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## 2016 Summer Olympic Games – Rio De Janeiro, Brazil

### Canadian Internal Nomination Procedure

#### 1.0 PREAMBLE

The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by Golf Canada to select the athletes to the 2016 Summer Olympic Games which will take place August 6<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. The golf venue will be in the Barra da Tijuca district, Brazil and the Olympic Golf Competition will take place August 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> for the men and August 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> for the women.

#### 2.0 LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY

1. Golf Canada's High Performance Selection Committee is charged with the responsibility of nominating athletes to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) who will represent Canada at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games
2. The International Golf Federation (IGF) is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the International governing body for golf. The IGF determines the overall maximum number of golf athletes that may participate in the Olympic Games. The IGF also establishes quotas for maximum team size and maximum number of athletes per gender from each National Olympic Committee (NOC). See Appendix A

#### 3.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The athletes representing Canada in the golf event represent the best golf athletes in the country and among the best in the world.

- Golf Canada's primary objective is to win medals at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games

#### 4.0 ELIGIBILITY & QUOTAS

In order to be eligible for nomination by Golf Canada to the COC for Olympic Team selection, an athlete must:

1. Be a Canadian citizen (this refers to Rule 41 of the Olympic Charter).
2. Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
3. Be in compliance with all relevant International Golf Federation and IOC requirements for eligibility.

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4. Sign and submit the COC Athlete Agreement and Eligibility Conditions Form no later than *July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016*
5. Be a member in good standing of Golf Canada
6. Doping Control Requirements:
  - i. Be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by Golf Canada and/or CCES pursuant to the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy (CADP).
  - ii. Sign and submit the Athlete Anti-Doping Contract supplied by the CCES and/or Golf Canada.
  - iii. Complete CCES anti-doping e-learning course if it has not been completed within the last 6 months.
  - iv. Current mailing and email addresses provided to CCES and/or Golf Canada for National Athlete Pool (NAP) database.
7. Athletes named to compete in the 2016 Summer Olympic Games will be required to comply with dress code regulations of Golf Canada's Team as approved by the Canadian Olympic Committee. This will include the Official Team Competition Policy and the Official Team Podium/Parade Clothing Policy
9. Athletes nominated to the COC must be eligible as per the qualification system outlined in Appendix 1

## **5.0 SELECTION INFORMATION**

### **Athletes:**

#### **Male Athlete:**

1. Analysis of the following golf rankings as of July 11th, 2016 identified below in the following order of importance:
  - 1) Olympic Golf Rankings  
<http://www.igfgolf.org/olympic-games/ogr-men/>

#### **Female Athlete:**

1. Analysis of the following golf rankings as of July 11th, 2016 identified below in the following order of importance:
  1. Olympic Golf Rankings  
<http://www.igfgolf.org/olympic-games/ogr-women/>

### **Alternates:**

Golf Canada will not name athletes as alternates for the 2016 Summer Olympic Golf Team.

## **Injuries:**

Once selected, athletes who do not remain competitive ready because of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team at any time. Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. Notification must be sent to Golf Canada's Chief Sport Officer, Jeff Thompson ([jthompson@golfcanada.ca](mailto:jthompson@golfcanada.ca)).

## **Staff Selection:**

Golf Canada's Chief Sport Officer has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff including the team leader and coach(es) for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections are subject to COC approval.

Golf Canada is charged with the responsibility of nominating athletes to the Canadian Olympic Committee under the COC's Team Selection Policy as it relates to the Canadian athletes who will represent Canada at the 2016 Summer Olympic Games

## **6.0 KEY DATES**

July 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2014 – July 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Period to earn OGR points
July 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Olympic Golf Rankings published
July 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	IGF to inform Golf Canada of quota places
July 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Golf Canada to inform COC of nomination
July 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2016	Rio 2016 Sport Entry deadline

## **7.0 LANGUAGE**

Where there is a difference in interpretation between the French and English version of this document, then the English version shall prevail.

## **8.0 APPEAL PROCESS**

An appeal of any decision relating to the selection of the athletes for the 2016 Summer Olympic Games may be made by any Golf Canada member or competitor in good standing. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Appeals Policy established by Golf Canada.

**APPENDIX A:**



## QUALIFICATION SYSTEM – GAMES OF THE XXXI OLYMPIAD – RIO 2016

# 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>

#### 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	

#### 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 11 July 2016.
- Be in good standing with their National Association and the IGF.



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- Be recognized or hold a valid license issued by his/her National Federation.

### 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](http://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><b>Olympic Golf Rankings of 11 July 2016</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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><li>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><li>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.</li></ol>

### 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

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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