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2020 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 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.

Conditions of Play

National Qualifiers:

1. There will be Two National Qualifiers conducted in 2020 for gaining entry into the main tour. Top 25 players and ties after the conclusion of each qualifier shall qualify. If a player from the first qualifier fails to earn points in the Order of Merit before the second qualifier is held, he shall need to play the second qualifier again to gain entry in the main tour.
2. National Qualifiers are open to players with IGU-WHS **handicap index of 6 and below**. It is mandatory to submit the latest IGU-WHS Handicap, failing which entry is liable to be rejected.
3. National Qualifiers will be played over 72 holes, 18 holes each over 4 days on stroke play format or as decided by the Tournament Director depending on the number of entries.
4. In the event of entries for the Qualifiers exceeding 130, a Cut will be applied at the end of Round 1 and the Top 90 plus Ties will advance to the second round. A further cut will be applied after Round 2 (at top 40 plus ties).
5. Participation Charges for all National Qualifiers shall be **Rs. 2000.00** payable at the time of Registration.
6. National Qualifiers will not carry any points in the Order of Merit List.



Categorized Events:

7. The field of the Categorized Events (Except for All India) shall be kept at max. 95 players. It is mandatory to submit the World Handicap System (WHS) Certificate. Players need to have a handicap of 6 and below. **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**
- a. All players in the IGU Order of Merit of 2019 shall be eligible to participate in the main tour of 2020. Any player losing points in between the tour of 2020 shall only be eligible to play till the next qualifier is held. In view of player losing points after both the qualifiers are held, he will need to request the IGU for a spot to play in any upcoming event.
 - b. Players from the National Qualifiers as per the qualifying conditions mentioned above in **Point 1**.
 - c. Four Spots shall be nominated by the Host Club, provided the nominated player meets the handicap eligibility criteria of 6 and below. Such nominations must reach the IGU Secretariat in writing at least 07 days prior to the tournament. The IGU may give additional spots not exceeding 5 in number. In addition, there shall be one sponsor spot in view of any sponsor for the event. **(A player can request at a max. of two IGU spots in the entire Tour calendar year)**
 - d. Top six players each from the 2019 Amateur Feeder Tour of the North Zone and East Zone respectively shall be eligible to participate the entire tour of 2020.
 - e. **Top 2 Junior Boys from Cat A Final Merit List of 2019 shall be eligible to play the first six events in the main tour. The IGU shall not go beyond the top 2 positions.**
8. **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 their WAGR rankings are higher than the IGU OOM players and are of handicap 6 or below. A maximum of two spots in this category shall be given on a first come and first serve basis.
 - c. Foreign participants nominated by their respective National Federation subject to handicap of 6 and below.
 - d. Past Winners of Amateur Golf Championship of India and Players having represented India in Nomura Cup, 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.
 - f. **Top 2 juniors** in the National Junior Order of Merit (Cat A-B) as on the date of Registration of the Tournament. The IGU 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 **4 slots** nominated by the Host Club provided nominees meet the handicap eligibility criteria of 6 and below. Nominations must reach the IGU Secretariat in writing at least 07 days prior to the tournament. The IGU may give additional spots not exceeding 5 in number.



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9. 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.
10. There are 12 tournaments in the Amateur Tour. Any **best 8 performances** will be considered for the Final Order of Merit List at the end of the year 2020. 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
16 th			10	05
17 th			08	04
18 th			06	03
19 th			04	02
20 th			02	01

Note: Points for all events held in 2019 shall be carried forward to next year. 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 2019 will replace last year's Event.

11. 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



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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 Director.

12. In Case of Tie for the 1st and 32nd Position in the 36 hole Qualifying Rounds (only for Eastern India and Amateur Golf Championship of India), the same shall be broken as suggested in the IGU Hard card. Please refer to the IGU Hard Card clause on Ties.
13. 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.
14. 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 - USGA. The All India Amateur and Eastern India Amateur shall be played on the stroke play and match play format. The Tournament Director reserves the right to curtail the no. of rounds due to any adverse playing / weather conditions.

Participation Charges

15. Participation Charges for Categorized Events shall be Rs. 2000/- payable at the time of Registration. Participation charges for Four Zonal events and Amateur Golf Championship of India shall be Rs. 2500/-

Entries / Registration

16. **Online Entries are mandatory** for all Tournaments and will close 15 days prior to start of the Tournament. Players must register by 1100 hrs (11 am) on the day of the practice round at the venue with the Tournament Director. Players not registering online and with the tournament officials in time shall NOT be included in the draw. Tournament Director reserves the right to accept eligible entries beyond the given time.

Preliminary Cut

17. There would be a preliminary cut (by score) after Round 1. **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

18. Please refer to the IGU Hard Card.



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19. A cut shall be applied after 36 holes, 45 players plus ties shall play the final two rounds. The draw for the final two rounds will be made as per the scores.

Spectators / Gallery

20. Parents / Relatives / Coaches / Spectators and friends are permitted to walk on the Golf Course. **Gallery is NOT permitted to have any kind of interaction with the player during the course of play.** Breach of this rule shall invite penalty from the Tournament committee. Gallery must at all times keep a distance of min 100 yards from the players on the Golf Course during Tournament Rounds. **Use of mobiles is not permitted for spectators on the Golf Course.** Volunteers may be used by the Tournament Director as Marshals and Observers. Please note, if the host clubs does not permit gallery during the championship, the host club rules shall apply.

Ties

21. 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. Please refer to the IGU Hard Card clause for Ties.

Prizes

22. 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 attend the Prize Function which will be held approx. 30 minutes after the last group has submitted the cards.

Tournament Committee

23. The Tournament Committee consisting of club representative/s, IGU Official/s and sponsors if any, shall be formed by the Tournament Director.
24. 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.



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25. 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

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

Drug Abuse

27. Competitor shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his performance. Please refer to the IGU Hard Card.

Use of Mobile Phones

28. 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

29. 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.

Use of Caddy

30. **Playing/Teaching Professional / Blood Relation Relatives and existing IGU Tour players are NOT allowed to Caddy for a Player during the tournament.**
