

**2023 ALL THAILAND GOLF TOUR ANNUAL QUALIFYING SCHOOL**

**Closing Date for Applications 31 October 2022 (4:00 PM, Thailand time)**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Applicants can participate in the annual All Thailand Golf Tour (ATGT) Qualifying School (“Q-School”) to qualify for a Member Exemption in the upcoming 2023 season. The leading 40 players and ties at the Final Qualifying Stage shall be entitled to ATGT 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. The 2023 ATGT Member Exemption Categories list is noted in Appendix 1 (see pages 8-9).

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

Event	Date	Venue	Other Information
(A) First Qualifying Stage	22 - 25 Nov 2022 (Tue-Fri)	Kabin Buri Sport Club, Prachinburi	Max. 156 players (72 holes scheduled)
(B) Final Qualifying Stage	29 Nov -2 Dec 2022 (Tue-Fri)	Watermill Golf Club & Resort, Nakhon Nayok	Max. 156 players (72 holes scheduled)

**2. QUALIFYING SCHOOL FORMAT**

**(A) First Qualifying Stage:**

- Dates: 22 – 25 November 2022.
- Practice Round: 21 November 2022
- Player Registration: 20 November 2022; 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
 21 November 2022; 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Applicants shall be allocated spots on a “first come, first serve” basis, subject to availability. If the number of applicants exceeds available spots, ATGT will arrange additional tournament venues to accommodate all eligible applicants.

Applicants shall compete in the First Qualifying Stage over four rounds or 72 holes. A field of approximately 156 players 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. The number of players that can move to the Final Qualifying Stage shall be announced before the first round of the First Qualifying Stage tournament.

Players with tied scores for the final placement into the First Qualifying Stage shall proceed to the Final Qualifying Stage.

Every effort shall be made to complete four rounds, but a result can be declared if only three rounds are completed. Specifically, ATGT will cancel the final round scores if applicants cannot complete four rounds (72 holes) of the First Qualifying Stage, regardless of the number of holes remaining. ATGT will use the results of 54 holes to decide who will compete in the Final Qualifying Stage. If the First Qualifying Stage cannot conclude with the 54-hole Tournament results, ATGT will extend the competition to achieve a 54-hole result.

If a situation prevents the competition date from being extended further, Tournament results will be at the discretion of the Tournament committee.

**(B) Final Qualifying Stage:**

Dates:	29 November - 2 December 2022
Practice Round:	28 November 2022
Player Registration:	27 November 2022; 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM 28 November 2022; 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Applicants who meet the following eligibility criteria for the Final Qualifying Stage and applicants who qualify from the First Qualifying Stage shall compete in the Final Qualifying Stage, which is played over four rounds.

The following players are exempt from the First Stage and automatically eligible to participate in the Final Stage.

- a. Those who had exempted status in 2022 (top sixty (60) of the ATGT 2021 Final Order of Merit) but did not finish in the top sixty (60) of the ATGT 2022 Final Order of Merit and lost their exempted status for 2023 (\*).
- b. The ATGT Order of Merit winners from 1999 who are not otherwise exempt.
- c. The ATGT members in positions sixty-first (61st) to one-hundred-twenty (120th) on the ATGT 2022 Final Order of Merit (\*).
- d. The ATGT tournament winners from 1999 – 2020 who are not otherwise exempt.
- e. The leading five (5) players not otherwise exempt and within the top 125 from the 2022 US PGA Tour Order of Merit (\*\*).
- f. The leading five (5) players not otherwise exempt and within the top 100 from the 2022 DP World Tour Order of Merit (\*\*).
- g. The leading five (5) players not otherwise exempt and within the top 75 from the 2022 Japan Golf Tour Organization Order of Merit (\*\*).
- h. The leading five (5) players not otherwise exempt and within the top 60 on the 2022 Asian Tour Order of Merit (\*\*).
- i. The leading three (3) players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2022 PGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit (\*\*).
- j. The leading three (3) players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2022 Sunshine Tour Order of Merit (\*\*).
- k. The leading five (5) players not otherwise exempt and within the top 50 on the 2022 Thailand PGA Tour Order of Merit (\*\*).
- l. The leading three (3) players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2022 PGT Asia Tour Order of Merit (\*\*).
- m. The leading three (3) players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2022 Taiwan PGA Tour Order of Merit (\*\*).
- n. Nominations by the Tournament Committee at their discretion.
- o. The leading three (3) entrants to a limit of 30th place in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (\*\*).
- p. Individual current winners of the following amateur events: a) Eisenhower Cup, b) Nomura Cup, c) Asian Games, d) SEA Games, e) Putra Cup, f) Asia Pacific Amateur Championship and g) Faldo Series Asia Grand Final.
- q. The leading five (5) players not otherwise exempt and within the top 20 on the 2022 Thailand Golf Association amateur ranking (\*\*)
- r. The leading five (5) players not otherwise exempt and within the top 20 on the 2022 ATGT Amateur Ranking Points.

