CONFEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL GOLF

CONFEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL GOLF (CPG) TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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DEFINITIONS:

- Professional – A PGA Member or Member of an organisation that is considered a Professional Member of the International Golf Federation.
- Tournament Director – the designated Tournament Director, Manager or any other lead CPG official.

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PART 1A
GENERAL

1. CPG TOURNAMENTS

The Confederation of Professional Golf (CPG) is responsible for the negotiation, implementation and administration of tournaments as set out in the Constitution, and whilst the Board shall ultimately approve these tournaments, the terms are binding on all member associations. The right to accept or reject entries for tournaments shall rest solely with the Chief Executive.

2. ELIGIBILITY TO PLAY IN CPG TOURNAMENTS

All PGA Members and Trainees may compete in CPG tournaments provided they are eligible under the Conditions of Entry of the specific Tournament and are not under suspension at that time.

Tournaments are open to ALL PGA Professionals unless specific tournament eligibility regulations apply. For Pro-Am events a limited number of exemptions may be considered provided that the Professional is a member in good standing of an organisation that is considered a Professional Member of the International Golf Federation.

Tournament Organisers will also be able to submit a request to allow a minimum of two (or 10% of the field) wildcards to participate in an event based on the individual having held a full tour card for a minimum of three years on the DP World or PGA Tour.

Should further clarification of eligibility be necessary, the decision of the CPG Board will be final.

3. LEVY

A 6% levy will be applied to prize money and fees at all CPG tournaments.

4. FILM AND MEDIA RIGHTS

The television, radio, film and all other electronic media rights of all Professionals participating in events approved by the CPG, or any other golf event run in conjunction with or under the auspices of the CPG, shall be assigned to the CPG.

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PART 1B

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL

1.1 The following shall be the official regulations governing tournaments run under the auspices of the CPG.

1.2 No rule herein shall be amended or rescinded, and no new rules may be included without the approval of the appropriate Committee.

1.3 Tournament conditions may vary due to the different types of tournaments stated but nevertheless the conditions that govern the said tournaments shall fall within the framework of these Tournament Regulations.

1.4 Conditions specific to each tournament shall be published with the draw which shall be binding unless circumstances make a change necessary when such changes as authorised by the appropriate Committee shall amend the aforesaid conditions and become binding. Publication of the conditions on the tournament noticeboard shall be considered proper notice to all competitors.

2. TOURNAMENT SUPERVISION

2.1 Supervision at tournaments is the responsibility of the Tournament Director who in turn is responsible to the appropriate Committee for the scoring, decisions on the Rules of Golf and other tournament regulations, the distribution of prizes and overall smooth administration of the tournament.

2.2 In the event of doubt on any decision the Tournament Director shall consult the Chief Executive or his appointed deputy whose decision having been given shall be final

3. TOURNAMENT RULES

3.1 CPG tournaments shall be governed by the Rules of Golf as published by the R&A Rules Limited. The Tournament Conditions and Local Rules will be published as Part 1.3 of the CPG's Regulations and issued separately, along with the CPG Hard Card of tournament rules and regulations. These Rules shall be binding on all players.

4. COURSE UNFIT FOR PLAY

4.1 In the event of a hole or holes becoming flooded or otherwise unfit for play the Tournament Director may authorise the cutting of a fresh hole or holes even if a round is in progress if it is considered that by doing so the tournament may be saved.

4.2 In the event of a round being cancelled because of unplayable conditions the tournament may be reduced to a stipulated number of rounds or holes to be played if an additional day, or days, is impracticable for the tournament to continue. For detailed guidance refer to paragraph 5 of this Regulation below.

5. PLAY FORESHORTENED OR CANCELLED

5.1 The Tournament Director may, following consultation with the Chief Executive or his appointed Deputy, vary the following procedures in exceptional circumstances:

(a) If in the judgement of the Tournament Director, adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence beyond the control of the CPG renders the commencement or continuation of the tournament impracticable play shall be postponed until such time as the Tournament Director after consultation with the sponsor considers that play can be continued.

(b) If it becomes necessary to suspend play for a period during a tournament the Tournament Director will cover the course informing players of the suspension.

