

The IGU has prepared an Age Fraud Policy as mentioned below which strictly implies to all players participating in IGU Events.

IGU CODE AGAINST AGE FRAUD IN GOLF

INTRODUCTION:

Many incidents of age fraud have been reported across various sports. Such frauds are not only dishonest and unsportsman like but also denies recognition to the truly deserving participants. In order to curve the mal practice of age fraud, Sports Authority of India has issued comprehensive directions to NSFs for laying down a code against age fraud. The code must necessarily involved estimation of age for junior competitors through accredited centers of SAI.

IGU CODE:

An IGU code against age fraud in golf is necessary to be formulated with a view to eliminate age fraud in IGU Junior tournaments, it is imperative to put in place an effective regulatory policy so that suitable action is taken against golfers fund guilty of committing age fraud which amounts to cheating and is violative of the basic spirit of golf. The code has to be necessarily followed for IGU to be compliant with Government policy failing which the recognition of junior tournaments could be withdrawn.

REGULATORY POLICY AGAINST AGE FRAUDS:

1. All Golfers being inducted in National squad will be required to get themselves medically examined for age estimation through a panel approved by Sports Authority of India (SAI). The entry into National Squad will be subject to furnishing age estimation certificate and any financial support will be withheld till the certificate had been furnished.
2. Golfers attaining top 5 positions in IGU Junior Tournaments will be given provisional Merit points till they furnish age estimation certificate from an SAI accredited panel of doctors.
3. Parents will be responsible to ensure that age estimation procedures are complied with expeditiously.

4. Golfers playing various age group tournaments of IGU would be required to provide age estimation certificate from SAI accredited panels within six months of playing the first tournament.
5. IGU will issue an identity card based on the age estimation certificate furnished by the players. This identity card would be valid lifelong for playing the IGU tournaments. The identity card would not be valid as a proof of age for any other purpose.
6. Golfers would be permitted to file an appeal against the age estimation certificate on payment of the prescribed fees. The IGU will nominate three members to consider the appeal.
7. Any golfer found over age by the panel of medical experts will not be permitted to play in the relevant age group tournament.