

## GOLF ALMANAC

### 2026 IGU JUNIOR BOYS TOUR

#### **IMPORTANT**

- Dates & Venue of Tournaments may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances. Changes, if any, will be published well in time on the IGU website.
- 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](http://www.indiangolfunion.org).
- IGU Hard Card will apply for all IGU Events.

#### **CATEGORIZATION & HANDICAP ELIGIBILITY:**

- Categorised Events given in the Golf Calendar are open to Junior Golfers (Cat A, Cat B and Cat C Boys only) with age categorization as mentioned below. As proof of age IGU shall accept Birth Certificate issued by Municipal Authority or a certificate by player's school must be submitted with the Tournament Director and with the IGU Secretariat for records and for participation.

Category	Age	Handicap	Remarks
A Boys	15-17 years	07 and below	Must not be 18 years on last day of event
B Boys	13 - 14 years	07 and below	Must not be 15 years on last day of event
C Boys	11 - 12 years	12 and below	Must not be 13 years on last day of event

#### **POINTS FOR ORDER OF MERIT FOR JUNIOR BOYS**

- There are 11 categorized tournaments on the Junior Tour. Any best 8 performances will be considered for the Order of Merit List. **There will be NO mandatory tournaments.** Additional weightage has been given to All India Juniors. Points will be awarded up to **15 positions** and distribution is given below:-

Position	All India Junior Boys &	All Other events
	Girls (A, B and C)	
1st	65	50
2nd	55	45
3rd	50	42
4th	47	39
5th	44	36
6th	41	32
7th	38	29
8th	35	26
9th	32	23
10th	29	20
11th	28	18
12th	25	15
13th	22	12
14th	20	10
15th	18	8

**Note:** Points for all events held in 2025 shall be carried forward to 2026. 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 2026 will replace the 2025 event.

- Points for Ties except in the case of 1st position in Cat A, Cat B and Cat C shall be decided by a Sudden Death Playoff and for all other positions the points will be shared equally by combining the points for the positions involved as mentioned above. Fractions will be rounded off to the next round figure. e.g. 0.1 will be treated as 1.
- In case two or more players are having the same best 9 total points in the Order of Merit in the Overall Ranking, maximum number of wins will be taken into account. If there still remains a tie, then the better stroke average of the most recent 3 tournaments, in which all the players tied have participated, will be taken.

- Merit List Points will be awarded to all players as per the above chart irrespective of category and no. of players that have participated. Merit List will be prepared separately for Cat A, Cat B and Cat C. Merit list of Category A is a combination of rankings of Cat A and B combined.
- A player cannot earn points in the IGU Main Tour and Zonal Feeder Tour(s) simultaneously. Player will be eligible for points either in the Zonal Feeder Tour or the IGU Main tour at any point during the year.

#### **CONDITIONS OF PLAY:**

- Players eligibility criteria to play the IGU Main Junior Tour are as follows:
  - (a) All players in the IGU Order of Merit as on date of registration. (Merit lists shall be updated before the start of the first tournament and every tournament thereafter). Players who were part of the 2025 Final Merit List, in any category (Cat A, B and C), and have moved to a higher category (Cat C to Cat B / Cat B to Cat A) before the commencement of the 2026 tour calendar and is still a junior player, shall be given a chance to play the entire junior tour of 2026 in his current age category.
  - (b) Top 5 players each from the four zonal feeder tour in Category A, B and C of 2025. **Please note “D” Category players in the Feeder Tours do not get an automatic qualification in Category C of the main tour and shall play their respective zonal tours in Category C and qualify. In case a player qualified from the feeder tour in 2025 has shifted to a higher category (Cat C to Cat B / Cat B to Cat A) before the commencement of the 2026 tour, he shall be given a chance to play the entire main tour 2026 in his current age category.**
  - (c) Four (04) host club spots (players shall meet the handicap and age eligibility).
  - (d) Four (04) IGU Spots (**A player can request at a max. of Two IGU spots in the entire tour calendar year). Multiple / back to back event spots shall not be assigned to any player. Spots shall not be given to any player to participate in Category C.**
  - (e) Players who are transitioning into a higher category can do so by informing the Tournament Director, condition that they are in the Merit list of the lower category they were currently playing.

