an independent audit using a survey grade laser device.

- **Greenside Ball tracking data collection** – if greenside ball tracking is deployed it needs to be +/- 2” or 50.8mm accurate 98% of the time the tracking system is able to see the golf ball.

- **Tee Shot measurements** – if tee shot measurement is deployed TrackMan technology must be used.
6.7.4.17. Ties and Play-Offs

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

**Tie Break Rules**

In the event of a tie for first, second or third place at the conclusion of 72 holes of stroke play (or a lesser number according to the Bad Weather Guidelines), a play-off or multiple play-offs shall be conducted for the purpose of determining the gold, silver and bronze medal winners. Such play-offs shall be on a hole-by-hole basis immediately following the conclusion of the final round, or on the following day if the IGF Chief Referee determines that darkness, weather or other conditions preclude conducting a play-off on the day of the final round. The play-off shall commence on a sequence of holes as approved by the IGF Technical Delegate and identified prior to the competition beginning.

If two athletes are tied for the first position, a play-off will be conducted to determine the gold and silver medals. If three or more athletes are tied for the first position, a play-off will be conducted to determine the gold, silver and bronze medals. If two or more athletes are tied for the second position, a play-off will be conducted to determine the silver and bronze medals. If two or more athletes are tied for the third position, a play-off will be conducted for the bronze medal. In any case, only one gold, one silver and one bronze medal will be awarded.

For any one play-off, athletes will play in one or more groups at the discretion of the IGF Chief Referee.

6.7.4.18. World Ranking Points

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Official World Ranking Points will be awarded for the Olympic Competition by the respective women’s and men’s world ranking bodies.

6.7.4.19. World Ranking Points - Ties

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

In the event of ties at any of the 60 starting positions, the ties will be broken by the following criteria, in order:

- Total Official World Golf Ranking points earned in the most recent 52-week period, ending with the Olympic Golf Ranking as of Monday 11 July 2016.

- Total Official World Golf Ranking points earned in the most recent 13-week period, ending with the Olympic Golf Ranking as of Monday 11 July 2016.
6.7.5. CADDIES

6.7.5.1. Caddie Regulations

POLICY DESCRIPTION

All athletes in the Olympic Games shall employ caddies for all practice and competition rounds. A caddie is not required to be of the same nationality as the athlete he/she is employed by. Payment of the caddies is the sole responsibility of the athlete and they shall be paid promptly. The IGF assumes no responsibility for the payment of the caddies. The fee is to be resolved prior to the competition between the athlete and caddie. In the event of illness or injury to a caddie during the round, the athlete may replace the caddie with anyone who is properly accredited for field of play access. Athletes shall be responsible for the conduct and behaviour of their caddies and subject to penalty for any breach of the rules by their caddie as detailed in the Rules of Golf. Caddies are not eligible to receive a medal/diploma. Caddies shall adhere to these IGF Olympic Golf Regulations and its appendices.

The following shall be adhered to by caddies –

- All caddies must complete the Caddies’ Games Registration and Regulations form as furnished by the IGF. The Caddie Services Team Leader will supervise caddies and an area at the venue will be provided for caddies to rest while not on duty.

- Caddies shall wear bibs with athlete name badges as prescribed by Rio2016 and the IGF and clothing as provided by the NOC of the caddie’s athlete. All caddies are required to wear solid-coloured, long trousers consistent with currently accepted golf fashion, which touch the top of the shoe, or solid-coloured, knee-length tailored shorts, and a collared shirt while at the venue. T-shirts, jeans, culottes, skirts, skorts and capris are not permitted. Acceptable colours shall be determined at the sole discretion of the IGF Technical Delegate.

- Caddies shall wear smooth, rubber-sole plain-coloured shoes. Spiked golf shoes (including pimple/traction bar style) golf shoes, open-toed shoes and flip flops are prohibited.

- Caddies’ clothing must conform to the IOC Olympic Charter and the IGF Athlete Uniform Guidelines Policy.