(i) To signal a suspension of play for a dangerous situation (for example lightning) one prolonged blast on the siren shall be sounded. On the blast of the siren players must discontinue play immediately (if they have commenced playing a hole, each player may lift his ball but only after marking the position in which it lay) and shall not resume play until the Tournament Director has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately (or recommences play before resumption of play has been ordered) he shall be disqualified, unless the circumstances warrant waiving the penalty in the opinion of the Tournament Director (as the case may be) at their absolute discretion.

(ii) To signal the suspension of play for a non-dangerous situation (for example, heavy wind or rain) three consecutive blasts on the siren shall be sounded. On these blasts, players shall discontinue play immediately unless they have commenced play of a particular hole in which case they may (at their discretion) complete the hole that is being played (following which they shall immediately discontinue play). Should a player decide to discontinue play immediately whilst his ball is in play, the player may lift his ball in play but only after marking the position in which it lay).

Note: If play is suspended for a dangerous situation, all practice facilities are closed.

5.2 The following procedures shall apply:

(a) The Tournament Director shall adopt the policy which offers the most likely opportunity to complete the Tournament over the number of holes stipulated in the conditions for the Tournament.

(b) If half the field has completed a round, the round must stand, and the round is completed the next day.

(c) If less than half the field finishes a round, that round will be disregarded.

(d) In Tournaments scheduled for 72 holes to be played over four days paragraphs 5.4(b) and 5.4(c) above will be applied with the object of completing a minimum of two rounds by the end of the third day's play.

(e) in Tournaments scheduled for 54 holes to be played over three days paragraph 5.4(b) and 5.4(c) above will be applied with the object of completing a minimum of one round by the end of the second day's play.

(f) in Tournaments scheduled for 36 holes over two days paragraph 5.4(b) and 5.4(c) above will be applied (If paragraph 5.4(b) is applied in a Tournament scheduled for 36 holes over two days, the Tournament Director shall decide the number of players qualifying for the final round.

(g) if it is not possible to complete play on the final day the Tournament shall be decided on the scores achieved in completed rounds.

(h) Professional individual prize money in Tournaments and Pro-Am Tournaments can only be declared on scores achieved in completed rounds. Prize money allocated for Professional team prizes may be declared on the maximum number of holes completed by all Professionals.

(i) in the event of the curtailment or cancellation of a Tournament, prize money shall be distributed as agreed between the Sponsors and the Association and may vary from that published in the Tournament Conditions.

(j) the Tournament Manager may authorise the resetting of a hole or holes if the course becomes waterlogged during play.

6. ENTRY FEES

6.1 The entry fee for tournaments which shall be published on the appropriate entry form must be paid for the entry to be accepted.

6.2 Refunds:

(a) A competitor in any CPG Professional Championship (Fourball Championship, CPG Professional Championship of Europe and the International Team Championship), who withdraws before the closing date for entry shall be eligible for a 90% refund of the entry fee.

(b) Any player withdrawing after the closing date but before the first-round draw has been published shall be eligible for a 50% refund of the entry fee.

(c) Points 8.1 and 8.2 are overridden if the specific event has its own refund policy in place, as per any Registration/Entry forms, Conditions of Entry and/or any other relevant document.

7. PRACTICE AFTER / IN-BETWEEN ROUNDS

7.1 A player is not allowed to practice after or in-between rounds on the tournament course. In case of more than one golf course being played in a tournament, a player must not practice on any of the courses that still have to be played during the tournament.

Exception: In a Pro-Am competition (when more than one golf course is involved) a player may practice on one of the other courses after the completion of a round.

8. TOURNAMENT WITHDRAWALS

8.1 A player who is absent from a tournament without notice of his withdrawal shall be fined the sum of €150 and shall be liable to suspension from future CPG Tournaments

8.2 For a second or subsequent offence, it will be mandatory for the facts to be reported to the appropriate PGA or Tour and action taken as a breach of the Code of Conduct.

8.3 Any competitor who qualifies to play in a tournament and then fails to play in the final stages and thereby prevents another competitor from playing, or who fails to complete all rounds for which he has entered or fails to record a score for a round may forfeit any prize money won in respect of that tournament and may be fined up to €150 by the Committee.

8.4 Any competitor who fails to record a score (see point 15) for any round or is disqualified, shall not be eligible for prize money. The sponsor may choose to pay the Professional at their own discretion and as such has nothing to do with the CPG.

