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# IGF Biennial Meeting

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Westin Abu Dhabi Golf Resort & Spa, Abu Dhabi, UAE



# Welcome Mike Whan— Joint Chairman

# AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Appointment of Scrutineer
4. Approval of Minutes of the IGF Biennial Meeting, 29th August 2022
5. Finance
  - 5.1. Financial Update
  - 5.2. 2022 IGF Financial Accounts Auditors Report
6. Reports
  - 6.1 Administrative Committee Meeting
  - 6.2. 2025 World Amateur Team Championships Host
  - 6.3. IGF Executive Director's Report
7. 2024-2025 Administrative Committee National Federation Members
8. Any Other Business
9. Closing Remarks

## 2. Roll Call

### 3. Appointment of Scrutineer

## 4. Approval of Minutes

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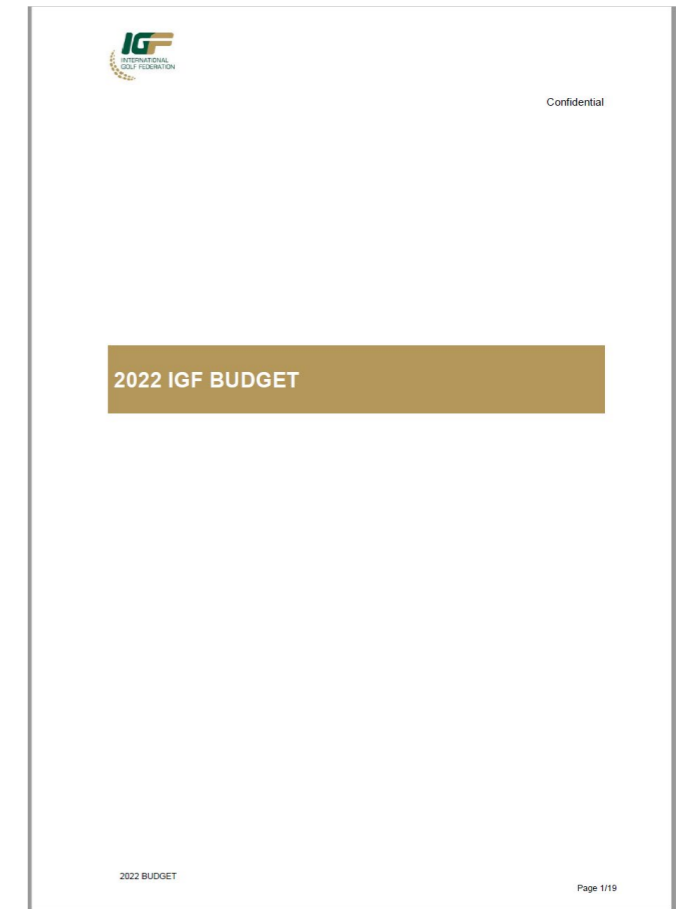
- **Motion to approve the Minutes of the 29 August 2022 meeting of the IGF Biennial Meeting**

# 5. Finance



# 5.1 Financial Update

- The IGF's reference currency is the US Dollar (USD). Financial statements are converted for presentation purpose into Swiss Francs as of the year end.
- Audited assets totalled USD 5.1m on 31st December 2022 with USD 4.7 m cash at bank and in hand.
- Income and expenditures were in line with budgeted expectations due to this not being an Olympic year, with the exception Financial income, where the IGF was able to benefit from favourable interest rates for short term cash deposits with USD 32,234 income generated.
- Once again this is the result of good project management and prudent spending as well as an effective strategy to limit incurring exposure to the currency fluctuations each month when payments are made to creditors.



# 5.1 Financial Update

- Provided that the IGF operational model of delivery remains in place through to 2028, the IGF should have sufficient funds to continue its operations without requiring loan funds from our Delivery Partners throughout this period.
- We will continue to implement the delivery model of relying on Delivery Partner resources, and where necessary, consultants to deliver specific projects and day -to-day activities.
- As we have evolved, it has become ever more critical to recognise that achieving delivery of our strategic plan is dependent on our ability to rely upon our delivery partners to fulfil their own commitments.



# 5.2 2022 IGF Financial Accounts Auditors Report

- IGF's 2022 accounts were audited by Mazars and the balance sheet, profit and loss statement and notes were attached to the Meeting Agenda and Notes.
- The 2022 financial statements were prepared by Comptabilité Et Gestion SA, an independent accounting firm based in Fribourg and supervised by the IGF Executive Director.



# 6. Reports

# 6.1 Administrative Committee Meeting

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Key items from Administrative Committee meeting held on 22 October 2023 are as follows:

## **2023 WATC**

- The Emirates Golf Association provided a report to the meeting on the success of the Eisenhower Trophy.
- The Chairman thanked the EGA for all their hard work to date and wished them every success for the Espirito Santo Trophy
- Discussions were held on the qualification system for the championships. A detailed report will be drafted following the Championships with recommendations on the qualification system for 2025 WATC to be presented to the Administrative Committee for consideration

## **2025 WATC**

- The Singapore Golf Association provided a report to the meeting on the progress of their planning for the 2025 World Amateur Team Championships.

