

CONDITIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (PART A)

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The official language of the World Amateur Team Championships is English.

1. Nationality

All competitors must be a National of the country which the competitor is representing as defined in the IGF's Nationality Policy.

2. Amateur Status

All players nominated to teams by their national federations must be amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status of The R&A and USGA.

3. 72 Team Limit

In the event of more than 72 teams entering either Championship, entry applications will be accepted according to the following policy guidelines:

- I. The host country entry will be accepted into the field.
- II. The entry of any team that finished in the top 20 (including ties for 20th) in the 2016 World Amateur Team Championships (WATC) will be accepted as long as the entry is received by the deadline. Places in the field will be held for these teams until the closing of entries.
- III. The entry of any other team that competed in the 2016 WATC will be accepted, subject to IV below. Such entry must be received by the entry deadline.
- IV. If at the closing date for entries, there is a surplus of entries, any team finishing in the lowest 10 places (including ties) in the 2016 WATC will not be assured of participation. Entry of these teams, along with teams which did not participate in the 2016 WATC (including those entering the WATC for a first time), will be accepted by order of entry. In determining order of entry, if one or more teams entered on the same date or it is not possible to determine the exact date of entry, order will be decided by lot. Please note that the day both the entry form and entry fee have been received will constitute the date that entry is received.

If a team that has been accepted into the field withdraws after the entry deadline, then the next team available via the process described above will be offered a place in the field. (Note: a team can only be offered such a place in the field if their entry was received by the entry deadline.)

4. Practice

For the Espirito Santo Trophy, no Team member may practice on or walk the courses between 28 July and 25 August inclusive. Team members may walk the courses, without taking clubs or balls, on 26 August, with the work of course maintenance and IGF staff having priority. Championship practice areas must not be used by team members between 28 July and 24 August inclusive.

For the Eisenhower Trophy, no team member may practice on or walk the courses between 28 July and 25 August inclusive. Team members may walk the courses while spectating during the Espirito Santo Trophy week but must not practice. Team members may walk the courses, without taking clubs or balls, on 2 September, with the work of course maintenance and IGF staff having priority. Please note, in the event of unforeseen delays, the Espirito Santo Trophy may conclude on this day and will have priority. Championship practice areas must not be used by team members between 28 July and 31 August inclusive. Practice areas will be opened approximately one hour after the final groups in the Espirito Santo Trophy have started on 1 September. This opening of practice facilities may be delayed in the event of a delay in completing the Espirito Santo Trophy on 1 September or having to complete play on 2 September.

Team practice rounds for the Espirito Santo Trophy will be on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 August. Team practice rounds for the Eisenhower Trophy will be on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 September. Each team will be assigned one practice round time on each course. Practice round schedules will be allocated by the IGF; requests for specific times/courses will not be accepted. Teams missing their assigned practice round times will not be permitted to play at another time unless there are exceptional circumstances, in which case any changes must be approved by the IGF in advance. Please note that it will not be considered exceptional circumstances if players/teams choose to travel on practice round days. Further, if inclement weather causes delay or cancellation of a practice round, that round will not be re-scheduled.

5. Registration

Participating Teams must register at the Golfing Union of Ireland Headquarters as soon as possible upon arrival at the Championship site. Teams will not be permitted to start play of practice rounds until they have registered. All Team members (i.e., Captain and Players) must be present together at registration, unless otherwise approved by the IGF due to exceptional circumstances.

Any Team which does not register for the Espirito Santo Trophy or contact the on-site IGF office before 6:00 pm (local time) on 26 August may be withdrawn from the Championship.

Any Team which does not register for the Eisenhower Trophy or contact the on-site IGF office before 6:00 pm (local time) on 2 September may be withdrawn from the Championship.

6. Nomination of Teams and Substitutions

At registration, the names of the 2 - 3 players who will represent the Team must be given and only those players are permitted to practice on the Championship courses and the practice areas. No change to the Team submitted at registration is permissible, except in the event of illness or injury to one of the named players (see below), or in the event of exceptional circumstances with the permission of the IGF Championship Committee.

Please note, although alternates are welcome to attend the Championships, they may not register, play official practice rounds, practice at the Championship site, be included in the official Team photo, or participate in Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

If one of the players named in a Team at registration suffers an illness or injury which is serious enough to cast doubt over the player's ability to participate in the Championships, and there is a substitute player available for that team, the Team captain should consult the IGF Championship Committee which will decide whether the substitute player will be allowed to practice in the absence of the ill or injured player. A substitute must not practice without the permission of the IGF Championship Committee.

In coming to a decision on whether the substitute player may practice, the IGF Championship Committee will base its decision on the likelihood of the ill or injured player participating in the Championships and will take into account any independent medical advice it wishes to obtain. The fact that a substitute player is permitted to practice would not automatically exclude the ill or injured player from participating in the Championships. If the original player becomes able to practice again, the IGF Championship Committee must be so advised in advance, and the substitute may no longer practice.

