

International Island Games Association

The Sports and Sports By-Laws

PART 1 – GENERAL

This Section applies to all of the approved Sports as listed below.

Section 1 - The Sports

1.1 The Approved Sports are:

- Archery
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Bowls – one from Indoor Bowls, Outdoor Bowls or Ten Pin Bowling
- Cycling
- Football
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Judo
- Sailing - may also include Sailboarding
- Shooting
- Squash
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Tennis
- Triathlon
- Volleyball - may also include Beach Volleyball

1.2 For clarification Sailing and Sailboarding are not separate sports.

1.3 For clarification Volleyball and Beach Volleyball are not separate sports

1.4 'Bowls' shall include Indoor Bowls, Outdoor Bowls and Ten Pin Bowling but only one discipline can be held at a Games.

Section 2 - The Responsibilities of the Host Island Organising Committee

2.1 The IIGA retains overall control of the Games.

2.2 The Organising Committee shall ensure all sports operate under the IIGA Constitution Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict they shall also operate under each Sport's International Federation Rules.

- 2.3** The Host Island Organising Committee (hereafter called 'the Organising Committee') shall provide medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment
- 2.4** The Organising Committee shall ensure that each sport in the Games is overseen by a Technical Committee.
- 2.5** The Organising Committee shall be responsible for appointing all Sports Technical Officials for the Games
- 2.6** The Organising Committee shall appoint a suitably qualified and experienced Sports Director who shall be responsible for ensuring that each sport is properly administered.
- 2.7** The Organising Committee shall appoint suitably qualified and experienced Coordinators for each sport; who will, in partnership with the Host Island's Sport Governing Body, be responsible for arranging the competitions and ensuring that all necessary venues and facilities meet with the requirements of the IIGA Guidelines and Sports By-laws. Any doubt that exists as to the suitability of any venue or facility must be reported immediately to the Executive Committee by the Organising Committee.
- 2.8** Each Sport Coordinator shall arrange a suitable date, time and venue for both the Pre-Competition and Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meetings.

Section 3 - Sports Team Managers Meetings

3.1 Arrangements

3.1.1 Each Sport Coordinator shall be responsible for:

- Notifying all of the competing Member Islands Team Managers, the Chairman and/or Secretary of the Technical Committee and the General Secretary of the IIGA of the date, time and venue of the Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers meeting 2 weeks before the Opening Ceremony of the Games.
- Ensuring that the date, time and venue of the Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting are confirmed during the Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting.

3.1.2 The Meeting shall be chaired by the Chairman of that Sport's Technical Committee.

3.1.3 The Secretary to that Sport's Technical Committee shall act as Secretary for the Meeting

3.2 Attendance – those entitled to attend are:

- A maximum of 2 representatives of each of the competing Member Island Sports Teams
- The Technical Committee including any Co-opted Members for that sport.
- An Observer from the Sport's International Federation (if appropriate).
- The Senior Official responsible for conducting the event

- The Host Island Sport Coordinator.
- The future Host Island Sport Coordinator
- The IIGA Officers and Executive Committee Members.

3.3 Voting Rights

3.3.1 1 vote only per Member Island present

3.3.2 The Chairman shall have the casting vote if required.

3.4 The Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting

3.4.1 Suggested agenda:

- 1 If the Chairman of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.
- 2 If the Secretary of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.
- 3 The Chairman should: -
 - Introduce:
 - Member/s of the IIGA Executive Committee (if present)
 - The Technical Committee Members including any co-opted Members
 - Host Island Sport Coordinator
 - Observer from the International Federation (if present)
 - confirm those voting Members present
 - confirm the Programme and Order of Events
 - clarify the Rules e.g. seeding
 - notify meeting of withdrawals etc.
 - explain the procedures to be followed
 - confirm arrangements for training and warm-up
 - medal presentations
 - explain the appeals process
 - take questions from the floor
- 4 Appoint of a Jury of Appeal
- 5 Any Other Business
- 6 Confirm the day, time and place of the Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting.

