

GOLF ALMANAC

YES BANK IGU JUNIOR BOYS TOUR 2017

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 on 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 Juniors (Cat A & Cat B Boys only) amateur golfers with age categorization 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. Only NHS certified handicap certificate shall be accepted.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Age Years</u>	<u>Max. IGU-NHS Handicap</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>Boys</u>			
A	15 – 17	07	Must not reach 18 th Birthday on the last day of the Event
B	13 – 14	07	Must not reach 15 th Birthday on the last day of the Event
C	11 – 12	12	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 Juniors of different categories playing in the same group.

Points for the Order of Merit

2. There are 13 categorized tournaments on the Junior Tour. Any best 9 performances will be considered for the Order of Merit List. There will be no Mandatory Tournaments. Additional weightage has been given to 4 Regional Tournaments and the All India Juniors. Points will be awarded up to 15 positions and distribution is given below:-

<u>Position</u>	<u>All India Juniors</u>	<u>Northern India Juniors</u> <u>Southern India Juniors</u> <u>Eastern India Juniors</u> <u>Western India Juniors</u>	<u>Other Categorized Events</u>
1st	65	60	45
2nd	55	50	35
3rd	50	45	31
4th	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
11th	26	21	13
12th	23	18	10
13th	21	16	09
14th	19	14	07
15th	17	12	06

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

3. Points for Ties (except in the case of 1st position in Cat A and Cat B which will be decided by a Sudden Death Playoff) 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.
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 as per the above chart irrespective of category and no. of players that have participated. Merit List will be prepared separately for Cat A and Cat B. Junior Category "B" Boys will be eligible for points in Category "A".
6. Merit List certification shall be issued on the request of the player up to the ranking of Top 10 positions only.

Conditions of Play

7. All Tournaments are open to Junior Boys (Cat A and Cat B) with Age & Handicap criteria given under Para Ser. 1
8. It is mandatory to submit the Handicap Certificate from IGU-NHS. **Handicap Certificates from coaches will not be accepted.**
9. There will be a Practice Round for the Junior Boys (Cat A, Cat B & Cat C) on Monday/one day prior to the tournament. Top 30 players in the 2016 OOM of Juniors in Cat A and Cat B respectively will form the Exempt List for the 2017 Tour. **Top 10 Players each of Cat A, B and C as per the OOM of the All India Sub Junior and Feeder Tour Final (s) of 2016 will also form the exempt list for 2017.** Participants in the "C" Category who are not part of the 2016 Feeder Tour Merit list and meet the age and handicap criteria shall also be given spots up to a maximum number of 5 (These spots shall be at the discretion of the IGU). In addition, 2 slots will be at the discretion of Home Club. **Players who earn their ranking in the Top 30 of Cat and Cat B during the Tour season shall also be part of the exempt category and shall be entitled to play the tour events.** The IGU will also have additional discretionary slots for entries not exceeding 5 in number and the Director General, IGU shall confirm the same in writing. All players of both Categories are required to register at the venue in person with the Tournament Director on the day of the Practice Round latest by 1200 hr.

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- (a) Players not figuring in the Exempt Category or just making it to the Exempt List are also advised to participate in the Feeder Tour for Boys Cat A, Cat B & Cat C which will be announced Zone wise and put up on the Zonal operators website.
- (b) Players beyond the above numbers in the OOM will be waitlisted and given entry in case of drop outs, if any.
- (c) The field will be kept at a max. of 85.

10. 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:-

Cat A & Cat B	Boys	72 Holes Tue thru Fri (or as per dates mentioned)	18 Holes each Day
Cat C	Boys	54 Holes Wed thru Fri (or as per dates mentioned)	18 holes each Day

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

Entries & Registration

11. **Online Entries are mandatory** for all Tournaments and will close 15 days prior to start of the Tournament. **All players who have submitted their online entries must register themselves one day prior (Monday) to the Tournament at the venue with the Tournament Director latest by 12 noon.** Players not registering in time shall NOT be included in the draw.

Entry Fee

12. The Entry Fee for Categorised Events will be Rs. **750/-** per event. The Entry fee for the four zonal events and the All India Junior shall be Rs. **1500/-** per event.

Draw & Preliminary Cut

13. Draw for the day 1 will be posted on the Club Notice Board, **by 1400** hrs one day prior to Round 1.
14. 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.

Boys	Category A	16 over & Above
Boys	Category B	16 over & Above
Boys	Category C	21 over & Above

15. 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 Boys in Cat A and B, the Draw for Day 3 will be as per the scores of both A and B Combined.

Halfway Cut

16. (a) In Boys Category A , a cut shall be applied after 36 Holes. **50% plus ties or 20 participants, whichever is higher, after completion of second day** in Boys Cat A will play the final 2 rounds. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final and binding in this regard.
- (b) In Boys Category B , a cut shall be applied after 36 Holes. **50% plus ties or 20 participants, whichever is higher, after completion of second day** in Boys Cat B will play the final 2 rounds. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final and binding in this regard.
- (c) In Boys Category C , a cut shall be applied after 36 Holes. **50% plus ties or 10 participants, whichever is higher, after completion of second day** in Boys Cat B will play the final 2 rounds. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final and binding in this regard.

Ties

17. In the event of a tie for the 1st Place for Junior Boys Championship Winner , Winner of Cat B Boys and Winner of Category C Boys, there will be a “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. Other ties will be decided based on the lowest score over the last 18, 9, 6, 3, & 1 hole, respectively.

Tournament Committee

18. The Tournament Committee consisting of club representative(s) and IGU Official(s) will be formed by the Tournament Director.
19. 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.
20. 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

21. One practice round which shall be one day prior to the tournament will be allowed. Juniors will have to ensure that they do not hold any group(s) that are following them. Bunkers will be raked and only one ball is to be played. It is Mandatory for all Players to carry their divot / sand bags.

Use of Caddy

22. Category A and Category B Junior Boys are **not permitted** the use of caddies during the Tournament. **Caddies for Category C are allowed for all events.** They can however use hand pulled trolley which must **NOT be powered.** Tournament Director may at his discretion permit use of caddies for Category A and Category B keeping in mind the topography of the Golf Course and weather conditions. **No Playing/Teaching Professional / Blood Relation Relatives and existing IGU Tour players are NOT allowed to Caddy for a Player during the tournament.**

Tournament Tees

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

Category A & Category B Boys	Club Championship Tees
Category C Boys	Forward Tees

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

Dress Code

24. 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:-

	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Not Allowed</u>
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 boys	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

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

Use of Mobile / Electronic Gadgets

26. 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

27. 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. Use of mobiles is banned for spectators on the Golf Course. Volunteers may be used by the Tournament Dir as Marshals and Observers. **Please note, if the host clubs does not permit gallery during the championship, the host club rules shall apply.**

Prize Distribution

28. For Junior boys, the Prize Distribution shall take place on Friday, 30 minutes after the last group has submitted the cards. 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.
29. **Prizes** - The following Prizes will be awarded to Junior Boys:-

Junior Championship	– Winner, Runners Up and 2nd Runners Up
Boys Category B	- Winner, Runners Up and 2nd Runners Up
Boys Category C	- Winner, Runners Up and 2nd Runners Up

Playing in Higher Category (Junior Boys – C Category)

30. 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, he/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 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.

32. Use of Distance Measuring Devices

Use of Distance Measuring Devices shall NOT be permitted in any of the IGU Events.