

# **Q&A 2019 ALL THAILAND GOLF TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL**

#### What is the ATGT's Q-School?

The ATGT's Q-School is a Qualifying Tournament that will be conducted in two stages. (The First Qualifying Stage and The Final Qualifying Stage) to determine the ATGT playing status for the 2019 season.

### Who can apply for the ATGT's Q-School?

All applicants who meet the below conditions are eligible to enter the Q-School:

- (A) Applicants who are 13 years of age or older, provided the applicant turns 14 on or before the day of his first competitive round of any of the ATGT's tournament in the 2019 season
- (B) All professionals
- (C) All amateurs with a maximum handicap of 5 under a recognized handicapping scheme

# Where can I apply for the ATGT's Q-School?

Applicants can download the ATGT's Q-School application at http://www.allthailandgolftour.com starting from 15 September 2018 (8:00 AM, Thailand time)

### When is the closing date for the ATGT's Q-School application?

The ATGT's Q-School application closes on 31 October 2018 (5:00 PM, Thailand time)

#### What is the field size of the ATGT's Q-School?

The approximate field for the First Qualifying Stage is 144 competitors while the maximum field for the Final Qualifying Stage will be 156 competitors.

#### What is the format of the ATGT's Q-School?

The First Qualifying Stage shall be played over four rounds, or 72 holes. After 36 holes, the fields will be cut to the leading 80 and ties, who will then play a further of two rounds. If the starting field is less than 100 competitors, the field will be cut to two-thirds of the starting fields. Competitor with tied scores for the final place into the First Qualifying Stage will proceed to the Final Qualifying Stage.

The Final Qualifying Stage shall be played over four rounds, or 72 holes. After 36 holes, the fields will be cut to the leading 80 competitors and ties, who will then play a further two rounds. After 72 holes, the top 35 and ties will be awarded tour cards for the 2019 season.

## Where will the ATGT's Q-School be held?

The ATGT's Q-School will be held at Watermill Golf Club & Resort 44 Moo 2 Photan, Ongkaruk, Nakornnayok 26120 Tel. (662) 549-1555-8, (666) 4-936-0029

## What are the field criteria for the ATGT's Q-School?

The field for the First Qualifying Stage is comprised of any competitors who did not meet any exemption criteria of the Final Qualifying Stage.

The field for the Final Qualifying Stage is comprised of the following:

Member Exemption Categories	Details
1	Those who had exempted status in 2018 (top fifty (50) of the ATGT's 2017 Final Order of Merit) but did not finish in the top sixty (60) of the ATGT's 2018 Final Order of Merit and lost their exempted status for 2019
2	The ATGT Order of Merit winners from 1999 who are not otherwise exempt
3	The ATGT members in positions sixty-first (61st) to one-hundred-twentieth (120th) and ties on the ATGT's 2018 Final Order of Merit
4	The ATGT tournament winners from 1999–2016 who are not otherwise exempt
5	The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 125 from the 2018 US PGA Tour Order of Merit (*)
6	The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 100 from the 2018 European Tour Order of Merit (*)
7	The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 75 from the 2018 Japan Golf Tour Organization Order of Merit (*)
8	The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 60 on the 2018 Asian Tour Order of Merit (*)
9	The leading 3 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2018 PGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit (*)
10	The leading 3 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2017/2018 Southern Africa (Sunshine) Tour Order of Merit (*)
11	The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 50 on the 2018 Thailand PGA Tour Order of Merit (*)
12	The leading 3 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2018 PGT Asia Tour Order of Merit (*)
13	The leading 3 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2018 Taiwan PGA Tour Order of Merit (*)
14	Nominations by the Tournament Committee at their discretion
15	The leading 3 entrants to a limit of 30th place in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (*)
16	Individual current winners of the following amateur events: a) Eisenhower Cup, b) Nomura Cup, c) Asian Games, d) Sea Games, and e) Putra Cup

Member Exemption Categories	Details
17	The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 20 on the 2018 Thailand Golf Association ranking (*)

(\*) As of 22 October 2018

# What status will be awarded at the end of the ATGT's Final Qualifying Stage?

The leading 35 competitors and ties at the end of the Final Qualifying Stage are entitled to apply for the ATGT Membership Category 15 on the 2019 ATGT Member Exemption Categories.

# **ATGT MEMBER Q&A**

# Who will gain the ATGT membership status for 2019?

The ATGT membership status is comprised of the following:

Member Exemption Categories	Details
1	Top fifty (50) of the Official World Golf Ranking as of the tournament application deadline
2	The winner of any Order of Merit based on accumulated performances on the PGA Tour, the European Tour, the Japan Tour, the PGA Tour of Australasia, the Sunshine Tour, the Asian Tour, and the One Asia Tour
3	(a) The winner of the ATGT's Order of Merit shall be able to compete in any tournament for five (5) years after the season when the golfer won this title ("5-Year Exemption")  (b) Medical Exemption
4	(a) The winner of Singha Masters or All Thailand Championship shall be able to compete in any tournament for three (3) years after the season when the golfer won either title ("3-Year Exemption")  (b) Medical Exemption
5	(a) The winner of two or more tournaments within a period of one year shall be able to compete in any tournament for three (3) years after the season when the golfer won such titles ("3-Year Exemption")  (b) Medical Exemption
6	(a) The winner of any tournament shall be able to compete in any tournament for two (2) years after the season when the golfer won such title ("2-Year Exemption")  (b) Medical Exemption
7	Players based on special exemptions
8	The top players from each tournament's Monday qualifying round