# 6.1 Administrative Committee Meeting

## Women's Chair

- The current Women's Chair, Ms Claudia Garduño, was appointed to her position by the Administrative Committee at the 2018 biennial meeting and her mandate would normally end at the conclusion of the biennial World Amateur Team Championships held in 2024.
- With the timing of the of these championships now being held in 2025 and the fact the Administrative Committee passed a motion to extend the appointment of Ms Claudia Garduño (FMG) as the as IGF Women's Chair until the conclusion of the 2025 biennial World Amateur Team Championships



## 2023 Board Appointments

- Ms Claudia Garduño (FMG) as IGF Women's Chair remains as a Board member representing Administrative Committee
- Administrative Committee has reappointed Ms Nobuko Hirayama (JGA) as the Administrative Committee representative





## 6.2 2025 World Amateur Team Championships

Singapore Golf Federation





# WATC



## SINGAPORE 2025

▪ TANAH MERAH COUNTRY CLUB,  
TAMPINES COURSE

# World Amateur Team Championships

Singapore 2025



# SINGAPORE

## Population

5.92 million

## Main language

English

## Weather

Average Temperature: 26°C/33°C  
Average humidity: 61 - 95%

## Key Highlights

- The world's best airport 2023 – Singapore Changi Airport
- Home of international sports events such as the Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix
- 80,000 golfers, 20 golf courses



# SINGAPORE GOLF EVENT HISTORY

## Singapore Open



Men's National Professional Title

Established in 1961

## Singapore Women's Open



Women's National Professional Title

Established in 2022

## HSBC Women's World Championship



LPGA Tour event

Established in 2008



# SINGAPORE GOLF EVENT HISTORY

## Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (AAC)



Held in Singapore in 2011 & 2018

## Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific (WAAP)



Held in Singapore in 2018 & 2023



# CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

## ESPIRITO SANTO TROPHY (WOMEN)

Practice Rounds: 29 & 30 September 2025

Championship: 1 - 4 October 2025

## EISENHOWER TROPHY (MEN)

Practice Rounds: 6 & 7 October 2025

Championship: 8 – 11 October 2025



# HOST VENUE



## TANAH MERAH COUNTRY CLUB

Singapore's premier golf & country club

One of the leading and most prestigious golf destinations in Singapore and the Asia region that boasts an illustrious heritage.

Tanah Merah Country Club (TMCC) boasts two immaculate golf courses—Garden Course and Tampines Course which have been validated by the many accolades and awards garnered over the years.

The fine fairways of TMCC golf courses have also been the welcome carpet that have beguiled golf greats, dignitaries, and celebrities.

Since its official opening in 1984, the Club has played host to several premiere events including the Singapore Open, Johnnie Walker Classic, Tiger Skins, Lexus Cup, the HSBC Women's Champions.

More recently, the club hosted the Singapore Women's Open and the Asian Tour's International Series Singapore.





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## TAMPINES COURSE

The Tampines Course is widely revered as a players' paradise that hosts a rich array of vegetation and wildlife.

This 18-hole par 72 championship course was officially opened for play on 23 February 2019 after undergoing a comprehensive face-lift in 2017 by Phil Jacobs Design.

The Tampines Course is designed for championship play, with immaculate rolling hills, water features, undulating greens and well-placed bunkers that promise a uniquely challenging and memorable golfing experience for all.

Hole	Par	Designed by
18	72	Phil Jacobs Design



**TAMPINES COURSE**  
Signature Hole #16



# TAMPINES COURSE

Original Architecture:  
Max Wexler

Opened: 1988

Renovated: 2019

Distance and par from back tees: 6887  
Meters/ 7532 Yards (Par 72)

Distance and par from forward tees:  
5353 Meters/ 5854 Yards (Par 72)

Types of Grasses:

- Tees: Zoysia Matrella
- Fairways: Zoysia Matrella
- Rough: Zoysia Matrella
- Putting Greens: Paspalum Platinum
- Collars: No Collar





