

1. Mission

The IGF Medical Commission is an advisory body that has been established to oversee and advise on all medical aspects related to the sport of Golf. The duties of the IGF Medical Commission fall into the broad areas of healthcare, education and research. The commission has responsibility for athlete's health in accordance with IGF's obligations to the Olympic Movement Medical Code

2. Role and Key Responsibilities

The IGF Medical Commission encourages measures to ensure that the sport of golf is practised without danger to the health of the athletes and with respect for fair play and sports ethics. To that end, it fosters those measures necessary to protect the health of participants and to minimise the risks of physical injury and psychological harm. It also promotes measures that will protect athletes in their relationships with physicians and other health care providers.

Key areas of responsibility include:

Healthcare

- To provide advice on the healthcare of players at elite and recreational level
- To provide advice on health benefits to the general population through the use of golf
- To identify golf-specific medical issues
- To monitor medical and safety services at IGF events

Education

- To promote golf as a safe sport
- To promote golf as an enjoyable healthy physical activity
- To contribute educational material for IGF publications
- To assist in the basic medical education of coaches, captains and athletes
- To support the continuing education of physicians, scientists and other health care providers in golf sports medicine
- To provide advice and recommendations on request to the Council, Captains and national golf federations.
- To formulate and publish guidelines for medical services.
- To document literature related to exercise physiology, sports medicine and biomechanics.
- To provide information by way of published material. research
- To investigate and promote the prevention of sports injuries
- To investigate healthy attitudes that foster best performance
- To study, monitor and publicize biological (biomechanical) aspects of training.
- To facilitate golf sports medicine congresses, seminars and clinics
- To make investigations into aspects of golf which have or may have an effect upon the physical or mental health of golfer

Guidelines and research activities on topics such as:

- Injury surveillance during championships of IGF events
- Exercise based programmes
- Fair play (not necessary in golf- is not a contact sport!!)
- Regulation for equipment/venues guidelines
- Preparticipation medical examination
- Return to play after injury
- First aid
- Nutrition/hydration

3. Composition and meetings

The Medical Commission is an advisory body appointed by the Board who appoint its chair. The Commission shall comprise of.

- i) IGF Chief Medical Officer
- ii) PGA TOUR Chief Medical Officer
- iii) European PGA Tour Chief Medical Officer
- iv) Ladies PGA Tour Chief Medical Officer
- v) Ladies European Tour Chief Medical Officer
- vi) Two (2) Appointed members: Being members appointed by the IGF Board.
- vii) Ex Officio member: IGF Executive Director (ED)

It shall meet at least once per year with the quorum for meetings being three members.

Meetings of the Commission may be held face-to-face or through any technological means by which members can participate in a discussion.

The notice and agenda of meetings will include relevant supporting papers, as appropriate.

4. Secretariat Duties

The ED shall be the secretary to the Commission and be responsible, in conjunction with the Commission Chair, for drawing up the agenda and circulating it, supported by explanatory documentation, to Commission members prior to each meeting.

The ED will also be responsible for keeping and circulating minutes. The minutes of meetings will be distributed to all Commission members, after the preliminary approval of the Commission Chair. They are to be approved by the Commission and signed by the Commission Chair

The Commission Chair will table or report on the outcome of deliberations at the next Board meeting.

5. Commission Review of the Charter

The Commission will review this Charter from time to time to provide assurance that it remains consistent with the IGF's objectives and responsibilities.

The Board approves the Charter

6. Confidentiality

Unless otherwise required by law or the IGF Constitution, the members of the Commission are required to keep Commission discussions, Commission papers and deliberations confidential.

7. Inconsistency with IGF Constitution

Whilst this Charter does not form part of the IGF Constitution, this Charter (as in force from time to time) is nevertheless binding on the Commission and each of the Commission members.

To the extent there is any inconsistency between this Charter and the IGF Constitution, the IGF Constitution will prevail.

8. Access to Charter

This Charter will be made available to all members of the Board, senior management and staff. It shall be posted on the IGF website www.igf.golf