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RULES

Application for participation

A country wishing to host the Caribbean Junior Open Golf Championships (the “Championships”) must be a member country of the CGA.

Annual Competition

The Championships shall be played annually in one of the CGA member countries. Member countries wishing to host the competition must apply to and be approved by the CGA Council. In order to host the competition, a member country needs to satisfy the CGA Council prior to the year of the competition that there are suitable facilities available capable of accommodating the likely participants and having available at least one championship golf course on which the competition can be played. A member country intending to host the Championships should submit a proposal containing details of the following:

- the date of the competition
- the accommodation available
- the golf venue and facilities available
- the cost of the event to participants, which should include:
 - golf for one practice day
 - golf for the three days of the competition
 - use of practice facilities and driving range
 - club storage.

The Championships shall be played in the Spring, with a preference for the Easter school break. Where possible, conflict with other championships likely to involve potential competitors is to be avoided.

The host country must advise other member countries at the CGA AGM prior to the year of competition on the dates, golf course, hotel and all matters pertaining to the event.

Eligibility

The Championships shall be open to junior golfers meeting the age criteria. A Junior Golfer is defined as any boy or girl who has not attained the age of 18 years on or before the first day of the Caribbean Junior Open Golf Championships. The Age Groups for the Championships are as follows:

Boys and Girls	13 and under
	14 to 15
	16 to 17

N.B. The qualifying age shall be the age of the player on the first scheduled round of the championships. Players may only compete in the Age Group for which they are qualified.

The CGA Council may limit the maximum number of entrants. If the entries exceed the limit, preference will be given to entrants resident in the Caribbean region, and thereafter to Junior golfers having the lowest playing handicap. Entries are subject to rejection at any time, including during the Championships. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

Entries

All entrants shall apply on the Entry Form to be obtained from the Secretary of the CGA. Only one entry may be filed for each player. The CGA reserves the right to disqualify anyone who submits more than one entry. An Entry Fee in such amount as the CGA Council shall determine shall be paid by every player. The Entry Fee shall be refunded if the CGA is notified of an entrant's withdrawal before close of entries, but thereafter shall not be refundable. A service charge of US\$50 will be deducted from all refunds. An entrant will be required to provide independent certified evidence of his age and playing handicap by the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which he elects to enter.

Entry forms must be received by the Secretary of the CGA by noon on the closing date for entries set by the CGA Council. Entries which are made by telephone, fax or other electronic means or which are late or incomplete will not be accepted.

Format

The Championships will be conducted by stroke play over 54 holes over three consecutive days, playing 18 holes each day. Should circumstances make it impossible to complete the required number of holes stated above, the Championships may be decided after the completion of such lesser number of rounds as the CGA may determine but with a minimum of thirty-six holes.

Rules

Play will be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited or the United States Golf Association (dependent on applicable rules where the Championships take place), and in accordance with Local Rules and Conditions approved by the CGA.

Tees

The tees for the Championships should be set at the most challenging position for the competitors.

Caddies/Carts - No caddies or motorised golf carts are allowed during competition or on practice days. Competitors must walk the course. Pull trolleys are, however, permitted.

Ties

In the event of any tie for any championship, the winner of the competition will be decided immediately by a play off over holes selected by the Tournament Committee.

Trophies & Prizes

The following trophies and prizes will be awarded:

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Boys Champion 13 and under | - | The boy aged 13 or under with the lowest aggregate score over the Championships. |
| Boys Champion 14 to 15 | - | The boy aged 14-15 with the lowest aggregate score over the Championships. |
| Boys Champion 16 to 17 | - | The boy aged 16-17 with the lowest aggregate score over the Championships. |
| Girls Champion 13 and under | - | The girl aged 13 or under with the lowest aggregate score over the Championships. |
| Girls Champion 14 to 15 | - | The girl aged 14-15 with the lowest aggregate score over the Championships. |
| Girls Champion 16 to 17 | - | The girl aged 16-17 with the lowest aggregate score over the Championships. |

The winner of each of the Championships will receive custody of the Trophy for the ensuing year. Replicas will be provided by the CGA.

Practice Round

A practice round should be scheduled for the day before the commencement of the tournament.

Publicity and Promotion; Broadcasting

The CGA may arrange for (1) promotion of the Championships, for radio and television broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championships or excerpts thereof in various media, including so-called “online” or “new media” and (2) the design, manufacture and sale of merchandise which commemorates or memorialises the Championships, throughout the world. By his entry, a player consents to the use by the CGA, or persons authorised by the CGA, of his name, likeness, voice and references to him and photographs and other images of him and his play connected with his appearance in the Championships or any portion thereof, in connection with such media promotion,

broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championships and design, manufacture and sale of commemorative merchandise, whether in respect of those Championships or any future Championships. The co-operation of players with authorised representatives of the media is required, provided that (1) no activities prior to the Championships (outside those activities which are part of the Championships) shall be required and (2) the player's play at the Championships is not unreasonably interfered with.

