



# IPPA COMPETITIONS PLAN

## 2019-2030

Pitch & Putt Reorganization and Development Project  
at the global level

IPPA Competition Committee

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### MAIN OBJECTIVE

After reading the International Pitch and Putt Association's (IPPA's) Constitution, we quickly realized that IPPA was created to promote Pitch and Putt internationally, to promote the organization and rules of international competitions between member countries and to promote and develop Pitch and Putt in coordination with international Golf and Pitch & Putt organizations.

Therefore, IPPA must, in coordination with all its associate members, adopt a "logic" for its competitions, at various levels (world, continental, international and national), so that all P&P stakeholders can develop P&P in the same form and direction.

We believe that if we create competitive objectives at top level (world), only then will we be able to develop and organize the competitions at lower levels, that is, at the international level and even at the local level (national), depending on the action of each of the IPPA members.

In the last two years, the IPPA Executive Committee has developed a very large and concerted effort to spread IPPA itself around the world, but also trying to add to the competitive sport of P&P, the largest number of institutional members possible, throughout the world.

Accordingly, IPPA needs to be reorganized internally and it is imperative, especially at the level of the organization of competitions, to restructure and coordinate with all its members the form and manner of these same competitions, at their various levels.

Also, the establishment of a **World P&P Amateur Ranking (WPPAR)** will certainly unite the efforts of all our members and their players in one direction and with one objective.

### WORLD PITCH & PUTT AMATEUR RANKING



It is very important that IPPA should establish a truly functional **World P&P Amateur Ranking (WPPAR)** that is credible, not only to allow its players to compete with each other and to achieve their goals, but also to allow IPPA associate members to use the WPPAR for players' selection to participate in international competitions, organized by IPPA and its members.

The WPPAR will be established, based technically on the current World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR), which integrates all amateur golfers in the world, and is managed by R&A and USGA. As in the WAGR, the new WPPAR will manage a male and a female ranking, but also, there will be an innovation,



which will be a Ranking by Countries, based on the best players of each member country of IPPA.

**WPPAR will also institute a special award that will distinguish the best P&P player in the world, male and female, every year. Also, and in conjunction with these annual prizes, IPPA will offer a monetary prize to the top 3 of each order (men and women) to be spent exclusively on helping to take part in future IPPA competitions.**

WPPAR will have its own website, managed by IPPA on a weekly basis, and will operate automatically, based on its own regulation and software developed for this purpose. WPPAR will be a dynamic Ranking based on the results of IPPA P&P players during the previous 104 weeks (2 years).

The WPPAR Regulation will define, among other issues, the criteria for accepting the competitions organized by IPPA and for all the competitions organized by IPPA member Federations/Associations, provided that they comply totally with all the technical and logistical requirements that IPPA will impose through its own Regulation and Protocol.

This will allow any member of the IPPA to propose the acceptance of their competitions, whether international or national, to join the WPPAR, and make sure that their own competitions (like the National Championships or Federation Cup) can have many more players, be they national or foreign.

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## COMPETITIONS MODEL

At this moment, IPPA already has sufficient members spread around the world (and will have many more in the coming years), that with an efficient competition "logic", will certainly attract many more players to participate actively in the diverse competitions, not only at local and national level, but also at international, continental and world level.

The goal will be to divide and define IPPA competitions at four levels - WORLD, CONTINENTAL, INTERNATIONAL and NATIONAL:

**Please see also the updated Map Chronogram of Competitions 2019-2030 in IPPA website at <http://ippa.cloud/competitions/competition-plan-2019-2030/>**

**WORLD level** - contesting every 4 years (or 2 years, in the case of the World Youth Championship and the World Sports Games), and fully organized by IPPA, with the collaboration of National Federation/Association, member of IPPA, chosen to organize the competition:



### **WORLD P&P CUP**

- **Venue:** St Andrews, Scotland
- **Organization:** IPPA in collaboration with R&A and St. Andrews Links
- **Format:** competition by teams/nations
- **Date:** next in 2020, then every 4 years.



### **WORLD P&P STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**



- **Venue:** to be chosen by IPPA, after the evaluation of all the applications of IPPA associate members interested
- **Organization:** IPPA in collaboration with the National Federation/Association, member of IPPA, chosen to host the competition
- **Format:** 4 rounds / Strokeplay individual
- **Date:** next in 2021, then every 4 years.



