

IGF BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting	IGF Board Meeting
Place	Virtually
Date	13 December 2023
Time	07:00 (CST); 08:00 (EST); 13:00 (BST); 14:00 (CET); 22:00 (JST)

The IGF Board of Directors met virtually on 13 December 2023 with the following matters being discussed.

Finance

Budget for 2024

- The Board received and approved the budget for 2024 as presented by the IGF Executive Director.

Auditors for 2024

- The Board appointed Mazars as auditors for the 2024 financial accounts.

Paris 2024 Olympic Games

French Golf Federation (FFG) Support

- Executive Director discussed the FFGs great support of the Olympic Games and the FFG President's own commitment and involvement towards the success of the Games.

Operational Planning

- It was reported that operational planning has reached a critical point with the delivery of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games and the impacts this is having on venue operational planning and service delivery for athletes.

World Amateur Team Championships

2023 UAE World Amateur Team Championships

- Successfully held from 16-28 October 2023 at the Abu Dhabi Golf Course, UAE.
- The first edition of the reduced field size of 36 teams per championships.
- The 29th Espirito Santo Championship, was won by Korea, whilst United States of America were victors in the 43rd Eisenhower Trophy.
- The IGF acknowledges and thanks the Emirates Golf Federation, the USGA and the R&A for providing resources and financial support to the delivery of the WATC and their contribution to the Championships' success.

2029 WATC Bid Process

- Process currently undergoing review and will be presented to Administrative Committee for approval.
- Notice will be sent to membership for expressions of interest in first quarter 2025.
- Host country will be confirmed at 2025 WATC Biennial meeting

2023

Administrative Committee and Biennial Meetings

- Both the IGF Administrative Committee and Biennial meetings were held in a hybrid format on 22nd and 23rd October 2023, respectively, during the UAE 2023 World Amateur Team Championships

Women's Chair

- The current Women's Chair, Ms Claudia Garduño, was appointed to her position by the Administrative Committee at the 2018 biennial meeting and her mandate would normally end at the conclusion of the biennial World Amateur Team Championships held in 2024.
- With the timing of the of these championships now being held in 2025 and the fact the Administrative Committee passed a motion to extend the appointment of Ms Claudia Garduño (FMG) as the as IGF Women's Chair until the conclusion of the 2025 World Amateur Team Championships

2023 Board Appointments

- Ms Claudia Garduño (FMG) as IGF Women's Chair remains as a Board member representing Administrative Committee
- Administrative Committee has reappointed Ms Nobuko Hirayama (JGA) as the Administrative Committee representative.

2024-2025 Administrative Committee

- The National Federation Members for each zone who have the right to appoint members of the Administrative Committee. Are as follows:
 - Asia Pacific Zone – Australia, China, Japan, Korea and India
 - American Zone – Argentina, Canada, Chile and Puerto Rico
 - European Africa Zone – Iceland, Netherlands, Spain and South Africa.

LA 2028 Olympic & Paralympic Games

Event Delivery

- Discussions continue with LA 2028 to engage the IGF and its membership into the delivery of both the competition and sports services as well as the outside the ropes event delivery.

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- The proposal document that was initially prepared for Paris 2024 has been provided to LA2028 and a meeting will be held during the Genesis Invitational with LA2028 to progress this proposal further.

Determination of Programme of Sports Events

- The Board approved the proposal for a mixed team event and the individual strokeplay events be submitted to the IOC and LA 2028 Organising Committee for the golf sport events for these Olympic Games.
- The programme of events and athlete quotas will be finalised after the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

2026 Dakar Youth Olympic Games

- IGF Executive Director visited the Golf de Saly golf course to assess its appropriateness to stage the Games.
- The IOC has now postponed the finalisation of the Dakar 2026 programme, venues and budget until the second quarter of 2024.

Ukraine

- The Executive Director met with the Ukraine Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation, Her Excellency, Iryna Venediktova, on 14 November 2023. The Ambassador expressed her government's thanks for the support the IGF has given their athletes and the Ukrainian Golf Federation (UGF) but respectfully asked for the IGF Board to reconsider its current position towards allowing Russian and Belarussian athletes to compete.
- The IOC Executive Board (EB) recently decided that Individual Neutral Athletes (AINs) who have qualified will be eligible to compete at the Olympic Games Paris 2024 in accordance with the strict eligibility conditions issued by the IOC EB on 28 March 2023 for International Federations and international sports event organisers.
- There are no Individual Neutral Athletes who will qualify for the golf events and only 11 Individual Neutral Athletes (eight with a Russian passport plus three with a Belarussian passport).

Golfers with Disabilities

Classification Code:

- The IGF has commenced work with the legal firm, Bird & Bird, to re-write the IGF's Classification Code and ensure compliance with the IPC code, which is essential for inclusion in the Paralympic Games programme. The IGF will lead this process, via a detailed project plan and issue tracker. Experts will be asked to contribute, as required.

**WADA Code
Compliance**

- WADA confirmed IGFs compliance with the Anti-Doping Code, which fulfils the IOCs requirement for participation at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games
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