Registration

By noon on the practice day of the Championships, players must register in person with the Tournament Committee at the course where the Championships are being conducted. Failure to register in time shall result in disqualification of the player from the Championships.

STANDARDS AND PROTOCOL

Expenses

The host country shall use its best efforts to secure an accommodation and transportation package at a reasonable cost for players and followers.

Venue

The Championships shall be held at a venue of one of the member countries of the CGA. The CGA Council shall determine the host country and each country shall be given one years notice of the venue.

Organization and Administration

It is recommended that the host country form the following committees to manage and coordinate the Championships effectively:

- 1) Tournament Committee
- 2) Opening Ceremony Committee.
- 3) Awards Presentation Committee.
- 4) Housing and Transportation Committee
- 5) Hospitality, Entertainment & Camp Followers Committee.

The above committees shall report to the Tournament Director who in turn shall report to the Tournament Coordinator.

Tournament Committee

This committee shall consist of:

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| a) | Tournament Chairman (TC) | CGA President |
| b) | Tournament Co-ordinator (TCO) | CGA Tournament Co-ordinator |
| c) | Tournament Director (TD) | Appointed by Host Country |
| d) | Tournament Secretary (TS) | CGA Secretary |
| e) | Chief Rules Official (RO) | Appointed by the CGA |

The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for the organization and management of the Championships. The responsibilities of the officers of the Tournament Committee are as follows;

Tournament Chairman: The TC shall chair all meetings of the Tournament Committee during the week of the Championships, or when specially called, and shall report to the CGA Council on all matters concerning the Championships.

Tournament Co-ordinator: The TCO is the CGA Council representative who shall ensure that the CGA Rules, Standards & Protocol are strictly adhered to during the Championships. The TCO shall not in any way have any other responsibilities not directly associated with those of the TCO. The duties of the TCO are as follows:

1. Advise the CGA Council, through the TC, of the status of the organization and management of the Championships.
2. Visit the tournament venue at least one year prior to the date of the event to confirm the following with the TD:
 - a) The golf course is an 18-hole course in good condition, with the availability of a driving range and range balls, and drinking water and bathroom facilities on the course.
 - b) The availability of golf carts for Rules Officials and the Tournament Committee.
 - c) The availability of pull trolleys for those players who may request them.
 - d) The awards presentation ceremony will be conducted in compliance with the standards of the CGA.

The Tournament Checklist shall be used as a guide to determine the adequacy of the facilities offered by the venue. The TCO shall communicate effectively with the TD throughout the year in order to monitor the progress of the organization of the Championships by the host country. He shall travel to the tournament site two days prior to the arrival of the participants and shall:

- a) Review the tournament checklist (as above) with the TD.
- b) Ensure that a qualified Rules Official is in place.
- c) Organize pairings and starting times.
- d) Ensure that all replicas of cups have been purchased and are on hand prior to the start of the event.
- e) Report the status of affairs of the Championships to TC on his arrival.
- f) Prepare a written report, including an expenses statement, to be submitted to the CGA Secretary within four weeks of the end of the Championships.

Tournament Director: The TD is responsible for the organization of all matters pertaining to the Championships in his/her country and should report to the host country's golf association's President and to the TCO as necessary to ensure that the Championships are conducted in compliance with the Rules, Standards and Protocol of the CGA.

Tournament Secretary: The TS shall attend the Championships and act as recording secretary at the any meetings called by the Tournament Committee during the Championships week. He shall prepare written minutes of same and distribute to appropriate persons.

Chief Rules Official -

The Chief Rules Official shall be an experienced, qualified individual appointed by the Host Country and approved by the Tournament Committee. His expenses will be the responsibility of the Host Country.

Rules Committee -

The Tournament Committee may appoint a number of Rules Officials to assist the Chief Rules Official and together the TC, the TCO and all Rules Officials shall constitute the Rules Committee. The TC shall appoint a replacement to the Rules Committee should a vacancy occur. The Rules Committee shall approve a Local Rules Sheet and act on any appeal from a decision of a Rules Official on a Rule of Golf. Each Rules Official shall act on any breach of a rule of golf which he observes or is reported to him.

Awards Presentation

On behalf of the CGA, the host country shall organize an awards presentation ceremony following the final round of the Championships.

Changes to Rules, Standards & Protocol

Any proposal for changes to these Rules, Standards & Protocol must be presented by the member country proposing it to the Secretary of the CGA. The Secretary and the CGA Council will act on the proposed changes in compliance with the Constitution of the CGA.