

CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION **FOR PLAYERS**

1. GENERAL

The Hex City - Albatross International Junior Golf Championship 2010 is hosted by Albatross Junior Tour, India (for short AJT) and will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, and the Local Rules of Classic Golf Resorts, as approved by the Tournament Committee. These Local Rules will be made available to players on request upon registration.

The Tournament Committee shall be appointed by AJT, India and shall consist of:-

- a) The Tournament Director.
- b) Chairman, Tournament Committee, AJT.
- c) Nominee of Albatross Junior Tour.
- d) Chief Rules Official/Referee.
- e) The Secretary/Golf Capt of the host club (or his duly authorized rep). For the purposes of Rule 33-7 quorum shall consist of the Tournament Director and any two of the other Tournament Committee Members.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Championship is open to all junior golfers, who have completed their 6th birthday and not yet reached their 18th birthday on the last day of the championship. Age as on **December 03, 2010** will determine the player's age category/eligibility. The Clause 7(iv) of Tournament Information be read as part of this condition.

- a) Must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by the R&A Rules Limited; and
- b) Have a USGA handicap index or other handicap specified/accepted by the Tournament Committee
- c) Entries are accepted online only. Participants are required to mail a scanned copy of their valid proof of Date of Birth Certificate (or copy of passport in proof).



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3. SPECIFICATION OF THE BALL (NOTE TO RULE 5-1)

3.1 List of Conforming Golf Balls.

The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

DRIVING CLUBS

- a) The driver the competitor carries must have a club-head, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current R&A List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A. Penalty for making stroke with club in breach of condition: Disqualification.

4. TIME OF STARTING (NOTE TO RULE 6-3A)

A player should report to the Starter on the assigned Tee 15 minutes before his/her starting time.

If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes to be added to the score on the first hole. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

5. PACE OF PLAY (NOTE 2 TO RULE 6-7)

Competitors will be notified of the time allowed for a round. The time will be broken down into timing for each individual hole.

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a Category is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent Categories, out of position. From the

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commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play shot', or 40 seconds if it is a 'second, third or fourth to play shot', he/she is deemed to have had a 'bad time'

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

One bad time	---	Verbal warning from Official or Referee
Two bad times	---	One stroke penalty
Three bad times	---	Two stroke penalty
Four bad times	---	Disqualification

A player whose Category has been timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the Category subsequently arrived back in position in relation to the Category in front or within its allotted time.

The committee may apply a penalty for undue delay (Rule 6-7) without prior warning to a Category that is seriously out of position at the end of the round.

6. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO DANGEROUS SITUATION (NOTE TO RULE 6-8b)

6.1 Dangerous Situation:

If during play it becomes necessary to suspend play for a dangerous situation (e.g. lightning), players must discontinue play immediately. A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by a prolonged note of the klaxon/siren/PA announcement.

6.2 Discontinuation of Play:

If during the tournament it becomes necessary to suspend play, three consecutive notes repeated, will be sounded on a klaxon/siren or notification will be otherwise communicated to the players. On being advised of suspension, competitors must not play any shot from the teeing ground unless any player in his Category has commenced play of the hole.

6.3 Resumption of Play:

As soon as conditions allow play to be resumed, two short blasts on the klaxon/siren will be sounded

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or notification will otherwise be communicated to the players. On being advised of the resumption, play will be recommenced immediately by all competitors on the course.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7.

7. PRACTICE "DURING ROUND" (NOTE 2 TO RULE 7-2)

PROHIBITED: Practice on or near the putting green of the hole last played, and rolling a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Stroke play - Two strokes at the next hole.

In the case of a breach at the last hole of the stipulated round, the player incurs the penalty at that hole.

8. TRANSPORTATION

Players must walk at all times during a stipulated round.

Exception: When permitted to ride by the Rules Committee.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

- (a) Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round: Four strokes.
- (b) In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

Procedure When Breach Discovered:

Use of any unauthorized form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

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9. ADVICE IN TEAM COMPETITIONS (NOTE TO RULE 8)

In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person, normally the captain, an amateur who may give advice to members of that team. Such person must be identified to the Committee before giving advice and attend the captain meeting for other detail.

10. CADDIE

The player may be assisted by a host club caddie, but he/she is limited to only one caddie at any one time and he/she has caddy who is committee authorized only.

