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GENERAL

The purpose of the “ISF Golf Technical Rules and Regulations” is to provide standardized rules and regulations for all Golf competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy and the ISF General Competition Regulations and IGF Rules.

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner. The specific objectives of this document are to:

1. Define and specify the **general conditions** under which participants can take part in the ISF Golf events;
2. Determine the **delegation composition**;
3. Determine the **sport program**;
4. Determine the **technical rules**;
5. Set the **draw** procedure;
6. Set **protests and appeals** procedure.

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to Golf event in 2025.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition will be run according to the ISF rules and regulations aligning with R&A competition guidelines and the International Golf Federation (IGF) technical rules. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the ISF Golf Technical Commission and IGF Technical Delegate if any.

- The ISF Golf events are open to individuals/groups.
- The competition is categorized as boy categories, and girls categories.
- Mixed teams are not allowed.

AGE CATEGORY

Category	Course	Tees	Form of Play	
			Individual Championships	Team Championship
U18 Boys [2007-2008-2009]	Red Course	Yellow	Stroke play / 72 holes / 18 holes per day / Total of the 4 rounds	4 Individuals / Stroke play / 72 holes / 18 holes per day. 3 lowest scores count each day.
U18 Girl [2007-2008-2009]	Red Course	Red	Stroke play / 72 holes / 18 holes per day / Total of the 4 rounds	
U15 Boys [2010-2011-2012-2013]	Blue Course	Yellow	Stroke play / 72 holes / 18 holes per day / Total of the 4 rounds	
U15 Girls [2010-2011-2012-2013]	Blue Course	Red	Stroke play / 72 holes / 18 holes per day / Total of the 4 rounds	



2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation is limited to a maximum of 11 members.

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation - mandatory
- Student athlete(s) - mandatory
- Coaches - mandatory
- Other Team officials - optional
- Additional adults - optional

HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- There is a mandatory amount of one (1) head of the delegation per registering delegation.
- The head of the delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, and the ISF.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (i.e., coach, referee, etc.).

ATHLETES

- All student-athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country in which they represent.
- All student-athletes must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.
- Only athletes, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorized to take part in this competition.
- Be an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status
- Be licensed from a recognized Golf Federation.
- Have an index < 18.5

The following are *not* eligible to participate:

- Attendees of vocational schools only attend a school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with a segment of general education.
- Students enrolled at schools that provide sports training without any general education.

COACHES

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams or individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- Each delegation shall enter a maximum of 2 coaches.



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OTHER TEAM OFFICIALS

- The function of other team officials can be: doctor, trainer, physiotherapist, statistician, team manager etc.
- The presence of the other team officials is not mandatory.
- The function of the other team officials must be specified during the registration process.
- Any person not specified during registration or exceeding the limit will not be considered part of the team.

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representatives, media, etc.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process.
- Any other additional persons not specified during registration or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.

3. SPORT PROGRAM

EVENTS

- **Boys and Girls**
 - **Team**
 - **Individual**

Category	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
U18 Boys (2007-2008-2009)	Practice round	Practice round	1st round	2nd round	Educational/cultural Day	3rd round	4th round
U18 Girl (2007-2008-2009)	Practice round	Practice round	1st round	2nd round		3rd round	4th round
U15 Boys (2010-2011-2012-2013)	Practice round	Practice round	1st round	2nd round		3rd round	4th round
U15 Girls (2010-2011-2012-2013)	Practice round	Practice round	1st round	2nd round		3rd round	4th round



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REGISTRATION

Participating teams must register as soon as possible following their arrival at the World School Golf Championship venue. Each team captain may register his team's players.

ENTRY CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY OF ISF MEMBER

All ISF members are eligible to participate in the World School Golf Championship. Every ISF member may be represented by a single team composed of a maximum of four and a minimum of three junior players. In accordance with the following junior categories :

- U18:1Girl + 1Boy.
- U15: 1Girl + 1Boy.

An ISF member may be represented by a single or two players of distinct junior categories, if he does not have a team

TEAM CAPTAIN – TEAM ADVISER

Each participating ISF member may appoint at the captains' meeting :

- One Team Captain representing the team and who is the only authorized person to speak on behalf of his team to the tournament committee.
- One Team Advisor whom players in the team may ask for advice and receive advice from during the round, in accordance with Rule 24.4. By default, this person is the team captain.

If the Team Advisor is a player, he may not, while playing, give advice to his team mates [Rule N° 24.4b].

In case of force majeure, the Team Captain / Team Advisor may be replaced after approval of the Tournament Committee. It's requested that the Team Captain / Team Advisor does not walk on putting greens or in bunkers during the round.

A Team Captain / Team Advisor who breaches any rules of the tournament will get :

- 1st breach : Official warning.
- 2nd breach : Exclusion from the course.
- 3rd breach : Disqualification of the team and the individual results.