- Caddies may walk unaccompanied on putting greens during practice days if play is not disrupted. Caddies may not walk on greens after the 1p.m. first tee closure on the day prior to the first round of play. On competition days, other than during their athlete’s round, caddies must not walk on putting greens.

- Caddies shall not be permitted on practice greens except to retrieve pitch shots or putts.

- Caddies shall assist in maintaining the course by replacing divots and raking bunkers as soon as practical after their athlete has played, including when they are playing in the last group of the day.

- Caddies shall not hit shots or putts anywhere on the practice areas or course except in specially approved competitions.

- Caddies shall not engage in any conduct which is prohibited for athletes under the Olympic Charter, the IOC, IGF and WADA Anti-Doping Programme.

- Caddies shall not engage in conduct unbecoming a professional caddie, as determined in the sole discretion of the IGF.

- Caddies must carry their athlete’s clubs. Pull carts or the like are not permitted.
A caddie who does not comply with these Caddie Regulations will be subject to losing the privilege to caddie during the Olympic Games, at the sole discretion of the IGF. In addition, they may be referred by the IGF Executive Director to the IGF Tribunal and/or to the Tour organisation to which the caddie’s athlete is a member.

If the caddie is referred to the IGF Tribunal, the IGF will then follow the steps set out to hear formal complaints made under the IGF Tribunal Policy.
6.8. Qualification System for the Games of the XXXI Olympiad Rio2016


INTERNATIONAL GOLF FEDERATION

Golf

A. EVENTS (2)

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B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Golf:

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2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

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<th>Event Specific Quota</th>
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| Men           | Maximum 4 athletes per event if within Olympic Golf Ranking top-15  
Otherwise maximum 2 athletes per event |
| Women         | Maximum 4 athletes per event if within Olympic Golf Ranking top-15  
Otherwise maximum 2 athletes per event |
| Total         | 8                                                          |

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

   The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games. This includes Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of Competitors).

Additional IF Requirements:
To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must:
- Be listed by name on the Olympic Golf Ranking at http://www.isfogf.org/ as of the 11 July 2016.
- Be in good standing with their National Association and the IGF.
- Be recognised or hold a valid license issued by his/her National Federation.
D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The Women’s and Men’s Competitions will each be comprised of exactly 60 athletes respectively: 59 qualified through the Olympic Golf Rankings (OGR) and 1 Host Country place.

The Olympic Golf Ranking (OGR) is sanctioned by the IGF and listed at igfgolf.org. The OGR is issued every Monday following completion of the previous week’s tournaments from around the world.

The Men’s OGR recognises official prize money tournaments on the following Tours: PGA TOUR, European Tour, PGA TOUR of Australasia, Japan Golf Tour, Southern Africa Sunshine Tour, Asian Tour, Web.com Tour, European Challenge Tour, Korean Golf Tour, PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latinoamerica and PGA TOUR China.

The Women’s OGR recognises official prize money tournaments on the following Tours: Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA); Ladies European Tour (LET); Ladies Professional Golfers’ Association of Japan (LPGA); Korea Ladies Professional Golf Association (KLPGA); Australian Ladies Professional Golf Association (ALPGA); Symetra Tour; Chinese Taipei Ladies Professional Golf Association (TLPGA) Tour; China Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour (CLPGA) and the Ladies European Access Series (LETAS) – as well as the Ladies’ Golf Union (LGU), which administers the RICOH Women’s British Open and the United States Golf Association (USGA) which conducts the U.S. Women’s Open.

The OGR is calculated as follows: Each tournament earns a strength-of-field rating which determines how many ranking points will be awarded to top finishers. Points are awarded to players based on their finish positions in each event, with performances in stronger-field events earning more points in accordance with a points distribution table approved by the IGF.

Ranking points for each player accumulate over a two-year “rolling” period with the points awarded in the most recent 13-week period weighted at 100% of their original value. After the initial 13-week period, the points are devalued by 1.1% for each of the next 51 weeks before they drop entirely off the player’s two-year record. Each player is then ranked according to his/her average number of points over the applicable two-year period, which is determined by dividing the total number of ranking points she/he has earned by the number of tournaments in which she/he has played during that time. There is a minimum divisor of 35 events for the Women’s OGR over a two-year period. Whilst for the Men’s OGR, there is a minimum divisor of 40 events and a maximum divisor of 52 events played over the rolling two-year period.

