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2020 IGU LADIES AND JUNIOR GIRLS TOUR

(CAT: LADIES, A, B & C)

IMPORTANT

- Dates & Venue of Tournaments may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances. Changes, if any, will be published well in time.
- 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 in the IGU website appearing under link “Latest News” and “Golf Calendars. All changes will be notified through link “Latest News” and “Golf Calendars” only in the website www.indiangolfunion.org.
- IGU Hard Card will apply for all IGU Events.

Categorization & Handicap Eligibility

1. Categorized Events given in the Golf Calendar are open to Ladies & Junior Girls (Cat Ladies, A, B & C) Amateur golfers with age categorization and IGU-NHS handicap as mentioned below. As proof of age, Birth Certificate issued by Municipal Authority or by a recognised school must be submitted with the Tournament Director and with the IGU Secretariat for records and for participation:-

Category	Age Years	Max. IGU-WHS Handicap	Index	Remarks
Ladies	–	12		
Girls (CAT A)	15 – 17	12		Must not reach 18 th Birthday on the last day of the Event
Girls (CAT B)	13 – 14	12		Must not reach 15 th Birthday on the last day of the Event
Girls (CAT C)	11– 12	16		Must not reach 13 ^h Birthday on the last day of the Event

Points for the Order of Merit

2. There are **11** tournaments (including Billoo Sethi) on the Ladies & Junior Girls Tour. **Any best 7** performances will be considered for the Order of Merit List. There will be no Mandatory Tournaments. Additional weight age has been given to 4 Regional Tournaments and the All India Juniors. Points for Billoo Sethi (2 rounds of Stroke Play Event during the All India) will be counted as for other categorized events. Point distribution is given below:-



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Position	All India Ladies	All India Junior Girls (Cat A, B & C)	Northern India Southern India Eastern India Western India	Other Categorized Events
1st	65-Winner	65	60	45
2nd	55-Runners-up	55	50	35
3rd	43-Semi Finalists	50	45	31
4th	35-Qtr. Finalists	47	42	29
5th	25- Pre Quarters	44	39	27
6th		41	36	24
7th		38	33	22
8th		35	30	20
9th		32	27	17
10th		29	24	15

- Points for Ties (except in the case of 1st position in the Winner of the Ladies Championship, Junior Championship Winner (Cat A) , Winner of Cat B & C Girls which will be decided by a Sudden Death Play Off) for all other positions, will be shared equally by combining the points for the positions involved. Fractions will be rounded off to the next round figure. e.g. 0.1 will be treated as 1.

Note: Points for all events held in 2019 shall be carried forward to next year. 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 2020 will replace last year's Event.

- In case two or more players are having the same aggregate points in the Order of Merit then to decide the Overall Ranking, maximum no. 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 irrespective of Category and no. of players that have participated. Merit List will be prepared separately for Ladies and Juniors Girls (Cat A, B and C). Category B Girls will be eligible for points in the Category A.
- Merit List certification shall be issued on the request of the player up to the ranking of top 10 positions only.
- Format for the All India Ladies Amateur shall have 32 players qualifying after 36 Holes Stroke Play over first two days before moving in to Match Play phase to be completed in the next 4 days. In Case of Ties for the 1st and 32nd Position in the 36 hole Qualifying Rounds (only for All India Ladies Amateur Championship), the same shall be broken as mentioned in the IGU Hard Card.



Conditions of Play

8. All Tournaments except the All India Ladies Amateur are open to Ladies & Junior Girls (Cat A, B & C) with Age & IGU-WHS Handicap Index criteria given under Para Ser. 1. **Handicap Certificates from coaches or clubs will not be accepted. All players need to submit their WHS handicaps at registration. Players can register for WHS handicap on our website www.indiangolfunion.org/whs.** It is mandatory to submit a valid IGU-WHS Handicap Index Certificate.

There shall be two Club spots and four IGU spots for the All India Ladies Amateur. Spots shall be assigned on past performances of the player and request sent on first come first serve basis.

9. There will be a Practice Round for the Ladies and Junior Girls (Cat A, B& C) on Monday or one day prior to the tournament. All players are required to register on the day of the Practice Round at the venue with the Tournament Director latest by 1100 hrs (11 am).
10. 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.

Players in the **IGU Merit List for Ladies Amateur category** as on the date of registration for the event shall be eligible to participate in the IGU All India Ladies Amateur Championship.

