



**THE INDIAN GOLF UNION**  
**New Delhi,INDIA**

**THE IGU'S ADVISORY FOR JUNIOR GOLFERS 2016**

**A. INTRODUCTION**

The R&A establishes the Rules under which amateur Golf can be played, essentially for enjoyment while keeping the game free from uncontrolled sponsorship and financial incentive.

The IGU, as the Governing and apex body for all Golf, in India and the recognised National Sports Federation (NSF) is committed to maintaining an environment where all amateur Golf, is played in the spirit of the game.

The IGU recognizes that it needs to proactively work with Junior Golfers so as to create a talent pool of amateur golfers who will compete in the International level and also be the next generation of Indian professionals, competing at the world stage.

With the advent of the entry of Golf to the Olympics, the IGU is committed to working towards a structured junior program that will produce, Indian, Golf Olympians.

**B. GOVERNING RULES**

This advisory is intended as a guideline only and does not purport to replace the R&A's Rules of Amateur Status, effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 and the Decisions of the Rules of Amateur Status and those Rules, revised, from time to time, by the R&A. All Junior Golfers and their parents/guardians & coaches are encouraged to read these Rules and Decisions.

Any doubts as to the understanding of this advisory must be referred to the IGU's Technical, Rules and Amateur Status, which shall, if required, consult with the R&A, and issue a clarification. The decision of the Council of the IGU will be final and binding.

**C. DEFINITION OF JUNIOR GOLFER**

A Junior Golfer is an amateur golfer who has not reached a specified age as determined by the Governing Body.

Note: In India, a junior golfer is an amateur golfer who has not reached his or her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in the year, prior to the event.



#### **D. GUIDELINES**

- 1.** Junior Golfers may receive reasonable expenses (not exceeding actual expenses incurred) from a member of his family or legal guardian.
- 2.** Junior Golfers may receive expenses when competing in a competition, limited exclusively to junior golfers, either in India or abroad, subject to the competition not being connected to a scholarship or bursary.
- 3.** Junior Golfers may not accept a scholarship or bursary, unless approved by the IGU.
- 4.** Junior Golfers, when competing in individual events, may receive expenses subject to provisions of Rule 4-2.c ( approval by the IGU)
- 5.** Junior Golfers may not receive expenses directly or indirectly from a professional agent
- 6.** Junior golfers of golf skill & reputation must not promote or advertise the source of any expenses received.
- 7.** Junior Golfers may receive expenses to travel abroad to practice and receive coaching from a prominent professional.
- 8.** A parent or legal guardian may accept expenses from an outside source to accompany a Junior Golfer to a golf competition, subject to the provisions of Rule 4-2.c.
- 9.** Junior Golfers may receive expenses from a fund created by friends to take part in a golf competition, in India, not limited exclusively to Junior Golfers subject to the funds being lodged and disbursed by the IGU.
- 10.** Junior Golfers may accept limited (as decided by the IGU) golf balls, clubs, merchandise, clothing or shoes free of charge from anyone dealing with such equipment provided no advertising is involved. All such equipment received, will not be sold or traded.
- 11.** A Junior Golfer may receive the courtesy of a Golf course for playing a round. No free memberships, under any category or any other incentives are permitted.



#### **E. DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

Any Junior Golfer or parent/legal guardian found to be in violation of the Rules of Amateur Status will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including loss of amateur status for a specified period time, as decided by the IGU.

The IGU will consider all mitigating circumstances while making its decision and urges all stakeholders to strictly follow the IGU's Junior Code of Conduct – Zero Tolerance Policy.

#### **F. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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