



**The Indian Golf Union,
New Delhi, India**

**Procedure for Enforcement of the Rules of Amateur Status Effective 1st
January, 2016**

1. General

1.1 In order to deal with routine or straightforward cases regarding enforcement of the R&A's Rules of Amateur Status (the "Rules") as efficiently as possible, these shall be considered, in the first instance, by the full Technical, Rules & Amateur Status (TRASC) Committee (the "Committee").

1.2 The Committee shall comprise as and decisions shall be taken by a minimum of two of the above individuals, who must reach unanimous agreement.

2. Receipt of Information and Initial Consideration by Committee

2.1 On receipt of information relating to a possible breach of the Rules, the Committee shall review the case within a reasonable timescale and determine whether there is sufficient information to suggest there may have been a breach of the Rules.

2.2 In the event that there is sufficient evidence to suggest there may have been a breach of the Rules, the Committee shall write to the person concerned (the "Player") and inform him of the information which has been passed to the Committee and ask him for further information, comments or representations within 21 days of the date of the Committee's letter or, within such other reasonable timescale as agreed between the Player and the Committee.

2.3 Where the information regarding a possible breach of the Rules has been provided to the Committee by the Player himself as opposed to a third party then the Committee has the discretion to come to a decision under paragraph 2.4 below without asking the Player for further information, comments and representations.

2.4 Upon receiving further information, comments or representations from the Player, the Committee shall, in accordance with Rules 8-1 and 8-2 of the Rules either:

2.4.1 Determine that there has been a breach of the Rules and that the Player has accordingly forfeited his Amateur Status with immediate effect;

2.4.2 Determine that the Player shall be entitled to retain his Amateur Status only if he refrains or desists immediately from such actions as specified by the Committee in writing; or



2.4.3 Determine that there is insufficient evidence as to a breach of the Rules and no further action should be taken.

2.5 The Committee shall inform the Player in writing of its decision, and the reasons for it, within 42 days of receiving the Player's further information, comments or representations, or of receiving information from the Player under paragraph 2.3.

2.6 Where requested to do so by any member of the Committee, and prior to any determination being made under paragraph 2.4 above, the Committee shall refer the matter to the Council. The Player shall be informed in writing that the full Council will review his case and of a reasonable timescale for this.

2.7 Pending review of the case by the Council, any decision taken by the Committee shall remain in full effect.

3. Consideration by the Council

3.1 Where consideration is to be undertaken by the Committee by operation of paragraph 2.6, the Committee shall pass all papers, including any further information, comments or representations received from the Player, to the Council as soon as practicable.

3.2 The Council shall consider these papers and the circumstances of the case and may write to the Player requesting further information, comments or representations in writing within 14 days of the date of the Committee's letter.

3.3 Following receipt of any further information, comments or representations from the Player, or, where the Council considers that it has sufficient information to determine the matter, it may either:

3.3.1 Determine that there has been a breach of the Rules and that the Player has accordingly forfeited his Amateur Status with immediate effect;

3.3.2 Determine that the Player shall be entitled to retain his Amateur Status only if he refrains or desists immediately from such actions as the Council specifies in writing; or

3.3.3 Determine that there is insufficient evidence as to a breach of the Rules and no further action should be taken.

3.4 In order to deal with cases as efficiently as possible, most cases will be considered on the papers only and the Council will not meet in order to reach a decision. In such cases paragraph 3.5 will apply. If, however, it is considered necessary to meet in order to reach a decision on any particular case paragraph 3.5 does not apply and instead paragraphs 3.6 and 3.7 will apply to such a case.



3.5 Where the Council reaches a decision without meeting, the Council shall inform the Player in writing of its decision, and the reasons for it no later than 42 days after its receipt of the Player's letter requesting a full review of his application under paragraph 2.5 above; or where the case is passed directly to the Council under paragraph 2.6 above, then in whatever timescale that Council has indicated in writing to the Player. The Player shall also be informed at this time of his right to appeal the decision of the Council to the Appeals Committee in accordance with the R&A Rules of Appeal.

3.6 Where it is considered necessary to meet in order to reach a decision in relation to any particular case, cases will, where practicable, be allocated to the next available Council meeting. Where a case reaches the Council, whether referred under either paragraph 2.5 or 2.6, at least one month before the next meeting of the Council, it will usually be practicable to hear the case at that sitting of the Council. In other cases, in order to allow for the collection of further information and consideration of that information the case may need to be considered at the meeting following the next available meeting of the Council.

3.7 Following its consideration of a case under paragraph 3.6, the Council shall inform the Applicant in writing of its decision, and the reasons for it, no later than 42 days after the date of the meeting at which the case was considered. The Applicant shall also be informed at this stage of his right to appeal the decision of the Council to the Appeals Committee in accordance with the R&A Rules of Appeal.

3.8 Pending appeal of the decision of the Council to the Appeals Committee the Council's decision shall remain in full effect.

4. Grounds for Appeal

4.1 An appeal of the decision of the Committee or Council (COC) may be made by the Player to the Appeals Committee within 42 days of the date of the Committee's decision letter.

4.2 An appeal may be made only on one or more of the following grounds:

4.2.1 The COC's decision was based on a misapplication of the Rules;

4.2.2 The COC's decision was not supported by the facts before it;

4.2.3 The COC's decision was procedurally flawed in a material way;

4.2.4 The sanction imposed by the COC was excessive.

4.3 Any appeal shall be carried out in accordance with the IGU & R& A Rules of Appeal.



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