

CAYMAN ISLANDS GOLF ASSOCIATION

DIRECTORY OF NATIONAL TEAM QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS AND FUNDING

2024



This document has been created for the members of the Cayman Islands Golf Association to provide:

- an outline of the eligibility for the national teams for these amateur competitions
- the relevant qualifying criteria for each team
- the proposed levels of financial support

Detailed rules will still be published which will govern each event. Where eligibility is mentioned in this document it is for outline guidance only – the specific rules for each event should be referred to determine eligibility. To participate in any of the qualifying events for these Championships and to then represent Cayman in any of these events, the player must be a CIGA member.

The committee reserves the right to make any changes to the qualifying tournament formats and criteria and levels of funding as it deems necessary.

The Committee reserves the right to select players for any Championship or team regardless of performance or entry in the Qualifying Competition, if they consider it in the best interests of the team.

1. CARIBBEAN AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
2. CARIBBEAN 4 BALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
3. CARIBBEAN CLASSIC
4. ISLAND GAMES
5. LATIN AMERICAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
6. WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1. CARIBBEAN AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS (CAGC)

- SUMMARY:** Annual event hosted each year by a member country of the CGA.
- Timing:** End July/Early August
- Governing Body:** Caribbean Golf Association (CGA)
- Format:** 54 hole medal stroke play (scratch) – concurrent team and individual events:
- 1) Team event:**
- Ladies: George Teale Trophy. Team of up to 4 players, best 2 scores to count
 - Men: Hoerman Cup. Team of up to 6 players, best 4 scores to count
- 2) Individual Event:**
- Ladies individual
 - Men's individual

ELIGIBILITY: Caymanian, or resident in Cayman Islands for 18 months as of date of team selection.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA:

The national teams for the CAGC will be selected by the CIGA Committee based on recent performance, world ranking and other criteria as the committee may determine (see further detail below).

In general, the following guidelines may, but are not required to, be used:

Island Championships:

- Men: Top 3 (Championship division)
- Ladies: Top 2 (Championship division)

Committee selections (see selection criteria below):

- Men: 3 picks
- Ladies: 2 picks

The Committee reserves the right to send as many or as few players as it deems appropriate to represent Cayman which may be less than the full 6 men or 4 ladies including sending no players at all.

The final team should be announced no later than April 30th or about 3 months prior to the event each year to the extent possible.

Committee selection criteria:

Judgement should be used and the balance of all factors together should determine selections:

1. Island Championships performance
2. Tournament performances over preceding 12 months including but not limited to the President's Trophy, North Sound and Ritz Club Championships, World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) events and, if maintained, Cayman Islands WAGR order of merit.
3. Current WAGR ranking
4. Other criteria as the CIGA committee may determine including disciplinary and conduct factors.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

CIGA is obliged to pay an entry fee for each team member which is used by the host country to provide golf, accommodation, food and transport.

Travel Expenses:

- Adults: 50% of economy air fare paid plus 50% extra baggage costs
- Juniors (under 19 on first day of the championships) 100% of economy air fare plus 50% extra baggage costs
- Manager and Coach: if funding allows – full cost of flight plus extra baggage costs

*All flights must be approved by the National Team Coordinator prior to being booked.

4 team shirts and hats per player may be provided plus opening ceremony attire plus other items of playing uniform on request and if funding allows and as approved by the CIGA Committee.

Financial support for other reasonable expenses may also be provided in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the CIGA committee including the cost of an additional night's accommodation, if necessary, to enable the team member to play a practice round.

2. CARIBBEAN 4 BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

SUMMARY: Annual event hosted by a member country of the CGA. The event may also be played in the USA.

Timing: October

Governing Body: Caribbean Golf Association (CGA)

Format: 54-holes, two competitors per country and division, better ball, scratch.

A second or 'B' team may also be selected in each division at the discretion of the Committee and if tournament allows.

Divisions by age. Must have attained the minimum age or turn that age during the calendar year.

Ladies

30+ **Dessie Henry Trophy**

50+ **Maria Nunes Trophy**

Men

Mid-Amateur (35+)

Ramon Baez Romano Trophy

Senior (50+)

Francis/Steele-Perkins Cup

Super-Senior (60+)

Higgs & Higgs Trophy

Legends (70+)

Asraph Ali Trophy

Ambrose Guthro Cup – country which has performed best in the championships overall.

