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## Foreword

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### THE OLYMPIC GOLF COMPETITION OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD

Published by the International Golf Federation (“**IGF**”) in accordance with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), these IGF Olympic Golf Regulations and Technical Requirements (the “**Regulations**”) cover the 2028 Olympic Golf Competition in Los Angeles, United States of America.

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# 1 THE OLYMPIC GOLF COMPETITION

## 1.1 Date

The Olympic golf competition will be held in Los Angeles, United States of America, from Wednesday 19 July to Saturday 22 July 2028 (Men's Individual event), Sunday 23 July and Monday 24 July 2028 (Mixed Team event) and Wednesday 26 July to Saturday 29 July 2028 (Women's Individual event) (the "**Olympic Golf Competition**").

The Opening Ceremony of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games (the "**Olympic Games**") will take place on Friday 14 July 2028 and the Closing Ceremony will be held on Sunday 30 July 2028.

## 1.2 Venue

The competition will be held at the LA28 Olympic Golf Course (the "**Olympic Golf Course**") at Riviera Country Club (RIV). The course will play as a par-71. Opened in 1927, the course was designed by George C. Thomas.

Hosting venue of the Genesis Invitational on the PGA TOUR since 1973, Riviera Country Club hosted major events such as the U.S. Open, PGA Championship, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Senior Open and the NCAA Championships. In 2026, the US Women's Open and in 2031, the US Open will take place at RIV.

## 1.3 Event Format

### 1.3.1 Individual Stroke Play event format

The men's and women's 72-hole individual stroke play events consist of four rounds scheduled over four (4) 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 two athletes.

For rounds 1 and 2, groupings will be published two 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 (lowest cumulative scores) teeing off last. The lowest finishers at the end of such rounds will be grouped together. The remainder of the field will likewise be grouped in a similar sequence.

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 the designate person. The IGF Policy on Ties and Play-offs may be found in Appendix [6.7](#).

Subject to the IGF Bad Weather Guidelines, found in Appendix 6.7, all Athletes will play all four rounds (i.e., there will be no reduction of the field/cut).

### 1.3.2 Mixed Team event format

The Mixed Team event will be contested over 36 holes (2 rounds) with the first round played as four-ball (best ball) followed by the second round as foursomes (alternate shot). There will be a maximum of one team per country, with teams comprised of one male and one female from the same National Olympic Committee (NOC).

For all rounds, the intention is to play in groups of two teams, with four athletes in each group.

For round 1, groupings will be published two days before competition start. For round 2, groupings will be done according to cumulative score at the end of round 1, with the leading mixed teams (lowest cumulative scores) teeing off last and being grouped together. The remainder of the field will likewise be grouped in a similar sequence.

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 the designate person. The IGF Policy on Ties and Play-offs may be found in Appendix [6.7](#).

Subject to the IGF Bad Weather Guidelines, found in Appendix 6.7, all Teams will play all two rounds (i.e., there will be no reduction of the field/cut).

### 1.3.3 Starting Time Format

The starting time format for each group of the Men's and Women's Individual Stroke Play events and Mixed-Team event will be as follows: depending on the final competition schedule and pending consultation from the Olympic Broadcasting Services, groups will start either from the first tee only, or from both the first tee and tenth tee. Such determination will be made well in advance of the Olympic Games. However, due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, play could be in groups of two or three athletes/teams and/or starting on the first and tenth tees for any or all of the competition rounds for the Individual Stroke Play and Mixed-Team events.

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 the designated person. The IGF Policy on Ties and Play-offs may be found in Appendix [6.7](#).

## 1.4 Golf Course Homologation and Conditioning Standards

### 1.4.1 Definition

Homologation represents an evaluation and certification process that is designed to guide the Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (OCOG) and the Venue Owner through the development (if applicable) and upgrading of the golf competition course selected to host the Olympic Golf competition. IGF's technical requirements and course conditioning standards match the field of play (FOP) conditions of major tournament venues and elite venues at prominent professional golf tours and must be implemented. The course can be considered "homologated" only after it meets these standards. This process offers a collaborative platform for the IGF, the OCOG and the Venue Owner to fulfil their respective obligations with the common objective of delivering the best playing conditions possible to showcase the world's best athletes.

IGF detailed agronomy and maintenance requirements are found in [IGF Course Conditioning Standards](#). It is recommended that these standards are part of the Venue Use Agreement between the OCOG and the Venue Owner.

### 1.4.2 Core Principles and Roles and Responsibilities

- The IGF is responsible for the execution of the Homologation process. This includes the appointment of the IGF Agronomist who will oversee the project progress and report on the progress of Homologation and course preparation under the leadership of the IGF Executive Director and IGF Technical Delegate. The IGF Agronomist will be the Venue Owner's counterpart for all matters related to course maintenance and agronomy.

- The IGF is responsible for the final acceptance of the course for it to be homologated to host the Olympic Golf competition. Final acceptance/sign-off occurs shortly before the first official training day. The exact date is confirmed by the IGF during the Homologation process.
- Full collaboration from the venue Superintendent is essential throughout the process. Superintendent participation during the IGF Agronomist's site visits and regular online meetings/calls and overall implication in the project are of utmost importance to collaboratively assess the progress of the course and tracking of any actions to be undertaken (see typical list of actions below)
- As per the Venue Use Agreement (VUA), the Venue Owner will allocate the required materials, maintenance equipment and human resources available on site to implement the IGF technical requirements and the specific pre-Games Agronomy & Maintenance Plan and Maintenance Staff Plan agreed upon with the IGF Agronomist following the first Homologation/site visit (*see example [Agronomy Plan](#), [Daily Assignment Plan](#), and [Daily Scheduling Plan](#) developed for Paris 2024 Olympic Games*). Due to the event's duration (two weeks of consecutive competition) and high standard conditioning expected, additional materials, maintenance equipment and human resources will need to be in place before and during the event. The specific additional materials, equipment and support staff, as well as the dates they will be needed will be determined by the IGF Agronomist during the Homologation process. Any additional costs related to additional materials, equipment and/or staff are the responsibility of the OCOG.

#### 1.4.3 IGF Agronomist Homologation Visits

The IGF Agronomist will make a number of Homologation visits as part of the Homologation process. An estimation of when and how many visits will be made can be found below. For each Games edition, the total number of foreseen visits will need to be discussed and agreed between the IGF and the OCOG after the 1st Homologation visit. IGF Agronomist's travel costs (airfare, hotel, meals, etc) are to be covered by the OCOG and are to be considered outside of the IF Travel Policy issued by the OCOG.

G-48 to G-36: minimum of 2 visits

G-36 to G-24: minimum of 3 visits

G-24 to G-12: minimum of 3 visits

G-12 to G-1: 4 visits (depending on Test Event Schedule)

#### 1.4.4 Homologation Agronomy Reports & Follow-up Actions

The IGF will provide Homologation Agronomy Reports on the progress of the FOP, practice areas, maintenance equipment and maintenance staff and the potential for the course to meet the IGF requirements to be approved for use in the Olympic Games following each Homologation visit.

Homologation Agronomy Reports will include a number of follow-up actions and it is expected that the OCOG and the Venue Owner implement these in line with the established timelines. Delays in progress that could impact the homologation of the course will be escalated to the IOC.

Examples of typical actions to the FOP and practice areas requested by the IGF Agronomist to be undertaken by the Venue Owner are found below:

- Creation of new/additional tees as per IGF Competitions Committee's request
- Levelling and enlargement of some of the tees, including the practice tee
- Lengthening of fairway towards tees
- Review of the practice tees' size and configuration
- Scheduling of (additional) standard core aeration(s) / micro-tine aeration(s) / deep-tine aeration(s) for putting greens
- Aerifying and sand topdressing of designated tee and fairway areas
- Modification of annual agronomy plan to achieve preventive disease and pest control on greens, tees and fairways
- Adjustment of tee and fairway mowing line on certain holes

- Expansion of closely mown area in designated areas (e.g. around practice chipping green)
- Increase of reservoir storage capacity
- Tree pruning and/or removal in critical locations
- Etc.

#### 1.4.5 Pre-Games and Games-time Maintenance Staff

- The number of venue maintenance staff already present at the site and the pre-Games and Games-time Maintenance Plans are used to determine the need for additional staff in the lead up to and during Games-time.
- After the 1st Homologation visit and depending on the initial estimated scope of work and permanent venue maintenance staffing numbers allocated to the Olympic Golf competition preparation, additional maintenance staff may be needed 3-6 months before the Games or earlier based on the local context and needs. The related-costs (e.g. salaries and potentially other contextual/logistical expenses such as accommodation) are the responsibility of the OCOG. See [IGF Course Conditioning Standards](#) detailing IGF agronomy and maintenance requirements.
- To accomplish the Games-time Maintenance Plan, the existing venue maintenance staff will need to be increased by approx. 40 to 70 additional support maintenance staff for a duration of approx. 2 to 4 weeks, to be confirmed depending on the local context. This additional staff is typically recruited from other golf clubs who agree to secondee one or more of their staff for the Olympic Golf competition without any financial remuneration. However great attention needs to be given to this essential group in terms of service provisions and proper budget allocated by the OCOG (e.g. accommodation, transportation, food and beverage, uniform, on-venue Maintenance Staff Briefing Area, etc). It needs to be noted that rotations among some of the additional staff may be needed (eg, some individuals doing the 1st week only and being replaced by other individuals for the 2nd week of competition). See [IGF Course Conditioning Standards](#) detailing IGF agronomy and maintenance requirements.
- The total number of maintenance staff for Games time (existing + additional staff) is generally between 70/80 and 90/100 staff depending on the local context.

#### 1.4.6 Maintenance Equipment

The venue maintenance equipment inventory already present at the site and the pre-Games and Games-time Maintenance Plans are used to determine the need for additional maintenance equipment during final course preparations and Games time (See [IGF Course Conditioning Standards](#)).

“Maintenance Equipment” is made up of competition supplies (such as marking paint), maintenance hand tools (such as bunker rakes) and heavy-duty maintenance equipment (such as mowers). For further details see [IGF Sport Equipment List](#).

Information related to Golf Course Preparation & Set-Up Philosophy may be found in the IGF Policy in Appendix [6.7](#).

#### 1.4.7 Summary of Homologation Process and Maintenance related costs

1. **Homologation visits:** IGF Agronomist’s travel costs to be covered by the OCOG based on the number of visits and terms agreed between the IGF and the OCOG.
2. **Pre-Games extra maintenance staff:** additional staff may be needed to reinforce the existing staff for a duration to be determined between the IGF, the OCOG and the venue owner based on the pre-Games Maintenance Plan to be implemented; for instance for the Paris 2024 Olympic golf competition at Le Golf National, 10 extra greenkeepers were hired for 4.5 months which included Games time. Their salaries were paid by Paris 2024 Organising Committee.

3. **Games-time maintenance staff:** as mentioned under section 1.4.5, approx. 40 to 70 additional support maintenance staff for a duration of approx. 2 to 4 weeks will be required to reach a total of approx. 80 to 100 maintenance staff members. Costs related to travel to the host city, daily transportation to/from the venue and accommodation for the additional 40 to 70 additional Games-time maintenance staff need to be covered by the OCOG as well as the accreditations, daily meals and uniforms for all 80 to 100 staff. Depending on the local context, accommodation may also need to be provided to some of the club's existing staff members. A Maintenance Staff Briefing Area, which normally is a temporary structure/overlay, and related FF&E meeting IGF specifications needs to be scoped and covered by the OCOG (*for further details see [IGF Course Conditioning Standards](#)*).
4. **Hand tools maintenance equipment** (such as bunker rakes): most of this is usually already available at the venue and part of the equipment inventory listed in the VUA but additional items may be needed and therefore added to the Sport Equipment List and related costs covered by the OCOG.
5. **Heavy-duty maintenance equipment** (such as mowers): in addition to the equipment inventory already available at the venue and included in the VUA, additional heavy-duty maintenance equipment is required to achieve the Games-time scope; this additional heavy-duty maintenance equipment is often acquired through a special agreement between the OCOG or the venue owner and the manufacturer, either with the current venue equipment provider or another reputable brand and its terms confirmed in the VUA. The equipment to be procured must be approved by the IGF Agronomist.

#### 1.4.8 Practice Facilities

Practice facilities (driving range and practice chipping, putting greens and bunkers) will be available for practice and warm-up at the 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 Sport 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 (Golf Specific Application of the Guidelines – *to be released*).

**Equipment Technicians (ET)** will be on-site to provide services to athletes as per standard practice. An appropriate location, easily accessible from the Driving Range and/or Locker Rooms, will be allocated to ET trailers. Venue designs should accommodate the footprints of approximately six to seven large trucks from the outset.

Further information on Athlete Equipment may be found in the IGF Policy in Appendix [6.7](#).

#### Golf Balls

The IGF and the Organising Committee will secure practice range golf balls from golf manufacturers in accordance with normal allocations for elite professional championships.

#### Yardage books, Metres books

Yardage books and Metres books will be produced by the IGF using an IGF-recommended surveyor. Books produced by the IGF and marked as "IGF Rules Committee Approved" will be the only permitted yardage books and metres books for the competition. Books will be provided to all athletes and caddies, as well as other constituents deemed appropriate (e.g., OBS, Team Leaders). For clarity, any yardage or metres books previously used for the Olympic Golf Course for competitions other than the Olympic Games will not be permitted.

#### 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, providing timely information on factors which may affect practice and competition. The meteorologist will have extensive experience in golf and will be approved by the IGF. The meteorologist's expertise is of utmost importance for the Field of Play in terms of course set-up and agronomy and provides the IF and OCOG venue teams with important information regarding safety. Golf also requires a specific Weather Action Plan due to the large size of the venue and the additional time required to move the different populations to a safe location during dangerous weather. This plan plays a central role in mitigating the risks associated with lightning and inclement weather.

The meteorologist will:

- provide an on-site weather station to record wind speed, wind direction, temperature, dewpoint, precipitation.
- produce twice-daily forecasts/reports + weather alerts as required beginning no later than on Opening Ceremony Day or earlier as required.
- provide daily staff briefings for competition management, golf course maintenance management and venue management regarding current and forecast weather conditions.
- continuously monitor weather conditions at the venue and alert competition and venue management to approaching hazardous weather.

The IGF will develop a Weather Action Plan outlining the following activities and procedures:

- Definition of course evacuation procedures.
- Provision of course evacuation instructions to all relevant parties (ITOs, Athletes, Team Leaders, OCOG Sport and Venue teams, etc)
- Practice of Field of Play evacuation scenarios to ensure the staff is prepared.
- Strategic placement of evacuation vehicles and/or golf carts across the golf course to evacuate athletes, caddies and their golf bags.
- Definition of the process to load weather messages into the ORIS database to be displayed on electronic scoreboards.

See [Meteorologist Scope of Services and IGF Weather Action Plan](#) for further information.

## 1.7 Medal Ceremonies

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

## 2 ATHLETES

### 2.1 Eligibility to Compete and Conditions of Competing

To compete in the Olympic Games, all athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to, Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions), including the conditions of participation established by the IOC.

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games, athletes must also comply with the following criteria:

- Be listed by name on the Olympic Golf Rankings as of the 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women or listed by name on the IGF Reallocation Reserve Lists.
- Be in good standing with their National Federation and the IGF.
- Be recognised or hold a valid license issued by his/her National Federation.

An Athlete must agree that the he/she will:

- i) Respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times.
- ii) Accept 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 LA28 Olympic Games.
- iii) Agree to abide by the IGF rules and regulations, including the IGF Anti-Doping Rules, to undergo any in and out-of-competition doping control tests before or during the event and, as part of the IGF Olympic anti-doping programme, to agree to the Athlete's personal information being processed in the World Anti-Doping Agency's Anti-Doping Administration and Management System (ADAMS) as outlined in the IGF Anti-Doping Privacy Notice – *to be released*.

All Athletes shall:

- i) Arrange with their 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 (see Appendix 6.1).

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 enter on the condition of any financial consideration, 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 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 Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter.

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

## 2.3 Maximum Number of Athletes per National Olympic Committee

	Men's Individual Stroke Play	Women's individual Stroke Play	Total
<b>QUOTA per NOC</b>	4	4	8
<b>Event Specific Quota</b>	Maximum 4 athletes per event as long as said athletes are ranked within Olympic Golf Ranking (OGR) top-15. Otherwise, maximum 2 per athletes per event.	Maximum 4 athletes per event as long as said athletes are ranked within Olympic Golf Ranking (OGR) top-15. Otherwise, maximum 2 per athletes per event.	

