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**Title**                    **World Amateur Team Championships UAE 2023**

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To:                        National Federation Members

Cc:                        Administrative Committee

Date:                     9 December 2022

From:                    Antony Scanlon, Executive Director

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Dear National Federation Members,

The IGF would like to update its members on the overall planning for the World Amateur Team Championships UAE 2023:

### **Field size**

Given the available daylight hours and possible weather conditions, the Competition Committee has determined that the maximum field for both championships will be 36 teams.

### **Qualification System**

Given the above recommended field size, the Administrative Committee discussed and approved the enclosed qualification system at its meeting on 6 December 2022. This qualification system allows for the entry of the host country and the top 10 teams from the 2022 WATC. The remaining places will be filled based on the World Amateur Golf Ranking® as of the entry deadline, with a minimum of three teams from each of the continents (Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania).

The entry deadline, along with other key milestones and instructions will be communicated in 2023.

### **Order of Championships**

To avoid a conflict in dates with the 2023 Asian Pacific Amateur Championship and the 2023 October Q-School, the order of play of the men's and women's championships will be reversed. The Eisenhower Trophy will be played in week one, followed by the Espirito Santo Trophy in week two as follows:



Eisenhower Trophy: Wednesday 18 – Saturday 21 October 2023  
Espirito Santo Trophy: Wednesday 25 – Saturday 28 October 2023

### **New Venue for WATC UAE 2023**

During a recent IGF site visit to UAE, it became apparent that competing preparations for the DP World Tour Championship in Dubai at a similar time to the WATC, could impact the delivery of the WATC. The Emirates Golf Federation (EGF) consequently proposed a move to the National Course at the Abu Dhabi Golf Club. The IGF visited the course and it was deemed a desirable replacement for the original course.

The **Abu Dhabi Golf Club in Abu Dhabi, UAE** will now host the 2023 WATC UAE and it will no longer be held in Dubai.

### **Member Survey – Team Captains**

Thank you to the national federation members that provided a response to the recent survey question '*Should the regulations of the WATC now clearly stipulate that team captains may only be amateurs*'. 54% of the membership voted 'No' meaning that the membership continues to approve both professionals and amateurs as team captains and no changes will be made to the WATC regulations.

The IGF will carefully observe the implementation of the above at the 2023 WATC and conduct a thorough review following the Championships to guide the staging of the 2025 WATC.

2023 WATC entries and competition information and accommodation and travel details, will be circulated in 2023.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Antony Scanlon', is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark or background graphic.

**Antony Scanlon**  
Executive Director

cc. Administrative Committee

Entries will be accepted according to the following policy:

- I. The host country entry will be accepted into the field.
- II. The entry of any team that finished in the top 10 (including ties for 10<sup>th</sup>) in the 2022 World Amateur Team Championships (WATC) will be accepted as long as the entry is received by the entry deadline. Places in the field will be held for these teams until the entry deadline.
- III. Using the World Amateur Golf Ranking® /WAGR® update as of the entry deadline\*, the places of the best two ranked players from each country will be added together. The countries with the lowest totals will qualify to fill the remainder of the field, to a maximum of 36 teams, as long as the entry is received by the entry deadline.

Note: A minimum of 3 teams from the Americas, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Oceania will be included, based on this WAGR® method. (Teams already in the field from I and II above count toward the minimum.)

A tie for the 36<sup>th</sup> position will be broken as follows:

- The country with the best-ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> player as of the entry deadline (a country with a 3<sup>rd</sup> player in the ranking will take precedence over a country without a 3<sup>rd</sup> player)
- If still tied, the country with the most players in WAGR® as of the entry deadline
- If still tied, the country with the earlier entry date
- If still tied, positions will be determined by lot

The following notes apply:

- The WAGR® women's ranking will apply to the Espirito Santo Trophy, and the WAGR® men's ranking will apply to the Eisenhower Trophy
- A country must have two players in the relevant WAGR® ranking as of the entry deadline in order for their entry to be accepted
- It is the responsibility of each national federation member to ensure the nationality of their players is accurate in WAGR®; any concerns must be brought to the attention of the IGF prior to the entry deadline
- It is the responsibility of each national federation to ensure that WAGR™ is notified of players who have turned professional; if a country qualifies for the field on the basis of a player who turned professional, that place in the field will be forfeited

The method mentioned above qualifies a country for the WATC field. The national federation selects their players, who do not necessarily have to be WAGR™-ranked.

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.

In all cases, entries must be received by the entry deadline.

*\*Entry deadline will be circulated in Q2 2023.*