BREACH OF CONDITIONS – DISQUALIFICATION

In a round or after the official proclamation of results, if a team has played with a team member who does not respect the conditions of participation, so the team could be disqualified.

Any team, after a round or the Championship, has not seen his scores validated against the conditions of tournament is disqualified.

TITLES AND AWARDS

- Individual Championship

For each category, the gross winner in the individual event will be declared : ISF Golf Champion Golfer for a period of one year. The gross winner will receive a gold medal, the runner up a silver medal, and a bronze medal for the third place.

- Team Championship

The gross winner in team event will be declared : ISF Golf Champion for a period of one year. The gross winner will receive 6 gold medals, the runner up 6 silver medals, and 6 bronze medals for the third place.

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SYSTEM OF PLAY

The competition consists of 72 holes stroke play, with rounds of 18 holes to be played for 4 days. All players of the teams are eligible for the 4 rounds.

- Individual Championships : Stroke play / 72 holes / 18 holes per day / Total of the 4 rounds.

The scores for 4 rounds returned by players, will be individually added, and the player returning the lowest score will be the winner. Subsequent positions will be determined likewise.



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- Team Championship : 4 Individuals Stroke play / 72 holes / 18 holes per day / 3 lowest scores count each day.

For each 18-holes round, the total of the 3 lowest scores for the team event will constitute the team score for that round. If two or more team players return the same score, the score returned earlier will be taken for that team.

The total of the team scores for the 4 rounds will be the team score for the competition. The team returning the lowest total score will be the winning team. Subsequent positions will be determined likewise.

DECISION OF TIES

Individual Championships

In the event of a tie for first place gross, the winner's will be decided by a sudden death play-off which will take place immediately.

Ties for other prizes will be decided by the lowest score for the last 18 holes, then 9, 6, 3 and the last hole. Then if a tie subsides, hole by hole going back (17, 14, ...,2).

Team Championship:

A tie for any place will be decided using the lowest total of the non-counting scores. If a tie still exists, the sum of the lowest scores, one from each day, will be used. Then, for further ties, the sum of the second lowest scores. and the third lowest scores, one from each day, will be used, etc

Any further tie will be decided using the best score [over the 4 rounds] from each of the tied teams by comparing the scores of 18, then 9, 6, 3 holes and last hole. Then if a tie subsides, hole by hole going back (17, 14, ...,2).

Note: in the event that a team cannot return its worst score [disqualification, justified abandonment, forfeit], it will be considered as having the worst score compared to all the others.

INCLEMENT WEATHER / EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In the event that the tournament was disrupted by inclement weather or other exceptional circumstances, the following requirements must be met:

- It is necessary that at least two complete rounds of stroke play must be played; otherwise the Championship must be cancelled and possibly rescheduled.
- If the last round can not be completed before the end of the championship, it will be cancelled and the result before the last round is formalized.



COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee will be nominated by the ISF and the LOC.

Under the conditions defined by the Rules of Golf, only the referees nominated for the tournament by the ISF have the authority to give a decision on the Rules, whether or not part of the tournament committee (except for a team disqualification which will be the committee responsibility).

The Committee's responsibilities are defined in the "Procedures for the Committee" effective from January 2023 as published by R&A Rules Limited.

5. DRAW

- 1st round : The starting order of teams will be randomly drawn at the captains meeting. Players will play according to the order of their index from lowest to highest. This form of order of play must be submitted by the team captain to the Committee at the captains meeting. No changes may be made on this form after the captains meeting.
- After the 1st round : the draw will be made according to the provisional individual ranking.

6. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Appeals involving results or any matter not concerning discipline will be heard by the Appeal Jury. The appeal must be lodged within 30 minutes of the incident and be submitted in English to the TC. The payment of the amount of 50€ must accompany the appeal and is to be paid to LOC in cash. This payment will be refunded only if the appeal is upheld or at the discretion of the Appeal Jury. In the case of an unsuccessful appeal, the payment will be retained by the ISF.

EVENT DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

In accordance with the ISF General Competition Rules, the ISF Event Disciplinary Commission shall deal with all incidents and all violations of the ISF Statutes, Sport Policy, ISF Handbook, Rules, and any other ISF document linked to the ISF events and broadly with misbehaviour not directly related to the sport technical regulation during an ISF event.

The Event Disciplinary Commission is composed of the by the ISF Delegate, TC President Golf and the LOC President.

APPEAL JURY

The Appeal Jury shall deal with all protests of a technical sporting nature during the competition.

The Appeal Jury is composed of the President of the Technical Commission, one member of the Local Organising Committee, and the Head Field of Play Officials. The ISF Sport Director can be called upon to join the appeal jury as a neutral participant if a delegation wishes to appeal on the initial decision of the appeal jury.

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