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THE IGU'S JUNIOR CODE OF CONDUCT
Zero Tolerance Policy

A. INTRODUCTION

Golf is a regular activity for many children and young people and its influence on their lives is significant. The IGU recognizes that every child and young person has the right to have fun, be safe and free from harm when participating in organized golfing activities at club, school, state or National level.

The IGU also recognizes that it needs to proactively work with Junior Golfers so as to create a talent pool of amateur golfers who will compete in the International level and also be the next generation of Indian professionals, competing at the world stage.

The Indian Golf Union runs a number of Junior events across the country.

We are very proud to be raising the profiles of junior golfers around India, the etiquette expected on the IGUJT is just as important as rules, and by enforcing these we are setting the bar for the high standards expected from all who attend our events.

In order to continue making the tour enjoyable for everyone, the Council expects all parents, spectators and players to accept that by entering our events you agree to abide by the rules and codes of conduct.

PARENTAL PRESSURE can be well-meant, however it often becomes unwanted pressure on the child. Also, we like to point out that OVER-INVOLVEMENT is a serious issue in many golf tournaments. Parents often become over-involved or protective. In both instances, the child never learns to be responsible. It is also natural for parents to live vicariously through the child, but when the parent's goals and expectations exceed the child's, added pressure is inevitable.

Hence as a result, the IGU has amended its existing policy written in 2011, hereinafter referred to as IGUJCC-ZTP , to make it a Zero Tolerance Policy. As this phrase suggests, any deviation,howsoever minor, will be appropriately dealt with and stringent action taken against the offender(s).

We do hope that all stakeholders will join hands with the IGU, to make its Junior Tour,one of the very best of its kind.



B. GOVERNING RULES

This document is intended to supplement the R&A's and the IGU's Rules .

Any doubts as to the understanding of this document must be referred to the IGU's Championship, Junior and Technical, Rules and Amateur Status , which shall, if required, consult with the R&A, and issue a clarification. The decision of the Council of the IGU will be final and binding.

C. DEFINITION OF JUNIOR GOLFER

A Junior Golfer is an amateur golfer who has not reached a specified age as determined by the Governing Body.

Note: In India, a junior golfer is an amateur golfer who has not reached his or her 18th birthday in the year, prior to the event.

D. VIOLATION OF THE IGUJCC-ZTP

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language.
- Club throwing
- Disrespect to volunteers, officials or fellow competitors.
- Cheating & deliberate mis-counting of shots.
- Any abusive behaviour to any other persons and property.
- Use of electronic devices including iPods, MP3 players, radios, cell-phones and cameras during play (see Item 'P' below)
- Use of distance devices, knowingly or surreptitiously, unless permitted by tournament committee
- Use of drugs, alcohol, smoking or chewing tobacco products
- Parents/guardians ask for his/her child's trophy/award to be given to him/her because of a long drive home, flight to catch etc and failure to attend the prize presentation.
- Vandalism at a host hotel, abusive behavior to host family or their property
- Abuse of golf course property including not putting litter in its place and replacing divots and repairing ball marks
- Not adhering to the dress code during practice round or during tournament play

E. VIOLATION OF THE IGUJCC-ZTP OFF THE GOLF COURSE

Juniors shall not conduct themselves in such a manner so as to adversely impact or otherwise injure the reputation of the IGU or its management or engage in any conduct which is contrary to or inconsistent with the policies of the Council. Such conduct includes but is not limited to: Using e-mail or any form of communication in an abusive manner directed at members or directors of the Association.



F. PROCEDURE FOR IGUJCC-ZTP VIOLATIONS

In situations regarding violations of the IGUJCC-ZTP , it is the policy of the IGU to address all disciplinary communication directly to the golfer. If rendered on site, the violation will be immediately addressed to the golfer and they will be immediately disqualified and asked to leave the course. If there is no parent or legal guardian present at the event where the violation occurs a call will be made to that member's parent or legal guardian informing them of what has taken place at the earliest suitable time. Parents or legal guardians will also be copied on all written disciplinary communication with that member.

G. REPORTING OF IGUJCC-ZTP VIOLATIONS

Code of conduct violations must be either witnessed first-hand by a member of the IGU or Staff, host course staff or reported by a member of an event's active field in order for the alleged violation to be investigated by the IGU.

