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2021 IGU JUNIOR BOYS TOUR

IMPORTANT

- Dates & Venue of Tournaments may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances. Changes, if any, will be published well in time on the IGU website.
- 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 “Latest News” and “Golf Calendars” on the IGU 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 Junior Golfers (Cat A, Cat B and Cat C Boys only) with age categorization as mentioned below. As proof of age IGU shall accept Birth Certificate issued by Municipal Authority or a certificate by player’s school must be submitted with the Tournament Director and with the IGU Secretariat for records and for participation.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Age Years</u>	<u>Max. IGU-NHS Handicap Index</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

Points for the Order of Merit

2. There are 10 categorized tournaments on the Junior Tour. Any best 7 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:-



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<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

*Points were earlier awarded till 15 positions.

Note: Points for all events held in 2019 shall be carried forward to 2021. Event that becomes more than 365 days old and is not being repeated this season will be taken off the OOM. Events may not get replaced exactly after one year. This can happen any time during the Golf Calendar year. Event (s) being repeated in 2021 will replace 2019 Event.

- Points for Ties except in the case of 1st position in Cat A, Cat B and Cat C shall be decided by a Sudden Death Playoff and for all other positions the points will be shared equally by combining the points for the positions involved as mentioned above. Fractions will be rounded off to the next round figure. e.g. 0.1 will be treated as 1.
- In case two or more players are having the same best 7 total points in the Order of Merit in the Overall Ranking, maximum number 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.
- 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, Cat B and Cat C. Merit list of Category A is a combination of rankings of Cat A and B combined.
- 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, Cat B and Cat C) with Age, Handicap and Eligibility criteria given under Para Ser. 1 and Ser. 10.
8. It is mandatory to submit the World Handicap System (WHS) Certificate. A players shall not be eligible to participate in case he does not meet this Handicap criteria as mentioned in Sr no 1 above. **Handicap Certificates from coaches or clubs will not be accepted.** All players need to submit their WHS handicaps at registration. **Players can register for WHS handicap on our website www.indiangolfunion.org/whs**
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.
10. Players eligibility criteria to play the IGU Main Junior Tour are as follows:
 - (a) All players in the IGU Order of Merit as on date of registration. (Merit lists shall be updated before the start of the first tournament and every tournament thereafter). Players who were part of the 2019 Merit List, in any category (Cat A, B and C) , and have moved to a higher category (Cat C to Cat B / Cat B to Cat A) during the 2020 period and is still a junior player, shall be given a chance to play the first two events of 2021 in his current age category.
 - (b) Top 5 players each from the four zonal feeder tour in Category A, B and C of 2019. **Please note “D” Category players do not get an automatic qualification in Category C of the main tour and shall play their respective zonal tours in Category C and qualify. In Case a players qualified from the feeder tour in 2019 has shifted to a higher category (Cat C to Cat B / Cat B to Cat A) during the year 2020, he shall be given a chance to play the first two events of 2021 in his current age category**
 - (c) Four host club spots (players shall meet the handicap and age eligibility)
 - (d) Four IGU Spots (A player can request at a max. of two IGU spots in the entire Tour calendar year)
 - (e) The field shall be restricted to a maximum of 95 players.
 - (f) Players who are transitioning into a higher category can do so by informing the Tournament Director, condition that they are in the Merit list of the lower category they were currently playing.
 - (g) Players who are transitioning into a higher category at the end of the year (November / December) and are unable to make points due to few number of events, shall be eligible to play only the first two events of the next tour calendar (2022), provided they write to the IGU two weeks before the start of the tournament and are in the Merit list as on 30 October 2021.
 - (h) For the All India Junior Boys & Girls, only players reflecting in the IGU Order of Merit for Junior Boys and Girls as on date of registration of the event shall be eligible to participate in the championship.

11. The Tournament shall be conducted in Stroke Play format in accordance with R&A - USGA Rules and Local Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A - USGA 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



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

Entries & Registration

12. **Online Entries for all players are mandatory** for every IGU Tournament and shall close 15 days prior to start of the Tournament. All players must register themselves on the day of the practice round (Monday) at the venue with the Tournament Director latest by 1100 hrs (11 am). Players not registering online and at the venue in time shall NOT be included in the draw.

Entry Fee

13. The Entry Fee for Categorised Events will be Rs. 2000/- per event. The Entry fee for the four zonal events and the All India Junior shall be Rs. 2500/- per event.

Draw & Preliminary Cut

14. 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.

Draw for the day 1 will be posted on the Club Notice Board, by 1500 hrs one day prior to Round 1.

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	14 over & Above
Boys	Category B	14 over & Above
Boys	Category C	20 over & Above

Round 2 draw will be reversed after taking in to account the Round 1 Preliminary cuts and any withdrawals. For Boys in Cat A and B, the Draw for Day 3 will be as per the scores of both A and B Combined.

Players in Cat A and B who have played a score of 100 and above and in Cat C of 110 and above in Round 1 or Round 2 shall not be allowed to play the next calendar event regardless of his entry eligibility criteria into the event.

Halfway Cut

15. (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.



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(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 15 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

16. In the event of a tie for the 1st Place for Junior Boys A Championship, 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. **Please refer to the IGU Hard Card clause for Ties.**

Tournament Committee

17. The Tournament Committee shall consist of club representative(s), IGU Official(s) and sponsor(s) and will be formed by the Tournament Director.

The Tournament Committee will have the sole discretion to alter the conditions for the competition and to give decisions on any query / ruling / disputes arising during the Tournament.

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

18. 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 playing group(s) that is behind 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

19. 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

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

Category A & Category B Boys
Category C Boys

Club Championship Tees
Forward Tees



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

Dress Code

21. 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

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

Use of Mobile / Electronic Gadgets

23. 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

24. Parents / Relatives / Coaches / Spectators and friends are not permitted to walk on the Golf Course due to Covid 19. Breach of this rule shall invite penalty from the Tournament committee.

Prizes and Prize Distribution

25. 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.

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



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Playing in Higher Category (Junior Boys – C Category)

26. Any player(s) from Category C who wishes 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.

Use of Distance Measuring Devices

27. Use of Distance Measuring Devices (DMDs) is not permitted in IGU Tour Events. An exception in this rule shall be made as follows:

- (a) Use of Distance Measuring Devices shall be allowed for the Four Zonal Events (Northern, Southern, Western and Eastern) and the Amateur Golf Championship of India.
- (b) No player below the age of 13 years is permitted to use the DMDs
- (c) **Please refer to the IGU Hard Card clause.**