11. NO SMOKING/LIQUOR/INTOXICANTS/DRUGS

Smoking and consumption of liquor is strictly prohibited during the tournament. A breach of this Rule will result in penalty of disqualification. No player will knowingly use performance enhancing drugs during the tournament.

12. UNBECOMING CONDUCT

The Committee may impose a penalty of disqualification for improper conduct breach of Golf Etiquettes such as swearing and throwing of golf clubs.

13. MARKERS

The Organizing Committee may at its discretion provide markers for Categories, as it may deem fit.

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14. RECORDING OF SCORES

Each player will be assigned as "marker" (see Rule 6-6) to record the score of another player in the same Category. The marker shall be responsible for recording the player's correct score after each hole. After completion of the round the player shall:

- a) Check his/ her hole-by-hole score for accuracy.
- b) Settle any doubtful points with the Committee.
- c) Ensure that his/ her marker has signed his/ her card.
- d) Countersign the card him/ herself, and

15. RETURNING SCORECARDS UPON COMPETITION OF ROUND

Players are reminded of their responsibilities under Rule 6-6b which states:-

"Signing and Returning Card: After completion of the stipulated round, the competitor should check their score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. They shall ensure that the marker has signed the card, countersign the card themselves and return it to the Committee as soon as possible."

(Penalty for breach of Rule 6-6b – Disqualification)

If a competitor does not return their card within 15 minutes of completion of their stipulated round (without good reason) they will be subject to disqualification at the discretion of the Committee. Cards must be returned to the Albatross official at the scoring area in the Tournament Office. A card may be changed up until the time it is handed in, when the card will be considered as having been returned to the Committee.

16. HOW TO DECIDE TIES

- a. In the event of a tie for first place, the players tying shall, as soon as possible after the announcement of the tie, participate in a play-off, hole-by-hole, until the winner is decided ("sudden-death").
- b. The play-off holes will be decided by the Tournament Director on the final day of the event

- c. All other ties will be decided by count back. The count back procedure to be used will be:-
- i) The best score of the 18 holes (1-18) of the final round. If still tie,
 - ii) The best score of the last nine holes (10 to 18) of the final round. If still tie,
 - iii) The best score of the last six holes (13 to 18) of the final round. If still tie,
 - iv) The best score of the last three holes (16 to 18) of the final round. If still tie,
 - v) Hole by hole count back (Final round) will decide the winner, If there is still no result then the winner shall be decided by the toss of a coin or by such other procedure as the Committee and Tournament director officially announce.
 - vi) It is clarified that last 9, 6 or 3 Holes shall be the back 9, 6, or 3 of the Course for the purpose of (ii) to (v) above .

17. RESULT OF THE COMPETITION

When the final results sheet is placed on the official notice board or the website www.albatross.co.in , the result of the competition is deemed to have been officially announced.

18. DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINTS

Any disputes or doubtful points must be referred to the Tournament Committee within 15 minutes after completion of each round.

19. DRAW

The draw for the first round is left to the discretion of the Tournament Committee, except players belonging to the same division shall be drawn together. For the last two rounds, starting times shall be based on scores returned in previous round(s). Tee offs will commence simultaneously at 07:30 (or such other time as may be decided by Committee) everyday from Tees No 1 & 10 as per draw. The draw shall be uploaded on website and also placed on official Notice Board.



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20. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee shall be appointed by the Albatross Junior Tour. In the event the Tournament Committee is required to make any decision involving the penalty of disqualification, each country whose player is involved may appoint a non- voting observer to attend. The Tournament Committee shall have a designated desk. It shall be within the discretion of Tournament committee to add/delete/alter /change/modify the Tournament conditions at any time as it may deem fit.

21. DISPUTE AS TO CORRECT PROCEDURE

If there is a doubt as to correct procedure, players are to refer to the Tournament Referee. If the Tournament Referee is not immediately available, a Player (having notified his marker), may elect to play two balls in accordance with Rule 3.33 and obtain the ruling at the conclusion of the round, prior to signing and submission of the score card.

22. TOURNAMENT REFREE

The Tournament Referee's decisions on all matters pertaining to rules of Golf are final and binding.

23. RULES OF GOLF

Play will be governed by the Rules of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and the Local Rules of Classic Golf Resorts. Disputes, if any, will be settled by the Tournament Committee whose decisions shall be final.

