

2025 WATC TEAM INFORMATION GUIDE

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Foreword

The IGF is pleased to provide important information on various topics to assist your national golf federation in preparing for the Championships. As planning progresses, this guide will be updated, with new versions communicated accordingly.

1. Upcoming deadlines

15 August 2025 DEADLINE PASSED	• Deadline for National Federations to enter names of players, captain, and coach/manager via the online registration platform. • Deadline for National Federations to register: ○ other delegation members and entourage ○ Biennial Meeting delegates • Deadline for National Federations to advise the IGF of any team member that requires the use of motorised transportation for medical purposes.
29 August 2025 DEADLINE PASSED	• Hotel bookings close at 17:00 (5pm) <u>Singapore Time</u>.
12 September 2025	• Deadline for players, captain, and coach/manager to return the electronic Entry and Eligibility Conditions Form and complete their personal profile online.
19 September 2025	• Deadline for National Federations to register the organisations they wish to include on the media roster via the online registration platform.



Refer to [2025 WATC Entries Guide](#) for more detailed information.

2. Competition

2.1. Schedule

2.1.1. ESPIRITO SANTO TROPHY (WOMEN)

Sunday 28 September	• Women's team arrivals • Team registration • Course closed, practice facilities open
Monday 29 September	• Women's team arrivals • Team registration • Practice round • Team Captains' meeting
Tuesday 30 September	• Practice round • Opening Ceremony & Reception
Wednesday 1 – Friday 3 October	• Rounds 1 – 3 Espirito Santo Trophy
Saturday 4 October	• Round 4 Espirito Santo Trophy • Closing Ceremony & Reception
Sunday 5 October	• Women's team departures

2.1.2. EISENHOWER TROPHY (MEN)

Sunday 5 October	• Men's team arrivals • Team registration • Course closed, practice facilities open
Monday 6 October	• Men's team arrivals • Team registration • Practice round • Team Captains' meeting
Tuesday 7 October	• Practice round • Opening Ceremony & Reception
Wednesday 8 – Friday 10 October	• Rounds 1 – 3 Eisenhower Trophy
Saturday 11 October	• Round 4 Eisenhower Trophy • Closing Ceremony & Reception
Sunday 12 October	• Men's team departures

The detailed [2025 WATC schedule](#) with timings can be found on the IGF website.

2.2. Fields

Team lists:

- [Espirito Santo Trophy](#)
- [Eisenhower Trophy](#)



2.3. Terms of the Competition

[2025 Terms of the Competition and Local Rules](#) are available on the IGF website (under *Rules and Regulations*).

2.4. Golf Course

The Eisenhower and Espirito Santo Trophies will both be played on the Tampines Course at the [Tanah Merah Country Club](#). Yardages are available [here](#) (under *Rules and Regulations*).

2.5. Practice rounds

Each team will be assigned one morning and one afternoon practice round time. Practice round schedules will be allocated by the IGF; requests for specific times will not be accepted. Practice schedules and championship starting times will be emailed to teams and posted on www.igfgolf.org

2.6. Trolley (Push carts)

Caddies are prohibited during the championship rounds. Motorised push carts or motorised pull carts are prohibited during a round. Trolleys (push carts) are available on a complimentary basis.

2.7. Distance-Measuring Devices (DMDs)

Players may use Distance Measuring Devices (DMDs) during practice and championship rounds. During championship rounds, these devices can only be used to measure distance; they cannot be used to measure conditions such as wind, elevation, etc. If there is any doubt as to whether a DMD or function may be used, please consult with an IGF Rules staff member in the IGF Office prior to the first championship round.

2.8. Green Reading Materials



Players should be aware that during a round they must not use any written, printed, electronic or digital materials to help with reading their line of play for any stroke to be made from the putting green. This is as per Model Local Rule G-12.

2.9. Course Guide

Course guides, in metres or yards, will be distributed to teams during Team Registration.

2.10. Club storage

Club storage will be available in the locker rooms at Tanah Merah Country Club.

2.11. Scoring

Scoring will be available on www.igfgolf.org We kindly ask that you assist in promoting the Championships by linking to the IGF scoring pages on your own federation website and social media posts.

Help promote your teams by linking to the scoring pages on your own federation websites.