H. IGUJCC-ZTP VIOLATION PENALTIES

When a breach of the code of conduct occurs:

- Player will be disqualified from the event at which the violation occurred.
- Issue a written letter of warning to the player and his/her parent/guardian.
- Depending on the severity of the code of conduct violation a junior may not be allowed to participate for the remainder of the season following the first breach of the code of conduct.
- A written report of the violation will be created by the Tournament Staff and forwarded to the IGU Junior Committee for review. The report will include a staff account of the violation, any other violations to date and all other pertinent information.
- The IGU Secretariat will have ten (10) days from the date of the report to decide on the status of that Junior. The Junior will then receive a phone call and a copy of the Committee's report along with written notice of the Committee's decision.
- Possible indefinite suspension of player from the Tour. if repeated infractions occur.

I. REINSTATEMENT POLICY

Players seeking reinstatement from suspension must:

- Submit a written request for reinstatement and/or appeal to the IGU Council within ten (10) days of notification of suspension.
- The IGU Council will have ten (10) days from the date of submission to consider any additional information provided by the member as it relates to potential reinstatement. The member will receive written notice of the Committee's decision.

***All decisions made by the IGU shall be final. A player may only request reinstatement once during the calendar year of suspension. A reinstated player that commits any additional violation of the Code of Conduct will be automatically suspended for the duration of the current season and may be suspended indefinitely.**



J. NO SHOW

Any player who fails to withdraw from an event and fails to show up on-site will be classified as Disqualified. Such a player will appear on all the documentation as DQ.

1st offense: An email will be sent to the player as a warning

2nd offense: An email will be sent with a final warning

3rd offense: Player will be suspended for the remainder of the season

Justified withdrawal: Player is unable to finish a round due to verified injury, illness, or other reason approved by Tournament staff. Such player will be removed from the event and classified as a Withdrawal (WD) on all the documents.

K. NO SHOW AT TOURNAMENT AWARD PRESENTATIONS

All players who have played and placed in their age group(s), thereby receiving an award and points, **MUST BE PRESENT AT THE AWARDS PRESENTATION** to receive that award/points.

In the event that the winner of an award is NOT present, the award and points will be given to the next player by score. If the newly awarded player is not present, he/she will not be penalized but will be notified of their status.

This policy will be strictly enforced by all Tournament Directors.

L. DRESS CODE

The IGU takes great pride in the quality of its players and host facilities. In order to continue to develop and expand the outstanding relationship that the IGU has developed with its host facilities, all players parents and spectators must adhere to the IGU Dress Code. Please note that the Tournament Director and staff have the right to deem other attire to be improper, even if it does not appear on this list. Proper attire is required at all times at the host facility. Players in violation will not be allowed to tee off. Parents/spectators in violation may be asked to leave the facility.

M. REQUIRED DRESS CODE

- Hats/visors must be worn with brim forward
- Males must remove their hats whenever indoors
- Collared shirts must be worn and tucked in at all times. “mock-turtlenecks” are acceptable
- Women’s fashion shirts without a collar are acceptable but must have sleeves
- Slacks and shorts must be hemmed at the bottom and not frayed
- Spike-less/non-metal golf shoes
- Women’s fashion shirts must not rise above the belt line at any time during the golf swing
- Women’s shorts or fashion/golf skorts must be at least fingertip length when arms are extended straight down one’s sides – or knee-length or below shorts, capri’s or pants.
- Shorts must be no more than 6 inches above the knee
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Spike-less golf shoes or tennis athletic shoes only



N. PROHIBITED DRESS

- Tank tops and T-shirts
- Shirts with offensive language or pictures
- Shirts or hats with any alcohol, tobacco or drug references
- Golf shoes with metal golf spikes
- Slacks or shorts with holes, tears and/or frayed ends
- Denim shorts, short shorts, cut-off shorts, gym shorts or jeans
- Earrings (males)
- Body piercings
- Tattoos (must be covered)
- Questionable attire will be reviewed by the onsite Tournament Committee

O. SPIKE-LESS,SOFT SPIKES,NON-METAL SHOES POLICY

It is a requirement of the IGU that all individuals participating in any IGUJCC-ZTP sanctioned, sponsored or co-sponsored event wear "spike-less/soft-spike/non-metal" golf shoes. It is the sole responsibility of the player to make sure that he or she complies with this condition of competition by wearing the appropriate conforming shoes while playing in the event. Any competitor found in violation of this policy after making a stroke from their first teeing ground will be disqualified from the event.

P. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES

The use of pagers, cellular phones, personal music systems,(i-pods, MP3 players, cell phones with music libraries) and the like are strictly prohibited for use by participants in IGU events. ANY participant found using the above devices during their stipulated round will be disqualified. Use is defined as powered on and/or able to receive communications.

For instance, if the cell phone is on and in the golf bag but hasn't been silenced and it rings during play,it would be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct and grounds for disqualification.

Q EXPECTATIONS FROM PARENTS, CADDIES & COACHES

Please see the IGU Parent/Coaches/Spectator Guidelines

R. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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