#### **WORLD P&P PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP**

- **Venue:** to be chosen by IPPA, after the evaluation of all the applications of IPPA associate members interested
- **Organization:** IPPA in collaboration with the National Federation/Association, member of IPPA, chosen to host the competition
- **Format:** 3 rounds / Pairs – Foursome, Four Ball and Canada Cup
- **Date:** next in 2022, then every 4 years.



#### **WORLD P&P SENIOR STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

- **Venue:** to be chosen by IPPA, after the evaluation of all the applications of IPPA associate members interested
- **Organization:** IPPA in collaboration with the National Federation/Association, member of IPPA, chosen to host the competition
- **Format:** 3 rounds / Strokeplay individual – Senior (50 years old and more) and Supersenior (70 years old and more)
- **Date:** next in 2020, then every 4 years.



#### **WORLD P&P YOUTH STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

- **Venue:** to be chosen by IPPA, after the evaluation of all the applications from interested IPPA associate members
- **Organization:** IPPA in collaboration with the National Federation/Association, member of IPPA, chosen to host the competition
- **Format:** 3 or 4 rounds / Strokeplay individual – Absolute and by age categories - U10, U14, U18 and U25
- **Date:** next in 2020, then every 2 years.



#### **WORLD P&P MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP**

- **Venue:** to be chosen by IPPA, after the evaluation of all the applications of IPPA associate members interested
- **Organization:** IPPA in collaboration with the National Federation/Association, member of IPPA, chosen to host the competition
- **Format:** 7 rounds of 9 holes (Men) and 4 rounds of 9 holes (Ladies) / Matchplay individual – competition for the top 64 Men's ranked and the top 16 Ladies ranked in the WPPAR
- **Date:** next in 2019, then every 4 years.



#### **WORLD SPORTS GAMES**

- In 2019 World Sports Games, IPPA will organize together with the CSIT within the World Sports Games frame, a **P&P INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP**
- **Venue:** Tortosa (Spain) in 2019, then to be chosen by CSIT



- **Organization:** IPPA and CSIT - International Workers and Amateurs in Sports Confederation - since 1913, recognized by IOC since 1986 and member of GAISF since 1973
- **Format:** 3 rounds / Strokeplay individual
- **Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019, in Tortosa (Spain), then every 2 years.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** In World level competitions, IPPA will choose the best organization proposals, considering the alternation of competition venue by continent, in the same organizations.

**CONTINENTAL level** - it is intended to compete for a continental Open, every 4 years in each continent – Europe, America, Africa and Asia-Oceania, being also simultaneously the European Championship, American Championship, African Championship and Asian-Oceania Championship, but open to all IPPA members' players worldwide, every 4 years in each Continent, organized by IPPA and IPPA's member host Federation/Association, as equal parts:



#### **AFRICAN P&P OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

- **Venue:** to be chosen by IPPA, after the evaluation of all the applications of IPPA associate members interested based in America
- **Organization:** IPPA and the National Federation/Association, member of IPPA, chosen to host the competition
- **Format:** 3 rounds / Strokeplay individual
- **Date:** next in 2022, then every 4 years.



#### **AMERICAN P&P OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

- **Venue:** to be chosen by IPPA, after the evaluation of all the applications of IPPA associate members interested based in America
- **Organization:** IPPA and the National Federation/Association, member of IPPA, chosen to host the competition
- **Format:** 3 rounds / Strokeplay individual
- **Date:** next in 2020, then every 4 years.



#### **EUROPEAN P&P OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

- **Venue:** to be chosen by IPPA, after the evaluation of all the applications of IPPA associate members interested based in Europe
- **Organization:** IPPA and the National Federation/Association, member of IPPA, chosen to host the competition
- **Format:** 3 rounds / Strokeplay individual
- **Date:** next in 2019, then every 4 years.



#### **ASIAN-OCEANIA P&P OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

- **Venue:** to be chosen by IPPA, after the evaluation of all the applications of IPPA associate members interested based in Asia-Oceania
- **Organization:** IPPA and the National Federation/Association, member of IPPA, chosen to host the competition
- **Format:** 3 rounds / Strokeplay individual
- **Date:** next in 2021, then every 4 years.



**IMPORTANT NOTE:** At this level, and with the natural and consequent reorganization of IPPA competition schedules, the IPPA can propose or accept the organization of other continental championships, with a rotation every year, 2 or 4 years, such as (for example) the organization in Europe, by one of the European members of IPPA, the European Pairs P&P Championship or the European Youth P&P Championship, etc., etc... provided that this championship is not organized in the same year as the same World Championship.

