



NOTICE - AMATEUR STATUS: LIMIT OF PRIZES

The limits for prizes (including VAT) changes, with effect from 1st January 2022, are as follows:

The attention of club members is drawn to the restrictions imposed by the Rules of Amateur Status on prizes that may be won in any event in which golf skill is a factor. You are advised, however, that with effect from 1 January 2022 the limits set DO NOT apply to any prizes awarded for a hole-in-one and therefore prizes that exceed the limit may be duly accepted.

On no account may cash be given as a prize in a Handicap Competition nor may a prize be converted into cash, except for hole-in-one prizes or skills competitions, which are not part of a tee-to-hole competition (examples are long-drive competitions, target competitions, putting competitions etc.), as these restrictions have been lifted.

The Amateur Status Rules clearly state that if an Amateur golfer accepts a prize (or prizes), the value of which exceeds the permitted limit, he/she has violated the 'Definition of an Amateur Golfer' and thereby forfeits his/her amateur status.

It shall be incumbent on all clubs to ensure that, in all events played at their clubs, the amateur limits for prizes are not exceeded. Failure by the club to enforce this rule could result in the club being disaffiliated by their Provincial Union.

To come into line with the limits recommended by the R&A and USGA, GolfRSA, as the Governing National Body, has set the limits as follows:

- **SCRATCH COMPETITION** is a competition that must be conducted using scratch (gross) scores only. A player's handicap or their Handicap Index may not be used for any scoring related functions.
--LIMIT: R15 000 prize and can be in cash, voucher or retail value prize--
- **HANDICAP COMPETITION** is any competition that is not a scratch competition, where handicaps are used to decide prizes or divide players into divisions i.e. club championships, Champion of Champions, Windhoek International Pairs etc.
--LIMIT: R10 000 prize in vouchers or retail value prize--
Note: Vouchers must not be of the type that are redeemable for cash.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Grant Hepburn".

Grant Hepburn
CEO GolfRSA