3. Pre-departure

3.1. Accommodation – Aloft Singapore Novena

The [booking form](#) and/or amendments to existing bookings should have been received by the hotel via email (lisa.ros@aloftsingapore.com) by 17:00 (5pm) Singapore time on 29 August 2025.

3.2. Entry/visa requirements

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Entry requirements may be found in the [Host Country Information](#) guide. All individuals entering Singapore are subject to the SG Arrival Card. Additionally, some travellers will require an entry visa.

Please pay attention to the Prohibited and Controlled Goods included in the guide, **which include:**

- Chewing gum
- Chewing tobacco and imitation tobacco products (for example, electronic cigarettes/vapes)
- Cannabis products, including CBD and marijuana.

Be aware also of the process for travelling with personal medications. We encourage anyone travelling with prescription medication to carry with them a copy of the script from the doctor who administered the medication.

Anyone wishing to temporarily import goods should be aware of procedure outlined [here](#).

3.3. Team Safeguarding Officer

As previously communicated, the IGF has collaborated with a number of sports federations, government agencies and universities to develop a [Safeguarding in Sport](#) series of three online courses for the golfing community. The IGF strongly encourages at least one team member from each qualified WATC team undertakes basic safeguarding training, through either the IGF Safeguarding in Sport course or a national equivalent. Each team at WATC will be asked to nominate a Safeguarding Officer during the onsite team registration process.

The IGF will have its own Safeguarding Officer onsite for the duration of the Championships.

3.4. Doping control

As regulated by The World Anti-Doping Code, the use of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods is strictly forbidden. All competitors at the WATC are subject to the provisions of the [IGF Anti-Doping Policy](#). This Policy, as well as the [2025 Prohibited List](#), and other related documents are available on the [IGF website](#). All National Federation with teams competing in the 2025 WATC should ensure that they are familiar with the IGF Anti-Doping Policy and its requirements and that all competitors are aware of their rights and responsibilities in taking part in the Doping Control process.

Both in-competition (IC) and out-of-competition (OOC) testing may be conducted. For clarity OOC testing is carried out on individual players with little or no advance notice. Doping controls at the 2025 WATC may be conducted by the International Golf Federation, the International Testing Agency (ITA), National Anti-Doping Organisations (NADOs) or another organisation commissioned by any of the above. More details regarding doping controls will be provided at the Captains' meetings prior to each competition.

It is vitally important that any competitor who is taking or wishes to take, for a legitimate medical reason, a medication that is on the Prohibited List applies in advance for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). The [TUE Application process](#) is outlined on the IGF website.

Doping is not only the result of a positive test - it is defined as the occurrence of one or more Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs). Players are responsible for understanding what constitutes an ADRV, including the substances and methods listed on the Prohibited List. There are 11 Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs).

An easy-to-read [Anti-Doping Handbook](#) is available on the IGF website. Please ensure that all competitors are aware of this document. Any queries regarding the IGF Anti-Doping Policy, its application, Therapeutic Use Exemptions or any other matter relating to Doping Control, should be sent to the IGF's Anti-Doping Officer by e-mail at antidoping@igfmail.org

Players are advised to take a copy of their passport identification with them to the course in case they are selected for testing.

3.5. Anti-doping webinars



On behalf of the IGF, the International Testing Agency delivered two WATC specific anti-doping webinars. The first session was designed for National Federations, Captains, Coaches and Managers and its recording is available [here](#).

The second webinar was tailored for players and their support personnel, and its recording is available [here](#). We strongly encourage all federations and team members to watch the recordings if they were unable to attend the live session.

3.6. Team uniform

Refer to [2025 WATC Logo and Marks Policy](#) (under *Rules and Regulations*) on the IGF website. Shoes with traditional or metal spikes are not permitted.

5. Onsite in Singapore

5.1. Airport transfers

A shuttle-bus transport service will be provided between Singapore Changi Airport and the Aloft Novena Singapore hotel on official arrival and departure days (as outlined in the [Host Country Information](#) guide). You will soon be asked to provide team arrival and departure information to the local organising committee, and we kindly ask that you submit this information by the specified deadline. Taxis are readily available for individuals arriving outside the official arrival and departure days.

