

# **IGF BOARD MEETING SUMMARY**

Meeting	IGF Board Meeting
Place	Magnolia Suite, Augusta National Golf Club, GA, USA.
Date	5 April 2023
Time	14 :30 (EST)

The IGF Board of Directors met virtually on 6 April 2022 with the following matters being discussed.

# Paris 2024 Olympic Games

## **Venue Delivery Tender**

➤ The Board was provided an update on the IGF bid on the Event Delivery Tender Process for Part B (Competition Delivery) and on the operational planning for these Olympic Games.

# Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games

An update was provided on the site visit during the Genesis Invitational and discussions the Executive Director held with LA2028 senior executive and framework of an agreement between LA 2024 and IGF to oversee the event delivery as well as sport competition delivery for the Olympic Games.

## LA 2028 Paralympic Games Bid

➤ The Board was provided an assessment of the IPC Executive Council's decision to not admit golf as a sport on the programme for the LA2028 Paralympic Games.

## Ukraine- Russian War

- ➤ The Executive Director provided the meeting an overview of the discussions, interactions, and correspondence the IGF has had with the IOC and various NOCs and Governments, including the President of Ukraine, Mr Volodymyr Zelenskyy, concerning the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.
- ➤ The Board noted that the IOC has not made a decision regarding the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes at the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, and as such the IGF board has deferred any decision on their participation at the Olympic golf competitions until a decision is made by the IOC.
- The Board also considered the recently released IOC recommendations for International Federations and international sports event organisers on the participation of athletes with a Russian or Belarusian passport in international competitions and determined the following:
  - Teams of athletes with a Russian or Belarusian passport cannot be considered.
  - Athletes with a Russian or a Belarusian passport must compete only as Individual Neutral Athletes.



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- Any such Individual Neutral Athlete, like all the other participating athletes, must meet all anti-doping requirements applicable to them, as set out in the antidoping rules of the IGF.
- No flag, anthem, colours, or any other identifications whatsoever of these countries displayed at any sports event or meeting, including the entire venue.
- Athletes who actively support the war cannot compete.
  Support personnel who actively support the war cannot participate.
- Athletes who are contracted to the Russian or Belarusian military or national security agencies cannot compete. Support personnel who are contracted to the Russian or Belarusian military or national security agencies cannot participate.
- ➤ The Board reaffirmed its unwavering support and solidarity with our Ukrainian athletes and federation who are confronted daily with terrible hardship due to this senseless war and that the IGF remains staunchly committed to assist them in every way possible.

# World Amateur Team Championships

#### **2023 WATC UAE**

➤ Meeting was provided an update on the operational planning and the outcomes of the recent site visit to the Abu Dhabi Golf Club.

## **Long Term Direction of WATC**

The Board discussed the long-term delivery of the WATC and the development of a strategy that would ensure the financing, resourcing and broadcasting of the championships with the aim of creating financial independence of the staging of the championships. The R&A and USGA stated their continued commitment to financing and resourcing the WATC into the future.

#### Medical

# Transgender and Athletes with Differences of Sex Development (DSD)

The Board was provided a summary of the regulations announced by other International Federations for the eligibility of Transgender and DSD athletes to compete in the female category at international events. The Board directed the IGF working group to continue with its development of a policy for golf and once finalised to submit this to the Board for approval.