



RULES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The Indian Golf Union (IGU) had, in 2011, entered into an agreement with the R&A for Certification of Rules Officials in India. The program, including the processes, courses and examinations leading to various levels of certification, commenced in 2012 and is managed by the Technical Rules & Amateur Status Committee (TRASC) of the IGU.

OBJECTIVES & RESULTS

OBJECTIVES	ANNUALLY	TOTAL SINCE 2012
Number of people attending Level 1	150	297
Category C Rules Officials	50	95
Category B Rules Officials	15	96
Category A Rules Officials	5	19
R&A TARS Qualified	2	25

- ✓ For the IGU to become self-sufficient with regards to Rules education,

THE PROGRAM

The program for the Tournament Administrators, Rules Education and Referee Certification is as follows:

1) Category C Rules Officials of the IGU (National Level)

- The IGU will conduct at least six **Introductory Rules Schools** to be held in different parts of India each year
- All of the School and the Test will be conducted in English
- The R&A will provide the Test which will be administered by the TRASC
- Examinees must achieve 70% or better to progress to the National School
- Those who achieve 70% or better will be certified as Category C Rules Officials of the IGU



2) Category B Rules Officials of the IGU (National Level)

- a) The IGU to conduct one **National School** per year for those who have obtained the requisite marks and are qualified/invited per Clause 3 below
- b) IGU will provide a minimum of five instructors for the National School, although additional R&A assistance may be requested
- c) There will be a maximum of 72 attendees at a National School.
- d) The R&A will provide the presentation and revision materials as well as the Exam
- e) All of the School and the Exam will be conducted in English
- f) Examinees who score 60% or better in the Exam will be certified as B Level National Rules Officials of the IGU

3) Eligibility for the National Level School (in order of priority)

- a) Candidates who have secured 60 % or better in any R&A Level 2 Rules School conducted by the R&A in the preceding 24 months, anywhere within their jurisdiction.
- b) Candidates who have secured 70 % or greater in the Level 1 Schools held in India, in the preceding year. The order of priority will be based on their position in the list based on the marks scored.
- c) Candidates who have secured 80 % or higher in the previous year National Level School but have not passed the practical exam and have been awarded the “B” certification.
- d) Candidates who have secured their “A” certification in the previous year National Level School and wish to improve their position. The order of priority will be based on the marks scored in the previous year written exam.
- e) Candidates from India’s neighbouring countries recommended by their respective National Associations and approved by The R&A.
- f) If the 72 positions have not been filled by the categories listed in a to e above, candidates who have secured between 70 – 74.5 % in the previous year National Level School will be placed on a waiting list and accommodated as per space available, without any guarantees.
- g) For the 2019 school alone, those who have scored 60 % or better in the Level 2 Schools conducted between 2014-2017 (both years inclusive) since it would not be possible to conduct any Level 1 Schools in 2018, with the New Rules of Golf becoming effective only on 1st January 2019.



4) **Category A Rules Officials of the IGU (National Level)**

- a) The top 30 examinees, provided they have scored 75% or better in the Exam will have the opportunity to take a Practical Exam which will involve giving rulings
- b) Those who successfully complete the Practical Exam will be certified as A Level National Rules Officials of the IGU
- c) If the IGU, in consultation with The R&A deem it expedient, a separate Practical exam may be conducted for exceptional candidates at a location and date of its choice.

5) **International Level Rules Officials**

- a) The two best performers of this school selected through a process that is not formulaic but based on their overall performance assessed by the trainers will be sent, at the IGU's cost (travel and stay only) to the R&A's Tournament Administrators & Referees School (TARS) at St.Andrews, Scotland in the month of February of the same year following the National Level School.
- b) If the delegates attending an R&A Tournament Administrators and Referees School achieve 80% or better in the Exam and perform to a high standard in the practical exercises (as determined by The R&A), they will be certified as Internationally Qualified Rules Official.
- c) The R&A holds the TARS program at other Asian centres and requests the IGU to nominate candidates for such programs. The IGU will offer such seats to all candidates on a first come-first served basis, who have secured The IGU "A" certification" and have scored 80 % or better in the written examination conducted in the same year as the TARS in Asia. Should there be no candidates willing to be nominated; the same procedure will be followed for the candidates from the written exam of the immediate previous year.

6) **Course Dates**

- a) The six introductory schools are expected to be held periodically between March and December of each year and the National School during January of the subsequent year.
- b) Please contact the IGU Secretariat or check the IGU website for details.



7) Disclaimer of Liability

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8) Stipulation of the IGU

The terms and conditions set out above may be reviewed and / or amended by the IGU at any time. In order to preserve the nature of the game, IGU may periodically prescribe additional conditions relating to “fit and proper criteria” in order to ensure that only committed individuals who satisfy the internal guidelines of IGU, are selected for various roles. This shall also be adhered to on an on-going basis and not merely at the time of entry / selection. The decision of the Committee of the IGU regarding selection or non-selection of any candidate is final and shall not be subject to any review. IGU reserves the right to withdraw the certification given to any candidate if at any time, IGU is of the view that the conduct of the candidate is not in line with the guidelines of the IGU.

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