## 2.4 Qualification Timeline

Period	Date	Milestone
<b>Qualification</b>	8 June 2026	Women's OGR Qualification Period Starts
	22 June 2026	Men's OGR Qualification Period Starts
	5 June 2028**	Women's end of OGR Qualification Period
	19 June 2028*	Men's end of OGR Qualification Period
<b>Inform and confirm</b>	19 June 2028	OMTR established by ordering the highest ranked athlete by NOC from either the Men's OGR or Women's OGR
	6 June 2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's Final OGR published &amp; IGF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places for the Women's Individual Stroke Play Event.</li> <li>Reserve list for Women's Individual Stroke Play event published.</li> </ul>
	20 June 2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Final OGR published &amp; IGF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places for the Men's Individual Stroke Play Event.</li> <li>OMTR published and IGF to inform eligible NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota place for the Mixed Team event.</li> <li>Reserve list for Men's Individual Stroke Play event published.</li> </ul>

<b>Confirmation and reallocation</b>	<b>22 June 2028 17:00 US Eastern Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places for Individual Stroke Play events to IGF.</li> <li>• Eligible NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota place for the Mixed Team event to IGF.</li> </ul>
	<b>From 22 June 2028 17:01 US Eastern Time to 24 June 2028 17:00 US Eastern Time</b>	IGF to reallocate all unused quota places for Individual Stroke Play events and for the Mixed Team event
<b>Sport Entries deadline</b>	<b>26 June 2028</b>	<b>LA28 sport entries deadline</b>
<b>Games Time</b>	<b>14-30 July 2028</b>	<b>LA28 Olympic Games</b>
<b>Confirmation and reallocation</b>	<b>18 July 2028</b>	End of reallocation for Men's competition.
<b>Competition</b>	<b>19 – 22 July 2028</b>	<b>Men's Individual Stroke Play</b>
<b>Confirmation and reallocation</b>	<b>21 July 2028</b>	Eligible NOCs to confirm names of athletes for mixed event no later than two hours after the conclusion of the Men's Individual Stroke Play – Round 3 – on 21 July 2028.
	<b>22 July 2028</b>	End of reallocation for the Mixed Team Event.
<b>Competition</b>	<b>23 – 24 July 2028</b>	<b>Mixed Team Event</b>
<b>Confirmation and reallocation</b>	<b>25 July 2028</b>	End of reallocation for the women's competition.
<b>Competition</b>	<b>26 – 29 July 2028</b>	<b>Women's Individual Stroke Play</b>

\* or upon completion of all qualifying events that were scheduled to be completed on 18 June 2028 but were delayed due to weather or other circumstances providing such events are completed no later than 19 June 2028.

\*\* or upon completion of all qualifying events that were scheduled to be completed on 4 June 2028 but were delayed due to weather or other circumstances providing such events are completed not later than 5 June 2028.

The Qualification System for the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad may be found in Appendix [6.8](#).

## 2.5 Entries

6 June 2028: IGF to send Athlete Nomination Form to NOCs/NFs to inform them of their allocated quota places for the Women's Individual event.

20 June 2028:

- IGF to send Athlete Nomination Form to NOCs/NFs to inform them of their allocated quota places for the Men's Individual event.
- IGF to send Team Nomination Form to eligible NOCs/NFs qualified for the Mixed-Team event (NOCs requested to confirm they are accepting the quota place, team composition/athlete names requested at a later stage)

By 22 June 2028 17:00 US Eastern Time: NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places through return of Athlete Nomination Forms for both Men's and Women's Individual events and Team Nomination Form where applicable, to IGF.

## 2.6 Caddies

All Athletes in the Olympic Games shall employ caddies for all practice and competition rounds in accordance with Section 6.7 (“Caddies”). Caddies are not required to be of the same nationality as the Athletes they are employed by. Payment of an Athlete’s Caddie is the sole responsibility of the Athlete, and the Caddie shall be paid promptly. The IGF assumes no responsibility for the payment of the Caddies. The fee is to be resolved prior to the Olympic Golf 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 Regulations and its appendices.

## 3 THE COMPETITION

### 3.1 Total Quota Places

	MEN	WOMEN	
	Men’s Individual Stroke Play	Women’s individual Stroke Play	
			Total
QUOTA	59	59	118
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	1	1	2
UNIVERSALITY PLACES	0*	0*	0*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>120</b>

*\*Note: No Universality place will be allocated to the LA28 Olympic golf competition. 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 individual competitions respectively, if not automatically qualified through the Olympic Golf Ranking (OGR) process described below. The continental places will be allocated to the highest ranked athlete(s) on the OGR from the continent(s) without representation (continental places).*

**No additional quota places will be allocated for the Mixed Team event. The 16 men and 16 women (32 athletes) making up the 16 teams will be qualified for the Individual Stroke Play events.**

## 3.2 Qualification pathway

### Qualification for Men's and Women's Individual Stroke Play events:

#### Olympic Golf Rankings of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women

Athletes will first be selected by name within the highest (top)-15 on the OGR as of 19 June 2028, for men and 5 June 2028 for women (following the conclusion of all eligible OGR 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 OGR as of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women (following the conclusion of all eligible OGR events in the week immediately preceding), up to a maximum of two (2) Athletes per NOC, including those Athletes within the highest (top)-15, until the number of 59 Athletes is reached, including continental places.

Each of the five (5) continents of the Olympic Movement (the "**Continental Places**") 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. The Continental Places will be allocated to the highest-ranked Athlete(s) on the Olympic Golf Rankings from the continent(s) without representation.

In all cases, the number of Athletes per NOC shall not exceed the number specified under section 2.3.

In the event of ties within the OGR at the end of the qualification period that have a material impact on determining the field of the men's and/or women's individual stroke play competitions, 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 19 June 2028 for the men and Monday 5 June 2028 for the women.
- Total Official World Golf Ranking points earned in the most recent 13-week period, ending with the Olympic Golf Ranking as of Monday 19 June 2028 for the men and Monday 5 June 2028 for the women

The host country will be allocated at least two (2) quota places, one (1) for men and one (1) for women athletes, only if it does not qualify any Athlete through the OGR of 19 June for men and 5 June 2028 for women.

The Athlete selected by name shall be the highest-ranked Athlete from the Host Country listed on the OGR. In the event there is no Athlete from the Host Country listed on the OGR, the IGF will, in collaboration with the Host Country NOC, identify the Athlete(s) to represent the Host Country.

Should the host country place not be required as granted already through qualification quota places, the place would be allocated to the highest ranked eligible athlete by name on the OGR of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women not already qualified and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event.

### Qualification for the Mixed Team event:

The Mixed Team event will be comprised of 16 men and 16 women (32 athletes) making up the 16 teams: 15 men and 15 women qualified for the Individual Stroke Play events through the OGR and 1 man and 1 woman getting the host country place if applicable. All 32 athletes must have been entered for the Men's and Women's Individual Stroke Play events by their NOCs to be able to compete in the Mixed Team event.

NOCs that qualify for the Men's and Women's Individual Stroke Play events, as detailed above, will be ranked using the Olympic Mixed Team Event Ranking (OMTR) established on 19 June 2028 and determined by ordering the highest ranked athlete by NOC from either the Men's final OGR or Women's final OGR to define the (16) sixteen team qualifiers for the Olympic Mixed Team competition. Once

qualified, the NOC may enter one male athlete and one female athlete from among their athletes entered for the Men's and Women's Individual Stroke Play events to comprise one mixed team.

In the event of a tie for the 16th position, ties will be broken by the athlete's Official World Golf Ranking as of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women.

The host country NOC will be allocated a place for one (1) team made of 1 male and 1 female athlete qualified for the Individual Stroke Play events through qualification quota places or host country place.

### **3.3 Should the host country place not be required as granted already through the Olympic Mixed Team Event Rankings (OMTR), the place would be allocated to the next eligible NOC listed on the OMTR of 19 June 2028. Withdrawals**

For Athlete withdrawals during the qualification period, 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 Ranking (OGR). The Athlete would thereby not be eligible to compete in the Olympic Games.

For any Athlete withdrawal occurring after the sports entries deadline of 26 June 2028, the respective NOC must notify IGF Entries at [golfentries@igfmail.org](mailto:golfentries@igfmail.org) and provide the reason in writing; the Athlete is also expected to notify the IGF Executive Director in writing of the withdrawal and its reason. The Athlete will subsequently be removed from the final OGR/field.

Depending on the specific situation, if the Athlete's NOC has qualified for the Mixed Team event, the withdrawal may result in the Team being withdrawn from the final Olympic Mixed Team Ranking (OMTR)/field.

The reallocation process will be activated up until the time of the Technical Meeting for the event(s) from which the withdrawal occurs as per the *Qualification System for the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad* found in Appendix [6.8](#).

For any withdrawal during competition, please refer to the IGF Policy *Athlete Withdrawal during Competition* in Appendix [6.7](#).

## 4 TECHNICAL ORGANISATION

### 4.1 Management

The Olympic Golf Competition shall be under the direction and control of the IGF and in co-operation with the Organising Committee.

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 Competition.
- 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, Caddie, Official or Participant, who IGF determines does not maintain at all times the high ideals of the sport of golf (the “**Sport**”) and/or the Olympic Golf 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 IGF Technical Delegate shall include:

- i) Acting on behalf of the IGF, to oversee the technical control and direction of golf in the Olympic Games.
- ii) Reporting to the IGF Executive Director and/or the IGF Olympic Golf Competitions Committee on all matters relating to the staging and operation of the Olympic Golf Competition.
- iii) Confirming the list of Entries.

The Chief Referee shall be responsible for all rules matters during the Olympic Golf Competition.

IGF International Technical Officials (“**ITOs**”) are appointed by the IGF to decide questions of fact and apply the Rules of Golf. An ITO 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 (NTO):** National Technical Officials (“**NTOs**”) are selected to perform a scoring role. They are nominated by the United States Golf Association (USGA), in consultation with LA28 Organising Committee and are approved by the IGF. NTOs should have successfully completed the R&A Rules Education Programme Level 1 Rules Seminar or its USGA equivalent, have good English language skills (e.g. C1 proficiency (with or without certificate)) based on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), have participated in a substantial number of national events, and at least two PGA Tour, DP World Tour, LPGA, and/or LET events.

NTO service level provision is the responsibility of the Organising Committee. The allocation of NTOs to their specific roles as well as their training remains the responsibility of the appointed Timing and Scoring provider, with the approval of the IGF.

## 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 Terms 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 Olympic Golf Competition or any terms of Olympic Golf Competition, regulations or other rules, by-laws, directions or instructions as specified by the IGF shall be referred to the IGF 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 IGF Technical Delegate or Chief Referee for decision, as appropriate.

### Anti-Doping

Doping control tests shall be conducted at the Olympic Golf Competition by the International Olympic Committee ("IOC") or by the International Testing Agency ("ITA") on its behalf, according to IOC rules and in conjunction with the IGF and the Organising Committee. 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 IGF to cover the men's and women's individual events and the mixed team event:

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

The duties of all officials are outlined in the IGF Delivery Plan for the Olympic Games.

## 4.3 Conduct of Play

### Schedule of Play

The proposed schedule of play is given in Appendix [6.3](#), and is subject to confirmation by the Chief Referee.

### Official Scoring Record

The scorecard is the only official scoring record.

Scorecards 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 scorecard. A results terminal will be available for the Official Scorer to compare the scores on the scorecards 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 scorecards 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 Olympic Golf Competition**

The IGF Policies for Olympic Golf 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/mixed team finishers in each of the three Olympic golf events based on cumulative score after the completion of the event as listed below. Any ties for the first, second or third place finishers will be determined by play-off(s) 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 (there will be no play-off for these positions).

As stated in the Olympic Charter, by-law to Rule 46, 1.2, it is the responsibility of the International Federation ("IF") 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 the Appendices to the Regulations shall be binding on all concerned. The IGF Executive Director may supersede these Regulations in extraordinary conditions and delegate enforcement of the IGF Executive Director's decisions in these circumstances to the Chief Referee and IGF Technical Delegate on site.

### **5.2 Amendment of the Regulations**

These Regulations and the Appendices to the Regulations may be amended by the IGF in its discretion.

## **COMMITTEES AND PERSONNEL**

### **IGF Executive Director**

Antony Scanlon

### **IGF Technical Director**

Billy Schroder

### **IGF Olympic Games Competitions Committee**

Billy Schroder (Technical Delegate)

Tyler Dennis (2<sup>nd</sup> Technical Delegate)

Johnnie Cole-Hamilton

Stephen Cox

Heather Daly-Donofrio

Steve Ethun

David Garland

Kerry Haigh

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Thomas Pagel

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## 6 APPENDICES

### 6.1 Extract from By-Law to Rules 27 & 28 of the Olympic Charter

Rule 27 - Mission and role of the NOCs & Rule 28 - Composition of the NOCs

*The NOCs perform the following tasks:*

2.1

*They constitute, organise and lead their respective delegations at the Olympic Games and at the regional, continental or world multisports competitions patronised by the IOC. They decide upon the entry of athletes proposed by their respective national federations. Such selection shall be based not only on the sports performance of an athlete, but also on his ability to serve as an example to the sporting youth of his country. The NOCs must ensure that the entries proposed by the national federations comply in all respects with the provisions of the Olympic Charter.*

2.2

*They provide for the equipment, transport and accommodation of the members of their delegations. They contract for the latter's benefit adequate insurance covering the risks of death, disability, illness, medical and pharmaceutical expenses and third-party liability. They are responsible for the behaviour of the members of their delegations.*

2.3

*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.*

### 6.2 By-Law to Rule 40 of the Olympic Charter

By-Law 3 to Rule 40 - Participation in the Olympic Games

*Competitors, team officials and other team personnel who participate in the Olympic Games may allow their person, name, picture or sports performances to be used for advertising purposes during the Olympic Games in accordance with the principles determined by the IOC Executive Board.*

*Please refer to the guidelines issued by the IOC - Rule 40 Key Principles (to be released) - Guidelines regarding advertising during the Games LA28. This document sets out the Key Principles of use of Participants' Images for Advertising that are applicable to the LA28 Olympic Games, further to Bye-law 3 to Rule 40 of the Olympic Charter. It seeks to clarify what is possible during the Games Period and put Participants in a better position to work with their sponsors, in a manner consistent with their rights and responsibilities under the Athletes' Declaration and the Olympic Charter.*

*These Principles apply during the Games Period, meaning the period from the date of opening of the LA28 Olympic Village until the date two days after the LA28 Closing Ceremony inclusive (i.e. 6 July 2028 until 1 August 2028 inclusive - TBC). These Principles apply to competitors, team members, coaches, trainers and officials who are participating in LA28, who are referred to collectively in these guidelines as Participants.*

### 6.3 Proposed Schedule of Play

The proposed schedules of play for the men's and women's individual stroke play events and mixed-team event are as follows (all times are approximate and shown in Los Angeles local time during Games-time):

Men's and Women's Individual Stroke Play Competitions			
	First Tee Time	Last Tee Time	Finish
Rounds 1,2,3,4	9.00 a.m.	2.05 p.m.	6.00 p.m.
Mixed-Team event			
	First Tee Time	Last Tee Time	Finish
Round 1	10.00 a.m.	11.45 a.m.	5.00 p.m.
Round 2	8.00 a.m.	9.24 a.m.	1.30 p.m.

### 6.4 IGF Code of Ethics

#### OBJECTIVE OF THE CODE

The IGF undertakes to adopt, for its internal activities, a code of ethics based on the principles and rules of the IOC Code of Ethics. Within the framework of IGF's activities, the Participants undertake to respect and ensure respect of the IGF Code of Ethics as outlined. The Participants shall be bound by and shall comply with all the provisions of this code (the "Code") and restate their commitment to the IGF Constitution.

#### DEFINITIONS

"Participants" refers to the IGF and its members or representatives, the IGF officials and any persons or organisation belonging in any capacity whatsoever to the IGF or to one of its affiliated members, the Organising Committee of the IGF Events and Competitions, Tournament Support Personnel, IGF employees and volunteers, Athletes and Athletes Support Personnel at the IGF Events and Competitions, and members of the IGF Board.

"Tournament Support Personnel" refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, volunteer, referee, technical official, and any of their respective agents, delegates, commissioners, or contractors, and any similarly situated person at an IGF Event or Competition and any other person who receives accreditation for an IGF Event or Competition at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.

#### **A FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES**

##### Article 1

Respect for the universal fundamental ethical principles is the foundation of Olympism.