(\* ) If the applicant is subsequently eligible to compete in 2023, the Tournament Committee will cancel the applicant's qualifying round application and refund all application fees.

(\*\* ) As of 31 October 2022

Applicants shall compete in the Final Qualifying Stage 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 40 and ties shall be awarded tour cards for the 2023 season through Member Exemption Category 15.

All tied scores shall be ranked by a Scorecard Count-Back 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.

If there is still a tie, scores from the 18th hole of the final round shall be counted backward. Scorecard Count-Back will decide players with tied scorecards.

Every effort shall be made to complete four rounds, but a result can be declared if only three rounds are completed. Specifically, ATGT will cancel the final round scores if applicants cannot complete four rounds (72 holes) of the Final Qualifying Stage, regardless of the number of holes remaining. If the Final Qualifying Stage cannot conclude with the 54-hole Tournament results, ATGT will extend the competition to achieve a 54-hole result.

If a situation prevents the competition date from being extended further, Tournament results will be at the discretion of the Tournament committee.

### 3. NEW MEMBER SEMINAR

New member seminar attendance is **mandatory** for all players who made the cut after 36 holes from the Final Qualifying Stage. ATGT tournament committee will discuss rules and regulations, commitment protocols, membership matters, etc.

**Seminar schedule:** Section 1: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2022, after play.  
Section 2: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022; after play.

*Note:* ATGT reserves the right to alter or change the start time and duration of all seminar sessions for new members at the tournament committee's discretion. Please plan your departure schedule accordingly.

### 4. ELIGIBILITY FOR APPLICANTS

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

- (A) Golfers who are 13 years of age or older, provided the applicant turns 14 years of age before the first round of the tournament week of any tournament of the ATGT in the 2023 season or according to the discretion of the tournament committee.
- (B) Male professional golfers.
- (C) Male amateur golfers with a handicap of 5 or less under the handicapping scheme adopted by the recognized authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter. A valid handicap certificate must accompany all applications.

**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 before 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).

## **5. APPLICATION FEE**

Application fee – TH฿15,000, which covers entry for both stages. This entry fee does not include the Membership Fee for those admitted to the membership for 2023 and subsequent years (see Clause 10 (C)). Members can pay it through the ATGT Player Portal only.

## **6. APPLICATION CLOSING DATE**

Applications acceptance shall be closed on 31 October 2022 (4:00 PM, Thailand time).

## **7. WITHDRAWALS & REFUNDS**

The closing date for withdrawal is 7 November 2022 (4:00 PM, Thailand time)

- (A) If the applicant wishes to withdraw before the withdrawal deadline, He must only withdraw via the ATGT Player Portal system.
- (B) If withdrawal after the withdrawal deadline, the withdrawal must be in writing via email to [q-school2023@allthailandgolftour.com](mailto:q-school2023@allthailandgolftour.com)
- (C) Conditions for a refund of application fee in case of withdrawal
  - I. If the applicant withdraws before the withdrawal deadline, the applicant will receive a refund of TH฿13,500 for the application fee.
  - II. If the applicant withdraws after the closing date for health reasons with a medical certificate or reasonable reasons at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, applicants will receive a refund of 12,000 Baht.
  - III. If the applicant withdraws after the closing date without a reasonable reason, applicants will receive a refund of 7,500 Baht.
  - IV. If the applicant does not show up at the tee-off at the designated tournament time without notifying the staff in advance, applicants will not receive a refund of the application fee.
  - V. If the applicant has already started the competition, ATGT will not refund the application fee.
  - VI. Golfers who apply for the 2023 ATGT Q-School before the announcement of the Final 2022 Order of Merit (after the 23<sup>rd</sup> Singha Thailand Masters) and earn the 2022 Order of Merit of No. 1-80 may withdraw from the 2023 ATGT Q-School registration and will receive a full refund of the application fee.
  - VII. If amateur golfers cannot provide a handicap certificate upon request, have a handicap exceeding 5, or do not meet the criteria, the application will be denied and will receive a refund of 13,500 baht for the application fee.

