



2022 WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS TERMS OF THE COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and R&A Rules Limited govern play.

This document details the Terms of the Competition and Local Rules that teams need to be aware of in advance of the Championships. Additional Local Rules will be published at the time of the Championships.

Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules can be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019.

Unless otherwise noted, the IGF Championship Committee reserves the right to determine the sanction for breach of a Term. Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

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

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

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. Team Representatives

A team must have a Captain, who may be one of the players. The team may also have a Coach/Manager.

3. Nationality

A player must be a National of the country the player is representing as defined in the International Golf Federation's (IGF) [Nationality Policy](#).

4. 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.

All teams are subject to the IGF's *Logo and Marks Policy – 2022 WATC* which governs the use or display of names, brands, logos, images and other marks and identifiers on their person, equipment or apparel. The full policy may be found on the [IGF website](#).

5. 72 Team Limit

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 country that finished in the top 36 (including ties for 36th) in the 2018 WATC will be accepted. 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 ranking position of the best two players from each country will be added together. The lowest totals will fill the remainder of the field, in order of lowest total, to a maximum of 72 teams.

These teams will be added to the field at the entry deadline. A tie for the 72nd position will be broken as follows (WAGR data as of the entry deadline):

- Best 3rd player in WAGR
- If still tied, most players in WAGR
- If still tied, 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
- 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 has turned professional prior to the entry deadline, that place in the field may be forfeited
- This method 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, then the next team available via the process described above in III will be offered a place in the field.

- IV. If I, II, and III above do not result in the entry of 72 teams, or enough wait list teams for places that become available in the field, additional entries will be considered on a case-by-case basis, based on the order the entries were received. The national federation entering a team must demonstrate via documentation that each player who will be competing has a maximum World Handicap System (WHS) Handicap Index® of 5.4, and a valid playing record over the last two years. Please provide Handicap Index information and all tournament results, including scores and place finish.

If a team that has been accepted into the field via IV withdraws, then the next team available via the process described above in IV will be offered a place in the field.

The entry fee of any team that is not accepted into the field will be refunded. If a team withdraws after the entry deadline, no refund will be provided.

6. Practice Prior to the Championship

For the Espirito Santo Trophy, no team may practice on or walk the courses between 22 July and 21 August inclusive. Championship practice areas must not be used by team members between 22 July and 20 August inclusive.

For the Eisenhower Trophy, no team may practice on or walk the courses between 22 July and 21 August inclusive. Teams may walk the courses while spectating during the Espirito Santo Trophy week but must not practice on the course. Championship practice areas must not be used by team members between 22 July and 27 August inclusive.

Team practice rounds for the Espirito Santo Trophy will be on Monday 22 August and Tuesday 23 August. Team practice rounds for the Eisenhower Trophy will be on Monday 29 August and Tuesday 30 August. 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.

7. Registration

Teams should register as soon as possible upon arrival at the Championship site. Teams will not be permitted to start play of the second practice round until they have registered. All team representatives (that is, Players, Captain, and Coach/Manager) 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 2:00 pm (local time) on Monday 22 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 2:00 pm (local time) on Monday 29 August may be withdrawn from the Championship.

8. 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 (that is, 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.

9. Prizes

Winning Teams: Gold medals and custody of the Espirito Santo Trophy (for women) and the Eisenhower Trophy (for men) for the ensuing two years, subject to such conditions as the IGF may establish.

Runner-Up Teams: Silver medals

3rd Place Teams: Bronze medals

10. Anti-Doping (Abbreviated Term)

The use of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods is strictly forbidden. All competitors are subject to the provisions of the [IGF's Anti-Doping Policy](#). Details of the Policy, and the [2022 Prohibited List](#), are available from the IGF's website. Competitors who are taking, for a legitimate medical reason, a medication that is on the Prohibited List must apply in advance for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). The TUE Application process will be communicated separately.

11. 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 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, Alvarez will play at 10:30, Brown will play at 10:40, and Lee will play at 10:50.

On the last two days of the Championships, the order of play within teams will be based on score, that is, 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.

12. 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 at Le Golf National and their 4th round at Golf de Saint-Nom-la-Bretèche. 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 at Golf de Saint-Nom-la-Bretèche and their 4th round at Le Golf National. 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 better position than a team that does not return a non-counting score (for example, due to disqualification, withdrawal due to illness or injury, or a team that only has two players).

13. 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.

14. Minimum of 36 Holes

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

15. 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 (for example, 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.

16. Returning of Scorecards

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

17. Disqualification Penalties and Withdrawals

A penalty of disqualification for a breach of the Rules of Golf or Local Rules 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.

18. When Competition is Final

Each competition is final when the trophy has been presented to the winning team at the Closing Ceremony or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

19. IGF Championship Committee

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

Antony Scanlon, IGF
John Bodenhamer, USGA
Claire Hargan, The R&A

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

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

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

LOCAL RULES

1. Caddies

A player must not have a caddie during the round. Model Local Rule H-1.1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

2. Motorized Trolleys

A player must not use a motorized trolley (push cart or pull cart) during a round.

3. Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation

Model Local Rule G-6 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

If a Captain or Coach/Manager requires the use of motorized transportation for medical purposes, the IGF Office must be notified prior to the close of entries (13 April 2022) if it is for an ongoing condition. If the requirement for motorized 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 motorized transportation. Any Captain or Coach/Manager granted the use of motorized transportation must adhere to the guidelines that will be provided. The IGF Championship Committee reserves the right to determine the sanction for a breach of this policy.

If a Player requires the use of motorized transportation for medical purposes, the IGF Office must be notified by 1 August 2022. The IGF Office will then provide forms that must be returned in order for the case to be considered. Please note that use of motorized transportation for players will generally only be granted to individuals with a disability or long-term degenerative medical condition.

In all cases, the IGF will review each case on its own merits and reserves the right to refuse use of motorized transportation.

4. List of Conforming Driver Heads

Model Local Rule G-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

5. Groove and Punch Mark Specifications

Model Local Rule G-2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect

6. List of Conforming Golf Balls

Model Local Rule G-3 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

Note: The "One Ball Rule" is not in effect.

7. Broken or Significantly Damaged Club

Model Local Rule G-9 as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect.

8. Back-On-the-Line Relief

Model Local Rule E-12 as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect.

9. Limiting When Stroke Made From Putting Green Must Be Replayed Under Exception 2 to Rule 11.1b

Model Local Rule D-7 as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect.

10. Pace of Play

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

11. Stopping and Resuming Play

Model Local Rule J-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

An immediate suspension will be signalled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspensions will be signalled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signalled by two short airhorn notes.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing may result in disqualification.

12. Practice

Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

13. Advice

Model Local Rule H-2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect, and is modified as follows:

During on site team registration, each team may name one advice giver, for example, the team Captain or Coach/Manager, whom players on the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round. The advice giver may be an amateur or professional.

If the advice giver 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 advice giver must not change during a 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 advice giver does not walk on putting greens or in bunkers during the round.

A playing captain must not give advice during his/her round, even if the playing captain is named as the advice giver.