If a player, who is not eligible to practice, does practice without the permission of the IGF Championship Committee (including using the practice areas), the sanction taken against the Team concerned will be decided by the IGF Championship Committee. The IGF Championship Committee reserves the right to withdraw the entry of a Team at any time before or during the Championships.

Once a Team has commenced its first round of the Championships (i.e., one of the players has teed off), no change may be made to the Team players for the duration of the Championships.

If a player suffers an injury or illness after the start of the Championships that keeps that player from competing in a given round, the player may return to the Championships if the player recovers in time.

If a Team does not have two players registered on site at the time of the first scheduled starting time for that Team for the first championship round, that Team will not be permitted to participate in the Championships, even if players arrive after that time.

If a Team of two players starts the Championships, a Team's third player who has missed a round or rounds may participate in the remainder of the Championships, and have his/her score count for those remaining rounds, provided that player's name was confirmed to the IGF at Team registration.

CONDITIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (PART B)

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1. **Format**

Each Championship will be 72 holes of stroke play. Teams are comprised of 2-3 players. In each 18-hole round, the total of the two lowest scores by players of each Team constitutes the Team score for that round. The total of the two-player Team scores for the four rounds is the Team's score for the Championship. The Champion is the Team with the lowest such total score for 72 holes.

2. **Caddies**

A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round.

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see Appendix I, page 157.

3. **Distance-Measuring Devices**

The Local Rule permitting use of distance-measuring devices (DMDs) will be in effect (see Decision 14-3/0.5).

4. **Transportation**

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see Appendix I, page 159-160.

If a Captain requires the use of automotive transportation for medical purposes, the IGF Office must be notified prior to the close of entries (1 May 2018) if it is for an ongoing condition. If the requirement for automotive transportation is as a result of an injury or condition sustained after that date, the IGF Office must be notified as soon as possible. The IGF Office will review each case on its own merits and reserves the right to refuse use of automotive transportation. Any Captain granted the use of automotive transportation must adhere to the guidelines that will be provided.

If a Player requires the use of automotive transportation for medical purposes, the IGF Office must be notified by 1 August 2018. The IGF Office will then provide request forms that must be returned in order for the case to be considered. Please note that use of automotive transportation for players will generally only be granted to individuals with a disability or long-term degenerative medical condition.

5. **Groove and Punch Mark Condition**

The specimen Condition in Decision 4-1/1 of the Decisions on the Rules of Golf is in effect.

6. **List of Conforming Driver Heads**

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see Appendix I, pages 154-155.

Note: It is strongly recommended that any player in doubt as to whether a driving club conforms to this condition consult with the IGF through the national golf federation of the country he/she is representing. This should be done as far in advance of the Championships as possible.

For a list of conforming driver heads, visit: www.randa.org or www.usga.org.

7. List of Conforming Golf Balls

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see Appendix I, pages 155-156.

For a list of conforming golf balls, visit: www.randa.org or www.usga.org.

8. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7)

See separate sheet to be distributed at the time of the Championships.

9. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b)

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see Appendix I, page 158.

Note: A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by a prolonged note of a horn. All other suspensions will be signalled by three consecutive short notes of a horn, repeated. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by two short notes of a horn, repeated.

All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in disciplinary action from the IGF Championship Committee.

10. Advice (Note to Rule 8)

During Team Registration, each Team may appoint one person, e.g., the Team captain, who is authorized to give advice to his/her Team members during Championship rounds, provided the Team certifies on the designated IGF form at registration that the person selected is an amateur golfer under the Rules of Amateur Status of The R&A and USGA.

If the person selected to give advice changes between rounds, a new form must be returned. Forms are available from the IGF office, and must be returned to the IGF office before the Team begins its next round. The person giving advice must not change during a stipulated round, unless that round is suspended/postponed and resumes another day, or unless there are exceptional circumstances. In these circumstances, the IGF Championship Committee must first be consulted.

It is requested that the person nominated to give advice does not walk on putting greens or in bunkers during the Championship stipulated rounds.

A playing captain must not give advice during his/her stipulated round.

11. Anti-Doping (Abbreviated Condition)

The use of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods is strictly forbidden. All competitors are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy. Details of the Policy, and the current Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website ([IGF Anti-Doping Policy](#)). Competitors who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the IGF's Anti-Doping Officer via the IGF office not later than 30 days before the start of the Championships.

12. Order of Play within Teams

Team members will be assigned in three continuous groups each day (for example, one Team member in each time at 10:30, 10:40, and 10:50). On the first two days of the Championships, the Team Captains will determine the order of play within their Teams (via forms provided at Team registration). If a Team does not submit a form, or if the form is not returned by the deadline, the order of play will be determined alphabetically by surname. For example, Adams will play at 10:30, Brown will play at 10:40, and Campbell will play at 10:50.