# RECENT EVENTS HELD AT THE TAMPINES COURSE

## Singapore Open Amateur Championship



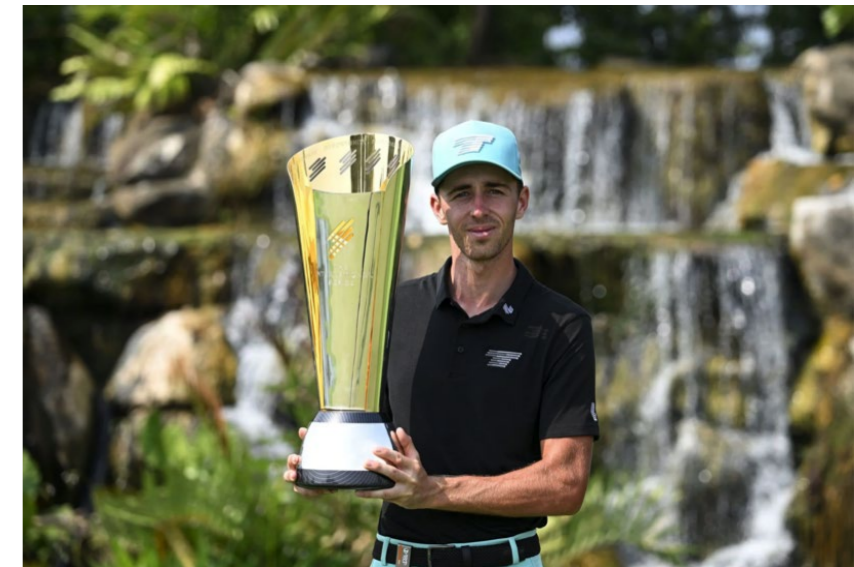
Dates: 13 - 16 July 2021

## Singapore Women's Open



Dates: 8 - 11 December 2022

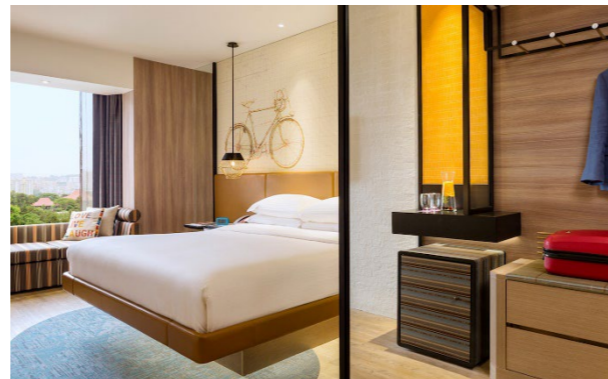
## International Series Singapore



Dates: 5 - 8 October 2023



# ACCOMODATION



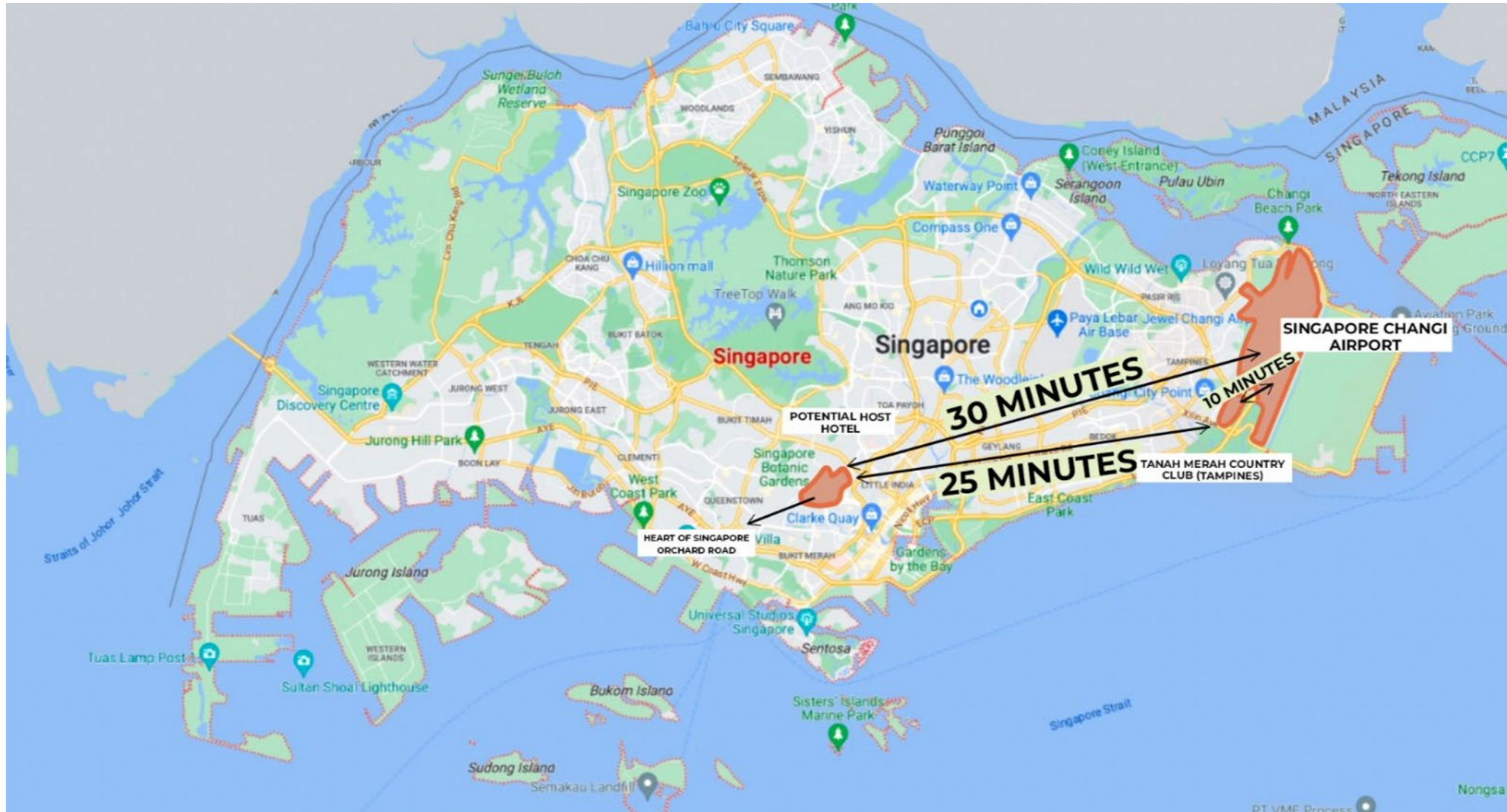
## Key details

- 4\*/5\* Hotels (Shangri-La & Accor Group)
- Rates:
  - 4\* option: US\$190-US\$200 ++
  - 5\* option: US\$280-US\$300 ++
- Location: Downtown Singapore close to restaurants and tourist attractions
- Within 30 minutes from Golf Course & Airport

*\*The booking process will be sent to all federations once the hotels are secured.*



# MAP



All properties are 30 minutes to event venue Tanah Merah Country Club (Tampines)



# PARTNERS: GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

In Support of Sport Promotion



**Singapore Tourism Board**



**Passion  
Made  
Possible**



**Sport Singapore**





**IGF**  
INTERNATIONAL  
GOLF FEDERATION

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SINGAPORE 2025

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# Thank you



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Singapore Golf  
Association

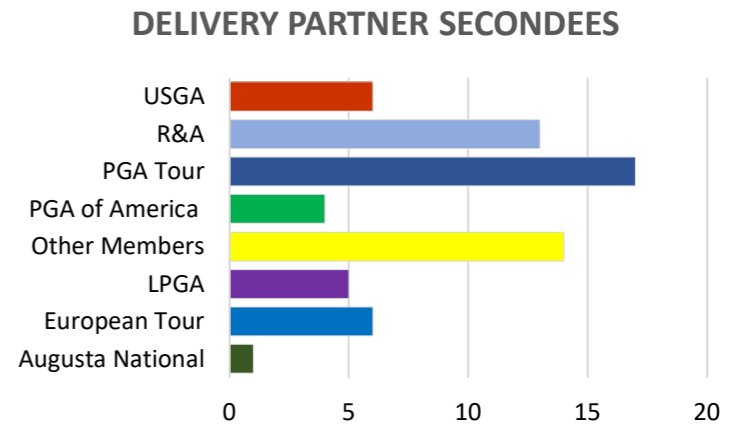
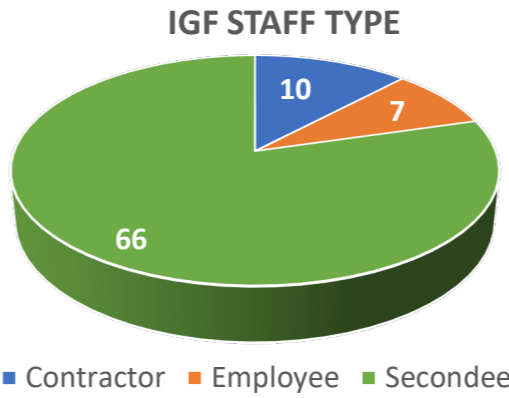


Singapore Golf  
Association



## 6.3 Executive Directors Report

# 6.3a IGF Team



Antony Scanlon

