



## MALTA GOLF ASSOCIATION

### BYLAW 3 - ANTI-DOPING POLICY

This Anti-Doping Policy is adopted and implemented according to advice from the International Golf Federation in furtherance of international efforts to eradicate doping in sports and in conformance with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code. As members of the International Golf Federation, the **MGA** must ensure that it complies with the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy (<https://www.igfgolf.org/anti-doping/documentation-regulations>) and the principles and requirements of the WADA Code (<https://www.wada-ama.org/en/what-we-do/world-anti-doping-code>).

All those involved in golf, including players and player support personnel (coaches, medical and administrative personnel) have a responsibility to respect the Anti-Doping Policy of the International Golf Federation and any other relevant body in accordance with the WADA Code.

The **MGA** shall comply with the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Code, relevant International Standards, and the requirements of Malta's National Anti-Doping Organisation (NADO). The **MGA** directs that its member clubs and individual players observe the requirements of this policy and the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Rules which includes the International Golf Federation's and NADO's enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules (including carrying out testing) directly in respect of players (including national level players) and other persons under their anti-doping authority.

By adopting these Anti-Doping Rules and incorporating them into their governing documents and terms of the competition, the **MGA** declares that it shall cooperate with and support the International Golf Federation and NADO in that function. The **MGA** also recognises, abides by, and implement the decisions made pursuant to these Anti-Doping Rules, including the decisions imposing sanctions on persons under their authority.

The **MGA** shall take appropriate action to enforce compliance with the WADA Code and International Standards according to the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Rules, recognises the authority of NADO and will assist as appropriate NADO's implementation of the national testing program for the game of golf.

All clubs affiliated to the **MGA**, all players, all players' support personnel associated with such players, are bound to agree by these Anti-Doping Rules and to submit to the Results Management authority of the Anti-Doping Organization in conformity with the Code as a condition participation. The **MGA** shall report any information suggesting or relating to an anti-doping rule violation to the International Golf Federation and to NADO and shall cooperate with investigations conducted by any Anti-Doping Organization with authority to conduct the investigation.

The **MGA** shall ensure to invoke its disciplinary rules to prevent players and player support personnel, who use prohibitive substances or prohibited methods without valid justification, from participating or providing support in **MGA's** events as well as those organised by the clubs.

#### **Anti-Doping (Abbreviated Condition)**

#### **(Note – condition of competition organised by the Malta Golf Association)**

The use of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods is strictly forbidden. Details of the current list of Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods are available on request from the **MGA** or from WADA. Competitors, who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status, should seek advice from the **MGA** not later than 21 days before the start of the competition. Any competitor infringing this condition, or if asked to do so, failing to take a test, will be disqualified and subject to other sanctions.