

## **International Blind Golf Association (IBGA)**

### **World Championships & Biennial Meeting 2020 – 2 June 2020**

Owing to the continuing threat posed worldwide by the COVID-19 Corona virus the IBGA has no option other than to postpone the World Championships and Biennial Meeting, originally scheduled to take place in Cape Town in September, until April 2021. Some further details on each are provided below.

#### World Championships

The revised dates for the South African Open and World Championships, to be staged by SABGA in Cape Town, are from 17<sup>th</sup> (arrival) to 24<sup>th</sup> (departure) April 2021. The golf course and hotel will be unchanged. The state of the COVID-19 pandemic will be monitored during the rest of 2020, with final go-ahead for the events hopefully being confirmed by October/November 2020.

Players whose entry fees have been paid already will be guaranteed to keep their place should they so wish.

Anyone wishing to withdraw should advise their National Secretary, who in turn will contact the event organisers. We recommend that entry fees in respect of withdrawals not be refunded to Member Associations until entries have been finalised (to save on transaction charges).

National Secretaries are asked to confirm with those entered to find out if any wish to withdraw. They should also see whether other players are interested in being added to the waiting list, as it is likely that places will become available as we get closer to the event.

Players who have entered, but have not yet paid their entry fees, are in danger of having their places reallocated. Such players are advised to ensure payment as soon as possible to confirm their place.

#### Biennial Meeting

As per Clause 7.1 of the IBGA Constitution, which states that “The Biennial Meeting of Members shall be held at the time of the World Championships.”, the IBGA Board of Directors agreed that:

- The Biennial meeting will be postponed until the World Championships in 2021.
- The current Board of Directors shall remain in office until 2021, at which time the three positions due for election in 2020 will be elected.

Official notification and the revised dates for the submission of documentation for the postponed Biennial Meeting will be sent out in the next few months.