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WOMEN IN GOLF CHARTER

The Executive Council Members of the Malta Golf Association, working together with the Royal Malta Golf Club and the PGA of Malta, congratulates The R&A for developing an awareness of female participation in golf and are proud to add their support towards this initiative.

Barely ten years into its existence, the MGA has already taken the following steps in recognition of female representation and participation:

1. A provision in the Constitution to ensure gender equity representation through a clause that necessitates a minimum of one female (or male) member on an Executive Board consisting of five members. Indeed, two of the current five directors are female.
2. Announcing both a female and a male joint equal winner in its annual competitions including that of the Malta Junior Open.
3. Changing the format of the Father & Son competition by allowing participation irrelevant of gender (mother & son, father & daughter, uncle & niece, e.g.) and re-naming it as the Generation Cup.

In addition, with its Golf to Schools programme, the MGA is assuring that the game of golf is reaching all children in public schools and empowering their physical education teachers with the respective tools to be able to deliver the programme, irrelevant of gender.

Notwithstanding and totally aware that only 27% of national golfers are female and only 6% are females under the age of 50, **GOLF MALTA** pledges to support the Charter through:

- Encouraging gender equity both at committee and executive board levels.
- Promoting golf as an opportunity for the whole extended family to come together in an enjoyable social experience and to sustain this promotion by establishing regular family golf events to encourage participation to become routine.
- Challenging the traditional view that golf participation is more suitable for males by promoting female role models.
- Celebrating female participation during mixed events including supporting the Women's Golf Day initiative.

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