



9th ALBATROSS INTERNATIONAL JR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP, INDIA-2017

November 7-10, 2017

Classic Golf & CC, Gurgaon

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION (RULE 33-1)

1. Venue / Date / Management

The **9th Albatross International Junior Golf Championship, India - 2017** will be conducted on November 7-10, 2017 (Tuesday-Friday) at the Classic Golf & Country Club, Gurgaon Web site <http://cgroonline.com/>. It will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews Scotland and the local rules as laid out for the Classic Golf Resort and as approved by the AJT Tournament Committee.

2. The Tournament Committee (hereinafter referred to as "TC")

The "TC" shall be appointed by the AJT under aegis of ASPL and shall consist of:

- (a) The Tournament Director.
- (b) Chief Rules Official.
- (c) A duly authorized representative of The Classic Golf & CC.
- (d) Representative of IGU
- (e) Director, Albatross Junior Tour (AJT)

For the purpose of Rule 33-7 a quorum shall consist of the TD and any two members of the other "TC".

The decision of the "TC" relating to any dispute arising during the Tournament shall be binding and final 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 "TC" shall determine the action to be taken, including reduction of competition rounds/hours. In the event of play being "washed out" result will be declared provided the entire field has completed two stipulated rounds/36 holes. The "TC" reserves the right to alter any of the Conditions of the Tournament without notice.

3. Age Eligibility / Criteria

- a). The Championship is open to both Boys & Girls. 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 –17 years (should have completed 6th birthday as on first day of tournament and not have reached the 18th birthday as per the cut-off date as specified below) are eligible to play. **A players' age as on November 10, 2017 will determine his/her age bracket for the tournament.** It is mandatory for all players to submit valid proof of DOB (copy of PP / Birth Certificate issued by Municipal Authorities) if not submitted earlier.
- b). Entry Fee for the tournament is \$ 200.00/INR 13,000 (Overseas players) & Rs. 11,000.00 (Domestic players), this includes requisite taxes as applicable. A discounted tournament fee of Rs 9,500 (early bird discount), is applicable to domestic players who sign up/enter by October 15th.
- c) Entries & payments are accepted online, only (www.albatross.co.in). **Last date of Entry is 5 pm on October 31, 2017).**
- d) Invalid / Incomplete entries will not be accepted.
- e) The handicap / age restriction will be strictly adhered to while accepting entries.
- f) The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry without having to assign any reason; in such an event the entry fee will be refunded less processing charges. Participation is limited and is **NOT** on first come, first served basis, so filling an entry form & making a payment online may not guarantee a spot in the tournament. For individual entries, priority will be given to players on AJT Order of Merit-2016 & winners of tournaments in 2016-17. If the field becomes full with a 10% surplus of entries, entries may be closed before the last date deadline.

Handicap Criteria

		<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
(a)	Cat A	9	12
(b)	Cat B	12	15
(c)	Cat C	15	18
(d)	Cat D	18	24
(e)	Cat E	30	36

3. Size of Field

The field is restricted to a maximum of 160 players. (All categories combined). Less than 5 entries in any category may be merged with the higher category, at the sole discretion of the "TC".

4. 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 November 1, 2017.** In the eventuality of the tournament getting "washed out"/cancelled due rain or inclement weather (where play could not be started on all days) 50% of the entry fees will be refunded through debit / credit card less processing fee. If play has started and the tournament is cancelled 25% of the entry fee will be refunded through debit / credit card less processing fee.

- a. Cancellations received before November 1st, will be refunded Fee less 10% processing charge.
- b. Cancellation received thereafter will forfeit 100% of their entry fee.

5. Registration

Registration/Player "Check In" is mandatory and all players are required to register in person **on November 7th** (Day 1 only) at the registration Desk (located on Terrace of Club-house), from **0900 to 1500 H.**

Refreshment & beverages (on coupons) would be made available to the players during the competition days and may be collected only by the players, at Tee No's 1 & 10 and Canyon, before Tee Off.