These include:

1.1 Respect for the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play;

1.2 Respect of the principle of the universality and political neutrality of the Olympic Movement;

1.3 Maintaining harmonious relations with state authorities, while respecting the principle of autonomy as set out in the Olympic Charter;

1.4 Respect for international conventions on protecting human rights insofar as they apply to the IGF activities and any IGF Event or Competition and which ensure in particular:

– respect for human dignity;

- rejection of discrimination of any kind on whatever grounds, be it race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status;
- rejection of all forms of harassment and abuse, be it physical, professional or sexual, and any physical or mental injuries;

1.5 Ensuring the Participants' conditions of safety, well-being and medical care favourable to their physical and mental equilibrium.

## **B INTEGRITY OF CONDUCT**

### Article 2

The Participants must use due care and diligence in fulfilling their mission. At all times, they must act with the highest degree of integrity, and particularly when taking decisions, they must act with impartiality, objectivity, independence and professionalism.

The Participants must refrain from any act involving fraud or corruption. They must not act in a manner likely to tarnish the reputation of the IGF and of the Olympic Movement.

### Article 3

The Participants must not, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any form of remuneration or commission, nor any concealed benefit or service of any nature, connected with any IGF Event or Competition.

### Article 4

Only tokens of consideration or friendship of nominal value, in accordance with prevailing local customs, may be given or accepted by the Participants. Such tokens may not lead to the impartiality and integrity of the Participants being called into question.

Any other form of token, object or benefit constitutes a gift which may not be accepted, but must be passed on to the organisation of which the beneficiary is a member.

Notwithstanding the above, the IGF Executive Director (or in the event the IGF Executive Director receives the token, the Chairman) must be made aware of all tokens and may require such tokens be rejected.

### Article 5

For hospitality shown to the Participants, as well as those accompanying them, a sense of measure must be respected.

### Article 6

The Participants must refrain from placing themselves in any conflict of interests, and must respect the IOC's Rules Concerning Conflicts of Interests Affecting the Behaviour of Olympic Parties and the IGF Conflict of Interest Policy.

## **C INTEGRITY OF COMPETITIONS**

### Article 7

The Participants shall commit to combat all forms of cheating and shall continue to undertake all the necessary measures to ensure the integrity of sports competitions.

### Article 8

The Participants must respect the provisions of the World Anti-Doping Code, the IGF Anti-doping Policy and of the IGF Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions.

### Article 9

All forms of participation in, or support for betting related to any IGF Event or Competition, and all forms of promotion of betting related to any IGF Event or Competition are prohibited.

#### Article 10

Participants in any IGF Event or Competition must not, by any manner whatsoever, manipulate the course or result of a competition, or any part thereof, in a manner contrary to sporting ethics, infringe the principle of fair play or show unsporting conduct.

### **D GOOD GOVERNANCE AND RESOURCES**

#### Article 11

The Basic Universal Principles of Good Governance of the Olympic and Sports Movement, in particular transparency, responsibility and accountability, must be respected by all Participants.

#### Article 12

IGF resources must be used only for IGF purposes.

#### Article 13

13.1 The income and expenditure of the IGF must be recorded in its accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. An independent auditor will check these accounts.

13.2 In cases where the IGF gives financial support to Participants: a. the use of these IGF resources must be clearly demonstrated in their accounts; b. the accounts of the Participants may be subjected to auditing by an expert designated by the IGF.

#### Article 14

The Participants recognise the significant contribution that broadcasters, sponsors, partners and other supporters make to the development and prestige of the IGF Events and Competitions throughout the world.

In order to preserve the integrity and neutrality of the various candidature procedures, the support and promotion of any of the candidatures by broadcasters, sponsors, partners and other supporters must be in a form consistent with the rules of sport and the principles defined in the IOC Olympic Charter and the present Code.

### **E CONFIDENTIALITY**

#### Article 15

The principle of confidentiality shall be strictly respected by the IGF Integrity Unit in all their activities.

It must also be strictly respected by any person concerned by the activities of the IGF Integrity Unit.

### **F REPORTING OBLIGATION**

#### Article 16

The Participants shall inform the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit, in the strictest confidentiality and by using the appropriate mechanisms, in particular the IGF Whistleblowing Channel, of any information related to a violation of the IGF Code of Ethics, with a view to possible referral to the IGF Integrity Unit.

Any disclosure of information must not be for personal gain or benefit, nor be undertaken maliciously to damage the reputation of any person or organisation.

### **G IMPLEMENTATION**

#### Article 17

The Participants shall see to it that the principles and rules of this Code are applied.

Any allegation or suspicion of a violation of this code shall be reported to the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit

## **H PROCEDURES FOR DETERMINING BREACHES OF THE CODE OF ETHICS**

### **Article 18**

Not every breach of the Code must be the subject of a formal investigation and determination. A warning given by a manager or a counselling session may be more appropriate. The process used will be determined by the seriousness of the breach, and whether the breach is a repeated offence or an isolated incident.

- a. Where it is determined that the breach is of serious matter, the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit will appoint the IGF Integrity Unit to investigate the facts and material relevant to the allegation(s).
- b. The IGF Integrity Unit will determine the manner in which the investigation will be held in order to uphold the principle of natural justice.
- c. 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 Head of the Integrity Unit will appoint the IGF Integrity Unit to investigate the facts and material relevant to the allegation(s). In other cases, the Head of the Integrity Unit 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 Organisation to which the Participant is a member.

## **6.5 IGF Code of Conduct for all Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel**

The aim of this Code is to provide fair and reasonable standards of conduct for all Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel, to ensure and maintain an orderly and fair administration and conduct for any IGF Event or Competition and to protect their rights and the respective rights of the IGF.

### **1) INTRODUCTION**

Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel participating in any IGF Event or Competition shall observe the Rules of Golf, the Regulations, Local Rules or Conditions in effect for the conduct of the Event and 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.

### **2) RULES OF GOLF & IGF REGULATIONS**

Any Athlete and Athlete Support Personnel who breaches the Rules of Golf, the Local Rules or Terms or the Regulations in effect for the conduct of the Competition, shall be subject to the penalties provided in such Rules, Regulations or Terms, 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 IGF Event or Competition, as determined by the IGF. In circumstances that are flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the IGF Event or Competition, or are singularly egregious, a single violation of this Section shall also constitute the Major Offence of "Aggravated Behaviour".

#### 4) ON-SITE OFFENCES

##### GENERAL

Every Athlete and Athlete Support Personnel shall, during the IGF Event or Competition and at all times while within the precincts of the venue, 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 and Support Personnel's conduct while within the precincts of the venue. Violations of these conduct requirements shall be determined in IGF's discretion.

##### AUDIBLE OBSCENITY

Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel shall not use audible obscenity within the precinct of the IGF event or competition venue. 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.

##### VISIBLE OBSCENITY

Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel shall not make obscene gestures of any kind within the precincts of the IGF event or competition venue. For the purposes of this rule, visible obscenity is defined as the making of signs by an Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel with their hands and/or equipment that commonly have an obscene meaning.

##### VERBAL ABUSE

Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel shall not at any time directly or indirectly verbally abuse any official, other Athlete, other Athlete Support Personnel, spectator or other person within the precincts of the IGF event or competition venue. 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.

##### PHYSICAL ABUSE

Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel shall not at any time physically abuse any official, other Athlete, other Athlete Support Personnel, spectator or other person within the precincts of the IGF event or competition venue. For the purposes of this rule, physical abuse is the unauthorised touching of an official, opponent, spectator or other person.

##### ABUSE OF EQUIPMENT

Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel shall not violently or with anger hit, kick or throw a golf ball, club or other equipment within the precincts of the IGF event or competition venue. 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.

##### UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel shall at all times conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and give due regard to the authority of officials and the rights of opponent's spectators and others. For the purposes of this Rule, Unsportsmanlike Conduct is defined as any misconduct by an Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel 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 IGF Event or Competition and/or the officiating thereof.

##### BEST EFFORTS

An Athlete shall use their best efforts when competing in the IGF Event or Competition.

#### LEAVING THE COURSE

An Athlete shall not leave the course area during a round without firstly contacting a Rules Official and then obtaining the permission of the Chief Referee.

#### 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".

#### CEREMONIES

An Athlete must attend and participate in the medal ceremony unless reasonably unable to do so.

#### 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 IGF Technical Delegate or his/her 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.

#### FAILURE TO REPORT A BREACH OF THE CODE

Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel shall report a breach of the Code by another Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel when the breach is known to that Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel. Furthermore, Athletes and Athlete Support Personnel shall fully co-operate in any enquiry or proceedings relating to a breach or suspected breach of the Code.

#### 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 Head of the IGF Integrity Unit. 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 Head of the IGF Integrity Unit will appoint the IGF Integrity Unit to investigate the facts and material relevant to the allegation(s). In other cases, the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit 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.

### 5) MAJOR OFFENCES

#### AGGRAVATED BEHAVIOUR

No Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel in the IGF Event or Competition shall engage in "Aggravated Behaviour," which is defined as follows:

One or more incidents of violations of this Code, as determined by IGF, as constituting "Aggravated Behaviour".

One incident of behaviour that is flagrant and particularly injurious to the success of the IGF Event or Competition, or is singularly egregious, as determined by IGF.

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 IGF Event or Competition, as determined by IGF.

In addition, any Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel who, directly or indirectly, violates the Code, as defined below, by offering, providing, or receiving any money, benefit or consideration to or from any other

Covered Person or third party in exchange for access and/or accreditation to the IGF event or competition venue 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 IGF Event or 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 Head of the IGF Integrity Unit who will examine possible breaches of this Code. 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 Head of the IGF Integrity Unit may appoint the IGF Integrity Unit to investigate the facts and material relevant to the allegation(s). In other cases, the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit 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 IGF Member to which the Athlete or Athlete Support Personnel is a member.

#### 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 Head of the IGF Integrity Unit. 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 Head of the IGF Integrity Unit will appoint the IGF Integrity Unit to investigate the facts and material relevant to the allegation(s). In other cases, the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit 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 IGF Member to which the Athlete is a member.

## 6.6 IGF Code of Conduct for Tournament Support Personnel

The objective of the Code is to ensure all Tournament Support Personnel of any IGF Event or Competition conduct themselves in accordance with the IGF values and regulations.

The content of this code (the "Code") applies to all Tournament Support Personnel of any IGF Event or Competition. "Tournament Support Personnel" refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, volunteer, referee, technical official, IGF employee, and any of their respective agents, delegates, commissioners, or contractors, and any similarly situated person at an IGF Event or Competition and any other person who receives accreditation for an IGF Event or Competition at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.

The Code is aligned to the IGF values and regulations. The Code acknowledges that all Tournament Support Personnel, through their actions and behaviours, are essential to the effectiveness and reputation of the IGF and the sport of golf.

Any breaches of this Code shall be reported to the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit.

All Tournament Support Personnel during the IGF Event or Competition and / or while they are on or off the course,

- Must adhere to all IGF Policies and Codes such as but not limited to:
  - IGF Olympic Golf Regulations
  - IGF Code of Ethics
  - IGF Code for the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions
  - IGF Safeguarding Participants from Harassment and Abuse Policy
  - IGF Anti-Doping Policy
- Must behave professionally, honestly and with integrity, and in a way that upholds the IGF values and the good reputation of the IGF and golf at all times.
- Must not participate in any betting and/or manipulation of results' activity in connection with any IGF Event or Competition.
- Must give priority to the tournament schedule and adjust his/her own personal schedule accordingly.
- Must advise the IGF Technical Delegate as soon as possible if taken ill or becoming otherwise unfit to perform his/her duties during the event or competition under the jurisdiction of the IGF.
- Must treat everyone with respect, courtesy, and without harassment.
- Must reject discrimination of any kind on whatever grounds, be it race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status;
- Must act with care and diligence and perform work duties in a manner that is conducive to the health and safety of both himself/herself and others.
- Must be accountable for his/her own behaviour and actions when dealing with members of the public, athletes, stakeholders, other employees or volunteers of the IGF and others involved with the organisation of an IGF Event or Competition.
- Must not verbally abuse or intimidate in any form such as shouting or making gestures, or in any other way distract any spectator, team official, caddy, athlete, any other Tournament Support Personnel or anyone involved in the organisation of an IGF Event or Competition.
- Must not make, or attempt to make, any unwelcome, abusive or intimidating physical contact in any way with any spectator, athlete, caddy, team official, any other Tournament Support Personnel or anyone involved in the organisation of an IGF Event or Competition.
- Must, at all times, respect the athletes' right to privacy. On no account should he/she attempt to talk to any athlete while the athlete is physically or mentally preparing for his/her competition, nor immediately after the competition.
- Must not make improper use of inside information, nor of his/her status, power or authority.
- Must ensure all non-public information and documentation he/she is provided with, works with or generates in the course of his/her duties, is confidential and at all times remain the property of the IGF.
- Must disclose and take appropriate steps to avoid any conflict of interest (real or apparent) with his/her employment or engagement by the IGF.

- Must not, directly or indirectly, solicit, accept or offer any concealed remuneration, commission, benefit or service of any nature connected with the organisation of the IGF activities and/or the IGF Event or Competition.
- With respect to gifts given or received to or from any actual or potential competitor in the IGF Event or Competition, or any person or entity that could reasonably be expected to have a direct or indirect business or financial interest in the outcome of the IGF Event or Competition, or any person or entity that could reasonably be expected to give or require influence to or from any Tournament Support Personnel in connection with the IGF Event or Competition (together, the “Sensitive Persons”), Tournament Support Personnel may accept or give only gifts of nominal value from or to Sensitive Persons, in accordance with prevailing local customs, as a mark of respect or friendship.
- Must use IGF resources and facilities in a correct and responsible manner.
- Must comply with any lawful and reasonable directions given by anyone in the IGF who has authority to give the direction.

#### Procedures for Determining Breaches of the Code of Conduct

Any allegation or suspicion of the Code shall be reported to the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit. 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 Head of the IGF Integrity Unit will appoint the IGF Integrity Unit to investigate the facts and material relevant to the allegation(s). In other cases, the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit 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 Organisation of which the Tournament Support Personnel is a member.

#### Suspension from Duty or re-Assignment to other Duties

A Tournament Support Personnel who is alleged to have committed a serious breach of the Code may be suspended from duty with or without pay until such times as the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit has determined the matter following completion of a formal investigation.

A decision to suspend a person from duty or to re-assign them to other duties during an investigation will be exercised by the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit in writing to the Tournament Support Personnel(s) concerned. Serious misconduct may result in removal from the Tournament and/or withdrawal of accreditation and/or re-assignment of job responsibilities, and/or dismissal from the IGF.

## 6.7 IGF Policies for Olympic Golf 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 & Caddie Reallocation

### POLICY DESCRIPTION

National Federations and NOCs should ensure that all potential Athletes who could possibly qualify for the Olympic Games are entered within the LA28 accreditation system by the deadline of xx March 2028 - TBC.

As with the Athletes, it is just as important for all potential Caddies to be entered within the LA28 accreditation system by the deadline of xx March 2028 - TBC.

After 24 June 2028 17:00 US Eastern Time, IGF will only reallocate an already confirmed quota place if an Athlete, respectively a Team, 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.

For both individual events, reallocation will be based on a Reallocation Reserve List (by event) that IGF will publish on 6 June 2028 for the women's individual event and 20 June 2028 for the men's individual event. Reallocation Reserve Lists for the individual events are based on a continuation of the OGR and are calculated using the exact same criteria as per the qualification pathway outlined in Section D of the *Qualification System for the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad LA28*. Such list clearly outlines, should an Athlete withdraw, the next highest ranked Athlete by name on the OGR of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women not already qualified and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event.

For the mixed team event, reallocation will be based on the OMTR that IGF will publish on 20 June 2028 which will clearly outline, should a Team withdraw, the next highest ranked Team not already qualified and respecting the maximum 1 Team quota per eligible NOC.

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 18 July 2028 (men's competition), 22 July 2028 (mixed team) and 25 July 2028 (women's competition).

The following steps outline the process for the reallocation of an Athlete and/or Team quota following the sport entries deadline:

- NOC to inform IGF (golffentries@igfmail.org) of injury or exceptional situation and the Athlete to notify the IGF Executive Director in writing. The Athlete, respectively the Team, will subsequently be removed from the Final Olympic Golf Ranking/Field and/or Final OMTR as applicable.
- IGF to determine the next best ranked Athlete, respectively Team, based on the Reallocation Reserve List and/or Final OMTR as applicable.
- IGF to inform the next best ranked Athlete's/Team's NOC(s) as applicable and inform LA28 sport entries. IGF to issue an updated Reallocation Reserve List if required.
- NOC(s) to confirm the acceptance of the quota place(s) to IGF (golffentries@igfmail.org).
- LA28 sport entries verifies eligibility and enters all new data in the SEQ database.
- Following verification of eligibility, LA28 sport entries informs relevant NOC(s), LA28 Accreditation, LA28 Venue Results Manager, IGF Competition Management, IOC Sports Department and ORIS.

