

1. What is the Missouri International Pairs and by extension The International Pairs?

- The International Pairs World Final Series is an International golf tournament, played globally. Since its inception 20 years ago, more than half a million amateur golfers from over 30 countries have enjoyed competing in this exciting, friendly and hugely prestigious event.
- International Pairs World Finals is an event created for amateur golfers by golfers and designed to deliver a thrilling finale for our participants worldwide.
- Effectively the International Pairs Tournament offer qualifying club golfers the opportunity to represent their Club, State and Country on an International Stage.
- For clubs, it offers them the opportunity to reward their members with a chance to participate in a series of matches where they compete against players from other clubs to possibly end up playing on a world stage against players from other countries.

2. What are the criteria for players to participate?

- Players must be 21 years and older.
- Competition open to men, ladies and mixed pairs; thus, a team may consist of any combination, 2 Men, 2 Ladies or 1 Lady and 1 Man.
- At club level the competition can be any format that would entice more golfers to participate keeping in mind that:
 - A. A pair of players would advance to the next round.
 - B. The format at the State Finals and World Finals will be Best ball Stableford.
 - C. Players must have an official handicap
 - D. There is no limitation on handicap at club qualifying event.
 - E. The State Final the highest handicap a player may play off is 36 for ladies 32 for men.

3. New to The International Pairs World Finals?

- 2019 a separate Ladies Only trophy was introduced.
- **2021 A SEPARATE LADIES ONLY DIVISION**
- This new competition for ladies only will see pairs of ladies from different parts of the world competing against each other.
- The winning pair of ladies at the International Pairs World Finals will be crowned The International Pairs World Ladies Champions.

4. How does the club qualifier work?

Clubs have various options:

- **AS A STAND-ALONE EVENT.** This will be perfect for clubs that need more tournaments or need to generate income from green fees and the event. As an example, clubs could charge \$160 per player (charge a green fee, cart, food, and qualifier fee at the discretion of the club), getting 60 players the club would generate \$9600.00.
(after prizes and entry fee for one team to the International Pairs, the club would nett \$6180.00)
 - It is at the discretion of the club if they want to have some prizes as it is a qualifier, the winners will go through to the next round all golf expenses paid.
- **AS A PRIZE** – there are clubs who are rewarding member loyalty or as a prize in a big club event. The winning pair from the club will advance to the next round.
- **MEMBER-MEMBER OR ANY OTHER CLUB EVENT.** Clubs may add it to current competitions as an additional event. They have an arranged club competition and will charge an additional fee to participate in the qualifier.
 - As an example, the club will charge an additional fee per player. (\$30 per player. clubs can charge more). Having 78 players the winning pair goes through and the club pays the fee to the organizers and retains the rest.
- **MEN'S GROUPS AND OR LADIES GROUPS.** (Senior Society and other groups) The club may offer a qualifying spot exclusively to a closed group. That way they are guaranteed to have a spot.
- **GAMBLING GAMES** - Quota games and such. Offer it to gambling groups within the club. (closed only to their group). Use the wheel system to generate income.
 - It is at the discretion of the club to offer the players participating additional competitions. This provides an additional incentive for these groups to play and participate at the club on a more regular basis.
- **OPEN PLAY QUALIFYING.**
 - As an example, Charge the members \$100. Open the qualifying from July through August 22nd. (12 weeks). Members play their normal games. Each week the low nett player or 2 qualify for a playoff to be held before August 15. (You may end with 12 to 24 players in the final playoff.) It is at the discretion of the club as to how many teams they want to send to the Missouri Regionals/Finals. The club retains all the profit after the entry fee.
- **SERIES OF QUALIFIERS**
 - As an example, Run a qualifier every Saturday during regular play, and open to any players. Charge a fee every time (\$25) (Can be in team or individual format). Have a playoff before the deadline.
- **AT CLUB LEVEL, IT IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CLUB TO QUALIFY TEAM/S WHICH EVER WAY THEY SEE FIT.**
- **THE CLUB RETAINS ALL THE PROFIT MINUS THE ENTRY FEE/S TO USE AS THEY WISH.** (Caddy, junior, PGA education or general fund)

5. How does the Missouri International Pairs qualifying event work?

Club Level – Stage 1

- Players enter at club level to qualify for next stage.
- Clubs determine how many teams they want to send to the Regional/State qualifier.
- Maximum of 4 teams per club can qualify for the Missouri Regional/ Finals. (First come, first serve)

State of Missouri Finals

- International Pairs organizing committee will host the regionals/final/ at no additional golf cost to the players who have advanced.
- If only 1 State Regional is held this will serve as the State of Missouri Final. One Team will go through to the World Finals in Portugal.

6. What are the costs?

- Participants only pay a set fee at club level.
- Number of teams. – Each club may have up to 4 qualifying teams per season.
- Players do not pay any further fees for participation at State Final and World Finals.
- All costs will be covered at the World Final in Portugal.
- Players will be accompanied by Trevor Dodds and/or Garth Bayer to the World Final.

7. Who are the players representing?

- Players will represent their club at the Missouri State final and will be representing their Club, State and Country at the World Finals.

8. What are the qualifying dates?

- Club Qualifiers need to take place before August, 23, 2021
- This gives clubs a good window to host up to 4 qualifying events at club level.
- Missouri State International Pairs State Final will take place at the before September 3rd. (final date still to be determined.)
- The International Pairs World final will take place in Portugal October 25-30, 2021.

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