IGF BOARD:  
Secretary

IGF COMMITTEES:  
Exofficio all IGF Committees



Andrew Hofer

Brand, Identity, Look of the Games  
Commercial & Partner Services  
E-Sport  
Fan Experience  
Golf for the Disabled  
Governance  
IOC/ASOIF Management  
Olympic Solidarity & Coaching Courses  
IGF Representation  
Rule 40  
Rule 50  
Safeguarding  
Sport Presentation

IGF COMMITTEES:  
IGF Golf for the Disabled Committee  
IGF Coaching & Growth Committee



Rachèle Holgado

IGF Board  
Administrative Committee  
Membership Services  
Accounting & Audit  
Support to Executive Director  
Office & Building Management



Jennifer O'Brien

Programme Management  
Strategic Planning  
Risk Management  
Business Process Optimisation  
Digitization & Optimisation  
Event Delivery Monitoring  
Olympic Games  
Competition Delivery  
Entity (CDE) framework, orientation, training



Louise Scorer

WATC and Multi-Sport Events:  
Event Delivery  
Competition Management  
IGF Services & Operations

IGF COMMITTEES:  
WATC Competitions Committee  
WATC Championship Committee



Alessandro Spegno

A&D  
Accommodation  
Accreditation  
Anti-Doping  
Athlete Relations & Services  
Communications  
F&B  
IF Services  
Media Operations  
Medical  
OBS/Broadcast  
Sustainability  
Transport

IGF COMMITTEES:  
IGF Athletes Committee  
IGF Athletes Advisory Committee  
IGF Anti-Doping Committee  
IGF Medical Committee  
IGF Sustainability Committee