On the last two days of the Championships, the order of play within Teams will be based on score, i.e., the player with the lowest cumulative individual score will have the latest starting time. In the case of a tie, the order of play will be the same as the captain's designated order of play for the first two rounds.

13. Allocation of Courses for 3rd and 4th Rounds

For both championships, the leading Teams (approximately the upper half) after two rounds will play their 3rd round on the Montgomerie Course and their 4th round on the O'Meara Course. All other Teams will follow the reverse.

This allocation does not affect the Teams' final order of finishing if 72 holes or 36 holes are completed. If 45, 54, or 63 holes are completed, Teams will not move out of their course allocation group in terms of place finish.

The following procedure will be adopted in the event of a tie for the final place(s) in the upper half of the draw:

If two or more Teams tie, the placings will be determined as follows:

- (a) Firstly, by taking into account the non-counting score for the 2nd round.
- (b) If still tied, non-counting score for the 1st round.
- (c) If still tied, positions will be determined by team order in the 2nd round.

Note 1: The same method will be used to determine the groupings for the 3rd round when two or more Teams have the same total score. Similarly, the method to determine the groupings for the 4th round when two or more Teams have the same total score will be as follows:

- (a) Firstly, by taking into account the non-counting score for the 3rd round.
- (b) If still tied, non-counting score for the 2nd round.
- (c) If still tied, non-counting score for the 1st round.

(d) If still tied, positions will be determined by team order in the 3rd round.

Note 2: In any of the above situations, a team returning a non-counting score will always achieve a better position than a team that does not return a non-counting score (e.g., due to disqualification, withdrawal due to illness or injury, or a team that only has two players)

14. Fifth Day

In the event of unforeseen delays that prevent either Championship being completed in four days, each Championship can be extended to a fifth day. Teams must remain for this fifth day or else risk not posting a finish in the Championship.

15. Implementing a Cut

If, after the 2nd or 3rd rounds of the Championships, it becomes clear that for some reason it will not be possible for all teams to complete the last round of the Championships (whether that be the 3rd or 4th round), the IGF Championship Committee may implement a cut. The purpose of such a cut would be to enable the leading teams to complete an additional 9 or 18 holes. The decision on whether to implement a cut is at the discretion of the IGF Championship Committee.

For those teams that do not make the cut, final placings will be determined on the basis of the rounds completed.

In addition, the IGF Championship Committee may reduce the number of holes for a stipulated round if play has not commenced on that round, or if any play on that round that has commenced has been declared null and void.

16. Minimum of 36 Holes

In no circumstances will either Championship be extended beyond a fifth day. The winner will be the Team which returns the lowest score for the number of stipulated rounds played, except that, if it is not possible to play at least 36 holes in the five available days, the Championship will be terminated without a Champion being determined.

17. Procedure to be Adopted in the Event of a Tie for First Place

The following procedure will be adopted in the event of a tie for 1st place only:

If two or more Teams tie for the Championship, the order of finishing will be decided as follows:

- (a) Firstly, by taking into account the non-counting score for the 4th round.
- (b) If still tied, the non-counting score for the 3rd round.
- (c) If still tied, the non-counting score for the 2nd round.
- (d) If still tied, the non-counting score for the 1st round.
- (e) If still tied – joint winners will be declared.

If less than 4 rounds are completed, (a) above does not apply. If less than 3 rounds are completed, (a) and (b) above do not apply. In any of the above situations, a team returning a non-counting score will always achieve a better position than a team that does not return a non-counting score



(e.g., due to disqualification, withdrawal due to illness or injury, or a team that only has two players).

In the case of ties for 2nd or 3rd place, duplicate medals will be awarded.

18. Returning of Score Cards

A player's card is deemed officially returned when the player has left the score recording area.

19. Disqualification Penalties and Withdrawals

A penalty of disqualification for a breach of the Rules or the Conditions for the Championship applies only to the round where the breach occurred, unless the IGF Championship Committee determines otherwise. Similarly, a player who withdraws for one round may return for a subsequent round, unless the IGF Championship Committee determines otherwise.

20. Close of Competition

Each competition is deemed to have closed when the Trophy has been presented to the winning team at the Closing Ceremony.

21. IGF Championship Committee

The IGF Championship Committee for the Espirito Santo Trophy consists of the following:

Antony Scanlon, IGF
John Bodenhamer, USGA
Shona McRae, The R&A

The IGF Championship Committee for the Eisenhower Trophy consists of the following:

Antony Scanlon, IGF
John Bodenhamer, USGA
Ed Johnson, The R&A

These Committees shall make any decisions relating to the conduct of the Championships and settle any disputes.