Following the reallocation of an Athlete quota in individual events, 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 can get to the competition venue 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 finalised 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 finalised 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.

Following the reallocation of a Team quota in the Mixed Team event, Caddies should already be accredited for the relevant individual event; therefore, no further action is required unless special circumstances arise, in which case they will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

### 6.7.1.3 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 (Golf Specific Application of the Guidelines – *to be released*).

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 without collars.
- 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. On practice days only, solid-coloured, knee-length tailored shorts are permitted.

### 6.7.1.4 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 should 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, the Organising Committee shall assign marshalling assistance and security for marquee Athletes.

## 6.7.1.5 IGF Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions

### POLICY OBJECTIVE

The objectives of this Policy are to be able to safeguard the integrity of the sport of golf by prohibiting any conduct that may impact improperly on the outcome of IGF Events and Competitions and to establish a mechanism of enforcement and sanction for those who, through their corrupt conduct, place the integrity of the sport at risk.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The IGF is committed to support the integrity of sport and fight against the manipulation of competitions by adhering to the standards set out in the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions and by requiring its members to do likewise.

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 Code 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 any IGF Event or Competition 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 Code 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 any IGF Event or 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 Integrity '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 Code;
- (e) co-operating with competent national and international authorities where information in their possession may also amount to or evidence infringements of other applicable laws or regulations; and
- (f) exchanging information with partners in the Olympic Movement (i.e through the IOC Integrity Betting Intelligence System or otherwise) on acknowledged areas of best practice in relation to combatting manipulation in sport.

#### 2. APPLICATION AND SCOPE

2.1 This Code shall apply to the Participants who participate or assist in any IGF Event or Competition, and each Participant shall be automatically bound by and be required to comply with this Code by virtue of such participation or assistance.

2.2 It shall be the personal responsibility of every Participant to make him/herself aware of this Code, including, without limitation, what conduct constitutes a Violation of the Code and to comply with those requirements. Participants must also be aware that conduct prohibited under this Code 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

Code and shall instruct them to comply with the Code. Any Violation of this Code by an Athlete Support Personnel of an Athlete will be deemed to be a Violation of this Code by the Athlete.

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

### 3. VIOLATIONS

The following conduct, as defined in this Article, constitutes a violation of this Code (“a Violation”):

#### 3.1 Betting

(a) Participation in, support for, or promotion of, any form of Betting related to any IGF Event or Competition (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 any IGF Event or Competition.

(b) Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging a Participant to commit a Violation set out in this Rule 3.1.

(c) Betting to the Participant’s sport; or

(d) Betting to any event of a multisport Competition in which he/she is a participant.

#### 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 any IGF Event or Competition.

(b) Ensuring or seeking to ensure the occurrence of a particular incident in any IGF 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 any IGF Event or Competition.

(d) Inducing, instructing, facilitating or encouraging a Participant to commit a Violation set out in this Rule 3.2.

(e) An intentional arrangement, act or omission aimed at an improper alteration of the result or the course of any IGF Event or Competition in order to remove all or part of the unpredictable nature of the Event or Competition with a view to obtaining an undue Benefit for oneself or for others.

#### 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 any IGF 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 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 the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of sports competitions or any other corrupt purposes whether by the Participant or via another person and/or entity.

(b) Disclosing Inside Information to any Person and/or entity, with or without Benefit, where the Participant knew or should have known that such disclosure might lead to the information being used for the purposes of Betting, any form of manipulation of competitions or any other corrupt purposes.

(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
- (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 Participant 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 Code, including failing to provide any information and/or documentation requested by the IGF or competent authority that may be relevant to the investigation.
- (f) Obstructing or delaying any investigation that may be carried out by the IGF or other competent authority in relation to a possible Violation of this Code, including without limitation concealing, tampering with or destroying any documentation or other information that may be relevant to the investigation.

3.6 The following are not relevant to the determination of a Violation of this Code:

- (a) Whether or not the Participant was participating, or a Participant assisted by another Participant was participating, in the specific IGF Event or Competition;
- (b) The nature or outcome of any Bet in issue;
- (c) The outcome of the IGF Event or Competition on which the Bet was made or intended to be made;
- (d) Whether or not the Participant's efforts or performance (if any) in the IGF 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 IGF 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;
- (g) Whether or not any Benefit or other consideration was actually given or received;
- (h) Whether or not the manipulation included a violation of a technical rule of golf;
- (i) Whether or not the competition was attended by the competent national or international representative of the IGF.

#### 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 Code. 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 Code 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 without good reason as determined by the IGF Tribunal, or fails to comply with any information request that has been submitted in accordance with this Code.

## 5. INVESTIGATING A BREACH

5.1 Any allegation or suspicion of a Violation of this Code shall be reported to the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit.

5.2 The Head of the IGF Integrity Unit will examine possible breaches of this Code, 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 Code, 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. If the respondent party is a minor, he/she should have a parent or guardian present.

5.4 Upon request by the IGF, the concerned Participant must provide any information which the IGF considers may be relevant to investigate the alleged Violation, including records relating to the alleged Violation (such as betting account numbers and information, itemised telephone bills, bank statements, internet service records, computers, hard drives and other electronic information storage devices), and/or a statement setting out the relevant facts and circumstances around the alleged Violation.

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

5.6 IGF may be required by applicable law to or may at its sole discretion report an alleged or actual Violation of this Code to authorities, law enforcement, and/or sports betting operators to safeguard the integrity of the sport. IGF shall cooperate with all such parties in the enforcement of this Code and investigation and resolution of any Violations of this Code.

## 6. ISSUING A NOTICE OF CHARGE

6.1 Where, following the investigation's report from the IGF Integrity Unit, the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit determines that there is a case for the Participant to answer under Rule 3, the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit 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 Code 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/her right to a hearing, he/she 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/she shall be deemed to have:

- (a) waived his/her right to a hearing;
- (b) admitted that he/she 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/her 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 Code, it shall have discretion, in circumstances where it 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 Code. 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 Code 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 Head of the IGF Integrity Unit alleges that a Participant has committed a Violation of this Code 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 hearing process shall respect the following principles: the right to a timely, fair and impartial IGF Tribunal either by appearing personally in front of the IGF Tribunal and/or submitting a defence in writing, 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.

7.3 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 Code specifies 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.

7.4 The IGF Tribunal shall issue a decision in writing, with reasons, within 7 days 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

8.1 The principle of confidentiality shall be strictly respected by the IGF during all the procedures, 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.

8.2 Anonymity of the person making a report shall be strictly respected by the IGF.

## 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:

- (a) The nature of the breach(es).
- (b) The degree of culpability of the Participant
- (c) The harm that the breach(es) has/have done to the sport
- (d) The need to deter future breaches, and
- (e) 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 the 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 IGF Event or Competition during his/her 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 a Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions' program organised by the IGF.

(c) If a Participant violates any prohibition on participation imposed in accordance with this Rule 9, such Participant shall be disqualified immediately from the relevant Event or Competition and the period of ineligibility originally imposed in accordance with this Code shall recommence from the date of such Violation.

(d) This Code 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 Code.

### 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 Events 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 9, 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 affected 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 Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions' 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 Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions' 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 (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland. The CAS shall act as an arbitration tribunal, and there shall be no right to appeal to any other jurisdictional body.

11.2 The time for filing 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 is within the Olympic Games' jurisdiction and based on the same or similar Code as the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions 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 Code.

## 13. NOTICE OF THE TRIBUNAL DECISION

Within 7 days, the Tribunal chairperson will:

- forward a notice of the Tribunal's decision to the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit, to the IGF Executive Director and including any disciplinary measures imposed.
- forward a notice of the Tribunal's decision to the relevant organisation to which the Participant is a member, including any disciplinary measures imposed.  
Upon request, the relevant organisation 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 the matter is especially complex or important, the Tribunal chairperson may inform the parties in writing within 7 days that the decision will be delayed for a further 7 days.

#### 14. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

14.1 No action may be commenced under this Code 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 Code 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 Code may be amended from time to time by the IGF.

15.2 The Code is, by its 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 Code as a basis for the fight against the manipulation of competitions 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 Code 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 Code are for convenience only and shall not be deemed to be part of the substance of this Code or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.

15.5 The Definitions in section 18 of this document shall be considered an integral part of this Code.

15.6 If any rule or provision of this Code is held to be invalid, unenforceable or illegal for any reason, it shall be deemed to be deleted and the Code shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

#### 16. MUTUAL RECOGNITION

16.1 Subject to the right of appeal, any decision in compliance with this Code by a Sporting Organisation must be recognised and respected by all other Sporting Organisations.

16.2 All Sporting Organisations must recognise and respect the decision(s) made by any other sporting body or court of competent jurisdiction which is not a Sporting Organisation as defined under this Code.

16.3 Upon request or ex officio, the IGF can extend sanctions internationally that were imposed by a National Member Federation.

#### 17. IMPLEMENTATION

17.1 Pursuant to Rule 1.4 of the Olympic Charter, all Sports Organisations bound by the Olympic Charter agree to respect this Code.

17.2 These Sports Organisations are responsible for the implementation of the present Code within their own jurisdiction, including educational measures.

17.3 Any amendment to this Code must be approved by the IGF Board following an appropriate consultation process, and all IGF members and partners will be informed.

#### 18. Subsidiary Jurisdiction

18.1 In situations wherein the IGF determines that a National Member Federation has neglected to adequately investigate or address behaviour that could constitute a Violation of this Code, the IGF retains the authority to refer the matter to the Head of Integrity for additional review and to make informed determinations aligned with the objectives and policies of the IGF.

## 19. DEFINITIONS

19.1 “Participants” refers to the IGF and its members or representatives, the IGF officials and any persons or organisation belonging in any capacity whatsoever to the IGF or to one of its affiliated members, the Organising Committee of the IGF Events and Competitions, Tournament Support Personnel, IGF employees and volunteers, Athletes and Athletes Support Personnel at the IGF Events and Competitions, and members of the IGF Board.

“Tournament Support Personnel” refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, volunteer, referee, technical official, and any of their respective agents, delegates, commissioners, or contractors, and any similarly situated person at an IGF Event or Competition and any other person who receives accreditation for an IGF Event or Competition at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.

“Athlete Support Personnel” refers to a group of individuals who provide various forms of assistance and services to Athletes to enhance their performance, health, and overall well-being. This includes, without limitation, professionals such as coaches, trainers, medical practitioners, nutritionists, sports psychologists, strength and conditioning coaches, performance analysts, and administrative staff, as well as informal supporters like family and friends.

“Athlete/s” shall mean all individuals competing during IGF Competitions.

19.2 “IGF event or competition” refers to tournaments (World Amateur Team Championships) or meetings (Biennial Meeting) organised and sanctioned by the International Golf Federation (IGF).

19.3 “Benefit” means the direct or indirect receipt or provision of money or the equivalent such as, but not limited to, bribes, gains, gifts and other advantages including, without limitation, winnings and/or potential winnings as a result of a wager; the foregoing shall not include official prize money, appearance fees or payments to be made under sponsorship or other contracts.

Sporting advantage is also a benefit and refers to any unfair or unethical means used to gain an edge over opponents or alter the outcome of a sporting event. This can include various forms of cheating, such as doping (using prohibited substances to enhance performance), match-fixing (arranging the result of a match beforehand), bribery, or other forms of corrupt behaviour intended to manipulate the fairness and integrity of competition;

19.4 “Competition” means any sports competition, tournament, match or event organised in accordance with the rules of the IGF or its affiliated organisations or, where appropriate, in accordance with the rules of any other competent sports organisation;

19.5 “Inside Information” means information relating to any competition that a person possesses by virtue of his or her position in relation to the sport of golf or to a golf competition, excluding any information already published or common knowledge, easily accessible to interested members of the public or disclosed in accordance with the rules and regulations governing the relevant Competition;

19.6 “Sports Betting, Bet or Betting” means any wager of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize of monetary value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to a sports competition.

19.7 “Sporting Organisation” are societies, federations, associations or clubs established for the encouragement of a game or sport that has a regulatory or sanctioning function.

### 6.7.1.6 Golf Course Access Phases

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**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Access to the Olympic Golf Course is granted according to the Access Phases outlined below:

PHASE	Pre-Games NOC visits/athlete access	Course Closure for Olympic preparation	Official Practice and Competition
TIMEFRAME	Until xx June 2028 (TBC)	xx July – 14 July 2028 (TBC)	15 July – 29 July 2028 (TBC)
ACCESS POLICY	<p>Access to course and practice areas by direct arrangement with Riviera Country Club - contact details TBC</p> <p>Availability according to RIV calendar of competitions and events (IGF can be contacted by RIV for arbitration in case of a high number of requests). Bookings during the week are preferable.</p> <p>Athletes eligibility: athletes need to be ranked in the IGF « Olympic Golf Rankings » or « Reallocation Reserve Lists » <a href="http://iqfgolf.org">Qualification System and Ranking (iqfgolf.org)</a></p>	Access to course and practice facilities closed for Olympic preparation.	Times for Men/Women per IGF Practicing Policy

### 6.7.1.7 IGF Tribunal

The objective of this policy is to establish the composition and framework of the IGF Tribunal and the procedures under which a hearing will be conducted.

#### INTRODUCTION

This policy applies to the Participants bound by IGF policies and procedures and the Olympic Charter. "Participants" refers to the IGF and its members or representatives, the IGF officials and any persons or organisation belonging in any capacity whatsoever to the IGF or to one of its affiliated members, the Organising Committee of the IGF Events and Competitions, Tournament Support Personnel, IGF employees and volunteers, Athletes and Athletes Support Personnel at the IGF Events and Competitions, and members of the IGF Board.

"Tournament Support Personnel" refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, volunteer, referee, technical official, IGF employee, and any of their respective agents, delegates, commissioners, or contractors, and any similarly situated person at an IGF Event or Competition and any other person who receives accreditation for an IGF Event or Competition at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.

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

- IGF Safeguarding Participants from harassment and abuse Policy violations
- IGF Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions
- IGF Code of Conduct for Athletes and Athletes Support Personnel violations
- IGF Code of Conduct for Tournament Support Personnel violations
- Caddie Regulations' policy violations
- IOC Olympic Charter violations
- Any other matter referred to the IGF Tribunal by the IGF

For IGF Anti-Doping Policy violations, Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) Anti-Doping Division will be the tribunal in charge and will comply with the IGF Anti-Doping Policy, World Anti-Doping Code and International Standard for Results Management.

#### IGF TRIBUNAL

The IGF Tribunal is operationally independent. This means that:

- Board members, staff members, committee members, consultants and officials of the IGF or its Membership) as well as any person involved in the investigation and pre-adjudication of the matter cannot be appointed as members and/or clerks (to the extent that such clerk is involved in the deliberation process and/or drafting of any decision) of the IGF Tribunal.
- The IGF Tribunal shall be in a position to conduct the hearing and decision-making process without interference from the IGF or any third party.

The objective is to ensure that members of the IGF Tribunal or individuals otherwise involved in the decision of the IGF Tribunal, are not involved in the investigation of, or decisions to proceed with, the case.

An IGF Tribunal may be convened to hear a formal complaint referred to it by the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit.

The IGF Tribunal's Chairperson will appoint the members of the Tribunal to hear and decide the matter and 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 Policy.

1. An IGF Tribunal will be established to hear a complaint that has been referred to it by the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit.
2. The IGF Tribunal members will be provided with a copy of all the relevant correspondence, reports or information received and sent by the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit relating to the complaint/allegations.
3. The IGF 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 IGF Tribunal will not include any person who has any actual or perceived conflict of interest or bias regarding the complaint/allegations.
5. The Head of the IGF Integrity Unit 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 notarised). 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 (at the Participant's expense) and one representative of its/his/her IGF Member present to assist it/him/her at a hearing.
  - that each party has the right to an interpreter at the hearing (with the IGF Tribunal to determine the identity and responsibility for the cost of the interpreter)
  - that, if the respondent party is a minor, he/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 IGF Tribunal (e.g. investigation report findings) will be provided to the parties.
7. Unless the Athlete or other Person is subject to a provisional suspension, the parties will be allowed to participate in all IGF activities and events, pending the decision of the IGF Tribunal, including any available appeal process, unless the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit 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.

