



DONATION OF PRIZE MONEY TO CHARITY

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL UNDER RULE 3-1b OF THE RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS

Generally an amateur golfer must not play golf for prize money or its equivalent. However, Rule 3-1b provides that an amateur golfer may participate in an event where prize money or its equivalent is donated to a recognised charity, provided the approval of the Governing Body is first obtained in advance by the organiser. The intent of Rule 3-1b is to facilitate a donation to a recognised charity that has been selected in advance.

The organiser must obtain approval from the Governing Body in the country in which the event is to be played. It is a matter for the appropriate Committee of the Governing Body to decide whether a particular event qualifies for approval, and the Governing Body has considerable discretion in this respect.

However, a Governing Body, or a charitable arm of a Governing Body, is not considered to be a suitable beneficiary of such a donation, despite the fact that a Governing Body may have a charitable element or be registered as a charitable organisation.

In addition, while an educational institution registered as a charitable organisation may receive a charitable donation under Rule 3-1b, such a donation is not acceptable if the amateur golfer donating the prize money attends the educational body or there is likelihood that he/she may attend the educational body in the future.

Other conditions of approval, as established in Decision 3-1b/1, are as follows:

- Any other prizes in this event conform with the limit of £500 laid down in Rule 3-2 of the Rules of Amateur Status
- The charitable organisations eligible to receive the awards are recognised charities as defined by legislation or taxation authorities in [INSERT COUNTRY NAME]
- No amateur golfer will receive any benefit (e.g. a tax benefit), either directly or indirectly, from the cash prize paid to the charity

Application Form

1. Name of the event:	<input type="text"/>
2. Format of the event:	<input type="text" value="E.g."/> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stroke play, Match play, Four-Ball, Foursome, Stableford etc.• 18 holes, 36 holes, etc• Amateurs only, open to professionals and amateurs• Handicap or scratch
3. Date of event:	<input type="text"/>
4. Potential cash amount to be donated to nominated charity:	<input type="text"/>
5. Name of event sponsor(s)	<input type="text"/>

6. Name of nominated charity or charities:

Name	Charity Number

Please continue on a separate sheet if there is not enough space in the above table

7. Name of Company/Organisation:

8. Names and contact details of Directors and Senior Employees of the Company / Organisation:

Name of Individual & Position in Company	Address	Telephone No.	E-mail address

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Declaration: I hereby certify that:

- there are no cash prizes on offer directly to amateur competitors
- any other prizes in this event conform with the limit of £500 laid down in Rule 3-2 of the Rules of Amateur Status
- the charitable organisations eligible to receive the awards are recognised charities as defined by legislation or taxation authorities in [INSERT COUNTRY NAME]
- no amateur golfer will receive any benefit (e.g. a tax benefit), either directly or indirectly, from the cash prize paid to the charity, and
- all the information given in this application is true.

Signature

Print Name

Company Position

Date

Note: This application is for approval of a charitable donation under Rule 3-1b only. A separate application for the approval of the payment of expenses under Rule 4-2g must be made for a sponsored handicap competition.

Please return the completed form to: Ms Claire Hargan, Rules Department, The R&A, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9JD. Telephone 01334 460000. Facsimile 01334 460003. Email clairehargan@randa.org