

2019 ALL THAILAND GOLF TOUR ANNUAL QUALIFYING SCHOOL

I. INTRODUCTION

Beginning in the 2019 season and onwards, the All Thailand Golf Tour (“ATGT”) shall hold an annual qualifying school (“Q-School”). The leading 35 applicants and ties at the Final Qualifying Stage shall be entitled to Member Exemption Category 15 and shall join the leaders on the previous year’s Order of Merit and certain other exempt players as ATGT members in the 2019 season. The list of Member Exemption Categories is noted in Appendix 1.

The ATGT expects a very competitive Q-School that will be run in the following two stages:

Venue: Watermill Golf Club & Resort
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(A) First Qualifying Stage: Date: 4 – 7 December 2018
Any applicant who did not meet the eligibility criteria for the Final Qualifying Stage has to compete in the First Qualifying Stage that is played over four rounds.

(B) Final Qualifying Stage: Date: 11 – 14 December 2018
Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria for the Final Qualifying Stage and applicants who qualify from the First Qualifying Stage shall compete in the Final Qualifying Stage that is played over four rounds.

Closing Date for Applications: 31 October 2018 (5:00 PM, Thailand time)

II. QUALIFYING SCHOOL FORMAT

The Q-School will be conducted in two stages.

(A) First Qualifying Stage: Dates: 4 - 7 December 2018
Practice Round: 3 December 2018
Player Registration: 2 December 2018; 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Thailand time)
3 December 2018; 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Thailand time)

Applicants shall be allocated spots on a “first come, first serve” basis and subject to availability. If the number of applicants exceeds available spots, additional tournament venues shall be arranged in the same week to accommodate all eligible applicants.

The First Qualifying Stage shall be played over four rounds, or 72 holes. A field of approximately 144 applicants shall play two rounds. After 36 holes, the field shall be cut to the leading 80 and ties, who shall then play a further two rounds. If the starting field is less than 100 applicants, the field shall be cut to two-thirds of the starting field.

Because the number of applicants exempted into the Final Qualifying Stage cannot be confirmed until all applications are received, the number of applicants that can move to the Final Qualifying Stage shall be announced during the First Qualifying Stage tournament. Applicants with tied scores for the final place into the First Qualifying Stage shall proceed to the Final Qualifying Stage.

(B) Final Qualifying Stage: Dates: 11 - 14 December 2018
Practice Round: 10 December 2018
Player Registration: 9 December 2018; 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Thailand time)
10 December 2018; 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Thailand time)

Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria participate directly in the Final Qualifying Stage. The list of Final Qualifying Stage eligibility categories is noted in Appendix 2.

The Final Qualifying Stage shall be played over four rounds, or 72 holes. A maximum field of 156 applicants shall play two rounds. After 36 holes, the field shall be cut to the leading 80 applicants and ties, who shall then play a further two rounds. After 72 holes, the top 35 and ties shall be awarded tour cards for the 2019 season through Member Exemption Category 15.

In case of a tie for 1st place, all tied scores shall be ranked by a card play-off as follows: The best aggregate score on the last (a) 36 holes, (b) 18 holes, (c) 9 holes, (d) 6 holes, and (e) 3 holes.

In case that there is still a tie, scores from the 18th hole of the final round shall be counted backwards until a winner is found. Should there be a tie for 1st place, this shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off.

Every effort shall be made to complete four rounds, but a result can be declared if only three rounds are completed. If less than three rounds are completed, the Final Qualifying Stage may be rescheduled, in whole or in part.

III. ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICANTS

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 ATGT tournament in the 2019 season
- (B) All professionals
- (C) All amateurs with a maximum handicap of 5 under a recognized handicapping scheme

NOTICE TO AMATEURS: It is not in itself a breach of the Rules of Amateur Status for an amateur golfer under the jurisdiction of R & A Rules Ltd to file an entry for and play in any stage of the Q-School, provided that the player waives his right to prize money prior to each Stage by completing the appropriate forms available on site at each venue.

However, 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).

IV. APPLICATION PROCESS

- (A) Download and complete the Q-School application form, as noted in Appendix 3, at <http://www.allthailandgolftour.com>
- (B) Collect required documentation in the application form checklist
- (C) Transfer the application fee
 - Application Fee – Baht 15,000, which covers application to both Stages
 - Only bank transfers will be accepted.

Bank account details are as follows:

Payable to: Sports Management Group Co., Ltd.
Account No.: 018-2-57791-5
Name of Bank: Siam Commercial Bank Public Company Limited

Swift Address: SICOTHBK

Note: For bank transfers, all bank charges must be borne by the applicant.

- To enable us to identify the payment on receipt, please make sure your name is quoted in reference by the issuing bank.

(D) All application forms must be accompanied by proof of payment of the application fee and any required documentation. Your application will not be processed unless the application is submitted completely. Please email the application form along with all documentation to
E-mail: Q-School2019@allthailandgolftour.com

- Applications are only accepted via email. No other method of application submission shall be considered.
- An application is not considered accepted unless the applicant receives a confirmation of acceptance via email. It is the applicant's responsibility to verify his status of his application.

V. APPLICATION CLOSING DATE

Applications acceptance shall be closed on 31 October 2018 (5:00 PM, Thailand time).

VI. NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION / QUALIFYING VENUE

Once an application is accepted, applicants will receive a confirmation of acceptance via email.

