



NATIONALITY POLICY

I. General

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

The IGF publishes this Nationality Policy as it pertains to matters relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in an *International Golf Competition* listed below, and from time-to-time will advise sanctioning organizations of *International Golf Competitions* as to guidelines and standards on making determinations on a competitor's Nationality.

Each sanctioning organization has adopted the IGF Nationality Policy and shares decisions based on nationality with the IGF and other sanctioning organizations. All matters relating to the determination of the country which a competitor may represent in an *International Golf Competition* listed below shall be resolved by the sanctioning organization 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 Organization

International Golf Federation
LPGA & LET
LPGA
International Golf Federation
International Golf Federation

Men's Competitions

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

Sanctioning Organization

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

III. Nationality

A competitor will be considered a *National* of a country if the competitor is a citizen of the country, as defined by the laws of such country.

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

A competitor 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 competitor last represented his/her former country. This period may be extended, reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the sanctioning organization, 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, a competitor may continue to represent the country to which the competitor belongs or belonged. However, if the competitor prefers, the competitor may elect to represent the new country. This particular choice may be made only once.

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Furthermore, in all cases in which a competitor 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 competitor intends to represent, the sanctioning organization may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any competitor, 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 a competitor is a *National*, the current list of National Olympic Committees as recognized 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	Macedonia	Slovak Republic
Azerbaijan	Germany	Malta	Slovenia
Belarus	Greece	Moldova	Spain
Belgium	Hungary	Monaco	Sweden
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Iceland	Montenegro	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Ireland	The Netherlands	Turkey
Croatia	Israel	Norway	Ukraine
Cyprus	Italy	Poland	United Kingdom
Czech Republic	Kazakhstan	Portugal	
Denmark	Latvia	Romania	

V. Rankings

A competitor 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 competitor 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 a competitor'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 player within the rankings.

A competitor 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 organization.

A competitor eligible to participate in an *International Golf Competition* by having the choice as to the country which such competitor 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 organization.

A competitor 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.