Sandra Wicky

Agronomy  
Competition Management  
Event Management  
Field of Play  
ITOs & Rules  
Logistics  
ORIS / Timing & Scoring  
Practice Facilities  
Sport Entries / QS  
Sport Equipment  
Sport Information  
Sport Policies & Procedures  
Technology  
Testing  
Venue Design & Infrastructure  
Workforce/Sport Staff

IGF COMMITTEES:  
IGF Competitions Committee





## 6.3b Paris 2024 Olympic Games

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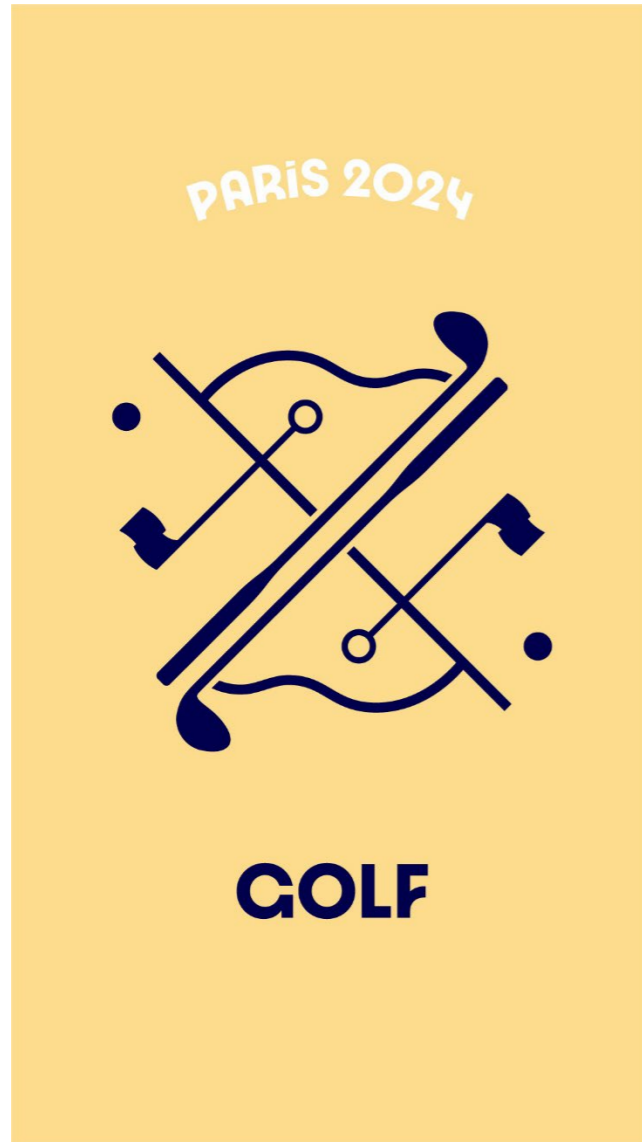
### Paris 2024 Olympic Games – Mascot



“The red mascot - called the Phryge - symbolises freedom and revolution and will accompany the public to the Paris 2024 Games.  
Its mission: to encourage and embody sport in a French and inclusive spirit.”

## 6.3b Paris 2024 Olympic Games

### Paris 2024 Olympic Games – Golf Pictogram



## 6.3b Paris 2024 Olympic Games

### Operational Planning

#### Sport Delivery Tender Signed

- On 7 July 2023 we finally signed the Sport Delivery contract with Paris 2024

#### Sport Delivery Team

- Sport Manager,(Paul Armitage) who commenced his role at Paris 2024 on 1 February 2023 and on 1 March 2023, Christelle Biessy commenced her role as the Sport Services Coordinator for Golf
- All employees will be under a French employment contract through the FFG, as will the other staff required for the project, due to the complexities of French Employment Law.

#### Homologation Review

- The IGF Head of Agronomy conducted two site visits and homologation review of Le Golf National Golf Course on 19 April 2023 and during Cazoo Open de France 2023 21-24 September 2023
- Acknowledge FFG partnership and cooperation with preparations for the golf course set up and every confidence we will have a course in magnificent condition for the Olympic Games

#### Ticketing

- Paris 2024 has reported close to sell out of all of 25,000 tickets for each session

#### Accommodation

- The IGF has confirmed all its accommodations requirements for Paris 2024.

#### Transportation

- Transportation plan for the venue for all populations is challenging



## 6.3b Paris 2024 Olympic Games



PARIS 2024



### Operational Planning

#### Test Event

- Scoring test event was held on 26 – 27 July 2023 at the FFG Junior National Championships at Le Golf National.
- Many lessons were learnt by the scoring system supplier , Omega.

