

Minutes of the IGF Board meeting

15 July 2025, Royal Portrush, NI, UK.

Distributed to the members of the IGF Board

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Meeting	IGF Board Meeting
Place	MacNaughton Suite, Bushmills Inn
Date	15 July 2025
Time	13 :30 – 15 :30 BST

Roll Call

Chairperson: Mr Guy Kinnings (European Tour)

Members present:

Mr Mark Darbon (R&A)

Ms Claudia Garduño (FMG)

Ms Nobuko Hirayama (JGA)

Mr Will Jones (ANGC)

Mr Jay Monahan (PGA Tour)

Ms Liz Moore (LPGA)

Ms Annika Sörenstam – President (IGF)

Mr Derek Sprague (PGAA)

Mr Mike Whan (USGA)

In attendance:

Mr Antony Scanlon - Secretary (IGF)

Mr Tyler Dennis (PGA Tour)

Mr Billy Schroder (PGA Tour)

1. Welcome

- The Chairperson warmly welcomed all the members of the IGF Board attending the meeting and acknowledged the presence of the new board members Mr Mark Darbon (R&A), Ms Liz Moore (LPGA) and Mr Derek Sprague (PGAA).
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2. Confirmation of previous meeting's minutes

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| Decision | ➤ The Board
RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 April 2025 as a true and correct record. |
| Matters Arising | ➤ There were no matters arising out of the minutes. |
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3. Matters for Approval

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| 2024 Financial Statements | ➤ The meeting was requested to approve the Report of the auditor to the Board of Directors of International Golf Federation (IGF) on the 2024 financial statements. |
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| Decision | ➤ The Board
RESOLVED the IGF Board approve the Report of the auditor to the Board of Directors of International Golf Federation (IGF) on the 2024 financial statements as set out in the Agenda Item 3.1 paper. |
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4. Financial Report

- The Executive Director provided the Board an overview of the IGFs financial health as provided within agenda item # 4 paper- IGF Financial Report -July 2025
 - The report included a financial dashboard, the IGF Balance Sheet, Profit & Loss Statements as of 31 March 2025, cash flow forecast, and actual results compared to the overall budget of the IGF.
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5. Report on the LA28 Olympic Games

- The Executive Director presented the following to the Board.

Event Delivery Plans (EVP) Proposal

- Discussions continue with LA 2028 to engage the IGF and its membership into the delivery of both the competition and sports services as well as the outside the ropes event delivery.
- A scope document was provided outlining proposed activities and responsibilities for delivery to LA28, and meetings were held with LA28 on 1-2 April to discuss these. We have received no feedback on these documents.
- At the recent IOC Coordination Commission visit to LA28 a slide was presented stating that the IGF and TGR Foundation would jointly be delivering the EVP without discussions with the IGF or clarity on roles and responsibilities.
- Discussions on this will be held during Event Operations Planning Session site visit to LA in July.

6. Executive Directors Report on the activities of the IGF Administration

- The Executive Director presented the following specific points from within his written report to the Board.

IOC President Handover Ceremony

- On 23 June, Olympic Day, a ceremony at Olympic House in Lausanne was held to mark the handover of the IOC presidency from Thomas Bach to Kirsty Coventry.
- Coventry is the first woman and the first African to hold the position.

IOC Working Group on Protection of Female Category

- As one of her first initiatives as IOC President, Kirsty Coventry, announced the creation of an IOC working group to focus on the protection of the female category.
- The working group will be made up of experts and International Federations to ensure consensus with all the stakeholders on a policy that would be implemented not only at the LA Olympic Games but across all Olympic sports.

2025 Singapore World Amateur Team Championships

- Planning and preparations for the 2025 Singapore World Amateur Team Championships (WATC) are progressing well following the IGFs second site visit to Singapore in early May.

- Reported budget deficit forecast by the SGA, has been significantly reduced to S\$100K following IGF identification of a number of non-mandatory services. It should be noted that contracts for a number of variables, such as transport, are yet to be finalised by SGA, so the deficit could again increase.
- The fields for both championships were finalised based on WAGR rankings as of 2 July. Teams have until 15 August to register their player names.

Administrative Committee Meeting

- Notification has been sent to the members of the IGF Administrative Committee Meeting on 5 October 2025.
- The Committee will appoint a new Women's Chair and representative to the IGF Board

Biennial Meeting

- Notification has been sent to the National Federation membership for the IGF Biennial Meeting on 6 October 2025.

Golf for the Disabled & Paralympic Games

- The development of the IGF Classification code for the Paralympic Games is nearing conclusion, with the remaining aspects pertaining to Sport Class Classification Assessments currently in the finalisation stage.
- The new code, once completed, will adhere fully to IPC standards, ensuring we can continue to work on golf's inclusion on the Paralympic programme.
- The Brisbane 2032 sports application process will commence in July 2025, with submissions due by December 2025, with the final decision on the Sports Programme expected in Q4 2026.
- There is a secondary pathway for inclusion through Brisbane 2032 via the OCOG proposal.
- The IGF is working in partnership with Golf Australia to deliver the Australian All Abilities Open in November 2026 as a qualifying event in accordance with the new Classification Code.
- Strategically this will bring further support to the IGF's bid for golf's inclusion on the Brisbane 2032 Paralympic sports programme.

Anti-Doping Rule Violation – 2023 WATC

- ITA sanctioned Guam athlete, Eugene Kim Park, for four-years after refusal to take an anti-doping test during the 2023 World Amateur Team Championships.
- It was noted that any athlete that has been sanctioned under an Anti-Doping Rule Violation is not removed from the relevant official golf world ranking system.

7. Review of IGF Responsibilities

- The Executive Director presented the board paper agenda item 7 slide deck.
- An overview of the core responsibilities as an International Federation were presented and discussed as to whether these were being delivered by the IGF or solely or in combination by other professional members.
- The IGF's delivery model and resourcing of the 2020-2028 Strategic Business Plan was also presented and the IGFs dependence on the delivery partner's support.
- Discussion on the revenues that other International Federation's allocate to development was held and how golf collectively was spending considerable money on development, but this was not as prominent and that consideration could be given to clearly communicate the investment that is being made to grow and sustain the sport and the key areas for this investment.
- The matter was raised as to who within golf is keeping watch on the health of our game globally and identifying global issues and opportunities and following through on these and what would be the appropriate forum for discussion and response to these?
- The meeting determined that it should continue discussion on how the delivery partners can work together to enhance current initiatives to sustain and grow the game.

8. Other Business

- There were no further matters discussed.
 - The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation.
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Time the Meeting
Closed

- There being no further business, the meeting ended at 15h 30 BST time.
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Next proposed
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- The next meeting of the IGF Board will be held on 15 December 2025, remotely.
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FOR APPROVAL

**Guy Kinnings
Chairperson**

**Antony Scanlon
Executive Director**