

2016 OLYMPIC SUMMER GAMES – RIO DE JANEIRO

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The Olympic Council of Ireland (“OCI”) and Golf Ireland (“the National Federation”) agree the following nomination and selection standards and procedures for the selection of athletes for the 2016 Olympic Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro (the “Olympic Games”) for the sport of Golf.

The parties acknowledge and agree that the standards and procedures set out in this Agreement may exceed those stipulated by the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”) the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and the International Golf Federation (IGF) (“International Federation”)

Accordingly, the parties agree that an athlete or team will not be considered eligible for selection as a member of the Irish Olympic Team for the Olympic Summer Games, even though he/she may have achieved the standard stipulated by the International Federation and/or the IOC, unless he/she fulfils the relevant criteria and/or achieves the relevant standard(s) pursuant to and in accordance with this Agreement.

IT IS AGREED THAT:

1. OCI Selection

- 1.1. The parties acknowledge that under Paragraph 2.1 of Rule 28 of the Olympic Charter the OCI has the exclusive power for the selection and participation of the Irish Olympic Team at the Olympic Summer Games. The parties further acknowledge that under Paragraph 2.1 of the Bye-law to Rules 28 of the Olympic charter, the OCI is required to constitute, organise and lead its delegation at the Olympic Games and that the OCI has the exclusive power in accordance with that Bye-law, to “decide upon the entry of athletes proposed by their respective national federations. The National Olympic Committees (NOCs) must ensure that the entries proposed by the national federations comply in all respects with the provisions of the Olympic Charter”.

- 1.2. Under paragraph 2.3 of the bye-law to Rules 28 - They NOC have the sole and exclusive authority to prescribe and determine the clothing and uniforms to be worn, and the equipment to be used, by the members of their delegations on the occasion of the Olympic Games and in connection with all sports competitions and ceremonies related thereto.

This exclusive authority does not extend to specialised equipment used by athletes of their delegations during the actual sports competitions. For the purposes of this rule, specialised equipment shall be limited to such equipment acknowledged by the Olympic Council of Ireland as having a material effect on the performance of athletes, due to the specialised characteristics of the equipment. Any publicity in respect of any such specialised equipment must be submitted to the Olympic Council of Ireland for approval if there is any reference, express or implied, to the Olympic Games.

- 1.3. In accordance with its exclusive authority, the OCI reserves the right to require any individual nominated by the National Federation to undergo a medical examination carried out under the control of the OCI Chief Medical Officer (and/or his/her appointed representative) at any time prior to, or during the Olympic Games to determine an individual's medical fitness to perform to the best of his/her ability at the Olympic Games and/or to determine whether or not an individual has breached any of the rules contained in or referred to under the Olympic Charter or the Team Member's Agreement in force at the time.
- 1.4. If, pursuant to and in accordance with the results of any such medical examination, the Chief Medical Officer considers in his/her reasonable opinion that an individual nominated and/or selected for the Olympic Games is not physically fit to perform and/or has breached any of the rules referred to in the Team Members' Agreement, the OCI may at its absolute discretion not select or may de-select such an individual.
- 1.5. The parties agree that pursuant to and in accordance with the OCI's exclusive authority, the OCI may at its absolute discretion refuse to select an individual nominated by the National Federation for selection to the Team.
- 1.6. The OCI agrees to notify the National Federation of its selection or refusal to select any nominated athlete as soon as reasonably practicable after the OCI receives the National Federation's relevant nomination.
- 1.7. No Team Member's selection will be ratified by the OCI until all relevant documentation and required procedures are fully completed.

2. National Federation Nominations

- 2.1. The National Federation agrees to submit to the OCI its nomination of any individual(s) or team(s) eligible for consideration under clause 3 below within the relevant deadlines set out in clause 9 below.
- 2.2. The National Federation agrees to provide the OCI with all such relevant documentation, including official results and ranking listings as the OCI may require in order to verify the eligibility of any individual so nominated by the National Federation at the time of nomination.

