

GOLF ALMANAC

2017 IGU GENTLEMEN AMATEUR TOUR

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.

Conditions of Play

National Qualifiers

1. There will be Two National Qualifiers for gaining entry into the main tour and top 10 finishes in each of the Qualifiers will qualify. A player can choose to play in either of the Qualifiers. Players having participated in one Qualifier can play in the other qualifier only if they are ranked between 11 and 30 (both inclusive) in the first qualifier.
2. **A Feeder Tour exists for the Amateur players in the North Zone. Top 6 players plus ties from the Final Merit List of the Amateur Feeder tour shall be eligible to participate in the tour for the entire year.**
3. Any player regardless of his Region can participate in any of the National Qualifiers. This gives an equal opportunity not only to the new players to qualify but also to those players who could not make the Exempt Category (Order of Merit List) in their previous attempt(s)
4. National Qualifiers are open to players with IGU-NHS **handicap 4** and below. It is Mandatory to submit the latest IGU-NHS Handicap, failing which entry is liable to be rejected.
5. National Qualifiers will be played over 72 holes, 18 holes each over 4 days on stroke play format.
6. In the event the entries for the Qualifiers exceed 130, a Cut will be applied at the end of Day 1 and the Top 90 plus Ties will advance to the second round. A further cut will be applied after Day 2 (at Top 40 plus ties). However, the decision of the Tournament Director **in consultation with the Director General, IGU** will be final and binding in this regard.
7. Participation Charges for all National Qualifiers shall be **Rs. 1500.00** payable at the time of Registration.
8. National Qualifiers will not carry any points for the Order of Merit List.

Categorized Events:

9. The field of the Categorized Events (Except for All India) shall be kept at max. 75 players
 - a. **Top 40 players from the Final Order of Merit (OOM) List of 2016 will form the Exempt Category for the Entire year (This will not be applicable for Amateur Golf Championship of India). Players beyond the 40th position shall be waitlisted and in case of positions not being filled due to non participation by the eligible players, the waitlisted players in the OOM shall be taken from the 41st to 50th position only.**
 - b. Top 10 players plus ties from each of the two National Qualifiers.
 - c. Top 6 players plus ties from the North Zone Amateur Feeder Tour

- d Max of 2 slots nominated by the Host Club may be given, provided nominated player(s) meet the handicap eligibility criteria of 4 or below. Such nominations must reach the Tournament Director in writing at least 15 days prior to the tournament. The IGU may give additional spots not exceeding 4 in number and will be confirmed by Director General, IGU in writing.

10. **The field for Amateur Golf Championship of India shall consist of the following:-**

- a All Players on the Order of Merit as on the date of the registration.
- b Indian Students studying abroad provided they have been sending their tournament scores to The IGU regularly and are of handicap 4 or below.
- c Foreign participants subject to handicap of 4 and below.
- d Past Winners of Amateur Golf Championship of India and Players having represented India in Nomura / Eisenhower Cup and Asian Games will also form the exempt category.
- e. **There shall be NO SCORE CUT applied for the Amateur Golf Championship of India and Eastern India Amateur Championship on Day 1.** For all other Tournaments, first round score cut as per IGU Hard Card shall apply.
- f. **Top 2 juniors** in the National Junior Order of Merit (Cat A-B) as on the date of Registration of the Tournament. **The Championship committee shall not go down the Order of Merit in the A-B category in view of non participation from the Top 2 players.**
- g. Max. Of **2 slots** nominated by the Host Club provided nominees meet the handicap eligibility criteria of 4 or below. Nominations must reach the Tournament Director in writing at least 15 days prior to the tournament. The IGU may give additional spots not exceeding 4 in number and shall be confirmed by the Director General, IGU in writing.

11. Format for Amateur Golf Championship of India and East India Amateur shall have 32 players qualifying after 36 Hole Stroke Play over first two days before moving in to Match Play phase to be completed in the next 4 days.

12. **There are 14 tournaments in the Amateur Tour. Any best 9 performances will be considered for the Final Order of Merit List at the end of the year i.e. after 14 Tournaments of this year. There will be no Mandatory Tournaments.** Additional weight age has been given to 4 Regional Tournaments and the All India Amateur Championship. Point distribution is given below:-

Position	All India	Eastern India	Northern India South India Western India	Other Categorized Events
1st	65-Winner	60-Winner	60	45
2nd	55-Runners-up	50-Runners-up	50	35
3rd	43-Semi Finalists	38-Semi Finalists	45	31
4th	35-Qtr. Finalists	30-Qtr. Finalists	42	29
5th	25-Pre Qtr Finalists	20-Pre Qtr Finalists	39	27
6th			36	24
7th			33	22
8th			30	20
9th			27	17
10th			24	15
11th			21	13
12th			18	10
13th			16	09
14th			14	07
15th			12	06
16th			10	05
17th			08	04
18th			06	03
19th			04	02
20th			02	01

Note: Points for Only the four zonal events and the All India Amateur shall be carried forward to the next year.

