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2022 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.**
- IGU Hard Card will apply for all IGU Events.

➤ COVID 19 Information

- Covid 19 Appropriate behaviour to be followed at all times by Players and Officials.
- All Players and officials shall adhere to the Central and State Government Guidelines on Covid 19. Any additional guidelines by the host club shall be followed mandatorily.

➤ Categorization & Handicap Eligibility:

- Categorized 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.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Age Years</u>	<u>Max. IGU-NHS Handicap Index</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<u>Boys</u>			
A	15 – 17	07	Must not reach 18 th Birthday on the last day of the Event
B	13 – 14	07	Must not reach 15 th Birthday on the last day of the Event
C	11 – 12	12	Must not reach 13 th Birthday on the last day of the Event

➤ Points for the Order of Merit

- There are 10 categorized tournaments on the Junior Tour. Any best 7 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 **12 positions** and distribution is given below:-



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<u>Position</u>	<u>All India Juniors</u>	<u>All Other events</u>
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	26	16
12th	23	14

Note: Points for all events held in 2021 shall be carried forward to 2022. 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 2022 will replace 2021 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 7 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.
- Merit List certification shall be issued on the request of the player up to the ranking of Top 10 positions only.

➤ **Conditions of Play**

- Players eligibility criteria to play the IGU Main Junior Tour are as follows:



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- (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 2021 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 2022 tour calendar and is still a junior player, shall be given a chance to play the first two events of 2022 in his current age category.
- (b) Top 5 players each from the four zonal feeder tour in Category A, B and C of 2021. **Please note “D” Category players 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 2021 has shifted to a higher category (Cat C to Cat B / Cat B to Cat A) before the commencement of the 2022 tour, he shall be given a chance to play the first two events of 2022 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).
- (e) The field shall be restricted to a maximum of 110 players.
- (f) 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.
- (g) For the All India Junior Boys & Girls, only players reflecting in the IGU Order of Merit for Junior Boys and Girls as on date of registration of the event shall be eligible to participate in the championship.
- (h) 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:-

Cat A & Cat B	Boys	72 Holes	18 Holes each Day
Cat C	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 & 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.



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➤ **Entry Fee**

- The Entry Fee for all events shall be Rs. 3000/- per event.

➤ **Draw, Preliminary and Half Way Cuts**

- 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.

Boys	Category A	14 over & Above
Boys	Category B	14 over & Above
Boys	Category C	20 over & Above

- Round 2 draw will be reversed after taking in to 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 15 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.**



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➤ **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.



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➤ **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:-

	<u>Allowed</u>	<u>Not Allowed</u>
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.

➤ **Use of Mobile / Electronic Gadgets**

- 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**

- Host Club rules shall apply. **Gallery is NOT permitted to have any kind of interaction with the player during the course of play.** Gallery must at all times keep a distance of min 50 yards from the players on the Golf Course during Tournament Rounds. **Use of mobiles is not permitted for spectators on the Golf Course.** Please note, if the host clubs does not permit gallery during the championship, the host club rules shall apply. Breach of this rule shall invite penalty from the Tournament committee

➤ **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



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Boys Category C -

Winner, Runners Up and 2nd Runners Up

➤ **Playing in Higher Category (Junior Boys – C Category)**

- 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, 15 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**

- Use of Distance Measuring Devices (DMDs) is not permitted in IGU Tour Events. An exception in this rule shall be made as follows:
 - (a) Use of Distance Measuring Devices shall be allowed for the Four Zonal Events (Northern, Southern, Western and Eastern) and the Amateur Golf Championship of India.
 - (b) No player below the age of 13 years is permitted to use the DMDs
 - (c) **Please refer to the IGU Hard Card clause.**
