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1. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 1.1. Regional teams shall be comprised of nine (9) golfers, six (6) men and three (3) women who should have qualified at their respective regional championship.
- 1.2. Additionally, the Regional Sports Manager (RS Mgr) can recommend, to the CAFSO, the participation of independent golfers of their region who were not able to qualify due to operational reasons.
- 1.3. The circumstances under which the use of an independent golfer is permitted are detailed in the subject section.

2. INDEPENDENT GOLFERS

- 2.1. Personnel who miss their respective Regional championships for “Operational and Duty reasons” may apply through their Mgr,FS(&R)/RS Mgr for consideration to participate at the CAF National Golf Championship. Applications must be received a minimum of 4 (four) weeks prior to the beginning of the CAF National Championship. Individuals who choose to skip their base play-downs/regional championships for personal reasons will not be considered for independent eligibility.
- 2.2. Independent golfers are eligible for medals in the individual category but are not considered part of the team competition.
- 2.3. Male independent golfers must have a handicap of 10 and under. Female independent golfers must have a handicap of 25 and under. Only handicaps within 14 months of the Championship will be considered.
- 2.4. The CAFSO will only consider a maximum of six (6) independent positions based on the lowest handicap registered.

3. RULES

- 3.1. Play shall be Stroke play in accordance with the current [Royal Canadian Golf Association \(RCGA\) Rulebook](#), and the [CAF Sport Championships Operation Manual](#).

4. SUSPENSIONS

- 4.1. The following minimum suspensions will be applied, when the following infractions occur during a Championship;

Rule	Description	Minimum of
1-3	Agreement to waive rules	Disqualification (DSQ) of competitions concerned in that round
3-4	Refusal to comply with a rule affecting the rights of another competitor	DSQ in that round
4-1, 4-2	Clubs. Carrying non-conforming/altered club(s)	2 strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred max penalty per round 4 strokes (2 strokes at each of the 1 st two holes at which any breach occurred).

4-1, 4-2	Failing to declare non-conforming/altered club(s) by a competitor immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred'	DSQ in that round
5-1, 5-2	The Ball. Non-confirming/altered ball	DSQ in that round
6-3	Time of Starting Groups. The competitor must remain throughout the round in the group arranged by the committee.	DSQ in that round
6-4	Caddie. The use of a caddie is prohibited. The penalty for using a caddie is DSQ. The use of a caddie may be considered for medical reasons. A written submission must be submitted to the CAFSO a minimum of 4 weeks in advance.	DSQ in that round
6-6b,d	Scoring in Stroke Play. On completion of the round the marker must sign the score card and hand it to the competitor. The competitor should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the committee. He/she must ensure that the marker has signed the score card, sign it themselves and return it to the committee ASAP. If he/she returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he is DSQ.	DSQ in that round
6-7	Undue Delay. Slow play	1 st offence – One stroke 2 nd offence – Two strokes 3 rd offence – DSQ
6-8a	Discontinuance of Play. If the committee considers a players discontinuance of play unsatisfactory	DSQ in that round
6-8b	Resumption of Play. The players must resume play when the committee has ordered a resumption of play.	DSQ in that round
7-1b	Practice. Except for practice putting/chipping on or near the first teeing ground or practice area before starting a round or play-off the competitor must not practice on the competition course or test the surface of any putting green on the course by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.	DSQ in that round
11-1	Teeing. If a player makes a stroke at a ball on a non-conforming tee, or at a ball teed in a manner not permitted.	DSQ in that round
11-4b	Playing from Outside Teeing Ground. If the competitor makes a stroke from the next teeing ground without first correcting their mistake, or in the case of the last hole of the round, leaves the putting green without first declaring his intention to correct his mistake.	1 st offence – 2 strokes and play a ball within teeing ground 2 nd offence – DSQ in that round
14-3	Artificial Devices. Using a wind sock or similar device to gauge or measure wind speed or direction.	DSQ in that round
22-1	Ball Assisting Play. If the committee determines that competitors have agreed not to lift a ball that might assist any competitor.	DSQ in that round
33-7	DSQ Penalty; Committee Discretion – Etiquette. A DSQ penalty may in exceptional individual cases be waived, modified or imposed if the committee considers such action warranted. Any penalty less than DSQ must not be waived or modified. If a committee considers that a player is guilty of a serious breach of etiquette, it may impose a penalty of DSQ under this rule.	DSQ in that round

4.2. Reference [Chapter 5 – Suspensions](#), for infractions that may be applied to any sport.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