OGR ranking points to qualify for the Olympic Games, which are used to calculate the athlete’s average number of points and the athlete’s position on the OGR, can be earned during the period beginning 14 July 2014 and up to and including 11 July 2016.

MEN/WOMEN

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<th>Number of Quota Places per Gender</th>
<th>Qualification Event</th>
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1- Athletes will first be selected by name within the top-15 on the Olympic Golf Rankings as of Monday, 11 July 2016 (following the conclusion of all eligible OGR events in the week immediately preceding), with no more than four (4) athletes per NOC.

2- Athletes will then be selected by name in order from 16th place onwards on the Olympic Golf Rankings as of Monday, 11 July 2016 (following the conclusion of all eligible OGR events in the week immediately preceding), up to a maximum of two (2) athletes per NOC and for NOCs not already having two (2) or more athletes within the top 15 on the Olympic Golf Rankings until the number of 59 athletes is reached, including continental places.

3- Each of the five (5) continents of the Olympic Movement will be guaranteed at least one (1) athlete in each of the Women’s and Men’s Competitions respectively, if not automatically qualified in accordance with the above (continental places). The continental places will be allocated to the highest ranked athlete(s) on the Olympic Golf Rankings from the continent(s) without representation.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed at least one (1) athlete in each of the Women’s and Men’s Competitions respectively, only if it does not qualify any athlete through the Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016. The athlete selected by name shall be the highest ranked athlete from the Host Country listed on the Olympic Golf Rankings. In the event there is no athlete from the Host Country listed on the Olympic Golf Rankings, the IGF will, in collaboration with the Host Country NOC, identify the athlete(s) to represent the Host Country.

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The IGF will publish the current week’s Olympic Golf Ranking at http://www.igfgolf.org/ during the two-year qualification period prior to the qualification deadline. The qualification period will end on Monday 11 July 2016 and the IGF will publish the final Olympic Golf Rankings on Tuesday 12 July 2016, following the conclusion of all eligible OGR events in the week immediately preceding.

Upon publication of the final Olympic Golf Rankings, the IGF will send the confirmation of the quota places obtained in accordance with the qualification criteria outlined in Section D above to the respective NOCs, no later than Tuesday 12 July 2016 at 1700 US Eastern Time.

No later than Thursday, 14 July 2016 at 1700 US Eastern Time each NOC will confirm to the IGF the athlete places that they will use.

No later than Friday, 15 July 2016 at 1700 US Eastern Time will the IGF reallocate all unused quota places.
F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

Reallocation of unused Qualification Places

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, it will be reallocated to the highest ranked athlete by name on the Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016 not already qualified, and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event. No later than Friday, 15 July 2016 at 1700 US Eastern Time, the IGF will reallocate all unused quota places.

After 15 July 2016, and the final reallocation of unused quota, IGF will only reallocate an already confirmed quota place if an athlete is withdrawn by his/her NOC. Such replacement will only occur where there are urgent medical conditions preventing participation of an athlete, or otherwise on a case-by-case basis for exceptional circumstances.

The reallocation in this case will be based on a Reallocation Reserve List (by event) that IGF will publish on 12 July 2016. The Reallocation Reserve List is based on a continuation of the Olympic Golf Rankings and is calculated using the exact same criteria as per the qualification process. Such list clearly outlines, should an athlete withdraw, the next highest ranked athlete by name on the Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016 not already qualified and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event.

In the interest of ensuring a full playing field, every effort shall be made by the IGF to fulfill all quota places. Necessary reallocations will be made up until the time of the IGF Technical Meetings on Wednesday 10th August 2016 (men’s competition) or Tuesday 16th August 2016 (women’s competition).

Reallocation of unused Host Country Places

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated by name, to the highest ranked athlete by name on the Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016 not already qualified and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event, no later than Friday, 15 July 2016 at 1700 US Eastern Time.

