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Australian Guidelines for the Approval of *Amateur Golfers* to Provide *Instruction* under Amateur Status Rule 5-2b as a part of a Golf Australia *Compliant Program*

From the 1st January 2006 The R & A amended Amateur Status Rule 5-2b 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.”

The conditions below provide guidelines for approving payment to *amateur golfers* for providing golf *instruction* as part of a Golf Australia *compliant program*. These conditions have been developed in consultation with the Professional Golfers' Association of Australia (PGA).

The intent of the change to the rule by The R&A is to encourage the greater delivery of programs aimed at introducing and/or engaging people in golf.

Amateur golfers providing *instruction* MUST NOT conflict with the activities of a PGA member or the relevant State Golf Association.

Amateur golfers must apply to Golf Australia for approval to receive payment for instruction as part of a Golf Australia *compliant program* under this rule.

For approval to be granted, the amateur golfer must deliver a program which conforms with the definition of a *compliant program*, AND they must not perform *instruction* beyond what is permitted by these guidelines.

Definitions:

Instruction

“Instruction” covers teaching the physical aspects of playing golf, i.e. the actual mechanics of swinging a golf club and hitting a golf ball.

Note: *Instruction* does not cover teaching the psychological aspects of the game or the etiquette or Rules of Golf.

Compliant Program

A *“compliant program”* will develop the game of golf at any level. Examples of *compliant programs* include MYGolf, the Active After-School Communities program, State Association or PGA endorsed development programs, or other programs considered by Golf Australia to be aimed at introducing and/or engaging people in golf.

Governing Body

Golf Australia is the *“Governing Body”* for the Rules of Amateur Status in Australia.

Amateur Golfer

An *“amateur golfer”* is one who plays the game as a non-remunerative and non-profit-making sport and who does not receive remuneration for teaching golf or for other activities because of golf skill or reputation, except as provided in the Rules of Amateur Status.

The following conditions must be met in order for an *amateur golfer* to receive expenses, payment or compensation for giving golf *instruction* as a part of a Golf Australia *Compliant Program*.

1. The *amateur golfer* must obtain the support of the relevant State Golf Association which will then submit the application to Golf Australia for approval.
2. When the *amateur golfer* is operating at an affiliated golf club, prior support must be obtained from that affiliated golf club. If support is rejected by the affiliated golf club, the *amateur golfer* may appeal to a joint committee of the PGA, Golf Australia and a representative of the Australian Sports Commission.
Note: Instruction facilitated by a Member State, Golf Australia, the PGA, or the ALPG does not need to be supported by an affiliated golf club.
3. A *compliant program* must conform to Golf Australia's Member Protection and Disability Policies. Details available at www.golfaustralia.org.au
4. An *amateur golfer* giving golf *instruction* must be an accredited Level 1 or Level 2 Golf Coordinator/Coach or any other accreditation level under the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme and sign and adhere to the Coach's Code of Ethics.
5. An *amateur golfer* giving golf *instruction* must be covered by insurance (Public Liability (\$10m), Professional Indemnity (\$1m)). Information outlining the insurance coverage must be provided with your application.
6. An *amateur golfer* may receive payment for *instruction* as part of a Golf Australia *compliant program* for a maximum of 15 hours per week. Payment for *instruction* must not exceed \$50 per hour to a maximum of \$15,000 per annum.
7. Where a qualified PGA member is located at a golf facility or servicing a facility at which an *amateur golfer* wants to give golf *instruction* as part of a Golf Australia *compliant program*, prior support must be obtained from that PGA member. *Amateur golfers* providing *instruction* MUST NOT conflict with the activities of a PGA member. If there is not a PGA member servicing the club/facility, support of a PGA member is not required. If support is rejected by the PGA member, the *amateur golfer* may appeal to a joint committee of the PGA of Australia, Golf Australia and a representative of the Australian Sports Commission.
8. An *amateur golfer* of golf skill or reputation must not lend their name or likeness to the promotion or advertisement of the program.
9. The approval of an amateur golfer to provide *instruction* as part of a Golf Australia *compliant program* is subject to an annual review. A review will also occur if there is a change in the PGA member at the golf club/facility.
10. The submission to Golf Australia for approval must include information listed under points 1 – 7 above. Application forms are available at www.golfaustralia.org.au/default.aspx?s=coachingresources
11. A breach of any of the above points may result in the voiding of any approval and/or loss of Amateur Status.
12. These conditions may be modified, at the discretion of Golf Australia in consultation with the PGA of Australia. Any such change must be adopted by all approved *amateur golfers*.