13. Points for Ties (except in the case of 1st position 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. The Play off Holes for the Sudden Death will be nominated by the Tournament Dir.
14. **In Case of Tie for the 1st Position in the 36 hole Qualifying Rounds (only for Eastern India and Amateur Golf Championship of India), the same will be resolved through a Sudden Death Play Off. Ties for all other positions shall be broken as mentioned in the IGU Hard card.**

(Holes for Sudden Death Play Off shall be nominated by the Tournament Dir).

15. In case of ties for any position(s) on the Order of Merit List, the same will be decided based on maximum no. of wins. If there still remains a tie then the stroke average of the most recent 3 tournaments, in which all those tied have played, will be taken.
16. All Tournaments (excepting Amateur Golf Championship of India & Eastern India Amateur which are Match Play Events) shall be played over four rounds of 18 holes each – stroke play in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A. The Tournament Director reserves the right to curtail the no. of rounds due to any adverse playing / weather conditions.

Participation Charges

17. Participation Charges for Categorized Events shall be Rs. 1000/- payable at the time of Registration. Participation charges for Four Zonal events and Amateur Golf Championship of India shall be Rs. 1500/-

Entries / Registration

18. **Online Entries are mandatory** for all Tournaments and will close 15 days prior to start of the Tournament. **Players must register by 12 Noon on the day of the practice round at the venue with the Tournament Director.** Players not registering online and with the TD in time shall NOT be included in the draw.

Preliminary Cut

19. There would be a preliminary cut (by score) after Round 1 only. **A cut-off score of 15 over and above** will apply and Players not meeting the following criteria will not be allowed to play their next round/s. **There shall be NO SCORE CUT applied on Day 1 of the Amateur Golf Championship of India and Eastern India Amateur Championship.**

Draw & Halfway Cut

20. Draw for the day 1 will be posted on the Club Notice Board, by 1400 hrs one day prior to Round 1. Round 2 draw will be reversed after taking in to account the drop outs, if any. The Tournament Director reserves the right to alter the draw and change the groups for the smooth conduct of the tournament.
21. A cut shall be applied after 36 holes, **40 players plus ties shall play the final two rounds.** However, the decision of the Tournament Director in consultation with the **Director General, IGU** will be final and binding in this regard. The draw for the final two rounds will be made as per the scores.

Ties

22. In the event of a tie for the 1st Place, there will be “Sudden Death” Play off, hole by hole, immediately after completion of the Final Round. The play of holes and Sequence of play will be decided by the Tournament Director. All other ties will be decided by the lowest score over the last 18,9,6,3 & 1 hole, respectively.

Prizes

23. The following Prizes will be awarded for the Men’s Category:-

Stroke Play Events

Winner 1st Runners Up 2nd Runners Up

36 Holes Qualifying Rounds - Eastern India Only

Winner Runners Up

Match Play Events

Winner Runners Up

Team Events All India Amateur (International Team Event) Golf Championship

Winning Team & Runners Up Team

Note: As a courtesy to the host club / sponsor it is mandatory that at least top 20 players of the tournament being played, attend the Prize Function which will be held approx. 30 minutes after the last group has submitted the cards.

Tournament Committee

24. The Tournament Committee consisting of club representative/s and IGU Official/s will be formed by the Tournament Director.
25. 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.

26. Any matter not covered under the conditions of play will be decided by the Committee and their decision shall be final and binding on the participants. The committee also 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 Committee will assess the situation and take a decision which shall be binding on all the participants.

Practice Round

27. One practice round on a day prior to the tournament will be allowed.

Drug Abuse

28. Competitor shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his performance.

Use of Mobile Phones

29. Use of mobile phone or any electronic gadget is not allowed during the stipulated round of golf during the tournament. Players must not use mobile phones on the course, except in case of an emergency. Penalty for breach of this condition will be based on an equitable decision taken by the IGU.

Use of Distance Measuring Devices

30. Use of Distance Measuring Devices (DMDs) is not permitted in IGU Tour Events.

Use of Caddy

31. **No Playing/Teaching Professional / Blood Relation Relatives and existing IGU Tour players are NOT allowed to Caddy for a Player during the tournament.**