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## GENERAL CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

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### 1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

- A. These general conditions of Competition shall govern all Albatross Tournaments.
- B. The details of each tournament, dates, venue, format, entry fee etc. shall be governed by the Fact sheet released before each tournament.
- C. All or any changes in any of the Clauses in these conditions can be made in Fact Sheet, which shall prevail in case of any inconsistency.

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### 2. CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENT

The Tournament Committee shall consist of:

- A. Tournament Director
- B. The Captain/Secretary of the Host Club (or his duly authorized representative)
- C. Chief Rules Official.
- D. Tournament Organizer

For the purposes of Rule 33-7 a quorum shall consist of the Tournament Director and any two of the other Tournament Committee Members.

The decision of the Tournament Committee relating to any dispute arising during the Championship shall be final and binding on the participants and it reserves the right to fix / alter starting times. In the event of play being cancelled due to inclement weather or for any other reason, the Tournament Committee shall determine the action to be taken. In the eventuality of a day's play/round being washed out, result will be declared provided the entire field has completed 18 holes/one completed round. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to curtail the No of rounds/holes due to any adverse situation/playing conditions & alter any of the Conditions of the Tournament without notice. Any matter not covered under the Conditions of Competition (for example, those influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic) will be decided by the Committee and their decision shall be final and binding on all the participants

### 3. AGE ELIGIBILITY/CRITERIA

Age Eligibility/Criteria : All amateur players conforming in all aspects to the Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by the R & A between the ages of 6 – 18 years ( must have completed 6th birthday as on (last date of tournament) & not have reached the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday as per the cut-

off date as specified below) are eligible to play. A player's age as on last day of the tournament will determine his/her age category for the tournament.

Entries are accepted online at [www.albatross.co.in](http://www.albatross.co.in) or on Mobile app Albatross Golf Tour available Free on Apple App Store and Google Play .Entry shall remain open till 5 PM of the last date of entry . The guidelines for entering on Web site [www.albatross.co.in](http://www.albatross.co.in) and Mobile app are in Annexure -VIII.

- (a) It is mandatory for all players to submit valid proof of DOB (copy of passport/birth certificate issued by Municipal Authorities), if not submitted earlier.
- (b) Entry Fee for the tournament is inclusive of 18% GST
- (c) Invalid/incomplete entries will not be accepted.
- (d) The past performance/ handicap criteria specified/age restriction in each category will be strictly adhered to when accepting entries.

#### Handicap Criteria

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
• Cat A	12	18
• Cat B	18	24
• Cat C	24	30
• Cat D	30	36
• Cat E	NA	NA

The Tournament committee reserves the right to refuse an entry without having to assign any reason, and in such an event the entry fee less 10% processing charges shall be refunded. Participation is limited and is based on handicap & past performance, so submitting an entry form online may not guarantee a spot in the tournament.

#### **Refund Policy**

An entry fee will only be refunded wherein a written request / mail is received from the player seeking withdrawal/cancellation of their entry. Last date for cancellation/seeking refund is the last date of submission of entry form. Such refunds will be made online less 10% processing charges within 30 days of completion of the tournament. In case the tournament is washed out and under circumstances where play could not be started due inclement weather on both days, 30% entry fees will be refunded. No refund would be applicable, if after start of play on Day 1/2, the tournament is cancelled (washed out). An entry fee is not refundable for "No Shows" or withdrawals after the last date of withdrawal.

#### **4. SIZE OF FIELD**

Due to space & time constraints, the field is restricted to a maximum of 90 valid entries (combined all categories). Less than 5 entries in any category may be merged with the higher category, at the sole discretion of the tournament committee.

#### **5. PLAYER REGISTRATION\_ : Refer fact sheet.**

## 6. OFFICIAL PRACTICE ROUND

Players may avail official practice round on payment of subsidized green fees as mentioned in the Fact Sheet..

Tee Offs: 0800 - 1200 H  
Course closes 1500 H

## 7. TEE POSTS/MARKERS : [illustration below]

Black Tees	:	Cat A Boys
Gold Tees	:	Cat B Boys
Blue Tees	:	Cat A & B Girls
White Tees	:	Cat C Boys/Cat C Girls
Red Tees	:	Cat D Girls/ Cat D Boys
Green Tees	:	Cat E (Boys & Girls)

Tee placements are not set until the Tournament Director arrives on site. Course set –up can change prior to the event; this includes yardages that may be adjusted to offset inclement weather or other golf course conditions (i.e. wet, damp or favorable conditions).

