



2019 Pan American Summer Games – Lima, Peru

Canadian Internal Nomination Procedure for Golf Canada

1.0 PREAMBLE

The purpose of this document is to set out the process and criteria that will be used by Golf Canada to select the athletes to the 2019 Pan American Games which will take place July 26th to August 11th, 2019 in Lima, Peru. The golf venue will be Club Golf Los Inkas in Lima, Peru and the Pan American Golf Competition will take place August 8th to 11th.

For questions or clarification related to the contents of this document please contact Jeff Thompson – jthompson@golfcanada.ca

2.0 LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY

1. Golf Canada's High-Performance Selection Committee is charged with the responsibility of nominating athletes to the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) who will represent Canada at the 2019 Pan American Games
2. The International Golf Federation (IGF) is recognized by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the International governing body for golf. The IGF and PanAm Sports (PASO) determines the overall maximum number of golf athletes that may participate in the Pan American Games. The IGF also establishes quotas for maximum team size and maximum number of athletes per gender from each National Olympic Committee (NOC). See Appendix A for the qualification system. In the event of a discrepancy between this document and the Qualification System, the Qualification system shall prevail. In the event of changes by PASO to the selection and eligibility criteria. Golf Canada is bound by these changes and will inform the membership as soon as possible.

3.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The athletes representing Canada in the golf event represent the best golf athletes in the country and among the best in the world in the Pan American Games established age category.

- Golf Canada's primary objective is to win medals at the 2019 Pan American Games

4.0 ELIGIBILITY & QUOTAS

In order to be eligible for nomination by Golf Canada to the COC for Pan American Team selection, an athlete must:

1. Be a Canadian citizen as per. the regulations of the Pan American Games
2. Have a valid Canadian passport that does not expire on or before *February 11th, 2020*.
3. Be in compliance with all relevant International Golf Federation and IOC (or PASO) requirements for eligibility.
4. Sign, submit and comply with the COC Athlete Agreement and Eligibility Conditions Form no later than *June 10th 2019*
5. Be a member in good standing of Golf Canada
6. Doping Control Requirements:
 - i. Be available for sample collection and have provided accurate and up-to date whereabouts information on a regular basis as directed by Golf Canada and/or CCES pursuant to the Canadian Anti-Doping Policy (CADP).
 - ii. Sign and submit the Athlete Anti-Doping Contract supplied by the CCES and/or Golf Canada.
 - iii. Complete CCES anti-doping e-learning course if it has not been completed within the last 6 months.
 - iv. Current mailing and email addresses provided to CCES and/or Golf Canada for National Athlete Pool (NAP) database.
7. Athletes named to compete in the 2019 Pan American Games will be required to comply with dress code regulations of Golf Canada's Team as approved by the Canadian Olympic Committee.
8. Two (2) spots per gender per country (2 male and 2 female athletes may be selected for Canada)
9. Athletes nominated to the COC must be either:
 - i. Professional golfers who are ranked within the top 700 of the World Golf Rankings, within the top 500 Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings or;
 - ii. Any amateur golfer ranked in the World Amateur Golf Rankings who holds a recognized handicap index not exceeding 4.0
10. Athletes who qualify for the men's and women's individual stroke-play events will represent their country for the mixed-gender team event.
11. Those NOCs who do not qualify an athlete for both the men's and women's individual stroke-play events will not qualify for the mixed-gender team event.

5.0 SELECTION INFORMATION

Athletes:

Male Athlete:

1. All players ranked inside the top 700 WR on April 1st 2019, will be contacted by Golf Canada and asked to confirm, in writing, their intent to compete if identified for nomination, by April 30th, 2019.
2. Analysis of the following golf rankings as of May 7th, 2019 identified below in the following order of importance:
 - 1) World Golf Rankings
 - 2) World Amateur Golf Rankings
3. Golf Canada's Selection Committee has the ability to consider head to head results over the past 12 months should they deem it necessary in a case where the World Rankings of athletes being considered are comparable.

Female Athlete:

1. All players ranked inside the top 500 Women's Rolex World Ranking on April 1st, 2019, will be contacted by Golf Canada and asked to confirm, in writing, their intent to compete if identified for nomination, by April 30th, 2019.
2. Analysis of the following golf rankings as of May 7th, 2019 identified below in the following order of importance:
 - 1) Women's Rolex World Golf Rankings
 - 2) Women's World Amateur Golf Rankings
3. Golf Canada's Selection Committee has the ability to consider head to head results over the past 12 months should they deem it necessary in a case where the World Rankings of athletes being considered are comparable.

Alternates:

Golf Canada will not name specific athletes as alternates for the 2019 Pan American Golf Team. However, all those athletes that constitute the 2019 Athlete Pool can be considered as potential alternates (utilizing the same method as above) should it be necessary to replace an athlete named to the final roster.

Injuries:

Once selected, athletes who do not remain competitive ready because of lack of fitness, injury, or illness may be removed from the team at any time. Athletes are required to immediately report any injury, illness, or change in training that could affect their ability to compete at their highest level at the 2019 Pan American Games. Notification must be sent to Golf Canada's Chief Sport Officer, Jeff Thompson (jthompson@golfcanada.ca). Following nomination to the COC, all athlete removals and/or replacements are subject to the approval of the COC Team Selection Committee. Following June 26, 2019, any replacement is also subject to the PASO Late Athletes replacement policy.

Staff Selection:

Golf Canada's Chief Sport Officer has the sole discretion in selecting the support staff including the team leader and coach(es), subject to COC accreditation allocation) for the 2019 Pan American Games. The support staff will be selected based on the principle of sending a team of specialists that is best capable of assisting athletes in achieving podium performances at the Games. All selections are subject to COC approval.

Golf Canada is charged with the responsibility of nominating athletes to the Canadian Olympic Committee under the COC's Team Selection Policy as it relates to the Canadian athletes who will represent Canada at the 2019 Pan American Games

6.0 KEY DATES

April 30 th , 2019	Deadline for athlete expression of interest in competing
May 7 th , 2019	Official World Rankings issued
May 17 th , 2019	IGF to confirm qualification places
June 5 th , 2019	Golf Canada to inform COC of athlete nominations
June 7 th , 2019	COC to confirm entry with IGF
August 8 th - 11 th , 2019	2019 Pan American Games Golf Event

7.0 APPEAL PROCESS

An appeal of any decision relating to the selection of the athletes for the 2019 Pan American Games may be made by any Golf Canada member or competitor in good standing. Appeals must be conducted in accordance with the Appeals Policy established by Golf Canada.

If both parties are in agreement, the Golf Canada Appeals policy can be bypassed and the matter brought immediately before the Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) who will then manage the appeal.

