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Amendments to BGU Junior Rankings (Order of Merit)

Dear Parents, Players and Guardians.

In 2020 the BGU introduced our new automated and electronic rankings (order of merit) system which calculates individual performance based on the difference of the players gross score and course rating of the course being played. A full breakdown of the how the ranking works can be found on the various team selection policies.

This ranking system has been working well and we believe we are able to identify our top players based on this system, which is ultimately the main objective of such ranking.

After a full two years of running his system, allowing us to analyse the system we have identified two operational challenges presented by this system.

Effective immediately the following amendments will be made to the U19 and U13 rankings to overcome these challenges:

12 months rolling (continuous) calculation.

One of the challenges we faced was to select teams at various times of the year. With a set start and end date of the rankings, selecting a team only a month or two in the new ranking season did not allow our players to build enough rounds nor allow us to select most in form players.

Therefore, both the U13 and U19 ranking will now be “rolling ranking” type. This means there are not set season dates. This will allow us to select teams at various times during the year without sacrificing the number of rounds needed to be eligible. Both rankings will continue with the tournaments results obtained from the start of the 2022 season.

U13 to U19 (U15 player) ranking transition

Since U13 and U15 players play from different tee's, the transition from an U13 to U15 was difficult as players was only able to accumulate U15 rounds once they have transitioned to the back tees. This meant there are periods where some of our top U15 was not eligible for selection as they were still building up rounds.

Therefore, the U19 ranking (where U15 are shown) will now include players as soon as they turn 12 years old. This allows these players to accumulate rounds on the U19 ranking while competing as a U13 in the tournament. Effectively when they do turn 13 (an U15 player) enough rounds on the U19 has been build up and therefore make them eligible for U15 selection.

I believe these amendments to the ranking system will strengthen the BGU junior program. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions on this matter.\



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