

Golf By-laws

Section 1 - Competition Rules

The Golf competition shall operate under the IIGA Constitution, Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict with the aforesaid IIGA Rules and Regulations they shall also be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as laid down by the R & A Limited (previously Royal & Ancient Golf Club)

Section 2 - General

2.1 Island Representation

2.1.1 Individual Competition

Men a maximum of 4 amateur competitors per Member Island

Ladies a maximum of 4 amateur competitors per Member Island

2.1.2 Team Event

Men a maximum of 4 amateur competitors and a minimum of 3 amateur competitors per Member Island.

Ladies a maximum of 4 amateur competitors and a minimum of 3 amateur competitors per Member Island

2.2 Age of Competitors

2.2.1 The minimum age limit for competitors will be 13 years on the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

2.2.2 In respect of competitors under the age of 18 years competing Member Islands must make arrangement for them to be correctly supervised and comply with all relevant child welfare legislation of their own Island and that of the Host Island.

2.3 Officials

2.3.1 To be appointed by the Organising Committee

2.3.2 The competition will be controlled by the Tournament Referee who shall be suitably qualified.

2.4 Events

Subject to the Host Island having the facilities available and appropriate entries the following events shall take place:-

2.4.1 Individual

Men's Individual

Ladies Individual

2.4.2 Team

Men's Team (played in conjunction with the Individual event)

Ladies Team (played in conjunction with the Individual event)

2.5 Training

2.5.1 Arrangements for any Pre-Games training/practice shall be made at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

- 2.5.2 There should be at least 2 days practice if a single course is used and a days practice at each of the courses if 2 courses are used.

2.6 Draws

- 2.6.1 All groups should consist of 3 golfers in rounds 1 and 2 of the competition except where the last groups out may consist of 2 golfers depending on the number of entries.
- 2.6.2 For rounds 1 and 2 of the competition, and as best as can be achieved, golfers from category 1 (up to 5 handicap) should play together, category 2 (6-12), category 3 (13-20) and category 4 (21-28) always ensuring at the same time that 2 golfers from the same Member Island do not play together.
- 2.6.3 The order for rounds 1 and 2 of the competition should be that the 1st groups out are the category 1 golfers, followed by categories 2, 3 & 4
- 2.6.4 For rounds 3 & 4 of the competition the order of play will be the competitors with the highest scores going out in groups of 3 (or groups of 2 if necessary depending on entries) in reverse order down to the competitors with the lowest scores (the leaders) going out in the groups of 4.
- 2.6.5 Where there are competitors tied on the same score the final playing order for rounds 3 and 4 of the competition is to be determined on a count back basis from the previous day in accordance with normal golf rules, unless the golfers tied are from the same Member Island in which case, where possible, they will play in different groups.

2.7 Venues

- 2.7.1 Minimum of 1 and a maximum of 2, 18-hole courses of an acceptable standard should be available.
- 2.7.2 Where there is only 1 course and/or the entries are too large the Organising Committee must decide whether or not it is possible to hold a full competition. If it is decided that it is not possible to hold a full competition Member Islands must be advised at least 1 year in advance of the format for play.

2.8 Equipment

Golfers will provide their own Clubs and balls in accordance with R & A Limited Regulations

2.9 Clothing

The regulations of R & A Limited concerning clothing and advertising on clothing will apply; provided that any further regulations that may be imposed by the IIGA shall take precedence.

2.10 Medical

- 2.10.1 The Organising Committee shall provide sufficient medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.
- 2.10.2 In Host Islands where heat is a problem adequate water must be made available.

2.11 Medals

Men's Individual: Gold, Silver and Bronze medal

Ladies Individual: Gold, Silver and Bronze medal

Men's Team: Maximum of 4 Gold, 4 Silver and 4 Bronze medals

Ladies Team: Maximum of 4 Gold, 4 Silver and 4 Bronze medals

2.12 Protests and Complaints

Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Tournament Referee and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court.

2.13 Banned Substances and Drug Testing

All competitors in every event shall be subject to Section 9 of the Operational Guidelines of the IGA.

Section 3 - Technical Committee

3.1 Appointment

The Technical Committee will be appointed at each Games Post-Competition Meeting and shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 Members – a Chairman, Secretary plus up to 4 Members. Both of the future Host Islands (if applicable) should be represented and if at all possible at least 1 of the positions should be permanent e.g. Secretary or Chairman to ensure continuity.

3.2 Meetings

The Technical Committee will meet if necessary at any time during the Games. In the period between the Games the Technical Committee will act as an advisory/consultative body on any matters arising.

Section 4 – Pre and Post-Competition Meetings

4.1 The Pre and Post-Competition Meetings shall be called and chaired by the Host Island Sports Co-ordinator and shall be attended by the Technical Committee and up to 2 representatives from each competing Member Island Team.

4.2 The Jury of Appeal will be appointed at the Pre-Competition Meeting. A panel of 5 Members (preferably from different competing Member Islands) plus a non-voting Secretary will be appointed. A minimum of 3 Members plus the Secretary would be required to hear an appeal. If the appeal concerns a competitor from the same Member Island as one of the Jury Members he/she cannot participate in any decision taken.

Section 5 - Individual Competition

5.1 The Individual events will be scratch medal rounds played over 72 holes and will be decided by the lowest aggregate score.

- 5.2** In the event of a tie for any medal in the Individual competition the players will take part in a sudden death playoff until a winner is found.

Section 6 - Team Competition

- 6.1** The Team events will consist of a maximum of 4 players per Team with the best 3 scores from each round (taken from the Individual events) to count for Team medals.
- 6.2** In the event of a tie for any medal in the Team competition, the Team Captain will nominate a player to take part in a sudden death playoff until a winner is found.