8.5 Exceptions to these rules may be made in the case of sickness, injury and other special circumstances subject always to the discretion of the appropriate Committee and to the provision of satisfactory evidence to the CPG.

9. FEMALE & MALE SENIOR COMPETITORS

9.1 General

Female & Male Senior Professionals playing in CPG tournaments and Pro-Ams for the same prize money may play a course which is not more than 10-14% shorter than the total course yardage of the course played by the male competitors. The Tournament Manager will vary tees as necessary to ensure the fairness of the holes and the event. If a separate prize fund is provided solely for women competitors or male senior competitors, then tournament conditions can vary from the above. (Male Professional Senior competitors are defined as an individual who is over the age of 55 as at the date of the event's first round.)

9.2 If a Tournament placing subsequently results in qualifying for any "Restricted Event(s)" where a female plays from the ladies forward tees, the female would not be eligible to qualify for participation in the Restricted Event(s). Female's electing to play from the tournament tees played by male participants would be eligible to qualify for a Restricted Event, provided such an event does not have any gender restrictions to participation.

Restricted Events

a: European Tour events

b: European Challenge Tour events

c: Or any other event conducted by an organisation other than the CPG

9.3 Championships

If a female qualifies to participate in either the CPG Professional Championship of Europe or the International Team Championship, then they would be required to play off the same tees as the male Professionals.

10. PRIZE MONEY: ALLOCATION

10.1 Appropriate Committees shall be responsible for deciding the allocation of prize money for each tournament subject to agreement with the sponsor. This allocation shall be published in the tournament conditions.

10.2 If a competitor is fined for any reason as stated within these Tournament Regulations, the CPG will retain this fine from any prize money payable to the competitor. If no prize money is payable then the competitor will be invoiced directly for the fine amount.

11. OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS & PRIZE PRESENTATIONS

11.1 All competitors are required as part of the Conditions of Entry to attend all functions including prize presentations unless published conditions state otherwise or prior agreement has been made and authorised by the Tournament Director. Failure to do so will constitute a breach of the

Conditions of Entry / Competitor Information and a player could be fined €150 for non-attendance.

11.2 All competitors are required to attend any mandatory briefings or meetings before or during a tournament. Attendance will be recorded at these events. Failure to do so will constitute a breach of the Conditions of Entry / Competitor Information and a player will be fined €150 for non-attendance

11.3 Unless otherwise specified in the conditions for any tournament or by special dispensation of the Tournament Manager, all Professionals must observe the dress rules operating in the clubhouse at the time of any CPG tournament.

11.4 All Professionals involved in any Prize Presentation or whose attendance is required at a Gala Dinner or official function must adhere to the dress code specified by the Organisers and the Conditions of Competition. A Professional who fails to comply with these Regulations may be fined up to €150 by the appropriate Committee. A second or subsequent offence, or one which in the opinion of the appropriate Committee constitutes a breach of the Code of Ethics, must be reported to the Chief Executive in order that the appropriate PGA or organisation can be advised, and disciplinary action taken.

12. CONFLICTING ADVERTISING

No Professional, or their caddie, during the playing of a tournament will be permitted to wear or display any advertising matter, which in the opinion of the Tournament Director may embarrass a Sponsor or place in jeopardy the integrity of a tournament. In all cases, approval to wear conflicting advertising matter must be obtained from the Tournament Director, or his appointed representative, prior to the commencement of the tournament.

13. ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

The abuse of alcohol by Professionals on the course during any round of a CPG-approved tournament is not permitted. A penalty of €150 shall be imposed with the fine being doubled for subsequent offences.

14. OFFICIAL RECORDERS

14.1 Professionals must co-operate when asked for details of their scores by the Official Recorders on the course. This includes the provision of scores through online scoring devices and mobile scoring devices. Failure to do so could result in a fine of €150.

14.2 The Scoreboard Officials, TV Recorders and Live-Scoring administrators are regarded as Official Recorders on the course.

15. SCORING PROCEDURE

15.1 In CPG Pro-Am events, the digital live scoring app will be the official scorecard for the round for both the Professional and Team scores, unless otherwise stated in the Competitor Information. The Professional will be responsible for entering their individual and team scores into the digital. scoring system. As stated in **14.1**, failure to do so could result in a fine of €150.