## IGF TRIBUNAL HEARING PROCEDURE

With the exception of Anti-doping Rule Violations, where article 8 of the International Standard for Results Management (ISRM) will apply to the Hearing Panel and Hearing Process, the following IGF Tribunal Hearing procedures apply.

8. The following people will be allowed to attend the IGF Tribunal hearing:
  - Tribunal 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/her IGF 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 IGF Tribunal Chairperson considers that no valid reason has been presented for this absence, the IGF Tribunal hearing will continue subject to the Chairperson being satisfied that all IGF Tribunal notification requirements have been met. If the IGF Tribunal Chairperson considers that there is a valid reason for the non-attendance of the respondent(s), or the Chairperson does not believe the IGF Tribunal notification requirements have been met, then the IGF Tribunal hearing will be rescheduled to a later date.  
  
If any complainant is not present at the set hearing time and the IGF 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 IGF Tribunal Chairperson considers that there is a valid reason for the non-attendance of the complainant(s), or the Chairperson does not believe the IGF Tribunal notification requirements have been met, then the Tribunal hearing will be rescheduled to a later date.
  
10. The IGF Tribunal Chairperson will inform the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit of the need to reschedule the hearing and the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit will arrange for the IGF Tribunal to be reconvened.
  
11. The IGF Tribunal Chairperson will read out the complaint, ask each respondent if he/she understands the complaint and if he/she agrees or disagrees with the complaint.
  
12. If the respondent agrees with the complaint, he/she will be asked to provide any evidence or witnesses that should be considered by the IGF Tribunal when determining any disciplinary measures or penalties.
  
13. If the respondent disagrees with the complaint, he/she will be asked to respond to the complaint.
  - Reference may be made to brief notes.
  - The respondent may call witnesses. Witnesses must, in the discretion of the Chairperson, be capable of supplying probative testimony to relevant facts.
  - Declarations from witnesses not available to attend and from character witnesses may also be provided to the hearing, provided that all such written declarations must be made under oath, signed by the witness, and officially notarised
  - The respondent shall have the opportunity to address the Tribunal on disciplinary measures which may be imposed.
  
14. The IGF 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 IGF 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 the 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 IGF Tribunal considers that at any time during the hearing there is any unreasonable or intimidatory behaviour from anyone, the IGF Tribunal Chairperson may deny further involvement of that person in the hearing.
19. After all the evidence has been presented; the IGF 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 IGF Tribunal decisions will be by a simple majority vote. All members must take part in the deliberations of the Panel and no member of the Panel may abstain.
21. The IGF Tribunal Chairperson will announce the decision in the presence of all those involved in the hearing and will declare the hearing closed. Alternatively, he/she may advise those present that the decision is reserved and will be handed down in written form at a later time.
22. Within 7 days, the IGF Tribunal Chairperson will:
- forward a notice of the Tribunal's decision to the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit and to the IGF Executive Director, including any disciplinary measures imposed.
  - forward a notice of the IGF Tribunal's decision to the relevant organisation to which the Participant is a member, including any disciplinary measures imposed.  
Upon request, the relevant organisation will be granted access to all related documents, facts and findings of the investigations and hearing.
  - forward a letter reconfirming the IGF 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 7 days that the decision will be delayed for a further 7 days.
23. The IGF Tribunal shall issue a written decision with the full reasons for the decision.

## PENALTIES

If the IGF Tribunal decides that a Participant has committed a violation that is not an IGF Anti-Doping Policy violation, the IGF 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.

For IGF Anti-Doping Policy violations, the CAS Anti-Doping Division must impose the consequences as laid out in the IGF Anti-Doping Policy, the World Anti-Doping Code and the International Standard for Results Management.

#### 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 IGF Appeals' Panel directs otherwise.
27. Appeals against decisions of the CAS Anti-Doping Division related to anti-doping violations may be lodged by the ITA exclusively to the CAS Appeals Division. 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.

### 6.7.1.8 IGF Appeals Panel Policy

The objective of this policy is to establish a process whereby a participant can appeal a decision made by the IGF Tribunal.

#### POLICY DESCRIPTION

1. The IGF Appeals Panel shall hear appeals filed by a Participant that has been penalised by a decision of the IGF Tribunal with the exception of any anti-doping related decisions which may be lodged exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).  
 "Participants" refers to the IGF and its members or representatives, the IGF officials and any persons or organisation belonging in any capacity whatsoever to the IGF or to one of its affiliated members, the Organising Committee of the IGF Events and Competitions, Tournament Support Personnel, IGF employees and volunteers, Athletes and Athletes Support Personnel at the IGF Events and Competitions, and members of the IGF Board.  
 "Tournament Support Personnel" refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, volunteer, referee, technical official, and any of their respective agents, delegates, commissioners, or contractors, and any similarly situated person at an IGF Event or Competition and any other person who receives accreditation for an IGF Event or Competition at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.
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) The IGF Tribunal acted outside of its power and/or jurisdiction (i.e. acted ultra vires);
  - (b) 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;
  - (c) In the case of a decision relating to misconduct, the penalty was either excessive or inappropriate;

#### COMPOSITION OF THE APPEALS PANEL:

4. The Appeals Panel Chairperson shall oversee the activities of the IGF Appeals Panel.
5. Appeals to the IGF 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 by the Appeals Panel Chairperson, and, for each dispute hearing, the Appeals Panel Chairperson shall decide a minimum of three people, unless the Chairperson of the IGF 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 Appeals Panel Chairperson 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 IGF 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. In each case, the IGF 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 IGF 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

9. An appeal before the IGF Appeals Panel is commenced by filing a valid Request for Appeal with the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit 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.
10. 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/her 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.
11. 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.
12. The Appeal will not proceed until the non-reimbursable handling fee of CHF 2500. - is received.

13. 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.

14. The Chairperson of the IGF 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

15. The IGF 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 IGF Appeals Panel Chairperson) into the IGF Bank account; in fixing the amount an advance of costs the IGF Appeals Panel shall take into account inter alia the monetary value of the dispute and the complexity of the case.

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

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

18. 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

19. 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

20. The Head of the GF Integrity Unit 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

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

#### ANSWER

22. 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 IGF 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.

23. Unless the parties agree otherwise or the IGF 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 of the IGF).

#### HEARING

24. 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.
- Declarations from witnesses not available to attend and from character witnesses may also be provided to the hearing, provided that all such written declarations must be made under oath, signed by the witness, and officially notarised.
- that the person(s) has the right to be represented by legal counsel and the right to an interpreter.
- that if the respondent is a minor, he/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.

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

26. Save where he/she orders otherwise, the following procedures shall be followed at the hearing:

- The Appellant shall address the IGF Appeals Panel, summarising his/her case on Appeal.
- The IGF shall address the IGF 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 IGF Appeals Panel.
- The IGF shall make closing statements.
- The Appellant shall make closing statements.

27. If the IGF 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

28. The IGF 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 IGF Appeals Panel may abstain. The award shall be rendered within four (4) weeks following the date of the Hearing.

29. The IGF 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 IGF 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.

30. The IGF Appeals Panel shall publish a written statement of its Decision on the IGF website which is also provided to the respondent.

#### FURTHER APPEAL

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

32. 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.

### 6.7.1.9 Safeguarding Participants from Harassment and Abuse Policy

This Policy is intended to help safeguard all Participants from harassment and abuse in sport during any IGF Event or Competition.

“Participants” refers to the IGF and its members or representatives, the IGF officials and any persons or organisation belonging in any capacity whatsoever to the IGF or to one of its affiliated members, the Organising Committee of the IGF Events and Competitions, Tournament Support Personnel, IGF employees and volunteers, Athletes and Athletes Support Personnel at the IGF Events and Competitions, and members of the IGF Board.

“Tournament Support Personnel” refers to any tournament director, owner, operator, employee, volunteer, referee, technical official, IGF employee, and any of their respective agents, delegates, commissioners, or contractors, and any similarly situated person at an IGF Event or Competition and any other person who receives accreditation for an IGF Event or Competition at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.

This policy is in addition to and not a substitute for any laws or regulations of the IGF Event or Competition Host Country, National Federation, or any other IGF code and regulations, including the IGF Code of Ethics.

#### POLICY DESCRIPTION

##### SCOPE OF APPLICATION

a) This Framework applies:

- During any IGF Event or Competition;
- To all Participants of any IGF Event or Competition;
- To alleged incidents of harassment and abuse.

b) For the purposes of this Policy:

“Athlete/s” shall mean all individuals competing during IGF Competitions.

“Athlete Support Personnel” refers to a group of individuals who provide various forms of assistance and services to Athletes to enhance their performance, health, and overall well-being. This includes, without limitation, professionals such as coaches, trainers, medical practitioners, nutritionists, sports psychologists, strength and conditioning coaches, performance analysts, and administrative staff, as well as informal supporters like family and friends.

“IGF event or competition” refers to tournaments (World Amateur Team Championships) or meetings (Biennial Meeting) organised and sanctioned by the International Golf Federation (IGF).

“Organisation” is an IGF recognised federation or member that has a regulatory or sanctioning function.

“Host country” is a nation that officially organises and holds an IGF Event or Competition.

“Harassment” or “harassment and abuse” includes psychological abuse, physical abuse, sexual harassment and neglect. These forms of harassment and abuse may occur in combination or in isolation.

“Psychological abuse” means any unwelcome non-physical act, including confinement, isolation, verbal assault, humiliation, intimidation, infantilisation, or any other treatment which may diminish an individual’s sense of identity, dignity, self-worth, or emotional well-being.

“Physical abuse” means any deliberate and unwelcome physical act – such as, for example, punching, beating, kicking, biting and burning – that causes physical trauma or injury. Such acts can also consist of forced or inappropriate physical activity (e.g., age or physique- inappropriate training loads when injured or in pain), forced alcohol consumption, or forced doping practices.

“Sexual harassment” means any verbal, non-verbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature which is unwelcome or where consent is coerced, manipulated or cannot be given. This includes, without limitation, unwanted touching, sexual acts, attempts at sexual acts, unwanted sexual comments or advances, suggestive gestures, and trafficking. Sexual harassment can take the form of sexual abuse.

“Neglect” within the meaning of these Guidelines means the failure of a coach or another person with a duty of care towards the athlete to provide a minimum level of care to the athlete, which is causing harm, allowing harm to be caused, or creating an imminent danger of harm.

“Online or digital violence” means using information and communication technology (e.g. mobile phones, social media, computer games, text messages or email) for acts of violence, either committed, assisted, or aggravated. Cyberbullying (sending of intimidating or threatening messages), non-consensual sexting (the sending of explicit messages or photos without the recipient’s consent) and doxing (the public release of private or identifying information about the victim), are all examples of online violence.

“Child” shall mean every human being below the age of eighteen years unless applicable law provides otherwise.

“Abuse of authority/power” means using a position of power, influence, or authority against a person for such things as appointments, assignments, contract renewals, performance evaluations, working conditions or promotions, intimidation, sexual or non-sexual favours, threats, blackmail or coercion.

Harassment and abuse can be based on any grounds, including race, religion, colour, creed, ethnic origin, physical attributes, gender, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, socioeconomic status and athletic ability, and other similar protected characteristics. It can include a one-off incident or a series of incidents. It may be in person or online and at home, school, work or outside activities such as sporting events. Harassment may be deliberate, unsolicited and coercive. Harassment and abuse often result from an abuse of authority, meaning the improper use of a position of influence, power or authority by an individual against another person. Further details and examples of what can constitute harassment and abuse can be found in the IOC Consensus Statement: Harassment and Abuse in Sport (2016).

- Participant Conduct

The standards of behaviour that follow serve as the guiding principles for determining whether a Participant has violated this Policy. Any such violation shall be dealt with in accordance with the IGF Code of Ethics and the Rules of Procedure. At IGF Events and Competitions, Participants are required to:

- uphold the laws of the Host Country and all applicable golf codes, rules and regulations, including IGF rules and regulations, and refrain from encouraging others to break any laws, rules or regulations;
- ensure that their intentions, actions and communications reflect a commitment to prioritising the safety and well-being of all Participants;
- maintain the highest standards of conduct, respect their position of authority and/or trust, and act in the best interest of Children and/or vulnerable persons;
- be aware of their own behaviour, maintain appropriate boundaries with others, and respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person without any form of discrimination or harassment;

- report any form of harassment and abuse, neglect, abuse of power, trust, influence or authority, bullying or any other behaviour that would reasonably be considered abusive amongst or towards any individual(s).

Participants should never:

- condone or engage in any form of harassment or neglect towards others;
- engage in digital or online violence;
- abuse their position or authority.

- PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Educational materials and other information regarding harassment and abuse in sport will be available to Athletes and other Participants, including their respective entourages prior to, during and after any IGF Event and Competition, in particular explaining what may constitute harassment and abuse, and where Athletes and other Participants and their respective entourages may seek further information, advice and support.

- THE IGF SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

An IGF Safeguarding Officer, who will be present at the competition venue throughout any IGF Event or Competition, shall be responsible for:

- Documenting all reports of harassment and abuse during any IGF Event or Competition;
- Investigating all reports of harassment and abuse and determining whether a follow-up is warranted, and if so, following-up accordingly;
- Recommending whether a case should be:
  - Submitted to the Head of the IGF Integrity Unit; and
  - Notified to local authorities, as appropriate and necessary pursuant to local law. For clarity, the local authorities are responsible for determining whether to conduct a criminal investigation in relation to an alleged incident; and
- Providing resources and guidance to any concerned persons.

Reporting

- Any Participant aware of an incident of harassment and abuse is required to promptly report the incident to IGF as described herein.
- IGF Whistleblowing Channel may be used to report an alleged incident of harassment and abuse and will be communicated prior to any IGF Event and Competition.
- Designated persons to whom an alleged incident of harassment and abuse may be reported to shall be identified and communicated prior to any IGF Event and Competition. Such parties may include, in particular:
  - [The IGF Safeguarding Officer](#)
  - The IGF Chief Medical Officer
  - [The Head of the IGF Integrity Unit](#)
- All reports through any reporting channel will be referred to the IGF Safeguarding Officer.
- Reports of harassment and abuse may be made in writing or verbally. The IGF Safeguarding Officer shall ensure that such reports are documented. This documentation should include the name, title, address, contact information and signature of the reporting person unless such individual wishes to remain anonymous. The documentation should also include information pertaining to the reasons and basis for the report, including any evidence which might suggest

that harassment and abuse has occurred. Based on the particular facts as detailed in the reports, the IGF Safeguarding Officer will determine how to proceed with each case.

- In the specific case of a report involving a Child, IGF shall adhere to the following practices:
  - In the case of a report involving a Child as the alleged perpetrator of Harassment and Abuse, the parents or legal guardian of such Child must be informed.
  - In the case of a report involving a Child as the alleged victim or third-party witness of Harassment and Abuse, the parents or legal guardian of the Child should be informed, providing that doing so is not considered to represent a risk for such Child's safety or welfare.
  - In the case that informing the parents or legal guardian is considered to represent a risk for the Child's safety or welfare, another person attending the IGF Event or Competition within the same delegation as the Child in an official capacity, preferably in a medical or legal capacity, must be informed, providing that doing so is not considered to represent a risk for the Child's safety or welfare.

#### Procedure

- If an alleged incident of harassment or abuse has occurred between persons belonging to the same Organisation, the incident shall be resolved by such Organisation provided that it has an appropriate procedure for safeguarding Participants, including for safeguarding of Children, as relevant.
- In all other cases, including in the event that: (i) an alleged incident of harassment or abuse has occurred between persons belonging to other organisations or to different organisations, (ii) an Organisation which has an appropriate procedure for safeguarding Participants, does not, in the opinion of the IGF, safeguard such Participant (e.g. by taking any disciplinary action) or (iii) does not have an appropriate procedure for safeguarding Participants, the IGF shall take action within its own competence to safeguard the concerned Participant, including taking any disciplinary action, if necessary.
- DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

Any alleged incident of harassment and abuse during any IGF Event or Competition which may constitute a breach of the IGF Code of Ethics may give rise to the IGF initiating disciplinary proceedings.

- CONFIDENTIALITY
- All matters pertaining to an alleged incident of harassment and abuse, in particular reports of harassment and abuse, personal information of the concerned persons, other information gathered during investigations and results of investigations ("Confidential Information") shall be regarded as confidential.
- The IGF may disclose Confidential Information to appropriate persons or authorities if: (i) such disclosure is required by applicable law or regulation, (ii) a failure to disclose such information may cause harm to someone, or (iii) such information relates to a potential criminal act.
- Decisions pursuant to the disciplinary procedure shall be publicly disclosed by the IGF. When disclosing such decisions, the IGF shall: (i) limit the disclosure of Confidential Information, (ii) not include any personal information of the victim without obtaining the victim's consent, and (iii) anonymise personal information of other concerned persons in certain cases, taking into consideration the privacy interests of such concerned persons.