## **8. APPLICATION PROCESS**

- 1) You can apply via online application at [www.allthailandgolftour.com](http://www.allthailandgolftour.com)
- 2) After submitted the application, a response email from ATGT Player Portal will be sent to you within 24 Hours
- 3) Enter the ATGT Player Portal, go to Transaction menu to pay the application fee

- 4) Once your payment has been verified. You will receive another confirmation payment email, then your submission will be considered complete.

## **9. NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION / QUALIFYING VENUE**

The registration is complete when the applicant pays for the competition via the ATGT Player Portal and receives a confirmation email.

If any additional venue is added to the schedule, the ATGT reserves the right to allocate applicants to any available venue.

## **10. GENERAL POLICIES**

- (A) The ATGT reserves the right to change or amend the above format, conditions, and play schedule and 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 2023 ATGT Q-School only. Although membership in the ATGT is based principally on this competition, the ATGT reserves the right to enforce 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) Membership Fee: Regular Members of the ATGT, including newly admitted members, shall pay a membership fee of TH฿3,500 every year before the season-opening tournament, or TH฿2,500 for players ranked in Category 18-23 pay before their first tournament.
- (D) Insurances: Every applicant must have a valid Personal Accident insurance policy covering death and permanent disability caused by accidents. Every applicant is further advised to obtain Personal Liability insurance covering any negligent liability to any third party or claim arising from his participation in any tournament or competition in a minimum amount of Baht1 million.
- (E) 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.
- (F) 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 he may suffer during participation in the Q-School.

## **11. SPECIFICATION OF CLUBS AND THE BALL**

- (A) List of Conforming Driver Heads.  
Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.  
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.
- (B) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications.  
Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.  
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.
- (C) Conforming Balls List.  
Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.

Penalty for breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

(D) The One Ball Rule.

Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect.

Penalty for making a stroke at a ball in breach of this Local Rule: General Penalty for each hole during which the player is in breach.

(E) Replacement of Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged

Model Local Rule G-9 (Effective Beginning April 9, 2019)

“Rule 4.1b(3) is modified in this way: If a player’s club is “broken or significantly damaged” during the round by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4). When replacing a club, the player must immediately take the broken or significantly damaged club out of play, using the procedure in Rule 4.1c(1). For the purposes of this Local Rule:

A club is “broken or significantly damaged” when:

- 1) the shaft breaks into pieces, splinters or is bent (but not when the shaft is only dented)
- 2) the club face impact area is visibly deformed (but not when the club face is only scratched)
- 3) the clubhead is visibly and significantly deformed
- 4) the clubhead is detached or loose from the shaft, or
- 5) the grip is loose.

Exception: A club face or clubhead is not “broken or significantly damaged” solely because it is cracked.  
Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – See Rule 4.1b.”

## 12. QUALIFYING SCHOOL NOTES

### ***Conduct Unbecoming of a Professional:***

Applicants must conduct themselves professionally.

### ***Personal Appearance:***

Applicants must, at all times, present a neat appearance in clothing and personal grooming, as determined by the ATGT, while carrying out their duties as a professional at a golf course or a tournament function.

Shorts are allowed for practice rounds **only**. All shorts should be knee-length, tailored shorts and predominantly of one color. ‘Cargo Pocket Styled’ are **not** permitted. An applicant cannot wear denim jeans and t-shirts for practice or tournament rounds. In addition, an applicant must always adhere to golf club dress codes and clubhouse policies in effect.

### ***Media Profile Form:***

All applicants competing in the Final Qualifying Stage should complete this in full.