24. SPECTATOR POLICY

Gallery/spectators are permitted to walk on the course but restricted to walk on the cart path/roughs/tree line, maintaining a minimum distance of 25 Yards (approx) from the players. Gallery is not permitted to interact/advice/instruct/interfere with any player. First violation: verbal warning, Second infringement: 2 stroke penalty to player and spectator removed from course. Only Captains are permitted to rent a cart.

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25. ELECTRONIC DEVICES/MOBILE PHONES

Carrying or Use of Mobile Phones/electronic devices/sky caddies/range finders/binoculars etc on course, during competition, is strictly prohibited. Penalty for first offence: DISQUALIFICATION.

26. LOCAL RULES

The following Conditions of Competition and Local Rules have been formulated in accordance with the Rules of Golf, R&A Rules Limited. In the event of a dispute arising as to the meaning of any Rule of Golf, the Rule shall be interpreted according to the English Edition of the Rules of Golf.

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (RULE 27)

- a) Beyond boundary fence which determines by the nearest inside points at ground level of the stakes or fence posts.
- b) As defined by white stakes or white lines. Where both white stakes and lines are in existence, the white line defines out of bounds margin.

2. WATER HAZARDS (INCLUDING LATERAL WATER HAZARDS) (RULE 26)

- a) Water Hazards are defined by yellow stake and/or yellow line. Where yellow lines are in existence they define the margin.
- b) Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red markers. Where red lines are in existence they define the margin.
- c) The outside edge of the concrete drainage where not marked. A ball is in lateral water hazard if it comes to rest beyond or touch the edge of the concrete drainage on the water side.

DROPPING ZONE FOR WATER HAZARDS

If a player's ball comes to rest in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the water hazard (specify location), the player may proceed under rule 26 or drop a ball in the dropping zone provided under penalty of one stroke.

Note: When dropping a ball in a dropping zone, a dropped ball shall not be re-dropped if it comes to rest within two club-lengths of the spot where it first struck a part of the course even though it may finish outside the boundaries of the dropping zone or nearer the hole.

3. ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS (25-1)

- a) Relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing from painted yardage spot situated in any closely mown area through the green.
- b) Fire ant mounds or beds. In a water hazard, relief from fire ant mounds or beds (Dangerous situation) is provided by Decision 1-4/10.

4. GROUND UNDER REPAIR

- a) All areas bounded by white lines
- b) Any seam of new turf through the green interfering with the lie of ball or area of intended swing. All seams forming part of the condition are to be treated as the same seam for the purposes of Rule 20-2c (re-dropping).

5. EMBEDDED BALL

- a) Relief extended to "through the green"

EXCEPTION:

- i) A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.
- ii) A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule.

6. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION (24-2)

- i) White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not GUR.

- ii) Landscaped garden areas surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.
- iii) Drainage channels adjacent to and parallel to concrete cart paths should be treated as one obstruction.

7. INTEGRAL PART OF THE COURSE

- i) Wood or Material wrapping the tree or other objects where they are closely attached to trees.
- ii) All flowers beds.

8. PERMANENT ELEVATED CABLES

- i) A player's stroke must be cancelled and replayed without penalty (see Rule 20-5) if the ball strikes an elevated power line. If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

EXCEPTION:

A ball striking an elevated junction section of cable rising from the ground shall not be replayed.

9. TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (APPENDIX I PART B-7)

- i) When a player's ball lies in, on or under a temporary immovable obstruction or so close to that obstruction that it interferes with the player's stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, if dropping zones have been marked, the player must drop the ball in the nearest dropping zone.
- ii) A white line indicates either the front edge of the temporary obstruction or joins multiple obstructions. A ball touching the line is deemed to be in the obstruction.
- iii) Permanent advertising board, advertising board situated around teeing grounds, hole number distance sign, clock signboard, tents, and scoreboards.
- iv) Advertising boards around putting green 9 and 18.
- v) Leader board besides Hole 18.



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Note: Relief may be taken on either side but not nearer the hole.

10. DESIGNATED PRACTICE AREAS

- i) The practice putting and chipping areas are near tee 1, 10 at Ridge/Valley and Tee No.1 at Canyon besides the designated practice range.

A copy of the local rules as applicable at the Classic Golf Resorts will be made available to all players

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES: STROKE PLAY - TWO STROKES

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