Notwithstanding the above, Confidential Information related to Children will not be publicly disclosed unless required by applicable law or regulation.

## 6.7.1.10 IOC Social and Digital Media Guidelines

### POLICY DESCRIPTION

The IOC Social and Digital Media Guidelines LA28 - *to be released* - may be found here.

## 6.7.1.11 Nationality

### POLICY DESCRIPTION

#### Nationality

##### I. General

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

The IGF publishes this policy (“**Nationality Policy**”) as it pertains to matters relating to the determination of the country which an Athlete may represent in an *International Golf Competition* listed below, and from time-to-time will advise sanctioning organisations of *International Golf Competitions* as to guidelines and standards on making determinations on an Athlete’s nationality.

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

##### II. International Golf Competitions

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

##### Women’s Competitions

Espirito Santo Trophy  
Solheim Cup  
International Crown  
Olympic Games  
Youth Olympic Games

##### Sanctioning Organisation

International Golf Federation  
LPGA & Ladies European Tour  
LPGA  
International Golf Federation  
International Golf Federation

##### Men’s Competitions

Eisenhower Trophy  
Ryder Cup  
Presidents Cup  
Olympic Games  
Youth Olympic Games  
World Cup

##### Sanctioning Organisation

International Golf Federation  
European Tour & PGA of America  
PGA TOUR  
International Golf Federation  
International Golf Federation  
International Federation of PGA Tours

##### III. Nationality

An Athlete will be considered a national of a country if the Athlete is a citizen of the country, as defined by the laws of such country.

An Athlete who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as the Athlete may elect. However, after having represented one country in an International Golf Competition, the Athlete 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.

An Athlete 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 Athlete last represented his/her former country. This period may be extended, reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the sanctioning organisation, 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, an Athlete may continue to represent the country to which the Athlete belongs or belonged. However, if the Athlete prefers, the Athlete may elect to represent the new country. This particular choice may be made only once for any other International Golf Event including future Olympic Games.

Furthermore, in all cases in which an Athlete 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 Athlete intends to represent, the sanctioning organisation may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any Athlete, 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 an Athlete is a national, the current list of National Olympic Committees as recognised 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:

Albania	Estonia	Liechtenstein	Russian Federation
Andorra	Finland	Lithuania	San Marino
Armenia	France	Luxembourg	Serbia
Austria	Georgia	North Macedonia	Slovak Republic
Azerbaijan	Germany	Malta	Slovenia
Belarus	Greece	Republic of Moldova	Spain
Belgium	Hungary	Monaco	Sweden
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Iceland	Montenegro	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Ireland	Netherlands	Turkey
Croatia	Israel	Norway	Ukraine
Cyprus	Italy	Poland	United Kingdom
Czech Republic	Kazakhstan	Portugal	
Denmark	Latvia	Romania	

#### **V. Rankings**

An Athlete 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 Athlete 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 an Athlete'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.

An Athlete 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 organisation.

An Athlete eligible to participate in an International Golf Competition by having the choice as to the country which such Athlete 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 organisation.

An Athlete 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.

### 6.7.1.12 Needle Policy

#### POLICY DESCRIPTION

The Olympic Games are "needle-free" for all participating athletes to the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad LA28. 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 therapeutic use exemption ("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.

Please refer to the IOC Needle Policy released by the IOC.

### 6.7.1.13 Prize Money

#### POLICY DESCRIPTION

No prize money will be awarded.

### 6.7.1.14 Registrations

#### POLICY DESCRIPTION

As per IOC regulations, Athletes, Chefs de Mission, Team Officials, other officials and Caddies must sign the LA28 Conditions of Participation Form, prior to the Olympic Games which is organised through NOCs.

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 LA28 Olympic Games, thereby confirming their acceptance of the rules laid out in the Regulations and the IGF Anti-Doping Policy.

#### **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 LA28 Olympic Games, thereby confirming their acceptance of the rules laid out in the Regulations for the Olympic Games.

### 6.7.1.15 Smoking Policy for Athletes & Others

#### POLICY DESCRIPTION

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

### 6.7.1.16 Starters

#### POLICY DESCRIPTION

Starters are responsible for announcing the Athletes/Teams prior to them commencing their rounds and ensuring that they commence their rounds at the appointed time. At LA28, the languages that will be used for announcements are English and TBC.

### 6.7.1.17 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:

#### Access Code Accessible Areas

BLUE	Field of Play, Operational Areas (Back of House), General Circulation Areas (Front of House)
RED	Operational Areas (Back of House), General Circulation Areas (Front of House)
WHITE	General Circulation Areas (Front of House)
“2”	Athlete Preparation Areas
“4”	Press Areas
“5”	Broadcast Areas
“6”	Olympic Family Areas
R	Residential Zone of the Olympic Village

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

Locker room access is limited to those officially accredited for these Athlete preparation areas. During weather delays, only Athletes, Caddies, 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” under section [6.7](#).

## 6.7.2 SPORT EQUIPMENT

### 6.7.2.1 Athlete Equipment *under review*

#### POLICY DESCRIPTION

- a) List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.
- b) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.
- c) List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.
- d) Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged: Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.
- e) Prohibiting Use of Clubs Longer than 46-inches: Model Local Rule G-10 is in effect.
- f) Restricting Use of Green-reading Materials: Model Local Rule G-11 is in effect. The only materials approved by the Committee are the 1) Committee approved yardage book, 2) any hole location sheet issued by the Committee and 3) any full course map on paper no larger than 8.5" x 11" or A4.

The following Model Local Rules apply only to the Men's Competition:

- g) One-Ball Rule: Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect.
- h) Distance-Measuring Devices Prohibited: Model Local Rule G-5 is in effect.

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 Terms of Competition for Groove Specifications as detailed in the Rules of Golf.

If an Athlete fails to submit his/her 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 (Golf Specific Application of the Guidelines – *to be released*).

### 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 the Organising Committee. Golf bags must be put away overnight and shall not be left in the locker room.

### 6.7.2.3 Transportation

#### **POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. During a round, an Athlete or Caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by a member of the IGF Rules Committee.

### 6.7.3 WEATHER

#### 6.7.3.1 Bad Weather Guidelines

*under review*

#### **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 the Organising Committee, 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/her designee) discusses the situation and conditions with a number of parties, including representatives of the IOC, the Organising Committee, the LA28 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, up to 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.
- If conditions exist which make the completion of 54 holes impossible, the next priority is to complete 36 holes. Again, play in this situation may be extended by one day beyond the last scheduled competition day if golf course conditions and weather permit.

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 Technical Delegate (or his/her designee), after discussions with representatives of the IOC, the OCOG, the OCOG 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 utilised.

Please also refer to the IOC Competition Schedule Change Procedure for the LA28 Olympic Games.

### 6.7.3.2 Extreme Heat

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Risks associated with exercise in extreme heat/humidity include underperformance, heat illness, heat stroke, and death. Risks/heat illness in the context of golf can apply to Athletes, Caddies, event staff and spectators.

In the case of extreme heat and/or humid conditions, event organisers should consider the application of the [IGF Extreme Heat Guidelines](#) issued by the IGF Medical Commission.

Bad weather Guidelines may be applied in the event of extreme heat.

### 6.7.3.3 Air Quality

#### **POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Air pollution can harm the health of individuals or groups, when exposed to poor air quality.

In the case of poor air quality conditions, event organisers should consider the application of the [IGF Air Quality Guidelines for Golf](#) issued by the IGF Medical Commission.

Bad weather Guidelines may be applied in the event of poor air quality.

### 6.7.3.4 Fog

#### **POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Whether to commence or continue play in a 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 round if the landing zones for all shots to be played at the time 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, penalty areas, 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.

### 6.7.3.5 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 appropriate shelter even if play has not yet been suspended. If the siren sounds suspending play, seek appropriate shelter immediately. The electronic scoreboards will keep spectators advised as to the length of delay in play.

### 6.7.3.6 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 a resumption of play. The penalty for breach of this term of competition 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.
- Three 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 as determined by the IGF. 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 scorecard.

### 6.7.4.2 Breaches of Rules of Golf, Local Rules and Terms 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 Terms of Competition in effect for the competition shall be subject to the penalties provided in such Rules, Local Rules or Terms, 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 set forth in Section 6.7.4.3. below, the IGF Chief Referee shall make the final and conclusive decision and there shall be no further appeal related to the Rules of Golf.

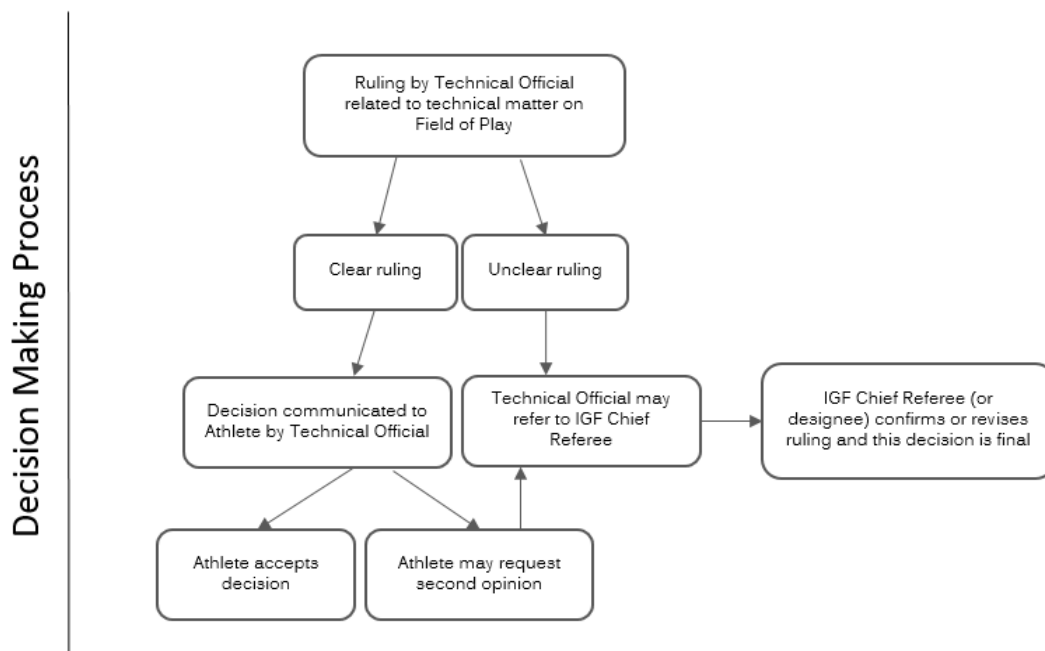
Having been given a decision on the Rules of Golf, or the IGF's Local Rules and or Terms of Competition by a member of the IGF's Rules Committee, the Athlete may request a second opinion. It is at the discretion of the member of the Rules Committee whether he grants such a request.

### 6.7.4.3 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.

## Technical Dispute on Field of Play



Please also refer to the Code of Conduct for all Athletes and Athletes Support Personnel under section 6.6 and IGF Tribunal Policy under section 6.7.

### 6.7.4.4 Distance Measuring Devices

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Model Local Rule G-5 is in effect. Athletes and their Caddies are not permitted to obtain distance information by using a distance-measuring device during a competition round. However, during practice and outside an Athlete's competition round, distance-measuring devices may be used.

### 6.7.4.5 Golf Course Preparation & Set-Up Philosophy

**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

**General**

The IGF shall determine, in its sole discretion, the playing conditions of the course and all practice facilities, including speed, firmness, grass height of playing surfaces and other matters affecting play for the Olympic Golf competition.

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

- Teeing Areas: 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.
- Putting 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: 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 areas 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.

### 6.7.4.6 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 OCOG representatives, Sport staff/volunteers, and properly accredited media and OBS/TV Producer will have access Inside the Ropes. All routing plans must be reviewed with and approved by the IGF prior to the start of competition. In addition, one nominated NOC representative per team will be permitted to walk Inside the Ropes at arm’s length from the ropes but will not be able to give advice to any athlete who is playing on the course in competition as per Rule 10.2a of the Rules of Golf. Any other 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, Caddies, Personal Coaches, Team Leaders, Media (with bibs), Equipment Technicians/golf equipment manufacturers (when invited by Athletes), OCOG 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).

### 6.7.4.7 Measuring Condition of Putting Greens

#### **POLICY DESCRIPTION**

The Rules of Golf state that before a round or playoff on any day of an individual stroke play event or mixed-team event competition, an athlete must not practice on the competition course or test the surface of any putting green on the course by rolling a ball or rubbing the surface.

Furthermore, the IGF has adopted the following policy for the Olympic Golf Competition:

On any competition day, or during official practice days, athletes and caddies are NOT permitted to use device that measures the condition of any putting green on the competition course (i.e., slope, speed, texture, firmness, friction, or moisture level).

A device specifically designed to be used as a “training aid” may be used on any day on the practice greens or on the competition course during official practice days.

An athlete or caddie who does not comply with this policy is subject to disciplinary action.

### 6.7.4.8 Medical Doctor and Physiotherapy Services

#### **POLICY DESCRIPTION**

An IGF Medical Team made of Medical Doctors, Physiotherapists, Athletic Trainers and Sports Psychologist from Professional Tours will work at the golf course. These personnel are dedicated to the Athletes and can practice on Athletes as long as they are present at the venue. They should have access to the relevant equipment and supplies (e.g., cryo cuff, medications) and following facilities/areas: Athlete Gym, Physio Area, Recovery Center and Athlete Medical Station to be provided by the Organising Committee.

Depending on available space and venue layout, the Athlete Gym and Physio Area may be located in trailers specifically configured to host these services and equipment as is commonly used at professional golf tournaments. The Recovery Center, an area close to the Gym and Physio Areas including a variety of tools and equipment designed to support athletes in their recovery process such as ice baths, may be installed in a temporary structure unless it can be accommodated in the venue's existing facilities.

IGF detailed requirements for medical, physio and gym equipment & supplies required at the golf venue are found in [\*IGF Requirements for Medical supplies, Medication, Physio & Gym Equipment\*](#).

This medical team will be available for the female Athletes during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the Olympic golf competition, but only at off-peak times. The service will be fully dedicated to male Athletes during tee times of men's individual stroke play event and to male and female Athletes playing the Mixed Team event during tee times of that event. More specific times will be distributed to the Athletes just prior to the Games.

Athletes will also have access to medical doctors and physios in the Olympic Village Polyclinic or through their respective National Olympic Committees. Space for NOC medical staff will not be available in the Physio area at the venue. The OCOG must provide NOC medical staff with a separate space in a suitable location agreed by the IGF, which may be used with NOC equipment, in line with venue policies.

#### **6.7.4.9 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 Athletes, 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.

###### **Competition Days**

Mobile devices are strictly prohibited in all designated practice areas and on the golf course during competition days 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.

### 6.7.4.10 Spectator Mobile Phone Policy

#### **POLICY DESCRIPTION**

In order to reduce distraction for the athletes during play, the use of mobile phones for photo, video shooting, or any other use, must be on silent at all times and flash may not be used.

The use of mobile phones for phone calls is NOT permitted around the field of play.

The use of mobile phones must never interfere with athletes, caddies, technical officials or media during a competition round.

This policy will be communicated in the spectator guide, signage and through other spectator communication channels.

### 6.7.4.11 Pace of Play *under review*

#### **POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Athletes should play at a prompt pace during the competition. To encourage and enforce prompt play, the Committee has established the following Pace of Play Policy (Rule 5.6b).

#### **MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TIME**

Maximum allowable time is the maximum time that the Rules Committee considers necessary for a group to complete its round. This is expressed in a per-hole and aggregate time format.

- A group's maximum allowable time begins at its assigned tee time, or if the tee time is delayed, at the adjusted tee time.
- Time associated with playing the game, such as course difficulty and walking times between holes, is included in all maximum allowable times.

#### **DEFINITION OF "OUT OF POSITION"**

A group is out of position when it:

- Has completed play of a hole (meaning that the ball of the last athlete in the group to hole out has been removed from the hole) later than the maximum allowable time given (see attached chart) and:
  - a) Reaches a par-3 hole that is clear of play and all athletes in the group in front of them have played their strokes from the teeing area of the next hole.
  - b) Reaches a par-4 or par-5 hole that is not clear of play but that becomes clear of play before all athletes in the group have played their strokes from the teeing area.
  - c) Reaches a par-4 or par-5 hole that is clear of play.