(f) For the All India Junior Boys Championship, only players reflecting in the IGU Order of Merit for Junior Boys as on date of registration of the event shall be eligible to participate in the championship. Additional IGU spots (06) and Clubs Spots (06) shall be considered by the IGU for the All India Junior Boys Championship.

(g) The Tournament shall be conducted in Stroke Play format in accordance with R&A - USGA Rules and IGU Hard Card and shall consist of following rounds:-

<b>Cat A &amp; Cat B</b>	Boys 72 Holes	18 Holes each Day
<b>Cat C</b>	Boys 54 Holes	18 holes each Day

\*The Tournament Director reserves the right to curtail the no. of rounds / holes due to any adverse situation / playing conditions.

### **ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION:**

- Online Entries for all eligible players are mandatory for every IGU Tournament and shall close 07 days prior to start of the Tournament. All eligible players must register themselves on the day of the practice round (Monday) at the venue with the Tournament Director latest by 1100 hrs (11 am). Players not registering online and at the venue in time shall NOT be included in the draw.

### **ENTRY FEE:**

- The Entry Fee for all events shall be **Rs. 3500/-** per event.

### **DRAW, DAY 1 CUT AND HALFWAY CUT:**

- The Draw shall be made at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director which may have juniors of different categories playing in the same group.
- There would be a preliminary cut (by score) after Round 1. Following cut-off scores will apply for each Category. Players not meeting the following criteria will not be allowed to play their next round/s.

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Category A</b>	<b>14 over &amp; Above</b>
<b>Boys</b>	<b>Category B</b>	<b>14 over &amp; Above</b>
<b>Boys</b>	<b>Category C</b>	<b>20 over &amp; Above</b>

- Round 2 draw will be reversed after taking into account the Round 1 Preliminary cuts and any withdrawals. For Boys in Cat A and B, the Draw for Day 3 will be as per the scores of both A and B Combined.
- In Boys Category A, a cut shall be applied after 36 Holes. **50% plus ties or 20 participants, whichever is higher, after completion of second day** in Boys Cat A will play the final 2 rounds. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final and binding in this regard.
- In Boys Category B, a cut shall be applied after 36 Holes. **50% plus ties or 20 participants, whichever is higher, after completion of second day** in Boys Cat B will play the final 2 rounds. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final and binding in this regard.
- In Boys Category C, a cut shall be applied after 36 Holes. **50% plus ties or 20 participants, whichever is higher, after completion of second day** in Boys Cat B will play the final 2 rounds. The decision of the Tournament Director will be final and binding in this regard.
- **Players in Cat A and B who have played a score of 100 and above and in Cat C of 110 and above in Round 1 or Round 2** shall not be allowed to play the next calendar event regardless of his entry eligibility criteria into the event.

#### TIES

- In the event of a tie for the 1st Place for Junior Boys A Championship, Winner of Cat B Boys and Winner of Category C Boys, there will be a “Sudden Death” Play off, hole by hole, immediately after completion of the Final Round. **Please refer to the IGU Hard Card clause for Ties.**

#### TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:

- The Tournament Committee shall consist of club representative(s), IGU Official(s) and sponsor(s) and will be formed by the Tournament Director. 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.
- Any matter not covered under the conditions of play will be decided by the Committee and their decision shall be final and binding on all the participants. The Tournament Director 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 Director shall assess the situation and take a decision which shall be binding on all the participants.

#### **PRACTICE ROUND:**

- One practice round which shall be one day prior to the tournament will be allowed. Juniors will have to ensure that they do not hold any playing group(s) that is behind them.

