

## **INTERNATIONAL PAIRS (IP) TOURNAMENT RULES, REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS**

**All rules for previous seasons are hereby cancelled and replaced by the current season's rules.**

The Coordinators and Organizers – International Pairs Management SL, in coordination with the sponsors, reserve the right to change, amend or add any rules, regulations and conditions they deem required necessary to ensure the successful running of the Tournament.

**The tournament committee will consist of members of International Pairs Management and appointed officials, whose decision shall be final, and no correspondence will be entered.**

**By entering the International Pairs event players confirm that they will abide and accept the rules as set out in the TOURNAMENT RULES, REGULATIONS AND CONDITIONS.**

### 1) **IP WORLD FINAL OVERVIEW & GENERAL T&C's:**

- a) The objective is to retain the image and reputation of **IP** as a “tournament of integrity”.
- b) Right of admission to the tournament may be reserved.
- c) If one player of or a pair is unable to play in the World Finals for reasons of health, bereavement, business or any other reason, the pair will be substituted as per the rules of the country/ territory they qualified in.
- d) International Pairs events will be played in specific categories as published by the organizer. The World Final will consist of the Championship and Women Championship as well as the Ryder Experience.
- e) Country winners in each category will be representing their club and country at the World Final.
- f) The World Final is conducted along the lines of a professional Tournament, with no count-outs and any “ties” being settled by way of a play-off, if possible.
- g) All participants playing in the World Final will be required to sign a Code of Conduct.
- h) Players are responsible for complying with all Covid protocols in place at the time and venue of this event, as well as any associated costs.
- i) Players are responsible for their own cost with regards to any Covid testing requirements and/or any quarantine protocols as set out by the government of the applicable countries.
- j) **MEASURING DEVICES:** In the World Final competitive rounds a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during the competition, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure

other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient/slope, wind- speed, temperature etc.) penalties will incur. (As per the Rules of Golf R&A).

2) **ELIGIBILITY:**

- a) All affiliated golfers with an official handicap in their country will be eligible to participate in the World Final.
- b) The World Final is **open to all golfers of eighteen years or older** at the time of the World Final who are affiliated members of an affiliated Golf Club and have an official handicap index.
- c) All players must be in good standing at their club.

3) **HANDICAPPING:**

- a) Players shall use their handicap index according to the handicapping system in operation, as implemented by the **World Handicap system**.
- b) During the World Final **golfers will receive 85% allowance** of their Course Handicap, which complies with the International Handicapping Rules of the Tournament and Rule 6.2a as per the suggested Tournament Rules by the Governing bodies.
- c) There is NO maximum handicap.
- d) It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that he /she plays off the correct handicap as indicated above. The organizers do not take any responsibility for possible incorrect information in this regard.
- e) Scores must be submitted according to the time frame stipulated by the World Handicap System.
- f) **It is the players responsibility to open a round and enter their score after every round completed, on their handicap system.**

4) **FORMAT & TEE SELECTION:**

- a) The International Pairs World Final will consist of 1 practice round and 2 competition rounds.
- b) The World Final format will be Better Ball Stableford played over 2 competition rounds.
- c) The use of tees will be decided as per the handicap rules of Golf. Should 1 player decide to play of a certain tee the player's partner can play off a different tee. **Thus, players are allowed to select any tee box and their handicap will adjust according** to the slope and course rating of that tee.
- d) **It is of utmost importance that players report their tee selection to the tournament coordinators at least a day prior to play.**
- e) All competitors must be at their designated tee at least 5 minutes prior to their start time. Should a pair miss their start time, they will incur the normal penalties.

5) **SCORING:**

- a) Players will be required to score on 2 scorecards per 4ball / 1 scorecard per team.
- b) In addition to scorecards, Each player is required to download the SCORE CAPTURE mobile App on your mobile device from the [Google Play Store](#) or

[Apple App Store](#) – here players will be able to follow the live scoring and submit their scores online.

- c) 1 Player per 4ball will be required to score on the Score Capture mobile app during the round.
  - d) Designated Attendee, Licensee, and Players Registration area will be set up at the La Cala Hotel where players will collect their arrival gift pack and confirm attendance in the event, where coordinators will be able to assist with the Score Capture App if needed.
  - e) Rule 3.3b of Rules of Golf: **If a player returns a scorecard with a wrong score** for any hole, the following is part of the Rule—Returned score Higher than actual score, the higher returned score for the hole stands, Returned Score Lower than Actual Score or No Score returned, the player and his partner is disqualified.
  - f) Please ensure scorecards are duly checked and signed before submitting them to the scoring office.
- 6) **DETERMINING THE WINNERS:**
- a) If two or more teams finish with the same Score, then the following will occur:
    - I. A hole-by-hole sudden-death playoff,
    - II. Count out procedure:
    - III. **Based on the last round played:**
    - IV. In the event of a tie, a count out will be used to decide the winners/qualifiers. **The count out will be based on holes 10 to 18, then holes 13 to 18, then 16 to 18 and lastly hole 18 (as recommended by the R&A).**
    - V. If there is still no winner after the above, the count out will be per hole starting from 17 back to 1.
    - VI. If there is still no winner, the same as above will apply to round 1 of the competition.
    - VII. In the event of two or more teams not being separated by any of the above methods or a last resort, the winners will be decided by the toss of a coin or by drawing lots if more than 2 teams are involved.
    - VIII. If for any reason – such as adverse weather conditions (e.g., bad light) - interfering with the completion of the event itself or any playoff, the winners will be decided by:
      - i) The leaders after 27 holes if all players have completed the same 27 holes.
      - ii) Leaders after 18 if all players have completed the same 18 holes.
      - iii) Leaders after 9 if all players have completed the same 9 holes.
      - iv) Leaders after 6 if all players have completed the same 6 holes.

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- a) It is up to the discretion of the Tournament Referee or Tournament Director to determine the suitability – or otherwise – for play to be halted or for the total cessation of play.
- b) Overall winners of the **International Pairs** will be crowned the International Pairs Champions – Subject to all rules, regulations, and conditions as described in this document being adhered to.

**Photographs.** By entering the tournament, players hereby grant the tournament organisers and media parties involved the irrevocable right and permission to photograph or videotape (or to use any similar medium) to record yourself and others involved identified below, for all purposes, including advertising and promotional purposes, in any manner without any further approval and without payment. By entering the tournament players understand that any and all photographs, motion pictures, video recordings, and/or likenesses captured during any Airtime Activity, its affiliated entities or contractors, and/or the media become the sole property of the tournament organisers and media parties involved. Players hereby grant the right, permission and authority to tournament organisers and media parties to use and license others to use your name and any such photographs, motion pictures, recordings, and/or likenesses (the "Recordings") in any manner. The Tournament Organisers and media involved wishes and in any and all media now known or hereafter discovered or developed, in perpetuity, without geographical limitation, including but not limited to promoting, advertising, and marketing activities. Players further understand that the tournament organisers and media, as sole owner of the Recordings, has the full right to sell and/or profit from the commercial use of such Recordings or to transfer or assign the rights to use such Recordings to any entity without restriction. Players hereby agree not to sue and irrevocably and unconditionally release, waive and forever discharge the tournament organisers and media Released Parties, together with any commercial television or media company, and their respective past, present and future parents, subsidiaries (whether or not wholly-owned), affiliates, divisions, agents, representatives, employees, successors and assigns, jointly and individually, from any and all manner of liabilities, claims and demands of any kind or nature, whatsoever, in law or equity, whether known or unknown, which I (or my assigns, agents and/or representatives) ever had, now has, or in the future may have against the tournament organisers and media Released Parties.

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