- 5.1. The CAF Championship shall be conducted as a fifty-four (54) stroke tournament. Within the tournament there will be an Individual Men's Championship, Individual Women's Championship, Men's Team Championship and a Women's Team Championship. The host B/W/U will draw names at the meet & greet to determine the groupings for the first day of the tournament. Groups of three (3) or four (4) will be utilized depending on the number of participants. The women will tee-off first each day of the championship followed by men's groupings. The second day groupings will be determined by the player standings from the first day scores. The highest scores from day one (1) will tee off first on day two (2). Final day groupings will be determined by their first two (2) days accumulated stroke score. The highest accumulated scores from day one(1) and two (2) will tee off first, then the second, third, fourth, etc., until the lowest scores tee off last. On the final day, the lowest women's group will tee off prior to men's second lowest group. Men will play from Blue markers and women from Red markers.
- 5.2. The game will only be called in the event of threatening thunder and lightning or the Chief Official/Course Manager deems the course unplayable.
- 5.3. Men's and Women's Team Championship;
 - a. Scoring will be the following total combined stroke score of the three (3) day tournament:
 - The lowest five (5) scores of the Men's Team
 - The lowest two (2) scores of the Women's Team
 - b. The lowest combined team stroke score will be declared as the Men's Champions and the Women's Champions.
 - c. If two (2) or more teams are tied, the team with the lowest aggregate score on the last day will be declared the winner;
 - d. If a tie still remains, the team with the lowest aggregate scores on the second day will be declared the winner;
 - e. If a tie still remains, the team with the lowest aggregate scores on the first day will be declared the winner;
 - f. If a tie still remains, the tie will be broken by the last place person on the final day score. The team with the last place person with the lowest score will be declared the winner; and
 - g. If two (2) or more teams are tied for second place, the tie breaking procedure will be the same as above for declaring the winner.
- 5.4. Men's and Women's Individual Championship;
 - a. Scoring will be the total combined stroke score of the three (3) days of the tournament;
 - b. If two (2) golfers are tied for first place, the two (2) golfers will play a sudden death one-hole play-off with the lowest score being declared the champion and the other golfer being the runner-up. If the golfers remain tied after the one (1) hole sudden death play-off, another sudden death one-hole play-off will be played and continued to be played until one (1) golfer scores lower than the other;
 - c. If more than two (2) golfers are tied for first place, all golfers will play a one-hole sudden death play-off, with the lowest score being declared the champion. The second lowest score will be declared the runner-up;

- d. If ties remain after one-hole sudden-death play-off, golfers will be removed from the play-off if other golfers beat their scores until the Champion is crowned; and
- e. If two (2) or more golfers are tied for second; the golfers will play a one-hole sudden death play-off with the lowest score being declared second and the other golfer(s) being tied for third. If a tie remains after one-hole sudden death play-off, another sudden death one-hole play-off will be played and continued to be played until one (1) golfers score is lower than the others until we have determined second place.

6. EQUIPMENT

- 6.1. Golfers will be responsible for their own equipment and must conform to the [RCGA](#) (National) and [CAF Sport Championships Operation Manual](#).
- 6.2. The use of motorized golf carts or caddies are not permitted. The use of manual push/pull carts are permitted, however battery-operated push/pull carts are not permitted.
- 6.3. Any considerations beyond what is listed in the [RCGA](#) and this manual will need to be approved by the CAFSO. The use of distance finding devices (only distance finding and no other capabilities) is permitted. It is the golfer's responsibility to prove their own device.

7. INJURY PREVENTION

- 7.1. It is important that injury prevention strategies are reviewed by all golfers, coaches, officials, athletic trainers, and organizers. Please refer to [Chapter 6](#) for further injury prevention information pertaining to this sport.

8. AWARDS

- 8.1. The winners of the Men's Team Championship shall be awarded a banner. Individual medals shall be presented to the members of the winning and runner-up team.
- 8.2. The winners of the Women's Team Championship shall be awarded a banner. Individual medals shall be presented to the members of the winning and runner-up team.
- 8.3. Individual medals shall be awarded to both winners and runner-up's from the Men's and Women's individual categories.
- 8.4. At the end of the CAF National Championship, members may nominate a player that has exhibited the highest level of sportsmanship including ethical & responsible behaviour, fair play, integrity and respect combined with a high standard of playing ability. The Jury of Appeal/Chief Official will select the recipient based on the nominations brought forward.
- 8.5. See awards breakdown in the table below;

Awards	Quantity	Nationals	Regionals
Championship Banner (men)	1	✓	✓
Championship Banner (women)	1	✓	✓
Gold Medals (men's team)	6	✓	✓
Gold Medals (men's Individual)	1	✓	✓
Gold Medals (women's team)	3	✓	✓
Gold Medals (women's Individual)	1	✓	✓
Silver Medals (men's team)	6	✓	✓
Silver Medals (men's Individual)	1	✓	✓

Silver Medals (women's team)	3	✓	✓
Silver Medals (women's Individual)	1	✓	✓
Sportsmanship	1	✓	n/a
Officials	3	✓	TBD by host base
Trainers	2	✓	TBD by host base
Jury of Appeal	1	X	TBD by host base
VIP's / Patrons	1	✓	TBD by host base