3.5 The Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting

3.5.1 Suggested agenda:

- 1 If the Chairman of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.
- 2 If the Secretary of the Technical Committee is not present one shall be appointed from those present.
- 3 The Chairman should: -

- Introduce:
 - Member/s of the IIGA Executive Committee (if present)
 - The Technical Committee Members including any co-opted Members
 - Host Island Sport Coordinator
 - Observer from the International Federation (if present)
 - Confirm those voting Members present
 - 4 Approve the Minutes of the last meeting (if available)
 - 5 Matters arising from the Minutes
 - 6 Review all aspects of the current Games:
 - pre-Games information
 - entries
 - programme
 - officiating
 - results service
 - 7 Agree an outline Programme for the next Games
 - 8 Formulate recommendations, if any, for the next Organising Committee
 - 9 Review the sport specific IIGA By-laws and forward any proposed amendments to the Technical Committee.
 - 10 Elect a Technical Committee to serve until the conclusion of the next Games. Contact details for the Chairman and Secretary to be noted in the Minutes of the meeting.
 - 11 Any Other Business
- 3.5.2 The Sports Coordinator for the next Games should, if possible, be present at this meeting.
- 3.5.3 Within 2 months of the Closing Ceremony of the Games
- Minutes of both the Pre-Competition and Post-Competition Sports Team Manager Meetings should be sent to the General Secretary of the IIGA, the Sports Coordinator of the next Host Island, to each Member Island that participated in the sport, and to any new Member Island
 - **The General Secretary of the IIGA must be informed of the names and contact details for both the Chairman and Secretary of the newly elected Sports Technical Committee**

Section 4 - The Sports Technical Committees

4.1 Meetings

The Technical Committee may meet at such times as is deemed necessary during the course of the Games.

4.2 Appointment

Each Sports Technical Committee:

- Will be elected at the Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting and serve until the conclusion of the next Games.
- Shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 Sports Team Members, preferably from different Member Islands.
- Shall have either a permanent Chairman or Secretary to ensure continuity.
- Include a representative from both of the future Host Islands (if applicable).

4.3 Roles & Responsibilities

4.3.1 Each Technical Committee shall:

- Oversee the Technical arrangements for their sport during the Games.
- Ensure that all sports shall operate under the IIGA Constitution, Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict they shall also operate under each Sport's International Federation Rules.
- Each Technical Committee may co-opt non-voting persons to act as advisers.

4.3.2 In the period between the Games the Technical Committees will act in an advisory capacity for the Executive Committee, the next Host Island Organising Committee and Sport Coordinator.

4.3.3 Any proposed amendment to the Sports By-laws must be forwarded by the Technical Committee to the General Secretary of the IIGA no later than 6 months before the Games at which the changes will come into effect for approval by the IIGA Executive Committee.

Section 5 – Jury of Appeal

5.1 The Jury of Appeal for all sports will:

- Be appointed at the Pre-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting.
- Consist of a panel of 5 Members, preferably from different competing Member Islands, plus a non-voting Secretary.
- Have no more than 40% of the Members from 1 Member Island.
- Require a minimum of 3 Members, plus the Secretary, to hear an appeal.
- A Member of the Jury of Appeal cannot participate in an appeal which concerns a competitor from the same Member Island.
- Permit the official International Federation Delegate/Observer of the sport or event to attend if present at the Games but not have a vote.

Section 6 Protests and Complaints

6.1 Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Referee and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court. The Court will not deal with any protests or complaints made against a referee or other official regarding placing, fouling or other facts of the competition save for exceptional circumstances.

PART 2 – SPORTS SPECIFIC BY-LAWS

Section 6 - The Sports By-laws

Golf By-laws

Section 1 - Competition Rules

The Golf competition shall operate under the IIGA Constitution, Operational Guidelines and Sports By-laws and where there is no direct conflict with the aforesaid IIGA Rules and Regulations shall also be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as laid down by the R & A Limited (previously Royal & Ancient Golf Club). Golf is a global game and the R&A and the USGA have issued this single set of Rules to apply worldwide to golfers.

Section 2 - General

2.1 Island Representation

2.1.1 Individual Competition

Men a maximum of 4 amateur competitors per Member Island

Ladies a maximum of 4 amateur competitors per Member Island

2.1.2 Team Event

Men a maximum of 4 amateur competitors and a minimum of 3 amateur competitors per Member Island.

Ladies a maximum of 4 amateur competitors and a minimum of 3 amateur competitors per Member Island

2.2 Age of Competitors

2.2.1 The minimum age limit for competitors will be 13 years on the day of the Opening Ceremony of the Games.

2.2.2 In respect of competitors under the age of 18 years competing Member Islands must make arrangement for them to be correctly supervised and comply with all relevant child welfare legislation of their own Island and that of the Host Island.

