

GOLF ALMANAC

2016 IGU LADIES AND JUNIOR GIRLS TOUR (CAT A, B& C)

IMPORTANT

- Dates & Venue of Tournaments may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances. Changes, if any, will be published well in time.
- The Championship Committee reserves the right to add or cancel tournaments at its discretion.
- Players are advised to confirm the dates and important information pertaining to various Events in the IGU website appearing under link "Latest News" and "Golf Calendars. All changes will be notified through link "Latest News" and "Golf Calendars" only in the website www.indiangolfunion.org.
- IGU Hard Card will apply for all IGU Events.

Categorization & Handicap Eligibility

1. Categorized Events given in the Golf Calendar are open to Ladies & Junior Girls (Cat A, B & C) Amateur golfers with age categorization and IGU-NHS handicap as mentioned below. As proof of age, Birth Certificate issued by Municipal Authority or by a recognised school must be submitted with the Tournament Director and with the IGU Secretariat for records and for participation:-
2. Age estimation policy as laid down by the Government of India may be followed by the Indian Golf Union

Category	Age Years	Max. IGU-NHS Handicap	Remarks
Ladies	–	12	
Girls (CAT A)	15 – 17	12	Must not reach 18 th Birthday on the last day of the Event
Girls (CAT B)	13 – 14	12	Must not reach 15 th Birthday on the last day of the Event
Girls (CAT C)	11– 12	16	Must not reach 13 th Birthday on the last day of the Event

The Draw shall be made at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director which may have Ladies & Juniors of different categories playing in the same group.

Points for the Order of Merit

2. There are 12 tournaments (including Billoo Sethi) on the Ladies & Junior Girls Tour. Any best 7 performances will be considered for the Order of Merit List. There will be no Mandatory Tournaments. Additional weight age has been given to 4 Regional Tournaments and the All India Juniors. Points for Billoo Sethi (2 rounds of Stroke Play Event during the All India) will be counted as for other categorized events. . There shall be NO Points awarded for the IGU Inter Zonal and Inter Club Championship. Point distribution is given below:-

Position	All India Ladies	All India Junior Girls (Cat A, B & C)	Northern India Southern India Eastern India Western India	Other Categorized Events
1st	65-Winner	65	60	45
2nd	55-Runners-up	55	50	35
3rd	43-Semi Finalists	50	45	31
4th	35-Qtr. Finalists	47	42	29
5th		44	39	27
6th		41	36	24
7th		38	33	22
8th		35	30	20
9th		32	27	17
10th		29	24	15

3. Points for Ties (except in the case of 1st position in the Winner of the Championship, Junior Championship Winner (Cat A), Winner of Cat B & C Girls which will be decided by a Sudden Death Play Off) for all other positions, will be shared equally by combining the points for the positions involved. Fractions will be rounded off to the next round figure. e.g. 0.1 will be treated as 1.

Note: Event that becomes more than 365 days old and is not being repeated this season will be taken off the OOM. Events may get replaced at an interval of less than 365 days and will replace the previous year's event for current year's merit. This can happen any time during the Golf Calendar year. Event (s) being repeated in 2015 will replace last year's Event. **Points of only the four zonal events and the All India Juniors shall be carried forward to the next year.**

4. In case two or more players are having the same aggregate points in the Order of Merit then to decide the Overall Ranking, maximum no. of wins will be taken into account. If there still remains a tie then the better stroke average of the most recent 3 tournaments, in which all the players tied have participated, will be taken.
5. Merit List Points will be awarded to all players irrespective of Category and no. of players that have participated. Merit List will be prepared separately for Ladies and Juniors Girls (Cat A, B and C). Category B Girls will be eligible for points in the Category A.
6. Merit List certification shall be issued on the request of the player up to the ranking of top 7 positions only.
7. Format for 2016 All India Ladies Amateur shall have 32 players qualifying after 36 Holes Stroke Play over first two days before moving in to Match Play phase to be completed in the next 4 days. In Case of Ties for the 1st and 32nd Position in the 36 hole Qualifying Rounds (only for All India Ladies Amateur Championship), the same will be resolved through a Sudden Death Play Off (Holes for which will be nominated by the Tournament Dir).

Conditions of Play

8. All Tournaments except the All India Ladies Amateur are open to Ladies & Junior Girls (Cat A, B & C) with Age & IGU-NHS Handicap criteria given under Para Ser. 1.
9. It is mandatory to submit the IGU-NHS Handicap Certificate.
10. There will be a Practice Round for the Ladies and Junior Girls (Cat A, B & C) on Monday or one day prior to the tournament. All players are required to register on the day of the Practice Round latest by 1200 hr.
11. The Tournament shall be conducted in Stroke Play format in accordance with the R&A Rules and Local Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A and shall consist of following rounds:-

Ladies	54 Holes	18 Holes each Day
Girls (Cat A, B & C)	54 Holes	18 Holes each Day

The Tournament Director reserves the right to curtail the no. of rounds due to any adverse situation / playing conditions.

Exempt Category for All India Ladies Amateur

- (a) Indian Students studying abroad provided they have been sending their tournament scores to The IGU regularly and are of handicap 12 or below.
- (b) Foreign participants subject to handicap of 12 and below.
- (c) Past Winners of All India Ladies Amateur and Players having represented India in Espirito Santo Trophy and Asian Games will also form the exempt category.

Entries & Registration

12. Entries for all Tournaments will close 15 days prior to start of the Tournament. All players must register themselves one day prior to the tournament latest by 12 noon. Players not registering in time shall NOT be included in the draw.

Participation Charges

13. The participation charges for all Categorised Events will be Rs. 750/- per event. The participation charges for the four zonal events and All India Championship shall be Rs. 1200/- per event.