**INTERNATIONAL level** - Each associate member of IPPA may propose an International Open to be held in their country, in accordance with the IPPA Competition Rules, and organized by the host Federation/Association member, with the technical cooperation of IPPA:



#### **INTERNATIONAL P&P OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

- **Venue:** to be chosen by the IPPA associate member
- **Organization:** The National Federation/Association member of IPPA, after IPPA acceptance and signature of the Protocol
- **Format:** 3 or 4 rounds / Strokeplay individual
- **Date:** every year.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** During 2019 and following years, if possible, each of our IPPA associate members around the world, should organize each year, an INTERNATIONAL OPEN, in accordance with the Competitions Rules issued by IPPA Competitions Committee, making the IPPA all possible to be present at each Open, either through its Executive Committee Board, and/or through an international Referee, appointed or recognized by IPPA, and supported by the IPPA's member Federation/Association.

Other international competitions organized by IPPA associate members may also be integrated into the Official IPPA Calendar and count to the World Ranking, provided they are organized by IPPA standards and Regulations.

**NATIONAL level** - National or Regional P&P competitions are the sole responsibility and competence of the respective National Golf or P&P Federations or Associations, but being full IPPA associate members, it is IPPA's duty to help develop P&P in each of its member countries.

In this context, IPPA may propose and/or accept the inclusion of national or regional competitions within the scope of the new WPPAR, provided that such competitions comply strictly with what is defined by the WPPAR Regulation.

With this measure, the national and regional competitions themselves will become much more desired by the national players, and also, knowing that they can earn more points for the World Ranking, by the foreign players. This creates new goals for the sport of P&P and automatically more points of interest, not only for the players, but also for their own clubs and their National Federations or Associations.



IPPA can also (and should) provide all its technical assistance to its associate members in order to standardize all P&P criteria and rules within the IPPA scope.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: These NATIONAL Competitions will not be included in IPPA OFFICIAL CALENDAR but will count for the World P&P Amateur Ranking, if they comply fully with the Ranking Regulations.**

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#### APPLICATIONS, DEADLINES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

IPPA has established, in its own Regulations, the way in which the application methods and respective deadlines for the announcement of the choice of all the Championships held under the IPPA flag will be defined.

It is intended that the announcements of the choice (venue and associate member co-organizer) of the World and Continental Championships be made at least 2 years in advance which is the reason why the application process will open soon after the conclusion of the previous equivalent Championship.

In a second phase, it is intended that the announcement of the following World or Continental Championship, be made at the closing ceremony of the previous Championship.

For International and National competitions, the announcement must be made no later than July of the previous year, thus allowing the calendars and goals of each associate member to be established in good time in advance and based on the IPPA International Calendar of the following year.

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#### COMPETITIONS ORGANIZATION

One of the most urgent and important measures to be taken immediately is the standardization of the organization of international competitions and the acceptance and use of the Rules of the Game established after our agreement with R&A St. Andrews, in September 2016.

It is very important that all the associate members of IPPA who organize the competitions under the IPPA flag, be they the World Championships, Continental Championships or Open Championships, always apply the same methods with the same objectives: P&P Development.

A proper Regulation and Guide will help the IPPA associate members to organize a competition under the IPPA banner, and those documents will be made official, and will serve as guidance to organize all IPPA competitions around the world.

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#### RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

All the competitions that are part of the IPPA Official Calendar will have to comply with all procedures established by the IPPA Competitions Committee, as well as the IPPA Rules and Referees Committee, with the respective IPPA Regulations and IPPA Terms of Competition and Local Rules of Permanent Application.





**The Terms of Competition of every World, Continental or International Championship, under IPPA flag, must be approved by IPPA.**

The Rules to be applied in all international competitions under the IPPA flag will be the Golf Rules approved by R&A St. Andrews, with the P&P adaptations that are in effect and approved by the IPPA Rules and Referees Committee.

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**CONCLUSIONS**

As stated above, it is vital for the development of P&P in global terms, that an efficient and logical plan of competitions be established, assigned by a single entity, IPPA, but always in close cooperation with each of its associated members.

But for this to happen, it is also necessary that each IPPA member country, should delegate and assist IPPA in this mission.

IPPA must reformulate itself internally and freely assume this role because, as in any business or organisation, if there is no structured division of tasks within the organisation, with proper coordination, it will fail.

In the future, and according to the importance of the Championship, IPPA may propose to change the periodicity of the competitions, for shorter periods, such as playing the P & P World Strokeplay Championship every 2 years if it is seen that the players so request.

This is why IPPA must reorganize itself internally, with the complicit help of all, and I mean all, its associate members.