

2014 WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS
KARUIZAWA 72 GOLF EAST
IRIYAMA AND OSHITATE COURSES
KARUIZAWA, JAPAN

CONDITIONS FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Unless the penalty is otherwise noted, the IGF Championship Committee reserves the right to determine the penalty for a breach of a Condition.

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. Nationality

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

3. 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.

4. 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 2012 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 2012 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 2012 WATC will not be assured of participation. Entry of these teams, along with teams which did not participate in the 2012 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.)

5. Practice and Nomination of Teams

For the Espirito Santo Trophy, no Team member may practise on or walk the courses from 1 August until 30 August inclusive. Team members may walk the courses, without taking clubs or balls, on 31 August, with the work of course maintenance and IGF staff having priority. Championship practice areas must not be used by team members between 1 August and 30 August inclusive.

For the Eisenhower Trophy, no team member may practise on or walk the courses from 1 August until 30 August inclusive. Team members may walk the courses while spectating during the Espirito Santo Trophy week but must not practise. Team members may walk the courses, without taking clubs or balls, on 7 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 1 August and 5 September inclusive. Practice areas will be opened approximately one hour after the final groups in the Espirito Santo Trophy have started on 6 September. This opening of practice facilities may be delayed in the event of a delay in completing the Espirito Santo Trophy on 6 September or having to complete play on 7 September.

Participating Teams must register at Karuizawa East Clubhouse 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. In the case of unforeseen travel delays, if this causes teams to miss their assigned practice round times, they will be accommodated in the starting schedule at a later time that day. All Team members (i.e., Captain and Players) must be present together at registration. 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.

Please note, although alternates are welcome to attend the Championships, they may not register, play official practice rounds, practise 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 practise in the absence of the ill or injured player. A substitute must not practise without the permission of the IGF Championship Committee.

In coming to a decision on whether the substitute player may practise, 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 practise would not automatically exclude the ill or injured player from participating in the Championships. If the original player becomes able to practise again, the IGF Championship Committee must be so advised in advance, and the substitute may no longer practise.

If a player, who is not eligible to practise, does practise 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 personnel 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 present and ready to play at the time of the first scheduled starting time for that Team for the first 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.

6. 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 139-140.

7. Transportation

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see Appendix I, page 142.

If a Captain requires the use of automotive transportation for medical purposes, the IGF Office must be notified prior to the close of entries (9 May 2014) 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.

8. Groove and Punch Mark Condition

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

9. List of Conforming Driver Heads

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see Appendix I, pages 137-138.

Note: It is strongly recommended that any player in doubt as to whether a driving club conforms to this condition consult with the IGF Secretariat through the national body 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.

10. List of Conforming Golf Balls

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see Appendix I, page 138.

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

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

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

12. 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, pages 140-141.

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.

13. Advice (Note to Rule 8)

During Team Registration, each Team may appoint one person e.g. the Team captain, who is authorised 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.

14. 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 (www.IGFgolf.org). 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 offices not later than 30 days before the start of the Championships.

15. 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.

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

For the Espirito Santo Trophy, the leading Teams (approximately the upper half) after two rounds will play their 3rd round on the Oshitate Course and their 4th round on the Iriyama Course. All other Teams will follow the reverse.

For the Eisenhower Trophy, the leading Teams (approximately the upper half) after two rounds will play their 3rd round on the Oshitate Course and their 4th round on the Iriyama 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 aggregate of the non-counting scores for the first two rounds.
- (b) If still tied, non-counting score for the 2nd round.
- (c) If still tied, positions will be determined by lot.

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 aggregate of the non-counting scores for the first three rounds.
- (b) If still tied, non-counting score for the 3rd round.
- (c) If still tied, positions will be determined by lot.

Note 2: In any of the above situations, a team returning a non-counting score will always achieve a higher 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).

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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 higher 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.

21. Returning of Score Cards

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

22. 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.

23. Close of Competition

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

24. IGF Championship Committee

The IGF Championship Committee for both events consists of the following, when in attendance:

TBC (Japan Golf Association)
Wilson Sibbett and Tom O'Toole Jr (Joint Chairmen of IGF Administrative Committee)
Patsy Hankins (Women's Chairman of IGF Administrative Committee)
Peter Dawson (IGF President and IGF Joint Secretary)
Mike Davis (IGF Joint Secretary)
Antony Scanlon (IGF Executive Director)
Robin Bell and Stephanie Parel (IGF Joint Deputy Secretaries)
(TBC) Jeff Hall, David Rickman, John Bodenhamer and Shona McRae (IGF Rules Committee Representatives)

This Committee shall make any decisions relating to the conduct of the Championships and settle any disputes.