5.2. Shuttle service

A shuttle-bus service will operate between the Aloft Singapore Novena hotel and the golf course from Sunday 28 September – Saturday 11 October. The shuttle service will also provide transportation for the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Shuttle schedules will be provided closer to the Championships.

5.3. Team registration

ESPIRITO SANTO TROPHY	EISENHOWER TROPHY
- Sunday 28 September, 09:00 – 18:00 - Monday 29 September, 07:00 – 14:00	- Sunday 5 October, 09:00 – 18:00 - Monday 6 October, 07:00 – 14:00

Registration will take place at the Tanah Merah Country Club. Teams should register as soon as possible upon arrival at the Championship site. Teams will not be permitted to start play of the second practice round until they have registered. All team representatives (that is, players, captain, and coach/manager) must be present together at registration, unless otherwise approved by the IGF due to exceptional circumstances.

WAGR® and Equipment Standards representatives will be available during registration.

5.4. Team photos

Team photos will be taken on 30th September for Espirito Santo and 7th October for the Eisenhower Trophy. The photo schedule will be communicated with the practice round schedule. Federation formal/dress uniform (blazer or the like) is the required attire for the photo and teams must bring their uniform to the course on the photo day. Team photos are strictly limited to players, captain and coach/manager.

Individual headshots will be taken immediately following the team photo.

5.5. Ceremonies

Opening and Closing Ceremonies will be held at the Tanah Merah Country Club. Teams are asked to wear their formal/dress uniform to the Opening Ceremony. With the expected heat and humidity, blazers/jackets are optional.

Golf attire should be worn to the Closing Ceremony on the final day of the Championship.

- Opening Ceremony
Drinks and light canapes/finger food will be provided at a reception immediately following the Opening Ceremony. This is not intended to replace a full dinner meal.
- Closing Ceremony
A standing cocktail dinner meal will be provided immediately following the Awards Ceremony.

5.6. Food and beverage

Breakfast is included in the hotel room rate and a light breakfast will also be available to purchase at the Tanah Merah Country Club.

A user-pay buffet lunch will be available in Championship Dining at Tanah Merah Country Club. Payment can be made by credit card at the time of consumption. Other team delegates (such as team supporters, federation staff, executive, etc.) can also purchase the buffet lunch. Vegetarian options will be available.

In alignment with the Championships' commitment to sustainability, plastic (PET) bottles will not be available during the event. The Singapore Golf Association will gift all team members with a refillable water bottle. We encourage everyone else to bring their own water bottle.

5.7. Accreditation

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Team accreditation will be distributed during registration. Any additional staff, executive, media, supporters etc. travelling with your team who have been registered via the online platform, will receive their accreditation at registration or from the IGF Office in the club house.

5.8. Medical

First Aid, emergency and medical services will be available and clearly signposted at the course. With warm to hot weather expected, please remind team members to keep hydrated by drinking plenty of water.

The IGF will provide all teams with cooling neck towels; ice containers will be placed in numerous locations around the course for cooling of the towels.

Federations may also wish to encourage team members to use shade umbrellas. It is important that teams have appropriate clothing made of breathable, UV blocking fabrics, and use sunscreen (sun protection factor SPF 50). Please note that some medications are not compatible with strong sunlight and should be checked in advance.

Physiotherapy services will be available in the locker rooms on a complimentary, first-come basis from Monday to Saturday of both weeks. Traditional Chinese Medicine will also be available.

5.9. Mosquito borne diseases

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Both dengue and chikungunya are mosquito-borne diseases transmitted by the Aedes mosquito. While chikungunya cases remain relatively low, dengue is more common. The risk can be reduced with simple protective measures. Individuals are advised to apply mosquito repellent, particularly at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. Clothing that covers most of the body is an added precaution.

Common symptoms of dengue infection include sudden fever, headache, muscle or bone pain, and rash. Chikungunya typically causes fever, rash, headache, and severe joint pain. Anyone experiencing symptoms should discuss with the onsite medical team.

5.10. Anti-doping education

During team registration in Singapore, International Testing Agency (ITA) ambassadors [Janice Lyn](#) (Espirito Santo) and [Ana Jelusic](#) (Eisenhower) will be onsite to discuss any aspect of anti-doping as well as answer individual questions, on topics such as:

- Understanding the **Prohibited List** and **Checking Medications and supplements**
- The **Doping Control Process**
- Applying for a **Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)**
- Your **rights and responsibilities** related to anti-doping

We encourage all teams to stop and speak with the ITA ambassadors.