15.2 It is the Professional's responsibility to ensure all efforts are made and adhered to in using the live scoring mobile app. This includes, but not limited to, having a readily available mobile device

capable of downloading and using the relevant app that is also usable for the entirety of each tournament round. This may not apply in exceptional circumstances, which must be raised by the Professional with the Tournament Director prior to any tournament round commencing. Any exceptional circumstances will be determined at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

16. PROFESSIONAL SCORING REQUIREMENTS – CHAMPIONSHIPS

16.1 In the case of a championship where there is no individual Professional score (e.g. Fourball Championship), if one of the Professional's partners is ready to commence play at the designated starting time he should do so and his Professional partner can join him on the course upon arrival.

17. RETURNING OF SCORECARD

17.1 In all CPG events Professionals must verify their individual and team/playing partner scores with the Official Scorer in the Official Scoring Area as defined in the Local Rules for each event. For a breach of this rule a PGA Member shall be fined €150.

17.2 For a round to be considered complete in CPG Pro-Am events, upon verifying the scores, signatures are required within the live scoring app, as determined by the Rules of Golf published by The R&A Rules Limited. It is deemed the responsibility of the Professional to ensure that there are two signatures, as follows:

(a) A signature from the Professional who completed the live scoring.

(b) A signature from a single nominated amateur golfer from the Professional's team,

17.3 Recording Area will be defined on the Additional Local Rules sheet.

17.4 The scorecard of a player, team or side is returned to the Committee 15 minutes after the scorecard is accepted into the electronic scoring system. Exceptions apply as outlined by the Tournament Committee.

18. CADDIES

18.1 Caddies are the responsibility of the Professional employing them. Any breach of the following Regulations will be deemed to be a breach by the above and the minimum penalty of €150 shall be imposed, which shall be doubled for subsequent offences:

(a) Caddies are not permitted to wear denim jeans.

(b) Caddies must not behave in a socially unacceptable way.

(c) Caddies are required to wear and display the caddy-bib or uniform issued to them for the duration of the round.

(d) Caddies are not permitted to mark players' scorecards.

18.2 A Professional who has missed the cut in a tournament or played in previous rounds of a tournament may caddy for a fellow Professional who has made the cut.

19. STANDARD OF DRESS

19.1 Professionals are not permitted to wear Jeans to any official functions unless specified dress codes state otherwise.

19.2 Professionals must not wear training shoes to any official functions at a CPG sanctioned event.

19.3 Shorts are permitted to be worn at Pro-Am events.

19.4 For the purpose of this rule the CPG event is the course, clubhouse and surroundings.

19.5 For breach of this rule a player may be fined €150.

20. CPG CODE OF CONDUCT

20.1 If any Professional is seen, or reported for a breach of the CPG Code of Conduct whether in practice, qualifying or in the event proper, he shall be fined a minimum of €150. Repeated breaches may be considered by the appropriate Committee as a breach of the Code of Conduct.

(a) Not repairing pitch marks on the green.

(b) Not raking bunkers.

(c) Having more than one ball in play - other than in accordance with the Rules of Golf - in a practice round, with the following exception: - if a player misses the green with his shot to the green, he may play one additional practice shot.

(d) Commencing a practice round, other than on the official practice day, without first having obtained permission from the Club Secretary or Professional at the venue.

20.2 A minimum fine of €150 shall be imposed on any Professional that is seen, or reported for, throwing a golf club or any other item or for swearing or any other act of temper anywhere within the environs of the Club or course. The fine shall be doubled on each subsequent occasion. Repeated breaches may be dealt with by the appropriate Committee as a breach of the Code of Conduct and reported to the relevant PGA or Tour.

20.3 The Tournament Director shall be empowered to impose such fines at his discretion. Professionals fined in this way shall have the right to appeal to the appropriate Committee.

21. PUBLIC RELATIONS

21.1 Professionals must co-operate with the CPG by attending any function that may be organised with a sponsor or by a local civic authority. To ensure maximum goodwill it is vital that competitors make every effort to support all public relations activities and fully co-operate with press, radio and television.

22. PRO-AM TOURNAMENTS

22.1 Team Definition

(a) A Team must always consist of at least two players to be considered an active team.