After 15 July 2016, and the final reallocation of unused quota, reallocation will be based on the Reallocation Reserve List (by event) that IGF will publish as of 12 July 2016, as outlined in the section above.

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

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<td>10 August 2016</td>
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<td>Oversees the technical control and direction of the competition, including ensuring that the rules of the sport and the IF competition regulations are respected; reviewing and validating all technical elements of the competition including entries, venue standards, competition schedule, test events and services for IGF Officials.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chief Referee</td>
<td>Responsible for Rules of Golf matters (including Competition Conditions, Local Rules, Pace of Play and Suspension of Play) and coordinating the referees.</td>
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<td>IGF International Technical Official (ITO)</td>
<td>An International Technical Official appointed by the IGF to decide questions of fact and apply the Rules of Golf. A technical official must act on any breach of a Rule that he/she observes or is reported to him. Also referred to as a &quot;Rules Official&quot; or “Referee” or as a member of the “IGF Rules Committee”. For the Olympic Games, ITOs are nominated, reviewed and approved by the IGF Olympic Golf Competitions Committee, subject to the approval of the IGF Board. ITOs are required to meet the standards as set by the R&amp;A and USGA for officiating at Major Championships, or as otherwise determined at the sole discretion of the IGF Olympic Golf Competitions Committee.</td>
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<td>National Technical Official (NTO)</td>
<td>National Technical Officials (NTOs) play a support role to the ITOs. They are nominated by the Brazilian Golf Federation (Confederação Brasileira Golfe - CBG), in consultation with the OCOG and are approved by the IGF. NTOs are required to have completed the R&amp;A rules course level 2, reside in Brazil/be associated with the CBG, have participated in a substantial number of national events and at least two of the PGA Tour Latino America events and should participate in the Olympic Test Event.</td>
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<td>IGF Rules Committee</td>
<td>Comprised of the IGF Technical Delegate, the Chief Referee, the International Technical Officials and the National Technical Officials.</td>
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7. GLOSSARY

- “Athlete” means any athlete who participates or is selected to participate in an Olympic Golf Competition;
- "Athlete Support Personnel" comprises all the people associated with the athletes, including, without limitation, managers, agents, referees/rules officials, coaches, caddies, physical trainers, medical staff, scientists, sports organisations, sponsors, lawyers and any person promoting the athlete's sporting career, including family members or any other person employed by or working with an Athlete or the Athlete's National Federation Member participating in an Olympic Golf Competition.
- "Benefit" means the direct or indirect receipt or provision (as relevant) of money or money's worth (other than prize money and/or contractual payments to be made under endorsement, sponsorship or other contracts);
- "Bet" means a wager of money or any other form of financial speculation;
- "Betting" means making, accepting, or laying a Bet and shall include, without limitation, activities commonly referred to as sports betting such as fixed and running odds, totalisator/toto games, live betting, betting exchange, spread betting and other games offered by sports betting operators;
- "CAS" means the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland;
- “Chief Referee” is responsible for Rules of Golf matters (including Competition Conditions, Local Rules, Pace of Play and Suspension of Play) and coordinating the referees.
- "Covered Person" refers to any Athlete, Athlete Support Personnel, Tournament Support Personnel, personnel of NOCs or all accredited persons.
- "IGF Appeals ‘Panel’" means the tribunal appointed by the IGF to perform the functions assigned to it in these Policies.
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- “IGF Rules Committee” comprises the IGF International Technical Officials and National Technical Officials.
- "IGF Tribunal" means the tribunal appointed by the IGF to perform the functions assigned to it in these Policies.
- “IGF Technical Delegate” oversees the technical control and direction of the competition, including ensuring that the rules of the sport and the IF competition regulations are respected; reviewing and validating all technical elements of the competition including entries, venue standards, competition schedule, test events and services for IGF Officials.
- “IGF International Technical Officials/ ITOs” are appointed by the IGF to decide questions of fact and apply the Rules of Golf. A technical official must act on any breach of a Rule that he/she observes or is reported to him. Also referred to as a "Rules Official" or "Referee" or as a member of the “IGF Rules Committee". For the Olympic Games, ITOs are nominated, reviewed and approved by the IGF Olympic Golf Competitions Committee, subject to the approval of the IGF Board. ITOs are required to meet the standards as set by the R&A and USGA for officiating at Major Championships, or as otherwise determined at the sole discretion of the IGF Olympic Golf Competitions Committee.
- "Inside Information" means any information relating to any Competition or Event that a Participant possesses by virtue of his position within the sport. Such information includes, but is not limited to, factual information regarding the competitors, the conditions, tactical considerations or any other aspect of the Competition or Event, but does not include such information that is already published or a matter of public record, readily acquired by an interested member of the public or disclosed according to the Policy and regulations governing the relevant Competition or Event;
- “IOC” means the International Olympic Committee
“National Federation Member” (NFM) means a National Federation Member of International Golf Federation having as such a National Federation Member the rights, privileges and benefits given in this Constitution to National Federation Members of International Golf Federation;