6. Format Team and Individual Events

The Competition shall be decided by gross stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes each (3 rounds of 9 holes for Cat E), subject to the Committee's right in the event of circumstances which make the playing of 54/27 holes impracticable, to cancel any round or rounds at its discretion.

(a) Team Event (Boys & Girls Category A/B & C/D):

- i. Team event shall be a 54 Hole, Gross Stroke Play.
- ii. Team composition is as given in Tournament Info.
- iii. A Country/National Federation/Overseas Organization may field up to 3 teams (in a relevant age category) for the Team event.

b) Individual Event

- i. The individual championship format shall be 54 holes Gross Stroke Play in following age categories:

Category A - 15 – 17 Yrs

Category B - 13 – 14 Yrs

Category C - 11 – 12 Yrs

Category D - 9 – 10 Yrs

Category E - 6 – 8 Yrs (play 27 holes over 3 days & compete in the individual competition only).

The Tournament will be decided by three rounds of 18 holes of gross stroke play in accordance of the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, and the local rules approved by the Championship Committee. **The team returning the lowest aggregate gross score for the competition shall be the winner.** The individual with the lowest aggregate gross score will be the winner in each age category/Individual championship.

In the event of a tie for first place in any category (Individual/team competition), there will be a “Sudden Death” play-off, hole by hole, immediately after the completion of the stipulated round. The sequence of the play-off will be decided by the “TD”. The team event playoff will be conducted/played as Foursomes (Tee markers of the higher category within the team will be used from the teeing grounds). For all other ties the winner will be determined on the basis of best score over the last/final round, if ties still persist then, scores over last 9, last 6, last 3, and finally 18th hole (Back Nine of the course, Holes No’s 10 to 18), will be considered.

Preliminary Cut

There is No Cut applied during competition.

7. Rules of Play

The event shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of R & A in conjunction with the local rules of the host club as specified by the “TC”.

8. Interpretation of Conditions of Play

The Championship Committee will be the sole authority to interpret the conditions for this competition and to give decisions on any query which may arise out of them. Any matter not covered under the Conditions of Play will be decided by the Championship Committee and their decision will be final.

9. The Ball (Rule 5 – 1)

The ball the player uses must be named on the current list of Conforming Golf Balls by the R & A. The list is accessible via the R & A Website (www.randa.org). The “One ball condition” is NOT in effect.

10. Practice Privileges

An official practice round is scheduled on Nov 7th (Tue), wef 0800 to 1200 H (as per Tee Time Sheet, uploaded on website). **All players are required to vacate the course by 1500 H on Nov 7th.** No player is permitted to go/play on the course there after. A caddie fee of Rs 860.00 (plus taxes, not including tips) per round applies, for host club caddies. No charges are payable to host club for players availing services of Pvt/outside caddies. Please note that Classic Golf & CC is closed every Monday for weekly maintenance (including Nov 6th). Practice balls will be made available at Driving Range, during competition, at special rates of Rs 70/- for 50 balls.

11. Tee offs

Tee offs for all categories shall commence simultaneously (staggered start) from the Tee No 1 (Ridge Course) and Tee No 10 (Valley Course) at 08.30 AM and 1st Tee, Canyon Course at 09.00 AM. The draw shall be posted online www.albatross.co.in w.e.f **November 6, 2017**. It will also be posted on the Tournament Notice board, at the Classic Golf resorts, on the day prior to the event. *All players are required to report at respective Tees/Starter's desk 15 min before their respective Tee-Off time and collect the official tournament score cards.*

12. Tee Posts

Category's A, B and C will play the Ridge /Valley Sub-Course.

Category's D & E will play the Canyon Sub-Course

- (a) Black - Cat A & B Boys (Counting for WAGR)
- (b) Blue - Category A & B Girls (Counting for WAGR)
- (c) White - Category C Boys
- (d) Red - Category C Girls
- (e) Canyon White Tees – D Boys
- (f) Canyon Red Tees – D Girls
- (g) Canyon Black Tees– E category Boys and Girls

13. Practice Between Holes.(Note 2 to Rule 7)

Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole, last played and must not test the surface of the putting green of the hole, last played by rolling a ball.

