GUIDELINES FOR EDUCATIONAL GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Introduction
The Definition of an amateur golfer states:

> An "*amateur golfer*", whether he plays competitively or recreationally, is one who plays golf for the challenge it presents, not as a profession and not for financial gain.

The Rules of Amateur Status cover acts which would cause an amateur golfer to breach the above Definition, thereby causing forfeiture of Amateur Status. Rule 6-5 of the Rules of Amateur Status concerns the acceptance of educational grants, scholarships and bursaries and states as follows:

> An *amateur golfer* of *golf skill or reputation* may accept the benefits of an educational grant, scholarship or bursary, the terms of which have been approved by the *Governing Body*.

The "Governing Body" for the Rules of Amateur Status in any country is the national golf union or association of the country. (Note: in Great Britain and Ireland, The R&A is the Governing Body).

The following guidelines have been established in order to assist those who wish to donate an educational grant, scholarship or a bursary, or establish such a fund, and for those who wish to accept the benefit of a educational grant, scholarship or bursary while attending an educational establishment (i.e. school, college or university).

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS OR BURSARIES

Scholarships or bursaries awarded purely on academic ability do not require the approval of the Governing Body. Acceptance of such a scholarship or bursary is not a breach of the Rules of Amateur Status.

GOLF RELATED EDUCATIONAL GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS OR BURSARIES

The Governing Body must approve the terms and conditions of all educational grants, scholarships or bursaries awarded in its country where golf skill is a factor in the selection process for such an award. Acceptance of a golf-related grant, scholarship or bursary, which has not been approved, may constitute a breach of Rule 6-5 of the Rules of Amateur Status.

An amateur golfer thinking of applying for or in receipt of a golf-related educational golf scholarship is advised to contact the national body regulating such scholarships or the relevant university or college, before (i) entering into any agreements with third parties, or (ii) accepting expenses of any kind from a different source in addition to his scholarship. Entering into such agreements or the acceptance of expenses from some other source may be contrary to the relevant scholarship regulations.

Approval
Any donor or institution that wishes to receive approval of a golf-related educational grant, scholarship or bursary, or any individual who wishes to know if a golf-related educational grant, scholarship or bursary has been approved, should write to their Governing Body giving full details of the grant, scholarship or bursary concerned.

Procedural Criteria for Approval
In order for a golf related-educational grant, scholarship or bursary to be approved by the Governing Body, the procedure for payment of the fund must meet the following criteria:

(i) if the fund is not created by the educational establishment concerned, it must be paid in the first instance to the educational establishment; and

(ii) the scholar or bursar may only receive the money directly through the educational establishment, except in the case of non-university/college/school events (see below).

Permitted Purposes

A golf-related educational grant, scholarship or bursary may be used for the following purposes:

(i) for educational purposes, including tuition fees, books, room and board;
(ii) costs of coaching (including coaching fees and travel and living expenses);
(iii) golf equipment;
(iv) Golf Club subscriptions;
(v) travel, living costs and caddie fees at individual or team university, college or school events;
(vi) medical treatment (e.g. physiotherapy) for conditions specifically affecting the playing of golf; and
(vii) costs incurred in respect of fitness training.

In general, it is not permitted for golf related educational grants, scholarships or bursaries to be used to cover an individual's day to day living expenses outside of attendance at college or university. However, they may be used for travel, accommodation costs and caddie fees at non-university, non-college or non-school events, whether individual or team, if the funds are lodged with and administered by the scholar's or bursar's national, regional, state or county golf union or association, or with the permission of the Governing Body, paid directly by the University or College.

Golf Scholarships in the United States of America

Amateur golfers are permitted to accept golf scholarships at universities and colleges in the USA, provided they accord with the regulations of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, the National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics, the National Junior College Athletic Association or other similar organisations governing athletics at academic institutions. Separate approval from the Governing Body is not required.

For more information on the points above, please refer to the Rules of Amateur Status and Decisions on the Rules of Amateur Status at www.randa.org

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