



# NATIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

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## To the Philippine Golf Community,

Warm greetings from the National Golf Association of the Philippines (NGAP).

We would like to formally announce that the NGAP will be implementing a rate adjustment for the World Handicap System (WHS) membership, pursuant to Board Resolution No. 5, Series of 3 June 2025. This marks the first adjustment in over eight (8) years. This increase will contribute significantly to the resources needed by the NGAP to continue delivering and strengthening programs that benefit the many stakeholders of the Philippine golfing community.

**For 2026, the WHS membership will be billed in two installments: Php 500 per user on 31 July 2026 (covering 1 January to 30 June 2026), Php 700 per user on 31 December 2026 (covering 1 July to 31 December 2026). Beginning 2027, the full annual fee will be billed every January.**

Over the past several years, NGAP has remained committed to leveraging technology to move the game forward. In partnership with our service provider, we have continuously worked to improve the WHS platform—including the launch of our mobile application in 2025—and we will continue to introduce enhancements that align Philippine golf with global standards.

In the spirit of transparency, we would like to share how the additional proceeds from this adjustment will be allocated:

### 1. National Team Development

Funds will support the training and competition programs of both the Men's and Women's National Teams. On average, the NGAP conducts 12 local elite National tournaments annually. The NGAP also sends National Team players to at least 15 international competitions annually. Sustained exposure to high-level competition is essential in preparing our athletes to compete on the global stage.

### 2. Support for Improvement of Quality of Local Golf Instructors

The NGAP will continue to scale its Community Golf Instructors program, which is designed to train avid golfers, golf facility staff, and others to teach the basics of golf in a formal and standardized manner. As demand for qualified golf coaches continues to grow, particularly in the provinces, the NGAP will also expand its pool of elite coaches, who will operate under the supervision and guidance of the National Team coaching staff.

*"For the love and good of golf"*

### 3. **Hosting of More Elite International Tournaments on Home Soil**

The NGAP would like to bring more prestigious tournaments to the country—not just to raise awareness of the sport, but also to showcase the beauty of our local courses and to give Filipino golfers more opportunities to compete at a global level without the added cost of traveling abroad.

### 4. **Support for WHS Operations at the Club Level**

A portion of the proceeds will be allocated to help subsidize the manpower required by member clubs to do daily score recording and handicapping. This initiative aims to ease the financial burden on member clubs by providing support for WHS-related operational costs.

### 5. **Integration of Technology into the Local Golf Landscape**

A portion of the funds will also be allocated toward the integration of improved technologies within the local golfing landscape. In line with this initiative, the NGAP is working to enable individual World Handicap System (WHS) membership registration for golfers without club affiliations, complete with online enrollment and integrated payment gateways. This will make it significantly easier for individuals to register with the national handicapping system, helping reduce barriers to entry and making the game more accessible to Filipinos across the country.

### 6. **Future Programs and Strategic Initiatives**

Remaining funds will be allocated to future projects and programs, all subject to approval by the NGAP Board of Trustees.

The NGAP is committed to aligning Philippine golf with global standards. By adopting the best practices, technologies, and platforms utilized by leading golf associations worldwide, we aim to elevate the entire golf ecosystem in the Philippines—serving golfers at every stage of their journey, from those picking up a club for the first time, to regular recreational players, club golfers, aspiring competitors, and members of our national teams competing on the international stage.

At the heart of everything we do is a simple goal: to grow the game of golf in the Philippines. Thank you for your continued support and for being part of this journey with us.

Truly Yours,



**Alfredo S. Panlilio**

President