3. Eligibility for Consideration

- 3.1. The parties agree that they shall not consider any individual or team eligible to participate as a member of the Irish Olympic Team at the Olympic Games (the "Team") unless he/she/ they have achieved or exceeded, as agreed with the OCI, the relevant qualification method or standard as set out by their International Federation and agreed with the IOC and the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) and complies with the nationality requirements as set out in the Olympic Charter and to provide the relevant information to the OCI.
- 3.2. The National Federation agrees that it shall not nominate any individual whose form and/or consistency does not merit nomination. Further, the National Federation agrees to monitor, and if necessary test, an athlete on an ongoing basis in order to ensure his/her current form is of a standard to perform at the Olympic Games.
- 3.3. The National Federation shall not nominate any athlete who is the subject of an anti-doping ban.
- 3.4. The National Federation shall inform the OCI immediately of the results of any anti-doping test of any athlete who is on the long list submitted to the OCI.
- 3.5. The National Federation shall not submit nominations for athletes who have received Tripartite (IOC/ANOC/IF) invitations, re-allocated places or wildcards or who have achieved qualification by means other than that described in the IOC/ANOC/IF qualification system and in this agreement.

4. Close of Nominations to the OCI

The closing date of the nominations to the OCI of athletes for the sport of Golf is 16th July, 2016

5. Appeals

- 5.1. The National Federation shall have an appeals process available to Team member's and have submitted same to the OCI no later than 22nd May, 2015. Any internal appeals process must be concluded prior to nomination to the OCI.
- 5.2. Appeals to the OCI may be heard by the OCI Executive Committee or a sub-committee appointed by the Executive Committee for that purpose. It is agreed by the parties that the decision of the OCI is final.

6. Team Members Agreement

- 6.1. Each team member must sign the OCI's Team Members Agreement and the IOC eligibility form.
- 6.2. Failure to sign the agreement and eligibility form will prevent entry to the Olympic Games.

7. The Announcement of Team Selection

- 7.1. The National Federation agrees not to disclose any nominated athlete's name to the press or any other media until the OCI have selected the team member for the Rio Olympic Games and announced it to the press and other media.
- 7.2. The National Federation further agrees not to make any announcement to the press or other media in any form relating to any individual or team selected or proposed to be selected by the OCI as a member of the Team unless any such announcement is made jointly by the OCI and the National Federation under the OCI's management and control.
- 7.3. The parties agree that no commercial organisation shall be involved in any way in any publicity or advertising at any such joint OCI and National Federation announcement other than one or more of the OCI's sponsors and/or commercial partners.

8. Communication of Information

- 8.1. The National Federation shall circulate the information contained in this agreement and its Schedule(s) to the athletes, team managers, coaches and other relevant individuals within its sport and shall procure their compliance with it.

- 8.2. The OCI and the National Federation shall publish this agreement and its schedule on their websites.
- 8.3. The OCI shall issue the agreement to all National Federations.
- 8.4. The NF shall publish this agreement subsequent to the OCI doing so.
- 8.5. The NF shall indemnify the OCI for any loss or damage suffered by it as a result of or in connection with the nomination procedure other than those arising from the OCI's negligence.

9. Medical Data Capture Form

- 9.1. Each team member must complete the OCI Medical Data Capture Form

10. Advance Information

- 10.1. Prior to 22nd May, 2015 the National Federation must submit their selection policy of Athletes for the Olympics for recommendation to the Olympic Council of Ireland and the approval of the Olympic Council of Ireland.
- 10.2. Prior to 22nd May, 2015 the National Federation are required to submit their "fit to perform policy for approval by the Olympic Council of Ireland"

11. Key Deadlines

30th January, 2015

The 'Long List' of all potential team members to be submitted by NF and received by the OCI and this must include an updated athlete profile.