14. 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 a 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

15. Prize Distribution / Prizes

Award distribution ceremony will be held within one hour of completion of play. Trophies will be awarded to the Winners & Runner-up in each of the **Team** Categories. Trophies & Merit certificates for the **Individual** competition will be awarded to the Winner's & up to 5th Position (Boys) & up to 4th position (Girls) in each of the age categories (A, B, C & D). Where there are 5 players or less in a category, only the winner will be awarded and when there are 6 – 9 players in a category, only the winner and 1st Runner's- Up will be awarded as per discretion of the committee. There are separate prizes/trophies for E cat (separately for boys & girls), up to 3rd position

- a. Top 5 & 4 positions in each category of Boys and Girls shall also be awarded Merit Certificates.
- b. The Participation certificate may be downloaded by all participants from the web site www.albatross.co.in .Player may log in to web site with user ID and password and proceed to print a duly sealed and authenticated certificate by clicking on "**Participation Certificate** "on the left side menu of the Home page.

16. Time of Reporting / Starting

A player is responsible for finding out his / her starting time from the host club / www.albatross.co.in. **All players are required to report at their respective Tee / Starter's Desk 15 minutes before their scheduled tee off time. Player's failure to report at the tee beyond 5 minutes of starting time shall lead to DISQUALIFICATION. Kindly note Rule 6 – 3a:**

"If a player arrives at his starting tee, ready to play, within 5 minutes AFTER his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7 the penalty for failure to start on time is 2 strokes at the first hole. If the player fails to appear at the starting tee within this period, he shall be disqualified"

17. Pace of Play

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 a player exceeds 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 a bad time.

The time allowed will be determined by the Tournament Director and at Classic Golf Resort the time for 18 holes is 4 hours 20 minutes and 9 holes is 2 hours 10 minutes. Definition of Out of Position is being more than the starting interval behind the group in front and/or being a clear hole behind the group in front. There is no break after 9 holes. 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.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

One bad time:	Verbal Warning
Two bad times:	1 stroke penalty
3 bad times:	2 stroke penalty
4 bad times:	Disqualification

Players may not be advised they are "on the clock".

Timing will begin the moment it is deemed by the official that it is the player's turn to play.

20. Disputes or Doubts as to Correct Procedure

- (a) If there is a doubt as to the correct procedure, 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 2 balls in accordance with Rule 3.3 and obtain a ruling at the conclusion of the round prior to signing and returning the score card.
- (b) No spectators (parents or otherwise) are to enter into any discussion on a matter under dispute.

21. Tournament Referee

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

22. Recording of Scores

All score cards (issued by the Tournament Committee) must be completed and signed in pen. The tournament committee may assign a marker to a player in any category as it deems fit. These will be assigned for cross checking purposes only. However, 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 the recording the player's correct score after each hole.

After completion of the stipulated round and without delay, the player shall:

Check his / her hole by hole score for accuracy.

Settle any doubtful points with the committee.

Ensure the Marker has signed the card.

Countersign score card.

Return the score card to the scoring official. A scorecard has been officially returned when the player has handed over his / her card and left the scoring area / room.

(Penalty for Breach of Rule 6-6 is disqualification)

PI Note Parents are not allowed in the scoring area, unless specifically invited by the Tournament committee.

23. Caddie Policy (Rule6-4)

Caddies are mandatory for all categories. **A player is prohibited from having Parents / relatives / professional golfer/ coaches, another player in the competition serve as his caddie during the stipulated round (Exception: a parent may serve as a caddie in Cats D & E).** Use of Outside/Pvt caddies are permitted during the tournament. Manual push & pull carts are permitted for use by caddies. All players using the services of other than host club caddies are required to intimate/inform at info@albatross.co.in by **Nov 4th**, failing which they will be liable to pay the club caddie charges. Caddie Fee per round is Rs. 860 (plus taxes) for 18/9 holes, payable directly to the host club (Pro-shop). Payment counter/desk for the same will be set up at the Pro-shop, for convenience of players.

