

## **OLYMPIC COMPETITION FORMAT**

The Olympic golf competition consists of a 72-hole individual stroke play for men's and women's events (four rounds scheduled over four consecutive days). Scores are cumulative from round to round. The players with the lowest aggregate scores will be awarded the gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.

There are 60 players each in the men's and women's events for a total of 120 athletes.

## **CHANGES SINCE THE RIO 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES**

None

## **DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE GOLF "MAJORS" AND THE OLYMPIC GAMES**

The Olympic golf competition is virtually identical to the golf major championships, which are four-round, stroke play competitions. The golf majors – the Masters Tournament, the U.S. Open, The Open Championship and the PGA Championship for men and the ANA Inspiration, the KPMG Women's PGA Championship, the U.S. Women's Open, the AIG Women's Open and The Amundi Evian Championship – differ in that the field size for the events is larger than that of the Olympic competition and as a result, there is a "cut" after 36 holes. Given the 60-player field size in the Olympics, no cut is necessary.

## **SPORT RULES AND PROCEDURES**

The Olympic golf competition will be conducted in accordance with the IGF Olympic Golf Regulations and its appendices and the Rules of Golf. The complete Rules of Golf can be accessed at [www.igfgolf.org](http://www.igfgolf.org)

### **Groupings and starting times**

For all rounds, the intention is to play in groups of three athletes. The starting time format for each group will be as follows: depending on the final competition schedule and pending confirmation from the Olympic Broadcasting Services, groups will start either from the tee 1 only, or from both the tee 1 and tee 10. Such determination will be made well in advance of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020. However, due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, play could be in groups of two or three athletes and/or starting on the first and tenth tees for any or all the competition rounds.

For rounds 1 and 2, groupings will be published two days before the start of each respective event. For rounds 3 and 4, groupings will be done according to cumulative scores at the end of the previous round, with the leaders (lowest cumulative scores) teeing off last. The lowest finishers at the end of such rounds will be grouped together. The remainder of the field will likewise be grouped in a similar sequence.

However, in unusual circumstances, the IGF technical delegate in his/her discretion may change this sequence. All starting times shall be fixed under the supervision of the IGF technical delegate or the designate person.

### **Tiebreak rules**

Medals will be awarded for first, second and third place to the lowest three individual finishers in each Olympic golf competition based on cumulative scores after the completion of the event. In the event of a tie for first, second or third place at the conclusion of 72 holes of stroke play (or a lesser number according to

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the Bad Weather Guidelines), a playoff or multiple playoffs shall be conducted for the purpose of determining the gold, silver and bronze medal winners.

Such playoffs shall be on a hole-by-hole basis immediately following the conclusion of the final round, or on the following day if the IGF chief referee determines that darkness, weather or other conditions preclude conducting a playoff on the day of the final round. The play-off shall commence on a sequence of holes as approved by the IGF Chief Referee and identified prior to the competition beginning.

If two players are tied for the first position, a play-off will be conducted to determine the gold and silver medals. If three or more players are tied for the first position, a playoff will be conducted to determine the gold, silver and bronze medals. If two or more players are tied for the second position, a playoff will be conducted to determine the silver and bronze medals. If two or more players are tied for the third position, a play-off will be conducted for the bronze medal. In any case, only one gold, one silver and one bronze medal will be awarded.

At the conclusion of each playoff hole, players will be grouped according to the score on that hole if it is necessary to play another hole to determine a medal.

For any one playoff, players will play in one or more groups at the discretion of the IGF chief referee.

### **“Hole-by-Hole” Playoff Hole Sequence:**

In the event of a playoff scenario for any or all of the medals, the IGF Rules Committee will follow the sequence below:

- **One playoff (to determine all 3 medals):** Holes 18, 10, 11 will be played and this loop will be repeated for as long as necessary. As medals are determined, play will continue to determine any remaining medals as necessary.
- **Two playoffs (to determine Gold/Silver and Bronze/4th place):** Gold/Silver playoff: Holes 18, 10, 11 and this loop will be repeated for as long as necessary.
- **Bronze playoff:** 11, 18, 10 and this loop will be repeated for as long as necessary. In the case of one or two playoffs, the loop will continue until a result is determined.

### **Protests/appeals**

Any appeal shall be resolved in accordance with the IGF Olympic Golf Regulations.