29th January, 2016

Revised (Short) list to be submitted by National Federation and received by the OCI.

16th July, 2016

National Federation nominations to be received by the OCI with all supporting information for selection.

Signed by:

Patrick Hickey
President
For and on behalf of
Olympic Council of Ireland

Dermot Henihan
Honorary General Secretary
For and on behalf of
Olympic Council of Ireland

Date:

Signed by:

Redmond O'Donoghue
Chair
For and on behalf of
Confederation of Golf in Ireland (CGI)

26/08/14

Pat Finn
Company Secretary
For and on behalf of
Confederation of Golf in Ireland (CGI)

Date:

22/08/14



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INTERNATIONAL GOLF FEDERATION

Golf

A. EVENTS (2)

Men's Event (1)	Women's Event (1)
Men's Individual Stroke Play	Women's Individual Stroke Play

B. ATHLETES QUOTA

1. Total Quota for Golf:

	Qualification Places	Host Country Places	Tripartite Commission Invitation Places	Total
Men	59	1	0	60
Women	59	1	0	60
Total	118	2	0	120

2. Maximum Number of Athletes per NOC:

	Quota per NOC	Event Specific Quota
Men	4	Maximum 4 athletes per event if within Olympic Golf Ranking top-15 Otherwise maximum 2 athletes per event
Women	4	Maximum 4 athletes per event if within Olympic Golf Ranking top-15 Otherwise maximum 2 athletes per event
Total	8	

3. Type of Allocation of Quota Places:

The quota place is allocated to the athlete(s) by name.

C. ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY

All athletes must comply with the provisions of the Olympic Charter currently in force and only those athletes who have complied with the Olympic Charter may participate in the Olympic Games. This includes Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter (Nationality of Competitors).

Additional IF Requirements:

To be eligible to participate in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, all athletes must:

- Be listed by name on the Olympic Golf Ranking at <http://www.igfgolf.org/> as of the 20 June 2016.
- Be in good standing with their National Association and the IGF.
- Be recognized or hold a valid license issued by his/her National Federation.



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D. QUALIFICATION PATHWAY

QUALIFICATION PLACES

The Women's and Men's Competitions will each be comprised of exactly 60 athletes respectively: 59 qualified through the Olympic Golf Rankings (OGR) and 1 Host Country place.

The Olympic Golf Ranking (OGR) is sanctioned by the IGF and listed at igfgolf.org. The OGR is issued every Monday following completion of the previous week's tournaments from around the world.

The Men's OGR recognizes official prize money tournaments on the following Tours: PGA TOUR, European Tour, PGA TOUR of Australasia, Japan Golf Tour, Southern Africa Sunshine Tour, Asian Tour, Web.com Tour, European Challenge Tour, Korean Golf Tour, PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica and PGA TOUR China.

The Women's OGR recognizes official prize money tournaments on the following Tours: Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA); Ladies European Tour (LET); Ladies Professional Golfers' Association of Japan (JLPGA); Korea Ladies Professional Golf Association (KLPGA); Australian Ladies Professional Golf (ALPG); Symetra Tour; China Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour (CLPGA) and the Ladies European Access Series (LETAS) – as well as the Ladies' Golf Union (LGU), which administers the RICOH Women's British Open and the United States Golf Association (USGA) which conducts the U.S. Women's Open.

The OGR is calculated as follows: Each tournament earns a strength-of-field rating which determines how many ranking points will be awarded to top finishers. Points are awarded to players based on their finish positions in each event, with performances in stronger-field events earning more points in accordance with a points distribution table approved by the IGF.

Ranking points for each player accumulate over a two-year "rolling" period with the points awarded in the most recent 13-week period weighted at 100% of their original value. After the initial 13-week period, the points are devalued by 1.1% for each of the next 91 weeks before they drop entirely off the player's two-year record. Each player is then ranked according to her/his average number of points over the applicable two-year period, which is determined by dividing the total number of ranking points she/he has earned by the number of tournaments in which he has played during that time. There is a minimum divisor of 40 events over a two-year period and a maximum divisor of a player's last 52 events played over the rolling two-year period.