Member Exemption Categories	Details
9	(a) The top sixty (6o) players of the previous year of the ATGT's Order of Merit
	(b) Medical Exemption
10	The top four (4) amateurs based on the previous year of the ATGT's Amateur Ranking Points
11	The leading player within the top 5 of the current ATGT's Order of Merit who is not otherwise exempt (applied to the next immediate event)
12	The leading 4 amateurs in the top twenty (20) from the current year's Amateur Ranking Points who is not otherwise exempt (applied to the next immediate event)
13	The ATGT Honorary Members
14	Members in categories 15 and 16 shall be re-ranked according to their positions in the current ATGT's Order of Merit at designated times in the year which shall be determined by the Tournament Committee.  Note: Those members not on the current order of merit when re-ranking occurs, will remain in their previous category.
15	Top 35 players and ties from 2019 Final Qualifying Stage
16	The sixty-first (61st) to eightieth (80th) players of the previous year of the ATGT's Order of Merit
17	Players finishing in thirty-sixth (36th) to eightieth (80th) and ties from the 2019 Final Qualifying Stage
18	The eighty-first (81st) to one-hundred-fiftieth (150th) players of the previous year of the ATGT's Order of Merit
19	Players missing the cut at the 2019 Final Qualifying Stage
20	The one-hundred-fifty-first (151st) players and below of the previous year of the ATGT's Order of Merit
21	Past tournament winners of the ATGT's events who are not otherwise exempt
22	First Qualifying Stage players

### Which the ATGT member will be exempt into Final Qualifying Stage?

Those who has exempted status in 2018 (top fifty (50) ATGT's 2017 Final Order of Merit) but not finished in the top sixty (60) of the ATGT's 2018 Final Order of Merit and lost their exempted status for 2019 and the ATGT members in positions  $61^{st}$ -120<sup>th</sup> and ties on the ATGT's 2018 Final Order of Merit.

What are the options for an ATGT Member who finished outside of the top 60 but did not exceed top 150 on the Final Order of Merit (as of 22 October 2018) and has no ATGT status for the following year?

The ATGT Members ranked 61<sup>st</sup>-120<sup>th</sup> may enter Final Qualifying Stage. The ATGT Members ranked 121<sup>st</sup>-150<sup>th</sup> may compete in the First Qualifying Stage in an attempt to advance to the Final Qualifying Stage.

What are the options for an ATGT member who finished outside of the top 60 but did not exceed top 150 on the Final Order of Merit (as of 22 October 2018) and has ATGT status (Tournament Winners from 1999-2016)?

The ATGT Member may compete in the Final Qualifying Stage, or he may join the ATGT in Category 21 on the 2019 ATGT Member Exemption Categories.

What if an ATGT Member ranked 61<sup>st</sup>-150<sup>th</sup> on the Final Order of Merit (as of 22 October 2018) elects not to compete in the ATGT's Q-School?

If the member is ranked 61<sup>st</sup>-80<sup>th</sup> on the 2018 ATGT's Final Order of Merit, he may remain an ATGT Member and compete out of Category 16 on the 2019 ATGT Member Exemption Categories. If he is ranked 81<sup>st</sup>-150<sup>th</sup> on the 2018 ATGT's Final Order of Merit, he may remain an ATGT Member and compete out of Category 18 on the 2019 ATGT Member Exemption Categories.

Note: The ATGT's Tournament Field criteria will be filled according to the 2019 ATGT Member Exemption Categories. The ATGT's Tournament Eligibilities of Co-Sanction events will be limited to lower Member Exemption Categories.

### **AMATEUR Q & A**

# Can an amateur compete in the ATGT's Q-School?

Yes, an amateur competitor with a maximum handicap of 5 under a recognized handicapping scheme may play both stages. You can retain your amateur status by submitting an entry to the competition as an amateur golfer or waiving your right to prize money before you play. If you participate in the ATGT's Q-School and have not entered as an amateur or waived your right to prize money before you start, you have forfeited your amateur status. This is true even if you missed the cut.

What is the process for the reinstatement to amateur status if an amateur is unsuccessful in the ATGT's Q-School?

If an amateur participates in the Q-School for the first time as a professional and is unsuccessful, he may wish to apply for reinstatement as an amateur. Such an application for reinstatement may receive sympathetic consideration by the governing body of amateur golfers in such golfer's home country, and the amateur may be reinstated three months after the infringement of the Rules, provided participation in the Q-School is the amateur's only breach of the Rules of Amateur Status (Decision 9-2b/3).

Can an amateur compete in the ATGT using his performance from Q-School as a basis for his participation before becoming a professional?

No, however, amateurs can participate in the ATGT after receiving exemptions, such as a sponsor exemption, without having to become a member.

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