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs that causes the group in question to be out of position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

Athletes are both allowed and encouraged to play out of turn ("Ready Golf") in a safe and responsible way under Rule 6.4b(2) at any time but especially when their group is out of position.

Note: The IGF reserves the right to amend the definition of "out of position" prior to the start of the competition. All athletes will be informed of any amendments.

### **EXCESSIVE SHOT TIME**

If any athlete is observed by the Rules Committee taking more than 120 seconds to play a shot without a valid reason, the athlete will be notified of the excessive shot time and advised that the Rules Committee may decide to start timing them at any time, even if the group is not out of position.

### **TIMING**

If the Rules Committee determines a group is falling behind, the group (or a specific athlete) will normally receive an “official warning” before the Rules Committee begins timing the group or the specific athlete. However, the Rules Committee may begin timing a group (or a specific athlete) without providing an official warning when the group has fallen significantly behind or is negatively affecting other groups.

When the Rules Committee determines that a group (or specific athlete) will be timed, all athletes (or a specific athlete) in the group will be notified.

Except on the putting green, the timing of an athlete’s stroke will begin when it is the athlete’s turn to play and the athlete can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage and other conditions (such as wind) will count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, the timing of an athlete’s stroke begins when it is the athlete’s turn to play without interference or distraction and after an athlete has completed the actions allowed under Rule 13.1, provided the athlete is not unreasonably delaying play. Time spent surveying the line of play from any angle will also count as time taken for the stroke.

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

- a) A stroke on a par-3 hole;
- b) A second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole;
- c) A third stroke on a par-5 hole;
- d) Around the putting green; and
- e) On the putting green.

Any athlete in a group being timed who exceeds the maximum allowable time to make a stroke will be informed as soon as possible.

The Rules Committee will not advise a group that it has regained its proper position on the course and is no longer being timed.

Note: The Rules Committee reserves the right, at any time, to time a group when it is considered necessary. Further, if the Rules Committee determines an athlete to be unreasonably delaying play (including by taking an excessive shot time), the athlete may be timed individually at the Rules Committee’s discretion regardless of whether the group is out of position. Athletes should also be aware that the Rules Committee may assess a “bad time” to an athlete in a group that is out of position if the athlete makes no effort to help the group get back into position. An example of this would be an athlete who is unreasonably delaying play between shots or holes.

### **PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES**

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any athlete being timed who takes more than the maximum allowable time to make a stroke:

- 1st bad time exceeding the maximum allowable time – Warning
- 2nd bad time – One penalty stroke
- 3rd bad time – Additional two penalty strokes
- 4th bad time – Disqualification

Note: For the men's competition, "bad times" are carried through for the entire competition. For example, an athlete who gets a "bad time" in round one (a warning) will get one penalty stroke if they get a second "bad time" either later in round one or during any subsequent round.

### **APPEALS**

Any appeal of a bad time or penalty must be referred to the IGF Appeals Committee immediately upon completion of the athlete in question's round and prior to the athlete returning their scorecard. The IGF Appeals Committee will include the IGF Chief Referee plus two other pre-designated International Technical Officials and their decision shall be final. If the athlete in question does not appeal prior to returning their scorecard, any bad times or penalties shall stand.

## **6.7.4.12 Practicing**

### **POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Only properly accredited Athletes, their Caddies, Personal Coaches, Team Leaders, Media (with bibs), Equipment Technicians/golf equipment manufacturers (when invited by Athletes), OCOG 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 the Olympic Golf Competition, 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.

No Athlete, Caddie or Team Official is allowed on the course or at practice facilities outside the below specified practice times unless expressly authorised by IGF Technical Delegate.

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

DATE	TIME	ACCESS TO PRACTICE	WHO
<b>15 July 2028</b>	<b>OFFICIAL PRACTICE STARTS</b>		
15 July – 18 July* Practice Rounds for both Men and Women	7.00am – 6.30pm	Range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers. Playing the course is permitted.	Men / Women
19 July – 22 July Men's competition 9 am – 6 pm	7.00am – 6.30pm	Range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers.	Men
	1.30pm – 6.30pm	Range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers.  <u>Note:</u> If hitting space availability becomes limited on practice areas during these hours, women athletes may be asked to temporarily move to a specific area for practicing until space becomes available.	Women
23 July – 24 July Mixed Team event Round 1: 10 am – 5 pm Round 2: 8 am – 2 pm	7.00am – 6.30pm	Range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers.	Men and Women playing the Mixed Team event
	12.00pm – 6.30pm	Range, practice putting green, chipping greens, practice bunkers.	Women not playing the Mixed Team event
25 July* Practice Round for Women only	7.00am – 6.30pm	Range, practice putting greens, chipping, practice bunkers. Playing the course is permitted.	Women only
26 July – 29 July Women's competition 9 am – 6 pm	7.00am – 6.30pm	Range, practice putting greens, chipping greens, practice bunkers.	Women only

\*The 1<sup>st</sup> Tee will close at 3:00pm-TBC and the 10<sup>th</sup> Tee at 5:00pm-TBC on 18 July and 25 July for pre-competition maintenance.

After the conclusion of the Men's Individual event, men not playing in the Mixed Team event are not permitted to practice on any area designated for practice or on the competition golf course.

On Monday 24 July, athletes in the Women's Individual event may practice on the course starting as follows:  
Range: from 10.30am – 6.30pm (TBC)

1st tee: from 1.00pm onwards (TBC) (may not practice on play-off holes (holes TBC) until all Mixed Team play-offs and medal ceremony are concluded).

All times listed above may be subject to change.

### 6.7.4.13 Technical Specifications for Scoring and Data Collection

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**POLICY DESCRIPTION**

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

#	Type	Delivery Level	Target	Calculation
1	Data (Shot by Shot)	Ball Holed Errors. Corrections that exceed two (2) seconds for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A “ball holed” delivered on a stroke which is later corrected to a “Final Location” or for which a “Final Location” is ultimately sent; or</li> <li>a Final Location is delivered on a stroke for which a Ball Holed is ultimately sent.</li> </ul>	Pass Rate: 99.3%	A / B x 100 where: A = # of accurate delivered “ball holed” records at or less than 2 seconds time delay B = # of delivered “ball holed” shot records
2		Completeness. Strokes having each of addressing ball, hit ball, and detailed lie before hole finished.	Pass Rate: 97%	A / B x 100 where: A = # of delivered shot records that have each of addressing ball, hit ball, and detailed lie before hole finished B = # of total delivered shot records
3		Large & Slow Corrections. Number of shots that require material correction more than twenty (20) seconds after shot was hit.	Pass Rate: 98.5%	A / B x 100 where: A = # of delivered shot records that do not require Large & Slow Correction B = # of delivered shot records  A “Large and Show Correction” is a correction that is >0.2 strokes and is corrected >20 seconds after the shot is completed  * PGA TOUR’s strokes gained calculation shall be used for measurement of “strokes”
4		Approximate Lie Latency. Average time between hit ball and approximate lie.	Pass Rate: 15 seconds	Average time between hit ball and approximate lie. The “average time” will be measured across each Tournament.

#### 6.7.4.14 Temporary on-course structures

##### POLICY DESCRIPTION

All temporary on-course structures such as scoreboards, grandstands, tv towers, photo position platforms must be completed and covered by scrim/mesh fabric in a colour/design, to specifications as approved by the IGF, **no later than the day preceding the first official training day**. This is critical due to the requirement that golf balls not be allowed to roll into or become lodged within these structures and that athletes are visually able to judge the shot they have when playing a golf hole without distraction.

#### 6.7.4.15 Temporary 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 temporary 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 temporary water on the putting green, the Athlete may:

- (a) take relief under Rule 16.1d; or
- (b) have his or her line of play squeegeed.

**Note:** Such squeegeeing should be done across the line of play 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 temporary water, the IGF Chief Referee (or his/her designee) may authorise a combination of moving the ball under Rule 16.1d together with squeegeeing across the line.

In very exceptional circumstances, where the ball lies off the putting green and temporary 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.

#### 6.7.4.16 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 individual stroke play or 36 holes of mixed team event (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 Chief Referee and identified prior to the competition beginning.

The play-off format for the Mixed Team event will be Foursomes.

If two athletes, respectively teams, are tied for the first position, a play-off will be conducted to determine the gold and silver medals. If three or more athletes/teams 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/teams are tied for the second position, a play-off will be conducted to determine the silver and bronze medals. If two or more athletes/teams 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.

At the conclusion of each play-off hole, athletes/teams may be grouped according to score on that hole if it is necessary to play another hole to determine a medal.

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

#### **6.7.4.17 Video Adjudication**

##### **POLICY DESCRIPTION**

As part of competition management, the IGF must be provided with the necessary equipment and video feeds to view in real time all video feeds of the field of play captured by rights' holders and similar constituents. This includes but is not limited to the OBS PGM, OBS secondary feeds, as well as feeds from individual OBS cameras.

For clarification, all scoring and broadcast camera feeds must be provided so every shot by every player, recorded by broadcast or other MRHs, can be incorporated into the replay system and reviewed by the IGF video review official in the video adjudication room. The replay system should meet the standard used at major golf tournaments (e.g., Hawk-Eye system).

This system will record the live action (no delay) and allow the play/pause/rewind of any of the video inputs as required, as well as allowing clips to be made of the footage and emailed to other parties. The review system should allow recording of the video feed for the complete duration of a competition.

#### **6.7.4.18 World Ranking Points**

##### **POLICY DESCRIPTION**

Official World Ranking Points will be awarded for the Women's and Men's Individual Stroke Play events at the Olympic Games by the respective women's and men's world ranking bodies.

## 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 in accordance with Section [6.7](#) (“**Caddies**”). A Caddie is not required to be of the same nationality as the Athlete he/she is employed by. Payment of an Athlete’s Caddie is the sole responsibility of the Athlete, and the Caddie 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 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. Caddies will have access to the Athlete and ITO Lounge at the venue to rest while not on duty.
- Caddies shall wear bibs with Athlete name badges as prescribed by the Organising Committee 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-soled, plain-coloured shoes. Spiked golf shoes (including pimple/traction bar style), open-toed shoes, and flip-flops are prohibited.
- Caddies’ clothing must conform to the IOC Olympic Charter, the golf-specific application of the Guidelines regarding Authorised Identifications and the IGF Athlete Uniform Guidelines Policy.
- Caddies may walk unaccompanied on putting greens during practice days and during the times permitted for practice as per the Practicing Policy if play is not disrupted. Caddies may not walk on greens after the 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 under the Olympic Charter, the IOC, IGF and National Anti-Doping Rules, including Athlete Support Personnel anti-doping rule violations described in the IGF Anti-Doping Policy.
- 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 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 XXXIV Olympiad LA 2028



### QUALIFICATION SYSTEM GAMES OF THE XXXIV OLYMPIAD – LA28

#### INTERNATIONAL GOLF FEDERATION (IGF)

## GOLF

A: EVENTS	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED
	Men's Individual Stroke Play	Women's individual Stroke Play	Mixed Team Event

### B: QUOTA PLACES

B.1. Total quota places for Golf	Total		
QUOTA	59	59	118
HOST COUNTRY QUOTA	1	1	2
UNIVERSALITY PLACES	0*	0*	0*
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>120</b>

*\*Note: No Universality place will be allocated to the LA28 Olympic golf competition. 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 individual competitions respectively, if not automatically qualified through the Olympic Golf Ranking (OGR) process described below. The continental places will be allocated to the highest ranked athlete(s) on the OGR from the continent(s) without representation (continental places).*

No additional quota places will be allocated for the Mixed Team event. The 16 men and 16 women (32 athletes) making up the 16 teams will be qualified for the Individual Stroke Play events.

### B.2. Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee

QUOTA per NOC	4	4	8
Event Specific Quota	Maximum 4 athletes per event as long as said athletes are ranked within Olympic Golf Ranking (OGR) top-15. Otherwise, maximum 2 per athletes per event.	Maximum 4 athletes per event as long as said athletes are ranked within Olympic Golf Ranking (OGR) top-15. Otherwise, maximum 2 per athletes per event.	

### B.3. Type of allocation of quota places

Quota places are allocated to the athlete(s) by name for the Individual Stroke Play.

Quota places are allocated to the NOC for the Mixed Team Event.

## C: ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must respect and comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force, including but not limited to Rule 41 (Nationality of Competitors) and Rule 43 (World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions).

Only those athletes who respect and comply with the Olympic Charter, the World Anti-Doping Code and the Olympic Movement Code on the Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions, including the conditions of participation established by the IOC, plus the rules of the IGF, may participate in the Olympic Games Los Angeles 2028.

### C.1. Additional IF Requirements

To be eligible to participate in the Olympic Games, athletes must also comply with the following criteria:

- Be listed by name on the Olympic Golf Ranking (OGR) at [www.igfgolf.org](http://www.igfgolf.org) as of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women or listed by name on the IGF reallocation reserve list.
- Be in good standing with their National Federation and the IGF.
- Be recognised or hold a valid license issued by his/her National Federation.

## D: QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

The women's and men's individual competitions will each be comprised of exactly 60 athletes: 59 athletes qualified through the Olympic Golf Rankings (OGR) and 1 host country place.

The OGR is sanctioned by the IGF and listed at [www.igfgolf.org](http://www.igfgolf.org). The OGR is calculated every Monday following completion of the previous week's tournaments from around the world and will be published on the IGF website every Tuesday.

The men's OGR recognises officially approved ranking tournaments on the eligible tours listed on this page: <http://www.owgr.com/>.

The women's OGR recognises officially approved ranking tournaments on the eligible tours listed on this page: [wwgr](#) (TBC).

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 athletes based on their finish positions in each event, with performances in stronger-field events earning more points in accordance with a points distribution schedule 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 91 weeks before they drop entirely off the athlete's two-year record. Each athlete 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 period. 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 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 two-year period beginning 22 June 2026 and up to and including Monday 19 June 2028 for the men's OGR and 8 June 2026 and up to and including Monday 5 June 2028 for the women's OGR.

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 OGR as of Monday 19 June 2028 for the men and Monday 5 June 2028 for the women.
- Total Official World Golf Ranking points earned in the most recent 13-week period, ending with the OGR as of Monday 19 June 2028 for the men and Monday 5 June 2028 for the women.

D.1. Number of quota places	Qualification Pathway
<p>Individual Strokeplay events</p> <p>59 men 59 women</p> <p><b>118 x athletes</b></p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>MEN/WOMEN</b></p>	<p>OGR of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Athletes will first be selected by name within the highest (top)-15 on the OGR as of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women (following the conclusion of all eligible OGR events in the week immediately preceding), with no more than four (4) athletes per NOC.</li> <li>Athletes will then be selected by name in order from 16th place onwards on the OGR as of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women (following the conclusion of all eligible OGR events in the week immediately preceding), up to a maximum of two (2) athletes per NOC, including those athletes within the highest (top)-15, until the number of 59 athletes is reached, including continental places.</li> <li>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 individual 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 OGR from the continent(s) without representation.</li> </ol> <p>In all cases above, respecting the maximum number of athletes per NOC as specified in section B.2 Maximum number of athletes per National Olympic Committee (NOC) for Individual Stroke Play events.</p>

#### D.2. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY FOR THE MIXED TEAM EVENT

The Mixed Team event will be comprised of 16 men and 16 women (32 athletes) making up the 16 teams: 15 men and 15 women qualified for the Individual Stroke Play events through the OGR and 1 man and 1 woman getting the host country place if applicable. All 32 athletes must have been entered for the Men's and Women's Individual Stroke Play events by their NOCs to be able to compete in the Mixed Team event.

NOCs that qualify for the Men's and Women's Individual Stroke Play events, as detailed in section D.1, will be ranked using the Olympic Mixed Team Event Ranking (OMTR) established on 19 June 2028 and determined by ordering the highest ranked athlete by NOC from either the Men's final OGR

or Women's final OGR to define the (16) sixteen team qualifiers for the Olympic Mixed Team competition. Once qualified, the NOC may enter one male athlete and one female athlete from among their athletes entered for the Men's and Women's Individual Stroke Play events to comprise one mixed team.

In the event of a tie for the 16th position, ties will be broken by the athlete's Official World Golf Ranking as of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women.

### D.3. Host Country Places

#### Individual Stroke Play events

The host country will be allocated at least two (2) quota places, one (1) for men for the Men's Individual Stroke Play event and one (1) for women for the Women's Individual Stroke Play event, only if it does not qualify any athlete through the OGR of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women.