OGR ranking points to qualify for the Olympic Games, which are used to calculate the athlete's average number of points and the athlete's position on the OGR, can be earned during the period beginning 14 July 2014 and up to and including 11 July 2016.



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MEN/WOMEN

Number of Quota Places per Gender	Qualification Event
59	<p data-bbox="384 555 858 584">Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016</p> <ol data-bbox="432 613 1417 1144" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="432 613 1417 741">1- Athletes will first be selected by name within the top-15 on the Olympic Golf Rankings as of Monday, 11 July 2016 (following the conclusion of all eligible OGR events in the week immediately preceding), with no more than four (4) athletes per NOC.<li data-bbox="432 779 1417 965">2- Athletes will then be selected by name in order from 16th place onwards on the Olympic Golf Rankings as of Monday, 11 July 2016 (following the conclusion of all eligible OGR events in the week immediately preceding), up to a maximum of two (2) athletes per NOC and for NOCs not already having two (2) or more athletes within the top 15 on the Olympic Golf Rankings until the number of 59 athletes is reached, including continental places.<li data-bbox="432 1003 1417 1144">3- Each of the five (5) continents of the Olympic Movement will be guaranteed at least one (1) athlete in each of the Women's and Men's Competitions respectively, if not automatically qualified in accordance with the above (continental places). The continental places will be allocated to the highest ranked athlete(s) on the Olympic Golf Rankings from the continent(s) without representation.

HOST COUNTRY PLACES

The Host Country is guaranteed at least one (1) athlete in each of the Women's and Men's Competitions respectively, only if it does not qualify any athlete through the Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016. The athlete selected by name shall be the highest ranked athlete from the Host Country listed on the Olympic Golf Rankings. In the event there is no athlete from the Host Country listed on the Olympic Golf Rankings, the IGF will, in collaboration with the Host Country NOC, identify the athlete(s) to represent the Host Country

E. CONFIRMATION PROCESS FOR QUOTA PLACES

The IGF will publish the current week's Olympic Golf Ranking at <http://www.igfgolf.org/> during the two-year qualification period prior to the qualification deadline. The IGF will publish the final Olympic Golf Rankings as of Monday, 11 July 2016, following the conclusion of all eligible OGR events in the week immediately preceding.

The IGF will send the confirmation of the quota places obtained in accordance with the qualification criteria outlined in Section D above to the respective NOCs on Monday, 11 July 2016.

No later than Thursday, 14 July 2016 at 1700 Swiss Time each NOC will confirm to the IGF the athlete places that they will use.

No later than Friday, 15 July 2016 at 1700 Swiss Time will the IGF reallocate all unused quota places.



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F. REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA PLACES

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUALIFICATION PLACES

If a quota place allocated is not confirmed by the NOC by the confirmation of quota place deadline or is declined by the NOC it will be reallocated to the highest ranked athlete by name on the Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016 not already qualified, and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event. No later than Friday, 15 July 2016 at 1700 Swiss Time, the IGF will reallocate all unused quota places.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED HOST COUNTRY PLACES

Unused Host Country Place(s) will be reallocated by name, to the highest ranked athlete by name on the Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016 not already qualified and respecting the maximum quota per NOC per event, no later than Friday, 15 July 2016 at 1700 Swiss Time

G. QUALIFICATION TIMELINE

Date	Milestone
14 July 2014 – 11 July 2016	Qualification period to earn OGR ranking points
11 July 2016	Olympic Golf Rankings published
11 July 2016	IGF to inform NOCs/NFs of their allocated quota places
14 July 2016	NOCs to confirm use of allocated quota places to IGF
15 July 2016	IGF to reallocate all unused quota places
18 July 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entries Deadline