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### **Australian Guidelines for the Approval of Programs under Amateur Status Rule 5-2b**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006 the R & A has amended *Amateur Status Rule 5-2b – Approved Programs* to read as follows:

“An *amateur golfer* may receive expenses, payment or compensation for giving golf *instruction* as part of a Program that has been approved in advance by the *Governing Body*.”

Golf Australia is the *Governing Body* for both the *Rules of Golf* and the *Rules of Amateur Status* and as such, the conditions below provide the standard for the payment for golf instruction for amateur golfers as part of an approved program. These conditions have been developed in consultation with and approval of the Professional Golfers’ Association of Australia.

The intent of the change to the Rule by the R&A to allow ‘amateurs’ to receive payment or compensation for giving golf instruction is to encourage the involvement of volunteers operating programs aimed at introducing people to golf. Volunteers conducting an approved program **MUST** compliment the role of PGA members and as such work closely with PGA members at the facility the program is based.

A *program* for the purpose of these guidelines is defined as an individual that delivers any structured coaching activity designed to help develop golf participation and skills and grow the game of golf.

If approval is granted for an individual to receive expenses, payment or compensation for giving golf instruction, the program they are delivering is also consequently approved.

#### **The following conditions apply for an amateur golfer to receive expenses, payment or compensation for giving golf instruction.**

1. The program must be supported by an affiliated golf club, school or educational authority, State Golf Association, Golf Australia, the PGA of Australia or the ALPG and submitted to Golf Australia for approval.
2. All instruction/coaching activities conducted under approved programs must conform to the conditions listed in the Junior Sport Framework for Golf including Child Protection Legislation and any other Golf Australia or PGA program.

3. The amateur golfer giving golf instruction must be an accredited Level 1 or 2 Golf Coordinator/Coach under the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme and sign and adhere to the Coach's Code of Ethics.
4. The amateur golfer giving golf instruction must be covered by insurance (Public Liability (\$20m), Professional Indemnity (\$5m)) for all activities covered under their program. Information outlining the insurance coverage must be provided when submitting a program for approval.
5. An amateur golfer may receive payment under this program for a maximum of 15 hours per week. This payment must not exceed 40% of total income or take more than 40% employment hours.
6. Where a qualified PGA professional is located at a golf club, practice facility or range or servicing a club at which an amateur golfer wants to give golf instruction, prior support must be obtained from the professional and golf club to ensure no conflict between coaching activities at the club. The approved program MUST compliment the role of PGA members. If there is not a PGA member servicing the club/facility, support must be obtained from another local PGA member. If support is rejected by either the club or professional, the amateur coach may appeal to a joint committee of the PGA and Golf Australia. This committee consists of one representative of each body and may over turn the decision.
7. An amateur golfer of golf skill or reputation must not lend his/her name or likeness to the promotion or advertisement of the program.
8. Any approved program will be reviewed annually and if there is a change in the professional at the golf club, practice facility or range.
9. The submission to Golf Australia for consideration of an approved program must include information listed under points 1 – 6 above.
10. A breach of any of the above points may result in the suspension of an approved program and/or loss of Amateur Status.
11. These conditions may be modified, updated, reviewed or added to at the discretion of Golf Australia in consultation and approval with the PGA of Australia. Any such change must be adopted by the approved program.