The athlete selected by name shall be the highest ranked athlete from the host country listed on the OGR. In the event there is no athlete from the host country listed on the OGR, the IGF will, in collaboration with the host country NOC, identify the athlete(s) to represent the host country.

Should the host country place not be required as granted already through qualification quota places, as specified in section D.1. **Qualification Pathway** for the Individual Stroke Play events, the place would be allocated to the highest ranked eligible athlete by name on the OGR of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women not already qualified and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event.

#### Mixed Team event

The host country NOC will be allocated a place for one (1) team made of 1 male and 1 female athlete qualified for the Individual Stroke Play events through qualification quota places or host country place.

Should the host country place not be required as granted already through the Olympic Mixed Team Event Rankings (OMTR), the place would be allocated to the next eligible NOC listed on the OMTR of 19 June 2028.

## E: Confirmation Process for Quota Places

### E.1. Confirmation of Quota Places

The confirmation of an NOC, by the authorised NOC representative, to reject or accept the allocated quota places must be done in writing via email or letter or via any other accepted official method of communication and IGF's receipt of such communication is considered final and cannot be reversed. To the extent an eligible athlete disputes and/or appeals its NOC's decline of or failure to confirm allocated quota places, such dispute and/or appeal must be resolved and deemed final by issue of a final and non-appealable judgment from the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) prior to the 22 June

2028 17:00 US Eastern Time which is the deadline to be met by NOCs to confirm allocated quota places for Individual Stroke Play events and the Mixed Team event.

#### **E.1.1. Confirmation on Individual Stroke Play Quota Places**

The IGF will publish the current week's OGR at [www.igfgolf.org](http://www.igfgolf.org) during the two-year qualification period prior to the qualification deadline. The qualification period will end on Monday, 19 June 2028 for men and Monday, 5 June 2028 for women and the IGF will publish the final OGR on Tuesday, 20 June 2028 and Tuesday, 6 June 2028 respectively, following the conclusion of all eligible OGR events in the week immediately preceding.

Upon publication of the final OGR, the IGF will send the confirmation of the quota places obtained in the Men's and Women's Stroke Play events in accordance with the qualification criteria outlined in **Section D.1** above to the respective NOCs, no later than Tuesday, 20 June 2028 for men and Tuesday 6 June 2028 at 17:00 US Eastern Time.

No later than Thursday, 22 June 2028 at 17:00 US Eastern Time, each NOC will confirm to the IGF the quota places that they will use for each gender.

No later than Saturday, 24 June 2028 at 17:00 US Eastern Time, the IGF will have reallocated all unused quota places for each gender.

#### **E.1.2. Confirmation of Mixed Team Event Quota Places**

As outlined in section **D.2.**, the OMTR will be established on 19 June 2028 by ordering the highest ranked athlete by NOC from either the Men's OGR or Women's OGR. Upon publication of the OMTR, the IGF will send the confirmation of the places obtained to the sixteen (16) qualified NOC teams no later than Tuesday, 20 June 2028 at 17:00 US Eastern Time.

No later than Thursday 22 June 2028 at 17:00 US Eastern Time, each qualified NOC must confirm to the IGF they will enter one mixed team consisting of one male athlete and one female athlete from amongst their athlete(s) that have been entered for the Men's and Women's Individual Stroke Play events.

NOCs may confirm the names of their 1 male and 1 female athletes by Thursday 22 June 2028 at 17:00 US Eastern Time or for those NOCs with multiple eligible athletes must confirm no later than two (2) hours after the conclusion of the Men's Individual Stroke Play – Round 3 – on 21 July 2028.

No later than **Saturday, 24 June 2028 at 17:00 US Eastern Time**, the IGF will have reallocated all unused places.

## **E.2. Confirmation of Host Country Places**

### **Men's and Women's Stroke Play events**

The host country must confirm in writing to the IGF by 22 June 2028 at 17:00 US Eastern Time the use of its host country places if applicable.

### **Mixed Team event**

The host country must confirm in writing to the IGF by 22 June 2028 at 17:00 US Eastern Time the use of its host country place if applicable.

## **F. Reallocation of Unused Quota Places**

### **F.1. Confirmation of Reallocated unused quota places**

The confirmation of an NOC, by the authorised NOC representative, to reject or accept the reallocated quota place(s) must be done in writing via email or letter or via any other accepted official method of communication and IGF's receipt of such communication is considered final and cannot be reversed. To the extent an eligible athlete disputes and/or appeals its NOC's decline of or failure to confirm reallocated quota places, such dispute and/or appeal must be resolved and deemed final by issue of a final and non-appealable judgment from the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) prior to the deadline to be met by NOCs to confirm acceptance of reallocated quota places for the applicable event.

#### **F.1.1. Men's and Women's Stroke Play events**

If a reallocated quota place is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of reallocated quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, it will be reallocated to the highest ranked eligible athlete by name on the OGR of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women not already qualified and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event.

No later than 24 June 2028 at 17:00 US Eastern Time, the IGF will have reallocated all unused quota places for each gender.

After 24 June 2028 at 17:00 US Eastern Time, the 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 19 June 2028 and 6 June 2028 respectively. The reallocation reserve list is based on a continuation of the OGR and is calculated using the exact same criteria as per the qualification pathway outlined in section D.1. above. Such list clearly outlines, should an athlete withdraw, the next highest ranked

athlete by name on the OGR of 19 June 2028 for men and 6 June 2028 for women 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 18 July 2028 (men's competition) and 25 July 2028 (women's competition).

#### **F.1.2. Mixed Team event**

A reallocation process will be implemented that ensures full field participation for the Mixed Team event, should any NOC team withdraw their entry or no longer be eligible following the closing of IGF entries for the event on 22 June 2028 at 17:00 U.S Eastern Time.

If a reallocated place is not confirmed by the NOC by the reallocated quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC, it will be reallocated to the highest ranked eligible NOC on the OMTR of 19 June 2028 respecting the one (1) team per NOC only and provided its athletes have also been entered for the Men's and Women's Individual Stroke Play events.

No later than 24 June 2028 at 17:00 U.S Eastern Time, the IGF will have reallocated all unused places.

After 24 June 2028 at 17:00 US Eastern Time, the IGF will only reallocate an already confirmed quota place if a team is withdrawn by its NOC or no longer eligible. 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.

In the interest of ensuring a full playing field, every effort shall be made by the IGF to fulfil all sixteen (16) places. Necessary reallocations will be made up until the time of the IGF technical meeting on 22 July 2028.

#### **F.1.3. Reallocation of Unused Host Country Places**

##### **Men's and Women's Stroke Play events**

Should the host country place not be required as granted already through qualification quota places, as specified in paragraph **D.1. Quota Places**, the host country place would be reallocated to the highest ranked eligible athlete by name on the OGR of 19 June 2028 for men and 5 June 2028 for women not already qualified and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event.

##### **Mixed Team Event**

Should the host country NOC already be part of the sixteen (16) qualified NOCs determined through the Olympic Mixed Team Event Rankings (OMTR), the place would be reallocated to the next eligible NOC listed on the OMTR provided it has not qualified a team for the Mixed Team event already.

## G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Period	Date	Milestone
Qualification	8 June 2026	Women's OGR Qualification Period Starts
	22 June 2026	Men's OGR Qualification Period Starts
	5 June 2028**	Women's end of OGR Qualification Period
	19 June 2028*	Men's end of OGR Qualification Period
Inform and confirm	19 June 2028	OMTR established by ordering the highest ranked athlete by NOC from either the Men's OGR or Women's OGR
	6 June 2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Women's Final OGR published &amp; IGF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places for the Women's Individual Stroke Play Event.</li> <li>Reserve list for Women's Individual Stroke Plat event published</li> </ul>
	20 June 2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Final OGR published &amp; IGF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places for the Men's Individual Stroke Play Event.</li> <li>OMRT published and IGF to inform eligible NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota place for the Mixed Team event.</li> <li>Reserve list for Men's Individual Stroke Plat event published</li> </ul>
Confirmation and reallocation	22 June 2028 17:00 US Eastern Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places for Individual Stroke Play events to IGF</li> <li>Eligible NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota place for the Mixed Team event to IGF</li> </ul>
	From 22 June 2028 17:01 US Eastern Time to 24 June 2028 17:00 US Eastern Time	IGF to reallocate all unused quota places for Individual Stroke Play events and for the Mixed Team event

<b>Sport Entries deadline</b>	<b>26 June 2028</b>	<b>LA28 sport entries deadline</b>
<b>Games Time</b>	<b>14-30 July 2028</b>	<b>LA28 Olympic Games</b>
<b>Confirmation and reallocation</b>	<b>18 July 2028</b>	End of reallocation for Men's competition.
<b>Competition</b>	<b>19 – 22 July 2028</b>	<b>Men's Individual Stroke Play</b>
<b>Confirmation and reallocation</b>	<b>21 July 2028</b>	Eligible NOCs to confirm names of athletes for mixed event no later than two hours after the conclusion of the Men's Individual Stroke Play – Round 3 – on 21 July 2028.
	<b>22 July 2028</b>	End of reallocation for the Mixed Team Event.
<b>Competition</b>	<b>23 – 24 July 2028</b>	<b>Mixed Team Event</b>
<b>Confirmation and reallocation</b>	<b>25 July 2028</b>	End of reallocation for the women's competition.
<b>Competition</b>	<b>26 – 29 July 2028</b>	<b>Women's Individual Stroke Play</b>

\* or upon completion of all qualifying events that were scheduled to be completed on 18 June 2028 but were delayed due to weather or other circumstances providing such events are completed no later than 19 June 2028.

\*\* or upon completion of all qualifying events that were scheduled to be completed on 4 June 2028 but were delayed due to weather or other circumstances providing such events are completed not later than 5 June 2028.

## 6.9 IGF Officials Role Definitions

TERM	DEFINITION
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.
Chief Referee	Responsible for Rules of Golf matters (including Terms of Competition, Local Rules, Pace of Play and Suspension of Play) and coordinating the referees.
IGF International Technical Official (ITO)	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/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 Official (NTO)	National Technical Officials ("NTOs") are selected to perform a scoring role. They are nominated by the United States Golf Association (USGA), in consultation with LA28 Organising Committee and are approved by the IGF. NTOs should have successfully completed the R&A Rules Education Programme Level 1 Rules Seminar or its USGA equivalent, have good English language skills (e.g. C1 proficiency (with or without certificate)) based on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), have participated in a substantial number of national events, and at least two PGA Tour, DP World Tour, LPGA, LET events.
IGF Rules Committee	Comprised of the IGF Technical Delegate, the Chief Referee, the IGF International Technical Officials.
IGF Olympic Golf Competitions Committee	IGF officials responsible for overall competition oversight including general management of referees, rules assignments, Rules of Golf related matters, rules meetings and briefings, notice to Athletes, IGF policies & procedures, competition administration items, golf course marking, golf course preparation, golf course set-up, Athlete relations & issues and direction and liaison with agronomists.

## 7 GLOSSARY

- **"Athlete"** means any person or group of persons, participating in sports competitions.
- **"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 of money or the equivalent such as, but not limited to, bribes, gains, gifts and other advantages including, without limitation, winnings and/or potential winnings as a result of a wager; the foregoing shall not include official prize money, appearance fees or payments to be made under sponsorship or other contracts  
**"Bet"** - "Sports Betting, Bet or Betting" means any wager of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize of monetary value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to a sports competition.
- **"Betting"** - "Sports Betting, Bet or Betting" means any wager of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize of monetary value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to a sports competition.
- **"Caddie"** is the person who carries an Athlete's bag and clubs and gives insightful advice and moral support.
- **"CAS"** means the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- **"CDE"** means Competition Delivery Entity
- **"Chief Referee"** is responsible for Rules of Golf matters (including Terms of Competition, Local Rules, Pace of Play and Suspension of Play) and coordinating the referees.
- **"Competition"** means any sports competition, tournament, match or event, organised in accordance with the rules of a Sports Organisation or its affiliated organisations, or, where appropriate, in accordance with the rules of any other competent sports organisation.
- **"Continental Places"** as part of the Qualification System, 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 Qualification System. The Continental Places will be allocated to the highest ranked Athlete(s) on the Olympic Golf Rankings from the continent(s) without representation.
- **"Covered Person"** refers to any Athlete, Athlete Support Personnel, Tournament Support Personnel, personnel of NOCs or all accredited persons.
- **"Event"** is a Competition in a sport or in one of its disciplines, resulting in a ranking and giving rise to the award of medals and diploma (as per Olympic Charter).
- **"IF"** means International Federation.
- **"IGF"** means the International Golf Federation.
- **"IGF Appeals Panel"** means the tribunal appointed by the IGF to perform the functions assigned to it in these Policies.
- **"IGF Delivery Plan"** is an internal IGF document designed to outline the roles and responsibilities within the various projects managed by the IGF Olympic Games Function in the lead up to and during the delivery of the golf competition at the Olympic Games. It defines who does what and related points of contact.
- **"IGF Olympic Golf Competitions Committee"** comprise IGF officials responsible for overall competition oversight including general management of referees, rules assignments, Rules of Golf related matters, rules meetings and briefings, notice to Athletes, IGF policies & procedures,

competition administration items, golf course marking, golf course preparation, golf course set-up, Athlete relations & issues and direction and liaison with agronomists.

- **“IGF Rules Committee”** “comprises the IGF Technical Delegate, the Chief Referee, the IGF International 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 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.
- **“International Golf Competition”** means the competitions listed for the purposes of and within the Nationality Policy in these Regulations.
- **“Inside Information”** means any information relating to any Competition or Event that a Participant possesses by virtue of his/her position within the sport. Such information includes, but is not limited to, factual information regarding the Athletes, 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.
- **“ITA”** means the International Testing Agency.
- **“Nationality Policy”** means the IGF Nationality Policy in section 6.7.
- **“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”) are selected to perform a scoring role. They are nominated by the United States Golf Association (USGA), in consultation with LA28 Organising Committee and are approved by the IGF. NTOs should have successfully completed the R&A Rules Education Programme Level 1 Rules Seminar or its USGA equivalent, have good English language skills (e.g. C1 proficiency (with or without certificate)) based on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), have participated in a substantial number of national events, and at least two PGA Tour, DP World Tour, LPGA, LET events.
- **“NOC”** means National Olympic Committee.
- **“OIAC”** means Olympic Identity and Accreditation Card.
- **“Olympic Games”** means the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, to be held in Los Angeles, United States of America, from 14 July to 30 July 2028.
- **“Olympic Golf Competition”** means the Men’s Individual event, the Women’s Individual event and the Mixed-Team event held in Los Angeles, United States of America from Wednesday 19 July to Saturday 22 July 2028 (Men’s event), Sunday 23 July to Monday 24 July 2028 (Mixed-Team) and Wednesday 26 July to Saturday 29 July 2028 (Women’s event).

- **“Olympic Golf Course”** is where the Olympic Golf Competition will be held, at Riviera Country Club (RIV).
- **“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.
- **“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.
- **“Official scorer”** is an IGF official to whom athletes 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 athlete 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 scorecard.
- **“Organising Committee”** means the Organising Committee for the Olympic Games.
- **“Participants”** refers to the IGF and its members or representatives, the IGF officials and any persons or organisation belonging in any capacity whatsoever to the IGF or to one of its affiliated members, the Organising Committee of the IGF Events and Competitions, Tournament Support Personnel, IGF employees and volunteers, Athletes and Athletes Support Personnel at the IGF Events and Competitions, and members of the IGF Board.
- **“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 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/her. Also referred to as a “Rules Official”.
- **“Regulations”** are the IGF Olympic Golf Regulations which cover the Olympic Golf Competition for the Olympic Games edition in question. The Olympic Golf Competition will be conducted in accordance with these Regulations and its appendices and the Rules of Golf.
- **“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.
- **“Sport”** means the sport of golf.
- **“Sports Betting, Bet or Betting”** means any wager of a stake of monetary value in the expectation of a prize of monetary value, subject to a future and uncertain occurrence related to a sports competition.
- **“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, volunteer, referee, technical official, IGF employee, and any of their respective agents, delegates, commissioners, or contractors, and any similarly situated person at an IGF Event or Competition and any other person who receives accreditation for an IGF Event or Competition at the request of Tournament Support Personnel.
- **“Venue Results Manager”** coordinates all stages of On Venue Results (OVR) 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 any policy in these Regulations.
- **“Walking Scorer”** is a National Technical Official who walks with each grouping and provides data to the OVR system using a data collector and a radio.