ELIGIBILITY: Caymanian or resident in Cayman Islands for 18 months as of the first day of the championship.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: Included in Island Championships

Tees set as close as possible to the intended course length of the competition which at NSGC are

Mid Am: Black

Senior: Blue

Super-Senior: White

Legends: White

Ladies: Yellow.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

CIGA will pay the tournament entry fee and CIGA will pay 50% of the golfer double occupancy rate of the Championship package for the 'A' team participants.

Possible additional incidental costs may be paid – for example but not limited to:

- an additional night's accommodation, if necessary, to enable the team member to play a practice round.

4 team shirts plus hats per player will be provided for team members along with other items of playing uniform if funding allows.

If a "B team" is selected those players will be 100% self-funded for accommodation and CIGA will pay the tournament entry fee – 4 team shirts and hats per player will be provided.

3. CARIBBEAN CLASSIC

SUMMARY: Annual event – various venues

Timing: April / May

Governing Body: Caribbean Golf Association (CGA)

Format: 54-hole modified stableford – gross within handicap divisions.

Eligibility: open to any golfer with a recognized handicap that is a CIGA member.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: Caribbean Classic Qualifier – held in January / February

- 1 round modified stableford in handicap divisions to mirror, within reason, those in the Classic.
- Consideration will also be given to having as close to an equal number of competitors in each division. In qualifying, full handicaps will be used.
- Men will play from the white tees and ladies will play from the red tees.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

CIGA will reimburse 50% of the golfer standard double occupancy package per player who wins a team place. The number of places which CIGA intends to support will be notified prior to the qualifying event and will be dependent on entry numbers. Additional players may be supported at the Committee's discretion.

4. ISLAND GAMES

SUMMARY: Biennial event hosted by one of the member countries

Timing: July

Governing Body: International Island Games Association (IIGA)

Format: 72-hole stroke play. Medal no handicaps

Individual Competition

Gold, Silver, Bronze medals. All 4 rounds count

Men: maximum of 4

Ladies: maximum of 4

Team Event (played in conjunction with the individual event)

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. 4 rounds - best 3 scores per day

Teams:

Men: Maximum of 4, Minimum of 3

Ladies: Maximum of 4, Minimum of 3

Eligibility:

- Born in Cayman Islands; or
- Mother was normally resident in Cayman Islands immediately prior to birth of player and returned to Cayman Islands soon after; or
- Resided in Cayman Islands for at least 12 months prior to date of opening ceremony (note: if abroad for program of study or military service then counted as being on Island).

QUALIFYING:

Players will be selected by the CIGA Committee using the same criteria outlined in point 1 above for the Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships. The CIGA Committee can select the same or different players for the Island Games teams at its discretion and should announce the team approximately 3 months prior to the event.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: TBC – depending on level of CI Govt. funding

In 2017 CIGA paid 65% of standard economy air fare. CI Govt. paid accommodation.

R&A Ltd. Rules apply with respect to clothing & advertising - may be relevant for sponsors on shirts.

5. LATIN AMERICAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP (“LAAC”)

SUMMARY: Annual event. hosted by a country in the Latin American Region

Timing: January

Governing Body: Masters/R&A/USGA

Format: 72-hole stroke play. No handicap. Individual event.

Eligibility: Caymanian (Passport or Birth Certificate)

QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR CAYMAN TEAM:

By invitation only as determined by LAAC Committee (not CIGA) and primarily based on World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR).

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Travel costs and accommodation: 100% covered by Masters/R&A/USGA - no CIGA funding required.

Attire: CIGA to provide 6 team shirts plus hats per player (2 practice rounds and 4 tournament rounds).

6. WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUMMARY: Biennial event – Global. Contingent on Cayman receiving an invitation to play which is determined by top 2 players combined WAGR ranking.

Timing: September / October

Governing Body: International Golf Federation (IGF)

Format: 72-hole stroke play. No handicaps. Team event – best 2 out of 3 scores each day

Eligibility: Caymanian

QUALIFYING: Players will be selected by the CIGA Committee using the same criteria outlined in point 1 above for the Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships with the exception that WAGR Ranking will be more heavily emphasized as this is what determines whether Cayman receives an invitation to play in the event or not.

The CIGA Committee can select the same or different players for the World Amateur Team Championships team at its discretion and should announce the team approximately 3 months prior to the event.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: Discretionary depending on funds available including external support (e.g. for 2018 the Olympic Committee covered air fares).

1. Reasonable financial support will be provided to team players at the discretion of the Committee depending on the location of the Championships.
2. 4 team shirts per player will be provided.