#### Communications

- Communications Committee has been active and assigned activities / responsibilities into a number of sub-groups to allocate resources
- All National Federations were recently contacted to nominating a person to liaise with the IGF team to
  - Follow and engage with @OlympicGolf on Twitter and @OlympicGolfOfficial on Instagram from your social media channels.
  - To use and promote Olympic Golf and Paris 2024 on their social media platforms;
  - To collaborate with National Federations to promote storylines and content for the golf competitions that will showcase the Olympic spirit.
- We are in the process of getting footage licensing agreements set up with the various delivery partners associated with Olympic Golf, in an effort to bolster our social channels during – and following – marquee events on the various Tours.

## 6.3b Paris 2024 Olympic Games



PARIS 2024



### Qualifications System

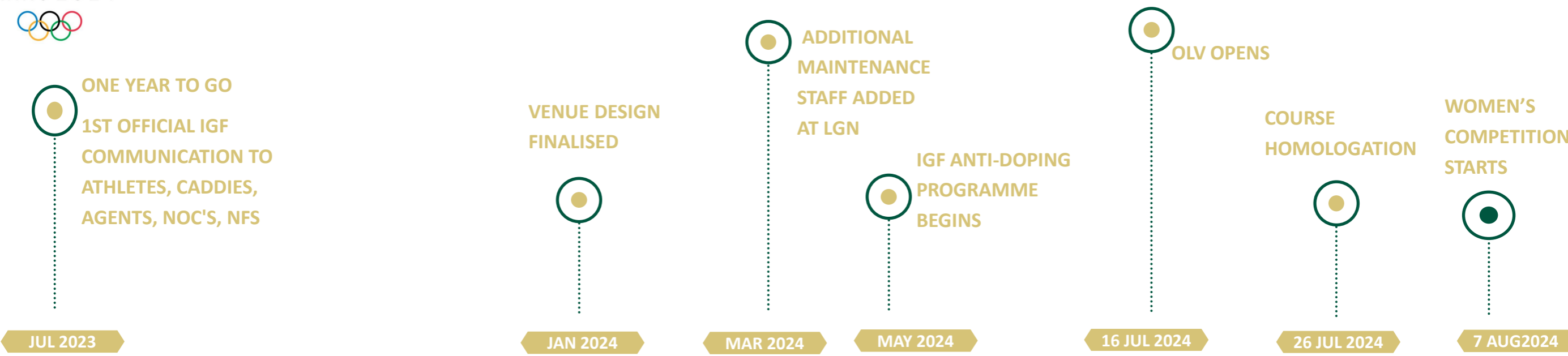
- Men's qualifications 13 June 2022 - 17 June 2024
- Women's qualifications 20 June 2022 - 24 June 2024.
- Same system as for Rio 2016 & Tokyo 2020
- 60 players for each of the men's and women's competitions.
- The IGF will utilise the official world golf rankings to create the Olympic Golf Rankings as a method of determining eligibility.
- The top-15 world-ranked players will be eligible for the Olympics, with a limit of four players from a given country.
- Beyond the top 15, players will be eligible based on the world rankings, with a maximum of two eligible players from each country that does not already have two or more players among the top-15.





# 6.3b Paris 2024 Olympic Games

## Paris 2024 Olympic Games – Operational Planning Journey to the Games



**DAKAR  
2026**



## 6.3c Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games





## IOC-IF Consultation Process

- There is currently an IOC-IF consultation being conducted to review the disciplines, events, and athlete quota for Dakar 2026.
- The IGF has informed the IOC that the existing golf venue, Golf de Saly, is unsatisfactory for an elite competition and repeated its request for the competition to be held in Morocco, who would welcome the opportunity to host the event and other sports events that cannot be held in Dakar.
- The review will then be finalised in time for the IOC Executive Board meeting in Q1 2024.



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## 6.3d Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games

## Sports Programme

- IOC EB approved discipline programme was on 13 October 2023.
- The programme of events and athlete quotas will be finalised after Paris 2024.
- 141<sup>st</sup> IOC Session approved inclusion of Modern pentathlon and weightlifting which were not part of the initial sports programme for LA28
- Session also approved five additional sports
  - baseball/softball,
  - cricket (T20),
  - flag football,
  - lacrosse (sixes)
  - squash
- No decision regarding the inclusion of boxing on the LA28 sports programme has been made



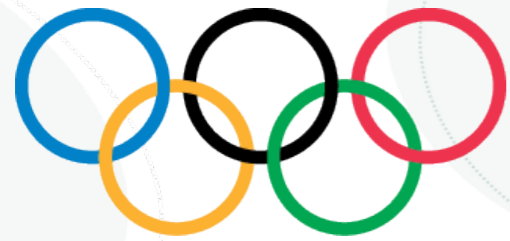


## 6.3d LA 28 Olympic Games

### LA 28 Olympic Games- New Events Proposal

#### **Event Delivery:**

- Meetings with LA 2028 held during US Open Championship 19-20 June.
- Considerable support to LA2028 engaging the IGF and its membership into the delivery of both the competition and sports services as well as the outside the ropes event delivery and to explore this opportunity further.



