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2020 EGA CHAMPIONSHIP COVID-19 GUIDELINES

1. Introduction

- 1.1 These guidelines have been prepared by the EGA to be read in conjunction with the respective guidelines of the EGA Championship Host Member National Federations (HMNF) at each of the EGA's championships. While the EGA governs the sporting aspects of the championships it runs in cooperation with the HMNF that organise them, it naturally has no influence over the legislation imposed by the host country's governing authorities. Therefore, the EGA's guidelines will refer to those of the HMNF, which may differ from championship to championship.
- 1.2 As the EGA has no jurisdiction over any territory or individual players, it cannot impose its own initiatives towards, for example, testing for Covid-19. It is only through the mandatory application of the hosting country's rules that players could be obliged to be tested, whether it be for temperature or for Covid-19 specifically.
- 1.3 The EGA emphasises that all recommended health and safety measures stated in the HMNF guidelines must be respected and that all persons involved in EGA championships must act responsibly on and off the golf course in their regard as a duty to the well-being of others. Those exhibiting behaviour contrary to the EGA or HMNF guidelines may be sanctioned under the EGA's Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures.
- 1.4 The Covid-19 situation presents particular challenges to the organisers and the measures outlined in the EGA and HMNF guidelines must be respected and embraced by all to help ensure that any health risks are minimised.

2. The Responsibilities of the Host Member National Federation (HMNF)

- 2.1 The HMNF is responsible for providing written, up-to-date information, in English, to the EGA Office regarding all sanitary measures required by the national, state/county/canton/territory, and/or local authorities to the EGA, players, officials and visitors. Measures must include all of those relating to personal hygiene precautions, travelling and access within the area, social gatherings, and golf competitions.
- 2.2 Cases of infection or suspected infection will be dealt with under the auspices of the HMNF in accordance with local sanitary procedures until professional medical help can assist.

3. The Responsibilities of EGA, HMNF and Club Staff, Players, Officials, Volunteers and Visitors

- 3.1 All staff, players, officials, volunteers and visitors to the championship must make every attempt to follow the specific sanitary and other infection prevention procedures communicated by the HMNF and to act responsibly towards others at all times.

- 3.2 Anyone with Covid-19 symptoms must report their condition and self-isolate, seek medical advice, and be assisted in accordance with the procedures required by the hosting country.
- 3.3 All people attending the championships are doing so at their own risk, and knowing that Covid-19 infection and the possible consequences, which may include championship cancellation, and quarantine, are part of that risk.
- 3.4 Players, Officials and Guests need not feel obliged to attend set social gatherings.

4. Championship Committee (CC) Members and HMNFs to please note:

- 4.1 CC Members are, as always, responsible for the sporting aspects of the championship; HMNFs are responsible for the organisational aspects.
- 4.2 The current EGA Championship season is seen as a special and, hopefully, one-off occurrence, where, because of the various difficulties imposed by Covid-19 - logistical, financial, sporting, etc. - championship formats and entry and team fees have been reduced. While we wish to still provide a positive, memorable sporting experience to all, we wish all to be aware that some compromises to what would otherwise be considered "normal" tournament preparations and procedures may be necessary, including the following possibilities.
 - Changed championship formats (in consultation with CC members)
 - Reduced or cancelled ceremonies and dinners
 - Provision of team transport (in special cases)
 - Reduced numbers of teams and players
 - Limited championship infrastructure
 - R&A approved Covid-19 Rules of Golf
 - Limited supply of refreshments and/or snacks
- 4.3 While there are social restrictions, all of those participating in the championships should, of course, be warmly greeted.

With hope for an enjoyable season,

Yours sincerely,

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