Draw

14. Draw for the day 1 will be posted on the Club Notice Board, by 1600 hrs one day prior to Round 1.
15. There would be a preliminary cut (by score) after Round 1. Following cut-off scores will apply for each Category. Players not meeting the following criteria will not be allowed to play their next round(s).
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| Ladies and Junior Girls (Cat A) | 24 over & above |
| Junior Girls (Cat B) | 24 over & above |
| Junior Girls (Cat C) | 30 over & above |
16. Round 2 draw will be reversed after taking in to account the drop outs, if any and those eliminated after the 1st Round for not having met the 1st Round criteria. For Ladies and Girls in Cat A and B, the Draw for Day 3 will be as per the combined scores.

Halfway Cut

17. After 36 Holes, **50% plus ties or 10 participants whichever is higher as on second day** will be eligible to play the final round in each category for Cat Ladies, A, B & C Girls. It is emphasised that the cut will not be applied on the entire field basis and will be applicable in each category separately.

Ties

18. In the event of a tie for the 1st Place for the Championship Winner, Junior Championship Winner (Cat A) and Winner of Cat B and Cat C, there will be a "Sudden Death" Play off, hole by hole, immediately after completion of the Final Round. Other ties will be decided based on the lowest score over the last 18, 9, 6, 3, & 1 hole, respectively.

Tournament Committee

19. The Tournament Committee consisting of club representative(s) and IGU Official(s) will be formed by the Tournament Director.
20. The Tournament Committee will have the sole discretion to interpret the conditions for the competition and to give decisions on any query / ruling / disputes arising during the Tournament.
21. Any matter not covered under the conditions of play will be decided by the Committee and their decision shall be final and binding on all the participants. The Tournament Director reserves the right to fix / alter starting times. In the event of any Round(s) being cancelled due to inclement weather or for any other reason, the Tournament Director shall assess the situation and take a decision which shall be binding on all the participants.

Practice Round

22. One practice round one day prior to the tournament will be allowed. Players will have to ensure that they do not hold any group(s) that are following them. Bunkers to be raked and only one ball to be played.

Use of Caddy

23. Categories A & B Junior Girls and Ladies shall not be allowed caddies for the four zonal tournaments subject to it being weather conducive. Caddies shall be permitted for other events. Category C Girls shall be allowed caddies for all events.

No Playing/Teaching Professional / Parents or Relative of Players are allowed to Caddy for a Player during the tournament.

Tournament Tees

24. Under normal circumstances following Tees will be used:-

Ladies & Junior Girls (Cat A & B)	Men's Regular Tees
Girls Cat C	Ladies Tees

Tournament Director is empowered to use his/her discretion to decide the Tees in case of adverse / favourable playing conditions.

Dress Code

25. It is the duty of the player to find out the Dress Code of the host club and respect the same. Failure to follow the Dress Code of the host club may result in the Junior not being allowed to play. In addition to the dress code of the host club following dress code must be adhered to:-

	Allowed	Not Allowed
Head	Cap / Hat / Visor / Turban	Loose Scarf
Shirts	Collared T Shirts / H Sleeve / F sleeve All shirts at all times must be tucked-in	Round necks / Front open Un-tucked Shirts / tracksuit top
Trousers	Pants / Shorts up to knees for Girls	Jogging/Football/Cargo Shorts
Fabric	All except Denim in any colour	Denim in any colour is prohibited
Shoes	Golf shoes / shoes with rubber studs	Metal spikes / shoes without spikes

Drug Abuse

26. Competitor shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his / her performance.

Use of Mobile / Electronic Gadgets

27. Use of mobile phone or any electronic gadget is not allowed during the stipulated round of golf during the tournament. Use of the mobile phone will be under supervision and in an emergency viz. to call the Referee etc.

Spectators / Gallery

28. Parents / Relatives / Coaches / Spectators and friends are permitted on the Golf Course All of the above must at all times keep a distance of min 50 yards from the Juniors on the Golf Course during Tournament Rounds. During the tournament round(s) any form of communication with the player shall be construed as advice to the player. In the first instance a warning will be given. In the second instance the player will be given a penalty of two strokes. Repeated occurrence is liable to have the Player disqualified from the tournament and the concerned person(s) will be asked to leave the Golf Course. Use of mobiles is banned for spectators on the Golf Course. Volunteers may be used by the Tournament Dir as Marshals and Observers.

Prizes

29. The Prize Distribution shall take place within 30 minutes after the last group has submitted the cards on the final day. As a courtesy to the host club / sponsor, it is expected that all players playing on the day of the Prize Distribution attend this function which will be held approx. 30 minutes after the last group has submitted the cards. The Prize Distribution for the All India Junior Girls shall happen immediately after the competition of the three day stroke play event.

30. Prizes - The following Prizes will be awarded:-
Ladies Championship - Winner and Runners Up
Junior Championship - Winner and Runners Up
Girls Cat B - Winner and Runners Up
Girls Cat C - Winner and Runners Up

Playing in Higher Category (Junior Girls C)

Any player(s) from Category C who wish to participate in a higher Category* of B (or C if applicable whilst playing the Sub Junior & Feeder Tour and transiting to the main Tour) can do so by applying in writing to the Indian Golf Union, 15 days prior to the event, provided he/she meets the handicap criteria of the higher category.

If the player wishes to revert to the original category, then, she is required to apply in writing, to the Indian Golf Union and at the discretion

of the Championship Committee, will be allowed to revert, from the third event there after (irrespective of the calendar year) provided he/she still meets the age and handicap criteria for that Category.

*This is also applicable for Players shifting Categories from the Sub Junior and Feeder Tour and participating in the higher Categories in the main Tour.

31. **Playing in Higher category (B Category)**

Any player playing in B Category will be entitled to be part of Merit List in A category also, apart from being a part of Merit list of B Category.