



CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION (Rule 33-1)

1. Tournament /Venue/Date/Management

TOURNAMENT: 90th Albatross Junior Tournament

Dates: March 29-30, 2018.

Venue: Chandigarh Golf Course, Chandigarh

Tournament 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 Host Club as approved by the Tournament Committee. The event shall be managed by the Albatross Junior Tour, (AJT) under the aegis of ASPL, New Delhi, and hereafter to be referred to as 'The Tournament Committee'.

2. Albatross-IJGA National Qualifier, India '2018

The 90th Albatross Junior tournament is the designated Albatross-IJGA National Qualifier of the International Junior Golf Tour (IJGT). This tournament is to select qualifiers/players to compete at the **Bridgestone Tournament of Champions, scheduled from May 25-28, 2018 at Orlando, FL, USA.** Age Eligibility Criteria:

IJGT Boys/Girls 11 to 14 yrs (corresponding to AJT Age Cats C & B).

IJGT Boys/Girls 15 to 18 yrs (corresponding to AJT age Cat A).

Age criteria/cut off date for ATOC: **26 May, 2018.**

These conditions are to be read in conjunction with the Guidelines to IJGT, uploaded on www.albatross.co.in

The main Albatross tournament, is open only to age categories A, B, C & D (Cat E players are not eligible), will run concurrently and in conjunction with above National Qualifier (For age Cats A, B & C only).

The winners in each of the above age Categories 11-14 Yrs & 15-18 Yrs (total 2 boys & 2 girls) will qualify to participate in the Bridgestone Tournament of Champions – 2018, USA.

3. Benefits to Qualifiers:

- Return Airfare to USA
- Tournament fee waiver (\$ 475)
- Free boarding & lodging at the IJGA/BGGS campus (Twin sharing)
- Free transfers & internal logistics
- AJT kitting
- Complimentary one week golf training at IJGA, post the tournament.

4. The Tournament Committee

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

- (a) Tournament Director
- (b) Representative of Albatross Jr Tour.
- (c) The Captain of the Host Club (or his duly authorized representative)
- (d) Representative of IJGA (If available).
- (e) Chief Rules Official.

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 complete 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 play will be decided by the Committee and their decision shall be final and binding on all the participants

5. Age Eligibility/Criteria for Albatross Tournament (Cat's A - D)

- (a) All amateur players conforming in all respects to the rules of Amateur status as laid down by the R & A Rules Ltd (Boys & Girls), between the ages of 9 to 17 yrs (must have completed 9 yrs on the first day of competition & not completed their 18th birthday on March 30th, 2018), final day of the competition, are age eligible to play. A player's age as on Mar 30th, 2018, will determine his/her age bracket, for the

above tournament. It is mandatory for all players to submit valid proof of DOB (copy of PP/Birth cert issued by Municipal Authorities), if not submitted earlier.

- (b) Entry Fee for the National Qualifier is Rs.4,500 /-. **A discounted tournament fee of Rs 3,500 (early bird discount), is applicable to players who sign up/enter by March 20th.** Players are encouraged to sign up early, to facilitate better planning & preparation.
- (c) Entries are accepted online only (**last date March 25, 2018**)
- (d) Invalid/incomplete entries will not be accepted.
- (e) 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	9	12
• Cat B	12	15
• Cat C	15	18
• Cat D	18	24

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse an entry without having to assign any reason, in such an event, the entry fee, less processing charges shall be refunded. Participation is limited and is based on handicap & past performance, so filling in an entry form online may not guarantee a spot in the tournament. Priority will be given to AJT OOM 2017. Entries may be closed before last date, deadline.

6. Size of Field

Due to space & time constraints, the field is restricted to a maximum of 60 valid entries (combined all cats). Less than 5 entries in any Cat may be merged with the higher cat, at the sole discretion of the tournament committee.

7. Refund Policy

An entry fee will only be refunded wherein a written request / mail is received from the player, cancelling their entry for the tournament. Last date for receiving cancellations/refunds is **March 26, 2018**. In case the tournament is washed out and under circumstances where play could not be started due inclement weather on both days, 50 % entry fees will be refunded through debit / credit card less processing fee.

No refund would be applicable, if after start of play on Day 1 and/or Day 2, the tournament has to be cancelled (washed out). An entry fee is not refundable for "No Shows".

- Cancellation requests received before March 26, will be levied 10% processing charge.
- Cancellations received thereafter will forfeit 100% of their entry fee.

8. Registration.

Registration is mandatory and all Players are required/advised to register in person on March 29th (Day 1 only) at the Registration Desk, set up at the Front Lawn Area of Clubhouse, from 0700 to 0900 AM.

9. Format

- (a) 36 Holes Stroke Play: Cats A, B, C & D (Boys & Girls).

The championship shall be decided by two rounds of 18 holes each, played by stroke in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, and the local rules approved by the championship Committee. The player with the lowest aggregate gross score for the tournament shall be the winner.

In the event of a tie or ties for the first place, there will be "Sudden Death" Play off, hole by hole, immediately after the completion of the stipulated round. The Tournament Director will decide the sequence of the play off. For all other ties the basis for deciding will be the lowest score over the last 18 (final round), if ties still persist then scores over last 9, 6, 3, 2, 1 holes respectively (Back Nine of the course).

