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PERIODS AWAITING REINSTATEMENT FOR BREACHES OF THE RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS

The current periods awaiting reinstatement are as follows (Australian money values are included where applicable).

- The following guidelines apply to breaches of the Rules relating to acceptance of an improper prize or the receipt of unauthorised expenses (Decision 9-2b/4):

| <i>Value of Prize</i> | <i>Period Awaiting Reinstatement</i> |
|------------------------------|---|
| \$1,201-\$12,000 | 1 year |
| \$12,001+ | 2 years |

| <i>Non-Approved Expenses</i> | <i>Period Awaiting Reinstatement</i> |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Up to \$12,000 | 1 year |
| \$12,001+ | 2 years |

It should be noted that players competing for cash prizes in hole-in-one, closest-to-the-hole, long-drive, or putting contests will no longer be considered to be "playing for prize money". Consequently only a player who accepts such a prize will be considered to have breached the Rules. (Decision 3-1/1)

- The guidelines on periods awaiting reinstatement for players who conduct themselves as professional golfers (Rule 2) are as follows:

| <i>Period of Breach</i> | <i>Period Awaiting Reinstatement</i> |
|--------------------------------|---|
| under 5 years | 1 year |
| 5 years or more | 2 years |

However the period may be extended if the applicant has played extensively for prize money (NB as a guideline, an applicant may be considered to have played extensively for prize money if they have played for prize money for more than an average of two events per month during a professional golf career which saw them devote themselves to tournament play for a total of more than six months). In the event that a player has played extensively for prize money, regardless of performance, the following periods awaiting reinstatement may be applied (Decision 9-2b/2):

| <i>Period of Breach</i> | <i>Period Awaiting Reinstatement</i> |
|--------------------------------|---|
| under 5 years | 2 years |
| 5 years or more | 3 years |

It should also be noted that the following guidelines for young players are as follows – "Sympathetic consideration should be given to players who are 21 years or under on the date of application for reinstatement to Amateur Status and who have spent less than a year as a professional golfer. In such cases, the period awaiting reinstatement should be equal to the time spent as a professional, eg 4 months as a professional golfer should result in a 4-month period awaiting reinstatement. However, irrespective of the length of time spent as a professional, the player should serve a period awaiting reinstatement of at least 3 months." (Decision 9-2b/3)