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To the Presidents of National Ground Golf Associations
and Representatives of Local and Regional Ground Golf Associations

International Ground Golf Federation
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**Notice regarding the Revisions of the Official Regulations of
the International Ground Golf Federation**

We would first like to express our gratitude for your tremendous efforts and contributions to the international popularization and spread of ground golf.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that the International Ground Golf Federation (IGGF) has updated its official regulations.

As such, we ask that you confirm the below and follow-up with the appropriate course of action as necessary.

Details

- 1 After receiving a strong call for the establishment of an international organization from participating countries, the IGGF was established on May 24th, 2019, at the International Ground Golf Tournament, held each year since 2014 in the town of Yurihama in Tottori Prefecture, the home of ground golf.
- 2 After the establishment of the IGGF, applications were received from Japan, Spain, Mongolia, Taiwan, Poland, and Hungary to join the Federation. However, out of these applicants, only four countries (Japan, Spain, Mongolia, and Taiwan) were associations that represented their respective countries/regions on a national level. As such, these four organizations are currently the only organizations that have formally been admitted to the IGGF.
- 3 Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the activities of the IGGF were inevitably halted for a long period of time due from 2020.
- 4 With the return to normal after the COVID-19 pandemic, the Yurihama International Ground Golf Tournament was held again from 2023; however, there have been no new members joining the IGGF since its establishment. It was pointed out that the reason for this was due to the difficulty of creating associations recognized on a national level, which was required for an association to qualify to become a Regular Member.
- 5 As such, in order to resolve this issue, the establishment of Associate Members was proposed and consented to by participants at the meeting with representatives held during the 2024 International Ground Golf Tournament in Yurihama. For further

information regarding Associate Members, we ask that you refer to Article 1 Item 2, Article 4 Item 2, Article 5 Items 1 & 2, Article 12 Item 4, Article 13 Item 5, and Attachment 1-2 of the Official Regulations as well as the Regulation By-Laws.

- 6 Regarding the official member countries and regions of the IGGF (Japan, Spain, Mongolia, Taiwan), we ask that you re-submit the application to join the IGGF using Attachment Form 1 as we understand there may have been changes to your board of directors, regulations, administrative offices, etc., as it has been 5 years since the establishment of the IGGF.
- 7 Regarding Poland and Hungary, organizations had previously submitted applications to join the IGGF; however, these organizations were not associations representing their respective countries on a national level. As such, we ask that you organize internally within your respective countries and re-submit the application to join using Attachment Form 1-2. We understand this will take some time and effort, but ask for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.
- 8 When applying to join the IGGF, we ask that non-member countries use Attachment Form 1 if applying to become a Regular Member and Attachment Form 1-2 if applying to become an Associate Member. When doing so, we ask that you attach the association's regulations, by-laws, and a list of its board members. We also ask that you include the URL for the association's homepage on the application form in the column for comments (as we would like to know about the activities of your organization through your website).
Also, regarding organizations wishing to join as Associate Members, please note that it has been determined that only one organization from any particular country will be accepted as an Associate Member. As such, we ask that you apply for membership only after combining the organizations that are contributing to the spread of Ground Golf within a single country into a single entity.
- 9 Regarding the membership fees for Regular and Associate Members, we will send the bank account information at a later date after receiving the application to join the IGGF for payment to be made in accordance with the IGGF Regulation By-Laws.
- 10 Other
 - (1) Please see the following website for the revised IGGF Official Regulations:
<https://www.groundgolf.or.jp/International/tabid/243/Default.aspx>
 - (2) The application to join the IGGF can be downloaded from the above website.
 - (3) Regarding the associations from Mongolia and Taiwan, we ask that you nominate IGGF board members for the term from September 27, 2024 through the date of the 2026 board meeting. Please submit the nominations along with the application to join the IGGF (mentioned in item No.6 above).

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