11. The Tournament shall be conducted in Stroke Play format in accordance with the R&A – USGA Rules and Local Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A – USGA and shall consist of following rounds:-

Ladies	54 Holes	18 Holes each Day
Girls (Cat A, B & C)	54 Holes	18 Holes each Day

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

Approx Yardage of Category Ladies, Cat A and Cat B shall be 6200 yards

Approx Yardage of Category C Girls shall be 5700 yards

Exempt Category for All India Ladies Amateur

- (a) Indian Students studying abroad provided they have been sending their tournament scores to the IGU regularly and are of handicap 12 or below.
- (b) Foreign participants subject to handicap of 12 and below.
- (c) Past Winners of All India Ladies Amateur and Players having represented India in Espirito Santo Trophy and Asian Games will also form the exempt category.



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Entries & Registration

12. **Online Entries are mandatory for all Tournaments** and will close 15 days prior to start of the Tournament. All players must register themselves one day prior to the tournament latest by 1100 hrs (11 am). Players not registering in time shall NOT be included in the draw.

Participation Charges

13. The participation charges for all Categorised Events will be Rs. 1500/- per event. The participation charges for the four zonal events and All India Championship shall be Rs. 2000/- per event.

Draw

14. Draw for the day 1 will be posted on the Club Notice Board, by 1500 hrs one day prior to Round 1. The Draw shall be made at the discretion of the Tournament Director which may have Ladies & Juniors of different categories playing in the same group.
15. 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). There shall be NO SCORE CUT applied on Day 1 of the All India Ladies Amateur Championship. For All other events, the first day score cut shall be applied as mentioned below

Ladies and Junior Girls (Cat A)	22 over & above
Junior Girls (Cat B)	22 over & above
Junior Girls (Cat C)	26 over & above

Players in Category Ladies, A and B who have played a score of 100 and above and in Cat C of 110 and above in Round 1 shall not be allowed to play the next calendar event regardless of the player entry eligibility criteria into the event.

16. Round 2 & Final Round draw shall be made at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Halfway Cut

17. After 36 Holes, **10 players plus ties for Ladies / 15 plus ties for Category A and B Girls respectively and 10 Plus ties for Category C Girls** will be eligible to play the final round in each category for Cat Ladies, A, B & C Girls. It is emphasised that the cut will not be applied on the entire field basis and will be applicable in each category separately.

Ties

18. In the event of a tie for the 1st Place for the Championship Winner, Junior Championship Winner (Cat A) and Winner of Cat B and Cat C, there will be a "Sudden Death" Play off, hole by hole, immediately after completion of the Final Round. All Ties shall be broken as per the IGU Hard Card



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Tournament Committee

19. The Tournament Committee consisting of club representative(s) and IGU Official(s) will be formed by the Tournament Director.
20. 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.
21. 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

22. One practice round one day prior to the tournament will be allowed. Players will have to ensure that they do not hold any group(s) that are following them. Bunkers to be raked and only one ball to be played.

Use of Caddy

23. Categories A & B Junior Girls and Ladies shall not be allowed caddies for the four zonal tournaments subject to it being weather conducive. Caddies shall be permitted for all other events including the All India Ladies Amateur. Category C Girls shall be allowed caddies for all events.

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

24. Under normal circumstances following Tees will be used:-

Ladies & Junior Girls (Cat A & B)
Girls Cat C

Men's Regular Tees (Approx 6200 yards)
Ladies Tees (Approx 5700 yards)

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

Dress Code

25. 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:-

	Allowed	Not Allowed
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



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Trousers	Pants / Shorts up to knees for Girls	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

26. Competitor shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his / her performance. Please refer to the IGU Hard Card.

Use of Mobile / Electronic Gadgets

27. 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

28. Parents / Relatives / Coaches / Spectators and friends are permitted to walk on the Golf Course. **Gallery is NOT permitted to have any kind of interaction with the player during the course of play.** Breach of this rule shall invite penalty from the Tournament committee. Gallery must at all times keep a distance of min 100 yards from the players on the Golf Course during Tournament Rounds. **Use of mobiles is not permitted for spectators on the Golf Course.** Volunteers may be used by the Tournament Director as Marshals and Observers. Please note, if the host clubs does not permit gallery during the championship, the host club rules shall apply

Prizes

29. The Prize Distribution shall take place within 30 minutes after the last group has submitted the cards on the final day.

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. The Prize Distribution for the All India Junior Girls shall happen immediately after the competition of the three day stroke play event.

Prizes - The following Prizes will be awarded:-

Ladies Championship -	Winner and Runners Up
Junior Championship -	Winner and Runners Up
Girls Cat B -	Winner and Runners Up
Girls Cat C -	Winner and Runners Up

Playing in Higher Category (Junior Girls C)

30. 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.



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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

31. 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 for further details.
