



## Press Release

### Junior Golfers Feted as NCBA Junior Invitational Tournament Ends at Karen

**Nairobi; Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022:** Forty-two junior golfers were feted as the two-day NCBA Golf Series Junior invitational Tournament ended at the Karen Country Club on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

The 42 formed the top-three finishers across 14 player categories for the event, which had been organized according to the junior golfers' ages.

A total of 116 junior golfers from 12 nationalities, including Kenya, took part in the tournament that had been jointly organized by NCBA Group and the United States Kids Golf Association as part of the ongoing 2022 NCBA Golf Series.

There was an increase in the number of represented countries (Uganda, India, China, South Africa, Netherlands, U.S.A, Germany, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Italy, and Britain) from the 2021 edition that featured golfers from five nationalities.

In the six years-and-under boys' category, Ivan Kimutai emerged the winner with a total of 88 points. He was followed by Ethan Wachira and James Macakiage who finished in second and third positions with 93 and 94 points respectively.

In the seven years boys category, Zayn Bhatti and Paren Reel were the stars having finished with 104 and 105 points respectively to claim first and second positions. Coming in third was Declan Ndungu who carded 123 points.

In the eight years category, Lewi Tilahun, Niam Shah, and Jerome Njuguna claimed the top three positions having scored 97, 98, and 100 points respectively across the two days.

At the same time, Lukas Kampa, Gitonga Gitobu, Mwathi Gicheru, and Shashwat Harish claimed the top spots in the nine, ten, eleven, and twelve years categories.

Meanwhile, Junaid Manji and Krish Shah were the stars in the 13 – 14, and 15 – 18 years categories.

In the girls' categories, Zianna Khoda emerged the winner in the eight-and-under category, having carded a total of 92 points, while Kanana Muthomi claimed the top spot in the nine-to-ten years category after scoring 71 points.

In the eleven-to-twelve years' category, Rohini Shah scored 163 points to emerge the champion, while Sanjama Sharma scored 170 points across the two days to win the thirteen-to-fourteen years' category.



At the same time, South Africa's Tokollo Dhlamini staged an impressive performance to emerge champion in the fifteen-to-eighteen girls' category having carded 197 points.

Speaking during the tournament, NCBA Group Deputy Director and Head of Brands Jacquie Muhati said;

"The golf sport is one that has been widely associated with many different Demographics, but we as NCBA decided to make it more inclusive by involving young golfers in the sport from an early age. It is on this premise that we incorporated the junior tournaments as part of the NCBA Golf Series last year in conjunction with the U. S. Kids Golf Association who have been instrumental in bringing out the best in our juniors," said Muhati.

"We want to continue supporting this tournament for years to come because it is important that we nurture golf talent among young people so that they can continue playing competitively when they get older—and hopefully become professionals someday. We are delighted that this tournament attracted more golfers from more countries as compared to last year which shows that the concept is increasingly being embraced and we hope to get even more participation in future junior tournaments," she added.

The best scores from the various categories will get an invitation to play at the Rome Classic, Italy, and The Big 5 South Africa Open.

The tournament was the second of three junior tournaments on the NCBA Golf Series calendar with the first event having been held in April in Uganda. The third junior competition will be held on 3rd – 4th December 2022 at Muthaiga Golf Club. The series now proceeds to Kitante, Uganda for the amateur event, which will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

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