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TO: ALL AFFILIATED GOLF UNIONS/ASSOCIATIONS

RULE 3-1b PRIZE MONEY TO CHARITY - APPLICATIONS

As of 1 January 2016, new Rule 3-1b was introduced to enable an amateur golfer to participate in an event where prize money or its equivalent is donated to a recognised charity, provided the approval of the Governing Body is first obtained in advance by the organiser.

The intent of Rule 3-1b is to facilitate a donation to a recognised charity that has been selected in advance by the organisers of the competition and has received the necessary approval. There is no suggestion from The R&A that organisers should be seeking to utilise the provisions of the new Rule – it is entirely at the discretion of event organisers as to whether they wish to incorporate charitable donations as part of their event.

It is a matter for the appropriate Committee of the Governing Body to decide whether a particular event qualifies for approval, and the Governing Body has considerable discretion in this respect. In order to apply for approval, it is advisable that each Governing Body devises an application form.

The R&A has produced its own application form and I have attached a copy as it may provide a suitable template for creating your own application form.

It is worth noting that the charitable organisation that receives the money must be a registered charity. A Governing Body, or a charitable arm of a Governing Body, is not considered to be a suitable beneficiary of such a donation, despite the fact that a Governing Body may have a charitable element or be registered as a charitable organisation.

In addition, while an educational institution registered as a charitable organisation may receive a charitable donation under Rule 3-1b, such a donation is not acceptable if the amateur golfer donating the prize money attends the educational body or there is likelihood that he/she may attend the educational body in the future.

I hope that this information is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions in this regard.

SHONA McRAE

Assistant Director – Rules

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DONATION OF PRIZE MONEY TO CHARITY

GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL UNDER RULE 3-1b OF THE RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS

Generally an amateur golfer must not play golf for prize money or its equivalent. However, Rule 3-1b provides that an amateur golfer may participate in an event where prize money or its equivalent is donated to a recognised charity, provided the approval of the Governing Body is first obtained in advance by the organiser. The intent of Rule 3-1b is to facilitate a donation to a recognised charity that has been selected in advance.

The organiser must obtain approval from the Governing Body in the country in which the event is to be played. It is a matter for the appropriate Committee of the Governing Body to decide whether a particular event qualifies for approval, and the Governing Body has considerable discretion in this respect.

However, a Governing Body, or a charitable arm of a Governing Body, is not considered to be a suitable beneficiary of such a donation, despite the fact that a Governing Body may have a charitable element or be registered as a charitable organisation.

In addition, while an educational institution registered as a charitable organisation may receive a charitable donation under Rule 3-1b, such a donation is not acceptable if the amateur golfer donating the prize money attends the educational body or there is likelihood that he/she may attend the educational body in the future.

Other conditions of approval, as established in Decision 3-1b/1, are as follows:

- Any other prizes in this event conform with the limit of £500 laid down in Rule 3-2 of the Rules of Amateur Status
- The charitable organisations eligible to receive the awards are recognised charities as defined by legislation or taxation authorities in [INSERT COUNTRY NAME]
- No amateur golfer will receive any benefit (e.g. a tax benefit), either directly or indirectly, from the cash prize paid to the charity

Application Form

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| 1. | Name of the event: | <input type="text"/> |
| 2. | Format of the event: | <input type="text" value="E.g."/> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stroke play, Match play, Four-Ball, Foursome, Stableford etc.• 18 holes, 36 holes, etc• Amateurs only, open to professionals and amateurs• Handicap or scratch |
| 3. | Date of event: | <input type="text"/> |
| 4. | Potential cash amount to be donated to nominated charity: | <input type="text"/> |
| 5. | Name of event sponsor(s) | <input type="text"/> |

6. Name of nominated charity or charities:

| Name | Charity Number |
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7. Name of Company/Organisation:

8. Names and contact details of Directors and Senior Employees of the Company / Organisation:

| Name of Individual & Position in Company | Address | Telephone No. | E-mail address |
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Declaration: I hereby certify that:

- there are no cash prizes on offer directly to amateur competitors
- any other prizes in this event conform with the limit of £500 laid down in Rule 3-2 of the Rules of Amateur Status
- the charitable organisations eligible to receive the awards are recognised charities as defined by legislation or taxation authorities in [INSERT COUNTRY NAME]
- no amateur golfer will receive any benefit (e.g. a tax benefit), either directly or indirectly, from the cash prize paid to the charity, and
- all the information given in this application is true.

Signature

Print Name

Company Position

Date

Note: This application is for approval of a charitable donation under Rule 3-1b only. A separate application for the approval of the payment of expenses under Rule 4-2g must be made for a sponsored handicap competition.

Please return the completed form to: Ms Claire Hargan, Rules Department, The R&A, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9JD. Telephone 01334 460000. Facsimile 01334 460003. Email clairehargan@randa.org