10. 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 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 Tournament Committee and their 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).

Driving Clubs: The participants should check for confirming clubs from R & A website www.randa.org.

11. Practice Privileges

Players may avail an optional practice round/practice, on **March 28th (Wed)**, under own arrangements, on first come first served basis, on payment of Green Fee Rs 500/-. Players may approach the club directly to book/play a practice round/practice, at the designated course (Tee Offs are restricted from 0800-1100 H). **All players are required to vacate the course by 1600 H on Mar 28th**. No player is permitted to play on the course there after.

12. Draw

Tee offs for all cats, shall commence (staggered start) from **Tee No.1 at 0800 AM**, as per Draw. Draw for Day 1/Tee of timings (as determined by AJT/TD) shall be posted online (www.albatross.co.in) & posted on the CGC/CGA notice board by 1400 hrs on Mar 28th, 2018. Final round draw will be based as per gross scores. The Tournament Director reserves the right to alter the draw and change the grouping to facilitate smooth conduct of the tournament.

Note : All players are required to reconfirm the Fact-sheet & Tee times/Draw displayed on Tournament Notice Board, at time of Registration

13. Preliminary Cut

*A preliminary cut (by score), may be applied, after round 1only, **if the field size exceeds 60 players**. 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:-*

	<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

(A minimum field of 9 boys & 6 girls will be maintained in each age category)

14. Tee Posts

Blue Tees	Cat A Boys	6800-7000 Yds
White Tees	Cat B & C Boys	6200-6400 Yds
Green Tees	Cat A, B & C Girls/Cat D Boys	5800-6000- Yds
Red Tees	Cat D Girls	5400-5600 Yds

The above yardages are approximate. Tee placements are not set until the Tournament Director or AJT Staff 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 favourable conditions).

15. Time of Reporting/Starting

The Draw shall be uploaded on the web site by March 27, 2018. 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 . All players are required to report at respective Tees/Starter's desk 15 min before their respective Tee-Off time. Penalty under Rule 6.3 is 2 strokes. Player's failure in reporting beyond 5 min 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".

16. **Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7)**

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. A group will be deemed out of position if there is a clear gap of one hole between the groups in front.

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. **A group will be deemed out of position if there is a clear gap of one hole between the groups in front.**

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

Note:

- 1) Players will NOT be advised that they are being timed.
- 2) 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 Category only.

A player in the above category 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. Practice between Holes (Note 2 to Rules 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. N.B: This prohibition includes rolling a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

19. 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.

20. Tournament Referee.

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

21. Recording of Scores.

All Scorecards (issued by the Tournament Committee) must be completed and signed in PEN and submitted within 15 minutes of completion of the stipulated round. The Tournament Committee may provide markers for players 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 – Rule 6-6.

Each player will be assigned as "marker" (see Rule 6-6) 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. 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

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)

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

22. Award Ceremony/Prizes/Ties

- Prize distribution ceremony will be held within one hour of completion of play. Trophies & Certificates of Merit shall be awarded to the winner & 1st and 2nd 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 the trophy.
- 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.
- 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/two/last hole (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, 3, 2, 1 Holes shall be the back 9 of the Course for the purpose of (ii) to (v) above.

23. Caddie Policy

Caddies are mandatory for all Categories. A player may have only one caddie at any one time. A player is prohibited from having a Parent/relative/Coach/Professional or another player serve as his caddie during the stipulated round. Caddie Fee for the tournament is Rs.500/- per round, payable directly to the caddie. **Services of outside/Pvt caddies (other than host club) are PERMITTED.**

24. Spectator Policy

Gallery/spectators are **permitted to walk** on the course during a stipulated round. Spectator support is appreciated at all AJT 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 metres from the players. Spectators are advised to keep their mobiles/phones on silent mode and where absolutely 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.

25. Electronic Devices/Mob Phones/DMD's

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

Exception: 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. Safety on the Course

Note to Rule 6-8b: When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, e.g. lightning, if the competitors in a group are between two holes they shall not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole they shall discontinue play immediately and shall not thereafter resume until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play; Penalty: Disqualification;

The following signals will be used:

Discontinue play immediately	:	One prolonged blast or air horn
Discontinue play	:	Three consecutive air horn
Resume play	:	Two short air horn

27. 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.

28. Unbecoming Conduct

The Committee may impose a penalty of 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.

29. Transportation

The players will walk at all times 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.

30. 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, t-shirts, track pants or tank tops. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. **Players and caddies not appropriately attired/in violation will not be permitted to participate/Tee Off.**

31. Result of the competition

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

32. On-course Accommodation and F&B

Players & parents are allowed in all areas of the club during the course of competition & may avail the available facilities/F&B, on mode of payment by cash card only. Cash cards are available at the Club reception.

LOCAL RULES – HOST CLUB

Local Rules as stated on the CGC scorecard (obverse side) and displayed on clubhouse information board will be followed for the Qualifying event. **Course markings are measured in Yards, to the centre of the Green**

Tournament Director