2.3 Officials

2.3.1 To be appointed by the Organising Committee

2.3.2 The competition will be controlled by the Tournament Referee who shall be suitably qualified.

2.4 Events

Subject to the Host Island having the facilities available and appropriate entries the following events shall take place:-

2.4.1 Individual

Men's Individual

Ladies Individual

2.4.2 Team

Men's Team (played in conjunction with the Individual event)

Ladies Team (played in conjunction with the Individual event)

2.5 Training

2.5.1 Arrangements for any Pre-Games training/practice shall be made at the discretion of the Organising Committee.

2.5.2 There should be at least 1 days practice on all courses to be used for the competition.

2.6 Draws

2.6.1 All groups should consist of 3 golfers in rounds 1 and 2 of the competition except where the first groups out may consist of 2 golfers depending on the number of entries.

2.6.2 For rounds 1 and 2 of the competition play shall be in handicap order, lowest handicap index first, ensuring that two members of the same Member Island do not play together. The exact handicap to be received by the individual competitor's entry deadline which is 2 months prior to the Opening Ceremony.

2.6.3 For rounds 3 & 4 of the competition the order of play will be the competitors with the highest scores going out in groups of 3 (or groups of 2 if necessary depending on entries) in reverse order down to the competitors with the lowest scores. Any 2 ball group should be at the front of the field.

2.6.4 Where there are competitors tied on the same score the final playing order for rounds 3 and 4 of the competition is to be determined on a count back basis from the previous day in accordance with normal golf rules, unless the golfers tied are from the same Member Island in which case, where possible, they will play in different groups.

2.7 Venues

2.7.1 Minimum of 1 and a maximum of 2, 18-hole courses of an acceptable standard should be available.

2.7.2 Where there is only 1 course and/or the entries are too large the Organising Committee must decide whether or not it is possible to hold a full competition. If it is decided that it is not possible to hold a full competition Member Islands must be advised at least 1 year in advance of the format for play.

2.8 Equipment

Golfers will provide their own Clubs and balls in accordance with R & A Limited Regulations

2.9 Clothing

The regulations of R & A Limited concerning clothing and advertising on clothing will apply; provided that any further regulations that may be imposed by the IIGA shall take precedence.

2.10 Medical

2.10.1 The Organising Committee shall provide sufficient medical treatment during the competitions. Arrangements must be made with a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.

2.10.2 In Host Islands where heat is a problem adequate water must be made available.

2.11 Medals

Men's Individual: Gold, Silver and Bronze medal

Ladies Individual: Gold, Silver and Bronze medal

Men's Team: Maximum of 4 Gold, 4 Silver and 4 Bronze medals

Ladies Team: Maximum of 4 Gold, 4 Silver and 4 Bronze medals

2.12 Protests and Complaints

Any protests or complaints will be investigated by the Tournament Referee and a decision made by him/her. An appeal against this decision can be made to the Jury of Appeal with a further right of appeal by any aggrieved party to the Island Games Association Court.

2.13 Banned Substances and Drug Testing

All competitors in every event shall be subject to Section 9 of the Operational Guidelines of the IGA.

2.14 Advice Givers

Each Island may name an Advice Giver whom Golf Competitors from that Island may ask for and receive advice from during a round. A separate Advice Giver may be named by an Island for their Men Competitors and their Ladies Competitors. The Advice Giver must not point out a line of play, or walk on the putting green, when the ball of a player lies on the putting green. Each Island must identify their Advice Giver(s) to the Host Island at the same time they submit the details of their Golf Competitors and Golf Officials to the Host Island. ”

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4.2 The Post-Competition Sports Team Managers Meeting – See Section 3.5 - pages 3 & 4

4.3 Jury of Appeal – See Section 5 - pages 5 & 6

Section 5 - Individual Competition

5.1 The Individual events will be scratch medal rounds played over 72 holes and will be decided by the lowest aggregate score.

- 5.2** In the event of a tie for any medal in the Individual competition the players will take part in a sudden death playoff until a winner is found.

Section 6 - Team Competition

- 6.1** The Team events will consist of a maximum of 4 players per Team with the best 3 scores from each round (taken from the Individual events) to count for Team medals.
- 6.2** In the event of a tie for any medal in the Team competition, the Team Captain will nominate a player to take part in a sudden death playoff until a winner is found.