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THE IGU'S GUIDELINES FOR GOLF SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES 2012-2015

A. INTRODUCTION

The Definition of an amateur golfer provides as follows:

“An amateur golfer is one who plays the game as a non-remunerative and non-profit-making sport and who does not receive remuneration for teaching golf or for other activities because of golf skill or reputation, except as provided in the Rules.”

The R&A's Rules of Amateur Status cover acts which would cause an amateur golfer to breach the above Definition, thereby causing forfeiture of Amateur Status.

Rule 6-5 of the Rules of Amateur Status concerns the acceptance of grants, scholarships and bursaries and states as follows:

“An amateur golfer of golf skill and reputation must not accept the benefits of a grant, scholarship or bursary, except one whose terms and conditions have been approved by the Governing Body.”

The “Governing Body” for the Rules of Amateur Status in India is The Indian Golf Union, hereinafter referred to as The IGU, which is the sanctioned, National Union of the country. The IGU has issued the following guidelines, as established by the R&A, in order to assist those who wish to donate a scholarship or a bursary, or establish such a fund, and for those who wish to accept the benefit of a scholarship or bursary while attending an educational establishment (i.e. school, college or university).

B. ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS OR BURSARIES

Scholarships or bursaries awarded purely on academic ability do not require the approval of the IGU. Acceptance of such a scholarship or bursary is not a breach of the Rules of Amateur Status.



C. GOLF RELATED SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

The IGU must approve all scholarships or bursaries awarded in INDIA where golf skill is a factor in the selection process for such an award. Acceptance of a golf scholarship or bursary, which has not been approved, will constitute a breach of Rule 6-5 of the Rules of Amateur Status.

An amateur golfer thinking of applying for or in receipt of a golf-related educational golf scholarship is advised to contact the IGU, regulating such scholarships or the relevant university or college, before (i) entering into any agreements with third parties, or (ii) accepting expenses of any kind from a different source in addition to his scholarship. Entering into such agreements or the acceptance of expenses from some other source may be contrary to the relevant scholarship regulations.

D. APPROVAL OF GOLF SCHOLARSHIPS OR BURSARIES

Any donor or individual who wishes to receive approval of a golf scholarship or bursary should write to the IGU, giving full details of the scholarship or bursary concerned. The application must include the following information:

- 1) The Memorandum & Articles of Association of the Organization
- 2) The Objectives of the Organization
- 3) The organization structure and details of Directors/Trustees etc.
- 4) The facilities and other infrastructure details of the program.
- 5) The criteria for the selection of the beneficiaries and details of the selection process.
- 6) The operations manual/plan for the administration of the program
- 7) The funding plan of the program.
- 8) The source and application of the funds.
- 9) Audit processes.
- 10) Confirmation that if the fund is not created by the organisation concerned, it must be paid in the first instance to the organisation.
- 11) Confirmation that the beneficiary or bursar will receive the money directly or indirectly through the organisation and not through any other body, person or professional agent.
- 12) Declaration that the organization will abide by The R&A's Rules of Amateur Status, in effect in India and administered by the IGU
- 13) Any other document that the IGU may call for or require, from time to time.



E. PROCEDURAL CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL

In order for a golf related-educational grant, scholarship or bursary to be approved by the Governing Body, the procedure for payment of the fund must meet the following criteria:

- (i) if the fund is not created by the educational establishment concerned, it must be paid in the first instance to the educational establishment; and
- (ii) the scholar or bursar may only receive the money directly through the educational establishment, except in the case of non-university/college/school events (see below).

F. PERMITTED PURPOSES OF GOLF SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

A golf scholarship or bursary may be used for the following purposes:

- (i) for educational purposes, including tuition fees, books, room and board;
- (ii) costs of coaching (including coaching fees and travel and living expenses);
- (iii) golf equipment;
- (iv) Golf Club subscriptions;
- (v) travel, living costs and caddie fees at individual or team university, college or school events;
- (vi) medical treatment (e.g. physiotherapy) for conditions specifically affecting the playing of golf; and
- (vii) costs incurred in respect of fitness training.

In general, it is not permitted for golf related educational grants, scholarships or bursaries to be used to cover an individual's day to day living expenses outside of attendance at college or university. However, they may be used for travel, accommodation costs and caddie fees at non-university, non-college or non-school events, whether individual or team, if the funds are lodged with and administered by the IGU or State association, or with the permission of the IGU, paid directly by the University or College.



G. GOLF SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The IGU will permit amateur golfers to accept golf scholarships offered directly at universities and colleges in the USA, provided they comply with the United States Golf Association's Rules of Amateur Status. The USGA's Rules permit a scholarship or grant-in-aid to be accepted if it accords with the regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics, the National Junior College Athletic Association or other similar organisations governing athletics at academic institutions. Separate approval from The IGU is not required.

An amateur golfer in receipt of an NCAA approved golf scholarship is advised to contact the NCAA before accepting expenses of any kind from a different source e.g. a representative of a university, in addition to his NCAA scholarship. The acceptance of expenses from some other source may be contrary to NCAA regulations.

An amateur golfer is advised to contact the NCAA for further guidelines and restrictions placed on the amateur golfer accepting a scholarship in the USA.

H. GOLF SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES GIVEN BY THE R&A

All scholarships and bursaries offered by the R&A are automatically approved and will be received and administered by the IGU.

The manner of identifying and administering the scholarships, received, will remain the prerogative of the Council of the IGU and its decisions shall be final and binding.

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