

CAYMAN ISLANDS GOLF ASSOCIATION

DIRECTORY OF NATIONAL TEAM QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS AND FUNDING

2020



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

- an outline of the eligibility criteria for the national teams for these amateur competitions
- the relevant qualifying formats 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.

The information that will be considered if making a team selection may include but is not limited to:-

WAGR position

Reason for not entering qualifying or playing enough qualifying rounds

Scores in and status of other competitions entered both on and off island

Previous international experience.

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1. CARIBBEAN AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

End July/Early August Annual event hosted each year by a member country of the CGA.

Governing Body: - **Caribbean Golf Association (CGA)**

Format:- Team event: 72 hole stroke play scratch

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

Eligibility: -Caymanian, or resident in Cayman Islands for 1 year as of the first day of the championship.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: January - April

Four rounds – 2 at the Ritz Carlton Golf Club 2 at the North Sound Golf Club

Best 3 gross scores to count:-

Men:- Black Tees

Ladies:- Yellow Tees

If eligible, the Cayman Islands Men's and Ladies Amateur Champions qualify for the teams.

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.

Adults: 50% of economy air fare paid

Juniors (under 19 on first day of the championships) 100% of economy air fare

4 team shirts per player will be provided – other items of playing uniform if funding allows

Coach(es): if funding allows – full cost of flight + accommodation

2. CARIBBEAN 4 BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

October Annual event hosted at a venue to be notified

Governing Body: - **Caribbean Golf Association (CGA)**

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

5 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) (50) **Francis/Steele-Perkins Cup**

Super-Senior (60) **Higgs & Higgs Trophy**

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

Dessie Henry Trophy - country which has performed the best in the female championships overall.

Eligibility: - Caymanian, resident in Cayman Islands for 1 year as of the first day of the championship.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: April

Two rounds at the North Sound Golf Club.

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

Mid Am: - Black Senior: Black Super-Senior: White Ladies: Yellow.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

CIGA will pay 50% of the golfer double occupancy rate of the Championship package.

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.

3 team shirts per player will be provided for team members other items of playing uniform if funding allows

If a "B team" is allowed those players will be 100% self-funded – 3 team shirts per player will be provided.

3. CARIBBEAN CLASSIC

May Annual event – various venues

Governing Body: - **Caribbean Golf Association (CGA)**

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

Eligibility: open to any golfer with a recognized handicap

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: – January

1 round modified stableford in handicap divisions to mirror within reason those in the Classic

FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

CIGA will reimburse 50% of the golfer 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.

4. ISLAND GAMES

Late June Biennial event hosted by one of the member countries

Governing Body: - **International Island Games Association (IIGA)**

Format:- 72 hole stroke play Scratch

Individual Competition Gold, Silver, Bronze medals. 4 rounds count
Men. maximum of 4 Ladies. maximum of 4

Team Event (played in conjunction with the individual event)

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

Teams:- Men. maximum of 4 Minimum 3 Ladies. maximum of 4 minimum of 3

Eligibility: -Amateur golfer. Minimum age 13 on date of Opening Ceremony.

QUALIFYING: - 2021 Games in Guernsey will have golf.

In 2017 the Cayman Islands Amateur Championship used with the those taking the first 4 places in the Men's and Ladies Championship making the team.

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

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

Governing Body: - **Masters/R&A/USGA**

Format:- 72 hole stroke play Scratch. Individual event.

Eligibility: - Caymanian.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA FOR CAYMAN TEAM:

2020 – LAAC invited best ranked WAGR player - CIGA also had one nomination. Certain other countries received invites for all WAGR ranked players.

2021 – Criteria requested – WAGR ranked players will receive priority invitations

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

Player 100% by Masters/R&A/USGA - no CIGA funding.

6. WORLD AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

September Biennial event - Global - 2020 Hong Kong - 2022 Paris

Governing Body: - **International Golf Federation (IGF)**

Format:- 72 hole stroke play Scratch. Team event – best 2 out of 3

Eligibility: - Caymanian.

QUALIFYING: Top 3 eligible players from that year's Cayman Islands Amateur Championship

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

7. CARIBBEAN AMATEUR JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Early July Annual event hosted each year by a member country of the CGA.

Governing Body: - **Caribbean Golf Association (CGA)**

Format:- 54 hole individual stroke play

Six divisions – by age on the first scheduled round of the championships

TEAM EVENT The Hank James Trophy 54 holes Gross

11 to 13 - 2 Boys and 2 Girls. Lower score counts

15 and Under - 3 Boys and 2 Girls Boys best 2 out of 3. Girls lower score

18 and Under - 3 Boys and 2 Girls Boys best 2 out of 3. Girls lower score

Individual prizes/trophies are also awarded within the Age Groups

A Junior Golfer is defined as any boy or girl who has not attained the age of 19 years on or before the first day of the Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Championships

Eligibility born in the Cayman Islands, citizens of the Cayman Islands, resident for one full year before the first day of the Caribbean Amateur Junior Golf Championships. Junior Golfers are entitled to claim the residence of their parents provided that at least one of the parents has been resident in the territory for one full year prior to the Championships.

QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT: December - March

4 rounds – 2 at the Ritz Carlton Golf Club 2 at the North Sound Golf Club

Best 3 gross scores

Tees to be set as close as possible to the intended course length for the different championship divisions

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.

Juniors 100% of economy air fare

3 team shirts per player will be provided – other items of playing uniform if funding allows

Coach: if funding allows – full cost of flight + accommodation

8. THE JUNIOR OPEN

July Biennial event. hosted at a course close to The Open venue for that year.

Governing Body: - **R&A**

Format:- 54 hole stroke play Scratch with a cut after 36 holes at best 80 players. Individual event

Regional trophies awarded for 36 holes – handicap.

1 Boy & 1 Girl under 16 in the year of the tournament and 12 years old on the first day.

QUALIFYING:

1 round qualifying tournament.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

R & A pays for all golf, accommodation, transport to and from course, meals, and provides tickets to The Open. Players **must** stay in the accommodation provided for them, not with parents. CIGA – 100% reasonable economy air fare for the player(s).

9. OVERSEAS JUNIOR EVENTS

In the absence of specific criteria for eligibility or nomination ,the committee will consider the individual player's golfing CV.

Junior Orange Bowl - Invitation only based on specific JOB ranking criteria and WAGR. Any CIGA nomination must be reigning Junior Island Champion.