#### **USE OF CADDY:**

- Category A and Category B Junior Boys are **not permitted** the use of caddies during the Tournament. Caddies for **Category C** are allowed for all events. They can however use hand pulled trolley which must **NOT be powered**. Tournament Director may at his discretion permit use of caddies for Category A and Category B keeping in mind the topography of the Golf Course and weather conditions. **No Playing/Teaching Professional / Blood Relation Relatives and existing IGU Tour players are NOT allowed to Caddy for a Player during the tournament.**

#### **TOURNAMENT TEES:**

- Under normal circumstances following Tees will be used:-

Category A & Category B Boys	Club Championship Tees
Category C Boys	Forward Tees

\*Tournament Director is empowered to use his discretion to decide the Tees in case of adverse favourable playing conditions.

#### **DRESS CODE:**

- It is the duty of the player to find out the Dress Code of the host club and respect the same. Failure to follow the Dress Code of the host club may result in the junior not being allowed to play. In addition to the dress code of the host club following dress code must be adhered to: -

	<b><u>Allowed</u></b>	<b><u>Not Allowed</u></b>
Head	Cap / Hat / Visor / Turban	Loose Scarf
Shirts	Collared T Shirts / H Sleeve / F sleeve All shirts at all times must be tucked-in	Round necks / Front open Un-tucked Shirts / tracksuit top
Trousers	Pants / Shorts up to knees for boys	Jogging/Football/Cargo Shorts
Fabric	All except Denim in any colour	Denim in any colour is prohibited
Shoes	Golf shoes / shoes with rubber studs	Metal spikes / shoes without spikes

## **DRUG ABUSE**

- Competitor shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his / her performance. Smoking and use of alcohol is strictly prohibited during course of play.

## **USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND ELECTRONIC GADGET”**

- Use of mobile phone or any electronic gadget is not allowed during the stipulated round of golf during the tournament. Use of the mobile phone will be under supervision and in an emergency viz. to call the Referee etc.

## **SPECTATORS / GALLERY:**

- Gallery and spectators shall maintain a distance of 50 yards from any players on the golf course. **Gallery is NOT permitted to have any kind of interaction with the player during the course of play. The Tournament Director reserves the right to not allow any spectator / gallery on the golf course for noncompliance of this rule.**

## **PRIZES AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:**

- For Junior boys, the Prize Distribution shall take place on Friday, 30 minutes after the last group has submitted the cards. As a courtesy to the host club / sponsor, it is expected that all players playing on the day of the *Prize Distribution* attend this function which will be held approx. 30 minutes after the last group has submitted the cards.

**Prizes** - The following Prizes will be awarded to Junior Boys:-

Junior Championship – Winner, Runners Up and 2nd Runners Up

Boys Category B - Winner, Runners Up and 2nd Runners Up

Boys Category C - Winner, Runners Up and 2nd Runners Up

## **PLAYING IN HIGHER CATEGORY (CATEGORY C)**

- Any player(s) from Category C who wishes to participate in a higher Category of B (or C if applicable whilst playing the Sub Junior & Feeder Tour and transiting to the main Tour) can do so by applying in writing to the Indian Golf Union, 07 days prior to the event, provided he/she meets the handicap criteria of the higher category.

- If the player wishes to revert to the original category, then, he/she is required to apply in writing, to the Indian Golf Union and at the discretion of the Championship Committee, will be allowed to revert, from the third event there after (irrespective of the calendar year) provided he/she still meets the age and handicap criteria for that Category.

\*This is also applicable for Players shifting Categories from the Sub Junior and Feeder Tour and participating in the Categories in the main Tour.

### **USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (DMDs)**

- Use of Distance Measuring Devices (DMDs) is permitted in IGU Tour Events.

### **MISCONDUCT AND CHEATING**

- A player who has been reported of cheating or misconduct during a course of any IGU event by the Tournament Director / Event officials / Host Club shall be dealt with severe disciplinary action including a ban from participating in IGU events.

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