22.2 Starting Times

(a) The draw may be amended in exceptional circumstances and starting times changed after publication at the request of the sponsor with permission from the Tournament Director.

(b) When a Professional and one amateur play as a team the late arrival by both players incurs a penalty of two shots for the team. The team shall be permitted to commence play later where possible in accordance with 26.1(a)

(c) If there is no individual professional score and one or other partner is ready to commence play at the designated starting time he should do so, and his partner should join him on the course upon arrival.

(d) If there is an individual professional score then the amateur shall not commence play without the professional except as allowed for in 22.2(f). Provided that the amateur was ready to commence play at the designated starting time, no penalty will be applied to the team for late arrival by the Professional, but a two-shot penalty shall be applied to the professional's individual score.

(e) When a team comprises of more than a Professional and one amateur, the whole team will incur a penalty to two strokes to their scores for their first hole, if at the designated starting time they cannot fulfil the scoring requirements of the event:

(i) if there is no individual professional score the team should commence play at the designated starting time if they can fulfil the scoring requirements of the Pro-Am and the missing player may join his team on the course upon arrival; or

(ii) if there is an individual professional score and the professional is late then no penalty is applied to the team score providing.

(iii) The team shall only commence play should the professional and the minimum number of amateur partners required to fulfil the scoring requirement be present.

(f) In the situation where a Professional is 5 minutes late for his designated starting time in a Pro-Am and his team is ready to play the penalty is two strokes under Rule 5.3a. This applies to the individual professional and team competitions. If the Professional is more than 5 minutes late for their designated starting time they are disqualified from the individual professional event but may still join their team and record scores for the team competition from the next available full hole.

(g) If a professional is ready to play and his team fail to arrive he can play with a marker for the individual professional prize.

22.3 Team Scoring requirements

(e) If a team cannot fulfil the scoring requirements of the event 20 minutes after the last starting time the team shall be disqualified. Exception to this paragraph will be in the instance of a professional not being ready to commence play by this time and if in these circumstances the team can fulfil the scoring requirements of the event then they will be permitted to play without the professional. If a team commences play under these circumstances, then the player may join the team on the course upon his arrival.

23. ANTI-GAMING POLICY

23.1 No player or caddie shall either directly or indirectly bet or instruct, permit, enable or offer any other person to bet on the result, progress, conduct or any other aspect of the golf match, tournament or competition (or any part thereof) in which the player is participating or in which the player and/or the caddie have any influence either direct or indirect.

23.2 No player or caddie shall have financial interest, either direct or indirect, in the performance or winnings of any other player in any CPG tournament whether through purse splitting, prize money insurance, financial assistance, bets or otherwise.

23.3 No player or caddie shall directly or indirectly contrive any aspect of any golf match, tournament or competition.

23.4 If a player or their caddie breaches in part any of the above, then they will be reported to the appropriate PGA or Tour of which they are a member.

24. CPG FAIR COMPETITION POLICY (TRANSGENDER AND GENDER ELIGIBILITY)

24.1 Overview

The CPG has adopted a **fair competition policy** that governs who may compete in its tournaments based on gender and transition history. This policy is designed to balance inclusivity with fairness in competition at the highest levels of play.

24.2 **Key Eligibility Conditions (Effective from 2026 Season)**

(a) A golfer entering female professional or elite amateur championships must:

- Have been female at birth, or
- Have transitioned to female before the onset of male puberty.
- This means the transition to female must have occurred prior to male puberty starting.

(b) A person assigned male at birth who has experienced male puberty is not eligible to compete in female competitions organized by the CPG. Such players remain eligible to compete in male professional and elite amateur championships.

11.3 Purpose and Rationale

(a) The policy was developed following extensive consultation with medical and scientific experts.

(b) The R&A's statement notes that male puberty confers physiological performance advantages in golf, which is classified as a gender-affected sport.

(c) The governing body affirms its commitment to openness and inclusivity, but emphasizes competitive fairness in elite and scratch-level events.

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PART 1C

CPG TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS AND LOCAL RULES

1. PGA Members shall refer and adhere to the CPG's Tournament Conditions card (Hard Card).

2. Local rules will be available to all competitors prior to the commencement of any event.