## 8 RULES OF PLAY

The event shall be conducted in accordance with rules of R & A in conjunction with local rules of the Host Club

Interpretation of Conditions of Play:

The Tournament Committee will be the sole authority to interpret the Conditions of Competition for this tournament and to give decisions on any query, which may arise out of them. Any matter not covered under this Conditions of Competition will be decided by the Tournament Committee and its decision will be final & binding on all participants. The committee also reserves the right to fix/alter starting times.

The Ball Rule 5.1 Note: The ball the player uses must be named on the current list of Conforming Golf balls issued by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews or USGA. List will be accessible via the R&A Website ([www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org)).

Driving Clubs: The participants should check for confirming clubs from R & A website [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org).

## 9 PRELIMINARY CUT

There may be a preliminary cut (by score) after round one. Following cut-off scores will apply for each category (Par 72 course rating). Players not meeting the following criteria will not be allowed to play the next round/s. No cut will be applied in Category E.

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
• Cat A	Above score of 90	Above score of 95
• Cat B	Above score of 95	Above score of 100
• Cat C	Above score of 100	Above score of 105
• Cat D	Above score of 105	Above score of 110

*(NB : A minimum of 9 boys & 6 girls will be retained in each age category)*

## 10 DRAW/PAIRING

Tee offs for all categories shall commence simultaneously/staggered from Tees No.1 & 10 at 0800 AM, as per Draw. Draw for Day 1/Tee of timings (as determined by TD) shall be posted online one day before the start of the tournament ([www.albatross.co.in](http://www.albatross.co.in)) & posted on the host course notice board by 1700 H on the one day before start of tournament. Final round draw will be based as per gross scores of players. The Tournament Director reserves the right to alter the draw and change the grouping to facilitate smooth conduct of the tournament.

## 11 TIME OF REPORTING/STARTING

It is the responsibility of the individual Player to find out his/her starting time from the web site/ host club / [www.albatross.co.in](http://www.albatross.co.in) . All players are required to report at respective Tees/Starter's desk 10 minutes before their respective Tee-Off time. Penalty under Rule 6.3 is 2 strokes. Player's failure in reporting beyond 5 minutes of starting time shall lead to DISQUALIFICATION. Rule 6-3a

Note: "If a player arrives at his starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provide in Rule 33-7 the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole. If a player fails to appear at the starting tee within this period, he shall be disqualified".

## 12. CADDIE POLICY

Caddies are mandatory for all categories subject to being permitted by Host Course post COVID-19. In case caddies are allowed, they are to maintain six feet distance from the player and player will remove/replace/clean his or her own clubs from the bag. Caddie will not be permitted to handle the clubs or clean them. If caddies are not permitted then players will carry/trolley their own bags. A player is prohibited from having Parents / relatives / professional golfer/ coaches, another player in the competition serve as his caddie during the stipulated round. Parents/Siblings may caddie for category E players. Payment counter/desk for the same will be set up at the Driving range for convenience of players. Manual push/pull carts are permitted (non-motorized & non battery operated).

### 13. SPECTATOR POLICY

Gallery/spectators are permitted to walk on the course during a stipulated round. Carts are not permitted for spectators. Spectator support is appreciated at all Albatross events and all are encouraged to follow the competition. Gallery/spectators are restricted to the designated areas of Club House/ Driving Range/cart path/rough/tree line (remain clear of Fairways & Greens) and are advised to maintain a minimum distance of 25 yards (approx) from the players. Spectators are advised to keep their mobiles/phones on silent mode and where necessary, must step aside to take/make calls, taking care not to disturb any player in the process of making a swing/shot or putt. Spectators are not permitted to interact/advice/instruct/interfere with any players during the stipulated round. Under no circumstances is a spectator allowed to offer advice to a contestant during the round.

First violation: Verbal warning,

Second infringement: 2 stroke penalty to player and spectator removed from course.

### 14. ELECTRONIC POLICY/MOBILE PHONES

Use of mobile phones is permitted during the stipulated round for **a medical emergency or to call a rules official only**. Players may carry the mobile (in switch off mode) and may use the same for the above purposes only after prior intimation of intended use to marker or fellow competitor. First violation: warning; second infringement: 2 stroke penalty. Subsequent violations-DQ.

### 15. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (DMD)

Players may use DMD during the stipulated round (**limited to measuring distance only**). Features, other than measuring distance are non-conforming and render use of the device contrary to the rules (irrespective whether or not the features can be switched off or not used). Where a distance measuring application is being used there must be no other features or applications installed on that device, that if used, would be in breach of rules (Rule 14-3), whether they are actually used. Penalty: DQ.