## 6.3e IOC Relations



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- Regular meetings with IOC Director of Sport and the Olympic Games Executive Director.
- IOC President reappointed IGF Executive Director to IOC Digital & Technology Commission
- Ad hoc meetings with other IOC Directors
- Attendance at numerous IOC meetings such as:
  - 141<sup>st</sup> IOC Session
  - IOC Olympic E sports Series
  - IOC Safe Sport Forum
  - IOC IF Medical Commission Chairpersons' meeting
  - IOC Women in Sport Forum
  - IOC IF Sustainability Forums
  - IOC IF Communications Forums

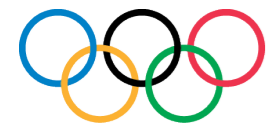


## 6.3e IOC Relations

### Safe Sport

- IGF has a common vision of promoting gender equality, inclusion and safety in golf by implementing policies and procedures to safeguard athletes from all forms of harassment and abuse in sport.
- Have appointed a safeguarding officer who is currently completing the IOC Safeguarding Officer in Sport Certificate
- IOC created regional hubs will act as central coordination points, and will provide athletes with independent guidance, and help them access psychosocial support, legal aid and any other assistance that they may need.
- This will be delivered through existing services, available locally, in the athletes' own language and with an understanding of their culture and local context.





## 6.3e IOC Relations

### Mental Health Awareness

- The IGF Medical Committee, through Dr. Margo Mountjoy are undertaking evidence-based and research-driven efforts to promote mental well-being across golf which is in line with the IOC Mental Health strategy.

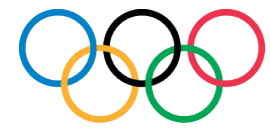


## MENTAL HEALTH ACTION PLAN

July 2023



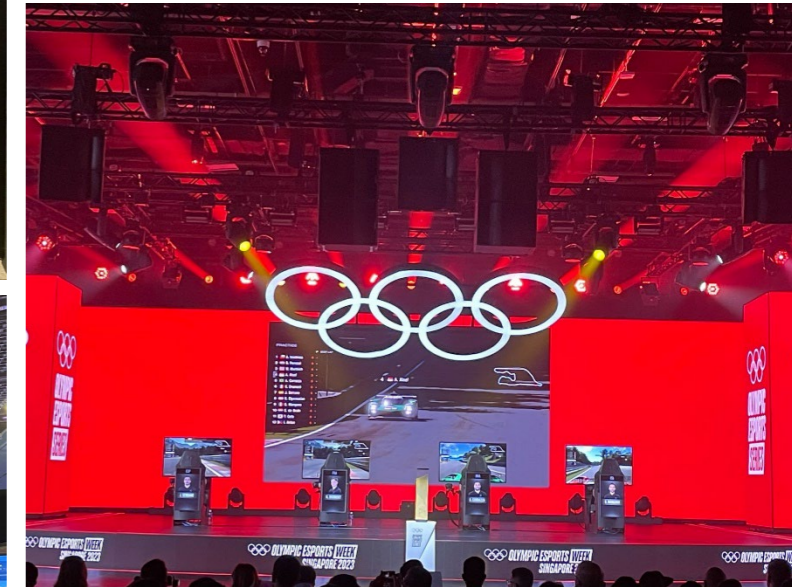




## 6.3e IOC Relations

### Olympic Esports Series Singapore June 2023

- IGF was provided space within the Free to Play Zone four different publishers, were able to display three different “disciplines” of golf within Esports that included:
  - console video gaming - 2K Games,,
  - virtual reality gaming - Golf +
  - Simulators - Trackman and Full Swing
- All the publishers were extremely positive of their experience and expressed their interest in working with IGF to be a competition within the next Olympic esports series.
- IGF will work with the publishers and the IOC Sport department to explore future opportunities for our sport within future additions of the Olympic Esports Week





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of Summer  
Olympic  
Federations



One Voice for all Sport

## 6.3f ASOIF & GAISF Relations

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- Regular meetings with the ASOIF Director and with ASOIF President
- Attended 47<sup>th</sup> ASOIF General Assembly where ASOIF members approved the Paris 2024 Olympic Games International Federation (IF) revenue share scheme which elevated golf to group D
- IGF Executive Director member of
  - ASOIF Olympic & Multi-sports Games Advisory Group and
  - ASOIF Commercial Advisory Group
- Attendance at other ASOIF meetings such as
  - ASOIF/CIES Good Governance Forum
  - ASOIF Sports Development and Education Group
  - IF Forum



## 6.3f GAISF Relations

- On 14 September 2023 at an Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) of the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF), members approved the final steps in the liquidation of the organisation at an Extraordinary General Assembly (EGA) which includes
  - the final balance sheet drawn up by liquidators Ernst & Young.
  - the distribution of the liquidation proceeds to the IF umbrella bodies (ASOIF, AIOWF, ARISF and AIMS), following the principles agreed by the GAISF members in November last year when they voted to dissolve the organisation.
- SportAccord, which has taken on some of the activities of GAISF, is due to approve a new set of Statutes in November 2023 at the IF Forum in Lausanne.
- These will include a revised governance structure whereby all the IF umbrella bodies (ASOIF, AIOWF, ARISF and AIMS) will be represented.