“National Technical Officials/ NTOs” National Technical Officials (NTOs) play a support role to the ITOs. They are nominated by the Brazilian Golf Federation (Confederação Brasileira Golfe - CBG), in consultation with the OCOG and are approved by the IGF. NTOs are required to have completed the R&A rules course level 2, reside in Brazil/be associated with the CBG, have participated in a substantial number of national events and at least two of the PGA Tour Latino America events and should participate in the Olympic Test Event.

“NOC” means National Olympic Committee.
“Olympic Games” means the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, to be held in Rio de Janeiro Brazil on Aug 5-21 2016.
“Olympic Village Plaza” means the plaza which will be located adjacent to but separated from the residential zone of the Olympic Villages which will host a number of activities including Team Welcome Ceremonies.
“Olympic Park Common Domain” means the primary Olympic site in which contains multiple Olympic venues including Sport venues and the Olympic Village and numerous other facilities. For the sake of these Guidelines, the International Broadcast Centre (IBC) and Main Press Centre (MPC) are located outside the Olympic Park Common Domain.
“Olympic Venues” shall include all venues which require an Olympic accreditation card or ticket to gain entry, including the Olympic Villages, Olympic Village Plaza, the competition venues, the training and practice venues and the Olympic Park Common Domain.
“Official scorer” is an IGF official to whom players return their scorecards at the end of each round. The official scorer verifies the scorecards and ensures that the hole-by-hole scores entered in the system, along with the total score for each player are correct and in accordance with the scorecards. The athlete is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his/her score card.
“Participant and Other Accredited Persons” refers to any Athlete, Athlete Support Personnel, Tournament Support Personnel, personnel of NOCs or all accredited persons.
“Person” shall include natural persons, bodies corporate and unincorporated associations and partnerships (whether or not any of them have separate legal personality);
“Referee” is an International or National Technical Official appointed by the IGF to decide questions of fact and apply the Rules of Golf. A referee must act on any breach of a Rule that he/she observes or is reported to him. Also referred to as a "Rules Official".
“Rio 2016” means the Organizing Committee of the Games of the XXXI Olympiad to be held be held in Rio de Janeiro Brazil on Aug 5-21 2016.
“Rules Official” see Referee.
“Sanction” means any sanction that the IGF Tribunal and/or the relevant Professional Tour organisation to which the athlete is a member or the IGF Appeals Panel has the right to impose;
“Take Down Notice” means a notice requiring a Participant or other accredited person or third party to take down any content from any website, blog or social media platform, in whole or in part within a specified time
“Tournament Support Personnel” refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, IGF employee, volunteer, referee, technical official agent, delegate, commissioner, contractor or any similarly situated person at an Olympic Golf Competition and other person who receives accreditation at an Olympic Golf Competition at the request of Tournament Support Personnel; and
“Venue Results Manager” coordinates all stages of On Venue Results in preparation for the Games as well as during the Games (e.g. coordination with other functional areas, software testing, interaction with the International Federation, etc.).
“Violation” means a violation of an IGF Policy.
“Walking Scorer” is a volunteer who walks with each grouping and provides data to the OVR system using a data collector and a radio.