



The Indian Golf Union

### **Indian Golf Union – Classification of Rules officials.**

***With effect from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 the Indian Golf Union sets the following policy for classification of Referees.***

- While passing the Level 2 Examination is more of an achievement, it does not mean that the individual has become a qualified Rules official.

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- Only those who achieve the Level 3 or Level 4 certification will be considered as a qualified Referee. The level 3 exam must have been taken within the last 4 years.

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- Only those who have cleared the level 3 exam and certified by the R&A or achieved level 4 certification from the R&A will be called “Referees”.

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- Those who have cleared the level 2 exams, within the last four years with a score of 80 % and above may at the discretion of the Indian Golf Union be invited to help out in Tournaments, if the need arises.

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- The Level 2 Plus certification is being given to those who have cleared the level 3 exam, but awaiting final certification from the R&A, as the person having cleared the level 3 exam is awaiting the completion of the 120 hours of practical refereeing experience, for R&A to certify them as TARS qualified. The R&A guidelines apply to these persons.

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- R&A conducts the TARS seminar in different parts of the world. The Indian Golf Union, at its own discretion, may nominate certain Candidates to attend the seminar. It is however clarified that all costs for the seminar shall be borne exclusively by the candidate.

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- The Indian Golf Union has appointed a full time “Tournament Director”. In clashing Tournaments, the Indian Golf Union will suitably appoint an experienced Level three referee with a valid certification to serve as Tournament Director.

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- All previous classification of Referees are no more applicable.

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