### 16. PACE OF PLAY

- A. In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in case of second or subsequent groups, out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a "first to play shot" or 40 seconds if it is a 'second or third to play shot', he shall be deemed to have had a bad time.
- B. The time allowed will be determined by the Tournament Director and will be published on the official notice board. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front (Time for 18 holes – 4 hrs 30 mins; 9 holes – 2 hrs 10 mins). There is no break after 9 holes.
- C. A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

D. Penalty for Breach of Condition:

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

Note:

- a. Players will NOT be advised that they are being timed.
- b. Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the official that it is the player's turn to play.

**17. MAXIMUM 10 STROKE RULE FOR D & E CATEGORIES**

A player in the above categories shall take no more than 10 strokes to complete a hole. Once 10 strokes have been reached, a player must pick up his / her ball and wait for the other players to complete the hole and record a score of 10 for that hole.

**18 SCORING AREA:**

The designated scoring area is in the club house.

**19. RECORDING OF SCORES**

A. All score cards (issued by the Tournament Committee) must be completed and signed in pen and submitted within 15 minutes of completion of the stipulated round. The correct recording of scores will be the responsibility of the players, as per the Rules of Golf 6-6, each player will be assigned a "marker" to record the score of another player in the same group. The marker shall be responsible for recording the player's correct score after each hole.

B. After completion of the stipulated round the player shall:

- Check his/ her hole-by-hole score for accuracy.
- Settle any doubtful points with the Committee.
- Ensure that his/ her marker has signed his/ her card. Countersign the card him/ herself, and
- Returning Scorecards upon Competition of Round

C. A scorecard is deemed official once the Player leaves the scoring area. Players are reminded of their responsibilities under Rule 6-6b which states:

"Signing and Returning Card: After completion of the 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)"

D. No parent or spectator is allowed in the scoring area at any time unless specifically invited by the Tournament Committee.

## 20. AWARD CEREMONY/PRIZES/TIES

- A. Prize distribution ceremony will be held within 45 minutes of submission of last score card. Trophies & Certificates of Merit shall be awarded to the winner & 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Runners up in each Category, Boys & Girls (Best Gross scores). Where there are 5 or less players in a cat, only the winner will be awarded and where there are 6 to 9 players in a category, only the winner and 1<sup>st</sup> runners up will be given prizes. There are separate Gross prizes for the E cat (Boys & Girls combined).

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"). The play-off holes will be decided by the Tournament Director on the final day of the event.

- B. All other ties will be decided by count back. The count back procedure to be used will be:
- The best score of the 18 holes (1-18) of the final round. If ties persist,
  - The best score of the last nine holes (10 to 18) of the final round. If still tie,
  - The best score of the last six holes (13 to 18) of the final round. If still tie,
  - The best score of the last three holes (16 to 18) of the final round.
  - If still tie, 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.
  - 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 above.

## 20. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO DANGEROUS SITUATION

When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7.

Following Signals will apply:

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated

Resume Play: Two notes of siren, repeated

## 21. DISPUTES OR DOUBTS AS TO CORRECT PROCEDURE

- A. If there is a doubt as to the correct procedures, players are to refer to the Tournament Referee. If a Tournament Referee is not immediately available, a player (having

notified his marker) may elect to play two balls in accordance with Rule 3.3 and obtain a ruling at the conclusion of the round, prior to signing and the return of the scorecard.

- B. No spectators (parents or otherwise) are to enter into any discussion on a matter under dispute. The tournament Committee will have the sole discretion to interpret the conditions for the competition and to give decisions on any query/ruling/disputes arising during the tournament.

## **22. TOURNAMENT REFEREE**

The Tournament Chief Referee's decision on all matters pertaining to the Rules of Golf is final.

## **23. NO SMOKING/ALCOHOL/INTOXICANTS**

Smoking/consumption of alcohol is strictly prohibited during the tournament. No player may use any performance enhancing drugs. A breach of this Rule will result in penalty of disqualification.

## **24. UNBECOMING CONDUCT**

The Committee may impose a penalty of 2 strokes and/or disqualification for improper conduct such as swearing, cheating and throwing of golf clubs or any other act which may tantamount to an act contrary to laid down rules and regulations of golf, breach of local rules, physical confrontations between players with gallery or officials etc.

## **25. TRANSPORTATION**

The players will always walk during the stipulated round.

Exception:

When permitted to ride by Tournament Committee, in interest of game.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred.

Maximum penalty per round: Four strokes.

In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

## **26. RESULT OF THE COMPETITION**

When the Final result sheet is posted on the official Albatross web site, the results of the Tournament shall be deemed to have been officially announced.

## **27. LOCAL RULES – HOST CLUB**

Local Rules as they are stated on the scorecard (reverse side) or clubhouse information board will be followed for the Qualifying event.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**