### ***Photography session:***

Golfers who made it to the Final Qualifying Stage must attend the photography session scheduled as follow

First Qualifying Stage: (Sun.-Tue.) 21 – 23 November 2022, from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Final Qualifying Stage: (Sun.-Tue.) 27 - 29 November 2022, from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, at the tournament office.

On the day of your photo session, you should dress in golfing attire and a golf hat. (T-shirts, shorts, jeans, corduroy pants, and sandals are not allowed).

### ***Distance Measuring Devices (Rangefinders):***



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**Not allowed during the tournament proper.**

### **13. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**2023 ATGT Member Exemption Categories**

Categories	Details
1	Top two hundred (200) of the Official World Golf Ranking as of the tournament application closing date.
2	The winner of any previous year Order of Merit based on accumulated performances on PGA Tour, DP World Tour, Japan Tour, PGA Tour of Australasia, Sunshine Tour and Asian Tour.
3	<p>(a) The winner of the ATGT 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”).</p> <p>(b) Medical or Military Exemption</p> <p>2017 winner: Period of Exemption will be extended from 2018-2022 to 2018-2023            2018 winner: Period of Exemption will be extended from 2019-2023 to 2019-2024            2019 winner: Period of Exemption will be extended from 2020-2024 to 2020-2025            2020 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2021-2025            2021 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2022-2026            2022 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2023-2027</p>
4	<p>(a) The winner of Singha Thailand 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”).</p> <p>(b) Medical or Military Exemption</p> <p>2019 winner: Period of Exemption will be extended from 2020-2022 to 2020-2023            2020 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2021-2023            2021 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2022-2024            2022 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2023-2025            2023 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2024-2026</p>
5	<p>(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”).</p> <p>(b) Medical or Military Exemption</p> <p>2019 winner: Period of Exemption will be extended from 2020-2022 to 2020-2023            2020 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2021-2023            2021 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2022-2024            2022 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2023-2025            2023 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2024-2026</p>
6	<p>(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”).</p> <p>(b) Medical or Military Service Exemption</p>



Categories	Details
	2021 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2022-2023 2022 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2023-2024 2023 winner: Period of Exemption will be from 2024-2025
7	Players based on special exemptions.
8	The top players from each Monday Qualifying Tournament.
9	(a) The top sixty (60) players of the 2022 ATGT Order of Merit.  (b) Medical or Military Service Exemption.
10	The top four (4) amateurs based on the 2022 of the ATGT Amateur Ranking Points.
11	The leading player within the top 5 of the 2023 ATGT Order of Merit as of the application closing date who is not otherwise exempt (applied to the next eligible tournament).
12	The leading 4 amateurs in the top ten (10) from the 2023 ATGT Amateur Ranking Points, as of the application closing date, who are not otherwise exempt (applied to the next eligible tournament).
13	ATGT Legendary and Honorary Members.
14	Members in categories 15 and 16 shall be re-ranked according to their positions in the 2023 ATGT Order of Merit at designated times in the year, which the Tournament Committee shall determine. Note: Those members not on the 2023 ATGT Order of Merit will remain in their previous category when re-ranking occurs.
<b>15</b>	<b><i>Top 40 players and ties from the 2023 ATGT Final Qualifying Stage.</i></b>
16	The sixty-first (61st) to eightieth (80th) players of the 2022 ATGT's Order of Merit.
17	Members in categories 18 to 23 shall be re-ranked according to their positions in the 2023 ATGT Order of Merit at designated times in the year, which the Tournament Committee shall determine. Note: Those members not on the 2023 ATGT Order of Merit will remain in their previous category when re-ranking occurs.
<b>18</b>	<b><i>Players finishing in forty-first (41st) to eightieth (80th) and ties from the 2023 ATGT Final Qualifying Stage.</i></b>
19	The eighty-first (81st) to one-hundred-fiftieth (150th) players of the 2022 ATGT Order of Merit.
<b>20</b>	<b><i>Players missing the cut at the 2023 ATGT Final Qualifying Stage.</i></b>
21	The one-hundred-fifty-first (151st) players and below of the 2022 ATGT Order of Merit.
22	Past ATGT tournament winners who are not otherwise exempt.
<b>23</b>	<b><i>The 2023 ATGT First Qualifying Stage players.</i></b>