# 6.3g Memberships

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### **National Federation Members:**

- Growth in membership since the last Biennial meeting has increased to 152 vs 150 last year.

### **Professional Federation Members:**

- 21 professional golf organisations have been granted professional membership.



## 6.3h Anti-doping

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### Keeping golf clean

- The IGF is committed to ensuring that its competitions, athletes and members safeguard the integrity of golf and to protecting clean athletes through the fight against doping.

### Compliance with WADA Code:

- IGF received notification with WADA that it has met the requirements under the Code Compliance Questionnaire and that we are in compliance with the WADA Code.

### WADA Relations

- Regular meetings with WADA's International Federation Relations
- Attended 2023 WADA IF Forum, Lausanne, Switzerland





## 6.3h Anti-doping

### **International Testing Agency (ITA):**

- ITA continues to independently manage the IGF anti-doping programme, in consultation with the IGF and carried out the programme for the WATC.

### **Membership Education**

- The IGF in cooperation with the ITA will provide more opportunities for NF education through to the 2025 WATC



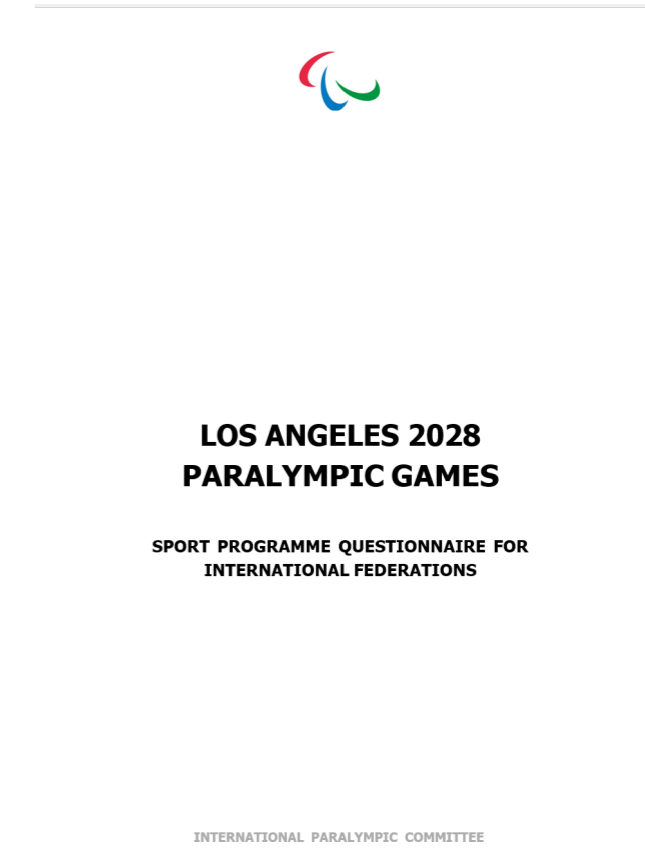


## 6.3i IPC Relations & Golfers with Disabilities

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### The IGF LA 28 Paralympic Games Bid

- Unfortunately, the IGF bid for golf's admission was unsuccessful.
- We have identified the technical shortcomings of the bid to be the following:
  - Compliance with the IPC Classification Code
  - Participation levels of elite female athletes
- IGF Board has directed the IGF Administration to look at all avenues to ensure admission to the Paralympic Programme
- IGF have appointed the IPC lawyers (Bird & Bird) who write the IPC Classification Code to develop the IGF code
- Working with the LA2028 organising committee on being submitted as one of the OCOG sports to be admitted to the programme
- The creation of a World Team Championship is on hold





## 6.3j Commonwealth Games Association

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### Cancellation of 2026 Victoria Commonwealth Games

- Following Golf's admission to the Commonwealth Games Programme in 2022
- The Victorian government announced the cancellation of the Commonwealth Games in July due to "financial reasons".
- The IGF has met with the Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) since the decision and as yet there is no host country identified for the 2026 Commonwealth Games.
- There will be another update meeting with the IFs in early November





## 6.3k 2019 WATC Bid Process



# 6.3k 2029 WATC Bid Process

## 2029 WATC Bid Process

- Process currently undergoing review and will be presented to Administrative Committee for approval
- Notice will be sent to membership for expressions of interest in first quarter 2025
- Host country will be selected at 2025 WATC Biennial meeting



## 8. 2024-25 Administrative Committee



## 8. 2023 Administrative Committee

- Meeting to nominate National Federation Members for each zone who have the right to appoint members of the Administrative Committee.
- 2023 National Federation Members were as follows:

- **Asia Pacific Zone**

1. Australia
2. China
3. Japan
4. Korea
5. India

- **American Zone**

1. Argentina
2. Canada
3. Chile
4. Puerto Rico

- **European Africa Zone**

1. Iceland
2. Netherlands
3. Spain
4. South Africa

## 9. Any other business

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**Each member is invited to bring other items for discussion forward at this time.**

# 11. Closing remarks