In case that any additional venue is added to the schedule, all applicants shall receive a notice of venue addition at least 2 weeks prior to the First Qualifying Stage. If any additional venue is added, the additional First Qualifying Stage tournament shall be played in the same week as the previously announced Q-School schedule. The ATGT reserves the rights to allocate applicants to any available venue.

VII. WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals must be notified with written documentation to the ATGT.

- (A) If an applicant withdraws prior to the closing date, he shall be refunded Baht 13,500.
- (B) If an applicant withdraws after the closing date due to medical reasons, he shall be refunded Baht 12,000, subject to receipt of a proper medical certificate.
- (C) If an applicant withdraws after the closing date, he shall be refunded Baht 7,500.
- (D) If an applicant is absent on the tee without prior notification, no refund shall be given, and he may face disciplinary action subject to circumstances.
- (E) Once an applicant has teed off, no refund of application fee shall be made.

VIII. GENERAL POLICIES

- (A) The ATGT reserves the right to change or amend the above format, conditions, schedule of play, and also to reject application forms at any time. Conduct unbecoming of a professional or non-competitive performance records can be a basis for the rejection of applications.
- (B) The undersigned hereby applies to enter the 2019 ATGT Q-School only. Although membership in the ATGT is based principally on this competition, the ATGT reserves the right to apply other reasonable criteria (including, but not limited to, character, conduct, financial responsibility, etc.) to all applicants

for membership. The ATGT, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether to accept any membership application without assigning any reason for its decision.

- (C) Insurances: It is the personal responsibility of every applicant to have a valid Personal Accident insurance policy covering death and permanent disability caused by accidents. Every applicant is further advised to also obtain Personal Liability insurance covering any negligent liability to any third party or claim that may arise from his participation in any tournament or competition in a minimum amount of Baht 1 million.
- (D) Indemnification: The applicant undertakes to indemnify and hold harmless the ATGT from and against all liabilities, claims, costs, expenses, damages and losses caused by any breach of rules, negligence, willful misconduct or unlawful act by the applicant.
- (E) Exclusion of Liability: The applicant understands the risks inherent in playing golf and agrees that he shall not hold the ATGT liable for any death, bodily injuries or property damage that may be suffered by him during participation in the Q-School.

IX. SPECIFICATION OF CLUBS AND THE BALL

(A) List of Conforming Driver Heads

Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A.

- Penalty for carrying, but not making any stroke with a club or clubs in breach of condition in stroke play: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).
- Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of condition – Disqualification

(B) Groove and Punch Mark Specification - (Decision 4-1/1)

The player's club must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1 January 2010.

- Penalty for carrying, but not making any stroke with a club or clubs in breach of condition in stroke play: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes.
- If a breach is discovered between play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.
- Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of condition – Disqualification

(C) Specification of the Ball (Note to Rule 5-1)

(i) List of Conforming Golf Balls

The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A.

- Penalty for breach of condition in stroke play: Disqualification

(ii) One Ball Condition

During a stipulated round, the ball a player plays must be of the same brand and model as detailed by a single entry on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls. (Exception: This condition does not apply to Professional or Amateur players in any pre-tournament Pro-Am or Approved One-Day Event or Amateurs partnering professional players in a major Pro-Am tournament).

- Penalty for breach of condition in stroke play: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).

(D) Wear and Alteration (Rule 4-1b)

A club that conforms to the Rules when new is deemed to conform after wear through normal use. Any part of a club that has been purposely altered is regarded as new and must, in its altered state, conform to the Rules.

X. QUALIFYING SCHOOL NOTES

- (A) Conduct Unbecoming of a Professional: Applicants must conduct themselves in a professional manner.
- (B) Personal Appearance: Applicants must, at all times, present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming, as determined by the ATGT, while carrying out his duties as a professional at a golf course or at a tournament function.

An applicant cannot wear denim-type jeans, shorts, and t-shirts, for any practice round or tournament rounds. In addition, an applicant must, at all times, adhere to golf club dress codes and clubhouse policies in effect.

- (C) New Member Seminar: This seminar is mandatory for all new members who graduate from the Final Qualifying Stage. Rules and regulations, commitment protocols, membership matters, etc. shall be discussed after the final round finish. Please plan your departure schedule accordingly.
- (D) Media Profile Form: This should be completed in full by all applicants competing in the Final Qualifying Stage.

XI. CONTACT INFORMATION

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2019 ATGT Member Exemption Categories

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
9	(a) The top sixty (60) 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 Amateur Ranking Points
13	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 ATGT’s Order of Merit when re-ranking occurs shall remain in their previous category.
15	Top 35 players and ties from 2019 Final Qualifying Stage
16	The sixty-first (61 st) to eightieth (80 th) players of the previous year’s ATGT’s Order of Merit

Categories	Details
17	Players finishing in thirty-sixth (36 th) to eightieth (80 th) and ties from the 2019 Final Qualifying Stage
18	The eighty-first (81 st) to one-hundred-fiftieth (150 th) players of the previous year's ATGT's Order of Merit
19	Players missing the cut at the 2019 Final Qualifying Stage
20	The one-hundred-fifty-first (151 st) players and below of the previous year's ATGT's Order of Merit
21	Past ATGT tournament winners who are not otherwise exempt
22	First Qualifying Stage players

2019 Final Qualifying Stage Eligibility Categories

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 (61 st) to one-hundred-twenty (120 th) 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 30 th 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
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