24. Spectator Policy

Gallery / spectators are permitted to walk on the course and are restricted to the tree line / roughs / cart path and must maintain a distance of 25 meters from the players and also to take care not to obstruct any player. Gallery is not permitted to interact / advise / instruct / interfere with any player. First violation: verbal warning; second infringement: 2 stroke penalty to the

player involved and spectator removed from the course. Spectators are not permitted to ride carts unless authorized by the TC.

25. Distance Measuring Devices (DMD) / Mobile Phones/Electronic Policy

Cell phones, headphones, cameras, and the like may not be used during play.

Use of mobile phones is permitted during the stipulated round for **a medical emergency/call for medical help 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. Under no circumstances will the mob device be kept switched on or used when a fellow competitor is putting or in the process of making a stroke. First violation: warning; second infringement: 2 stroke penalty. The TC may impose the penalty of DQ for subsequent violations.

Players may use DMD during the stipulated round (**limited to measuring distance only**). In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is two strokes, and DISQUALIFICATION for subsequent offence.

26. No Smoking / Alcohol / Intoxicants

Smoking / consumption of alcohol / other uses of drugs or intoxicants on the course will result in disqualification.

27. Unbecoming Conduct

The Committee may impose a penalty of 2 strokes and/or disqualification for improper conduct such as cheating, swearing, throwing of clubs and being involved in an altercation with a fellow competitor, spectator, Rules Official, Member of the club management or for behavior deemed contrary to the etiquettes of golf

28. Transportation

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round. (Exception: When permitted to ride by the Tournament Committee in the interest of the game.) Penalty for breach of condition: 2 strokes for each hole where any breach occurred up to 4 strokes maximum. In the event of a breach between the play of 2 holes the penalty applies to the next hole.

29. Dress Code: Only acceptable golf attire is permitted. Players and caddies are prohibited from wearing shoes with metal spikes, short shorts, swimwear, denim of any kind, round neck t-

shirts, or tank tops. Polo/golf shirts must be tucked in at all times. Those not appropriately attired/in violation, will not be permitted to participate.

First offense: Warning

Second/Subsequent offenses: one-stroke penalty

30. Result of the Competition

When the final results sheet is posted on the Albatross web site, the results of the competition shall be deemed to have been officially announced.

LOCAL RULES

The following Conditions of Competition and Local Rules have been formulated in accordance with the Rules of Golf, R & A Rules Ltd. In the event of a dispute arising 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.

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

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

DROPPING ZONES FOR WATER HAZARDS

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

Note: When dropping a ball in a drop 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 drop zone or nearer the hole.

3. ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS (RULE 25-1)

- a. 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 the ball or area of intended swing.

5. EMBEDDED BALL

- a. Relief extended 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 the interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule.

6. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION (24-2)

- a. White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not GUR.
- b. Landscaped garden areas surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.
- c. Drainage channels adjacent to and parallel to concrete cart paths should be treated as one obstruction.

7. INTEGRAL PART OF THE COURSE

- a. Wood or Material wrapping the tree or other objects where they are closely attached to trees.
- b. All flower beds

8. PERMANENT ELEVATED CABLES

- a. A player's stroke must be cancelled and replayed without penalty if the ball strikes an overhead 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)

- a. When a player's ball lies in or so close to that obstruction that it interferes with the player's stance or intended area of swing and relief is required, if dropping zones have been marked, a player must drop the ball in the nearest zone.

- b. 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.
 - c. Permanent or temporary advertising boards or leader boards.
10. STONES IN BUNKER. Are removable obstructions
11. DESIGNATED PRACTICE AREAS
- a. The practice putting and chipping areas are near Tee No's 1 & 10 at Ridge Valley and tee 1 at the Canyon course.
12. COURSE MARKINGS
- Course markings are measured in yards to the centre of the Greens.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE: TWO STROKES. **A copy of the local rules would be made available to all players.**

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