5.11. Health survey

During team registration for the Eisenhower Trophy, IGF & IOC Medical Committee member, Dr Margo Mountjoy will conduct an anonymous survey to gather detailed data on the types and characteristics of injuries, illnesses, and mental health concerns affecting male amateur golfers, while also evaluating their access to healthcare resources and support within their training routines. This initiative will drive gender-specific prevention strategies and support systems in early athletic development. This will compliment Dr Mountjoy's survey of female players on the same topic, during the 2022 WATC in Paris. We ask for your support in encouraging your players to complete this anonymous survey.

5.12. Serenity Space

For the first time, the IGF is launching its Serenity Space at the WATC. This initiative aims to provide players access to a safe and relaxing space providing resources to support their mental and emotional wellbeing. Players may engage in relaxation, meditation, and mental conditioning practices.

The space will include visualisation experiences with virtual reality tools, an active relaxation zone and guided meditation and breathing exercises designed to promote mental clarity. We encourage your teams to visit this space, located next to the locker rooms.

5.13. Broadcast

Two 23-minute broadcast highlights packages will be produced for the WATC – one for the Espirito Santo Trophy and one for the Eisenhower Trophy. The packages, with English commentary, will be distributed to the IGF following each Championship. All national federations will be granted access and a free content license to use the programmes until 31 December 2026. We ask that you show your support for the Championships by placing this content on your own websites and OTT or social media platforms. Further information will follow.

5.14. WATC photographs

As previously communicated, the IGF has recently offered National Federation members complimentary access to our digital photograph collection. During the WATC, a daily selection of high-quality images will be uploaded to our Digital Asset Management (DAM) tool and National Federation members may view and download images for editorial use, at no cost.

If your National Federation has not already opened a user account, click the following link: <https://dam.igfdigital.com/request-access.php>. Once your access is granted, you will be able to explore the complete library of archived images and view the 2025 WATC photos as they are uploaded in October.

5.15. Parking

For any team intending to hire a vehicle, the Tanah Merah Country Club has a large parking facility and parking accreditation is not required.

5.16. Weather

Singapore's weather is typically warm and humid throughout the year, with intermittent thundery showers. Due to its location near the equator, the country has a tropical rainforest climate with little seasonal variation. Daily temperatures often exceed 30°C (86°F), and humidity levels are high. Sudden rainstorms can bring brief but intense rainfall. To stay comfortable, it's advisable to wear light, breathable clothing, carry an umbrella, and stay hydrated. Weather updates will be provided twice per day by the IGF meteorologist, during the Championships.

5.17. Spectator tickets

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The WATC is a non-ticketed, free Championships. Kindly encourage your expat community in Singapore to attend the Championships and support your team.

5.18. 2025 WATC Merchandise

The Official 2025 WATC Merchandise is now available for **pre-order online**. The exclusive range includes Polo Shirts, Caps, Head Covers, Water Bottles, Golf Ball Markers, and Drawstring Bags -all thoughtfully designed to commemorate the Championships. Pre-orders can be placed [here](#).

Items will be available for collection at the Fan Village during the Championships at Tanah Merah Country Club.

5.19. Visit Singapore

Make the most of your time in Singapore with discounted tickets being offered to WATC participants for attractions like the Singapore Zoo, River Safari and Bird Paradise. Tickets must be purchased via this [link](#) (access code SMAPMWG) between 27 July – 14 October and can be used from 27 September – 14 October 2025.

5.20. Media

To promote the Championships, the IGF would like to email daily results and stories to your media outlets. Please register any media you would like included on this roster, as well as any media travelling with your team to Singapore, via the [registration system](#).

5.21. Social media

- Follow us @igfgolf on [X](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
- Follow the Singapore Golf Association @teamgolfsg on [Instagram](#), [Telegram](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#)



Kindly include #Rolex on all of your National Federation's social posts, to acknowledge the WATC Presenting Partner.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the IGF office watc@igfmail.org or the local organising committee watc25@sqa.org.sg for more information.