



THE 2020 ASIAN TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

This document constitutes an agreement between Asian Tour Limited (of Singapore) and each applicant/qualifier.

First Qualifying Stage Section A (72 holes scheduled)	8 th – 11 th January, 2020. Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course C & D)
First Qualifying Stage Section B (72 holes scheduled)	12 th – 15 th February, 2020 Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course A & B) Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course C & D)
Final Qualifying Stage (90 holes scheduled)	19 th – 23 rd February, 2020 Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course A & B) Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course C & D)

Note for Final Stage:

After the 2nd round cut-off, a further 2 rounds will be played at the same golf courses Lakeview Resort & Golf Club (Course A & B) & Lakeview Resort & Golf Club (Course C & D)

After the 4th round cut-off, the last round will be played at Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin (Course A & B)

Closing Date for Entries : First Qualifying Stage, Section A: **26th December, 2019**
First Qualifying Stage, Section B & Final Qualifying Stage : **29th January, 2020**

1. FORMAT

The Qualifying School will be conducted in two stages of stroke play.

(A) FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE

The First Stage is divided into 2 sections (Section A & B) to be played on different weeks. Applicants may opt to play in any of the sections and courses. This applies to all applicants **except** those who are automatically exempt into the **Final Qualifying Stage**. (See information in section (B) below for exemption eligibility).

FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE SECTION A

72 holes scheduled : 8th – 11th January, 2020
Practice Rounds : 6th & 7th January 2020

The **First Qualifying Stage Section A** will be conducted at the following venue:

- i) Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course C & D)

FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE SECTION B

72 holes scheduled : 12th - 15th February 2020
Practice Rounds : 10th & 11th February 2020

The **First Qualifying Stage Section B** will be conducted at the following venues:

- i) Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course A & B)
- ii) Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course C & D)

Applicants are allowed to indicate their preferred venue, which shall be allocated on a first come-first serve basis and subject to availability

The First Qualifying Stage is scheduled to be played over 72 holes (4 rounds). The starting field will play 2 (two) rounds. After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the leading 80 and ties (including amateurs) who will play a further 2 (two) rounds. Where the starting field is less than 100, the field will be cut to two-thirds of the starting field.

The number of players qualifying to proceed to the **Final Stage** will be announced during the tournament week. Players tied for the final qualifying place score will proceed to the **Final Stage**.

(B) FINAL QUALIFYING STAGE (90 Holes scheduled)

90 holes scheduled	:	19 th - 23 rd February 2020
Practice Rounds	:	17 th & 18 th February 2020

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

- a. Asian Tour Order of Merit Winners from 1995 not otherwise exempt on the Asian Tour.
- b. Asian Tour Members in positions 61-95 and ties on the 2019 Asian Tour HFH Standings.
- c. Asian Tour Tournament winners from 2004 – 2018, not otherwise exempt on the Asian Tour.
- d. Winners of the Asian Development Tour Order of Merit in 2013 - 2018.
- e. The Leading 15 players finishing from 8th position to a limit of 35th position on the 2019 Asian Development Tour Order of Merit.
- f. Players in 21st to 50th position from the Asian Tour's Career Money List as at the end of 2019 season who are not otherwise exempt.
- g. The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 125 on the 2019 US PGA Tour or European Tour Final Order of Merits.
- h. The leading 10 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 70 from the 2019 JGTO Final Order of Merit.
- i. The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2019 PGA Tour of Australasia Final Order of Merit.
- j. The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2018/2019 Southern Africa (Sunshine) Tour Final Players List.
- k. The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 on the 2019 MENA Tour Final Order of Merit.
- l. The leading player not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 on the 2019 PGA Tour Canada Final Order of Merit.
- m. The leading player not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 on the 2019 PGA Tour Latino America Final Order of Merit.
- n. The leading player not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 on the 2019 PGA Tour China Final Order of Merit.
- o. The leading 4 players not otherwise exempt on the 2019 All Thailand Golf Tour Final Order of Merit.
- p. The leading 4 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 20 on the 2019 PGTI Final Order of Merit.
- q. The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt on the 2019 China Tour Final Order of Merit.
- r. Nominated Country Exemption Players
- s. Nominations by Asian Tour Qualifying Committee at their discretion
- t. Individual winner of the following current amateur events: a) Eisenhower Cup b) Nomura Cup c) SEA Games d) Asia Pacific Amateur Championship e) Putra Cup f) Faldo Series Asia Grand Final
- u. The leading 3 entrants to a limit of 10th place in the World Amateur Golf Ranking as at 31st December 2019.
- v. 3 leading Asian entrants as nominated by the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation

The **Final Qualifying Stage** will be conducted at the following venues:-

- i) Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course A & B)
- ii) Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course C & D)

The Final Stage is scheduled to be played over 90 holes (5 rounds). A maximum field of about **264** players will play 2 (two) rounds. After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the leading **140** players and ties (including amateurs) who will then play a further 2 (two) rounds. After 72 holes, the field will be cut to the leading **70** players and ties (including amateurs) who will then play the final round. At the conclusion of 90 holes the top 35 (+ties) will be ranked accordingly for the 2020 season.

Note: The Winner of the 2019 Asian Development Tour Final Order of Merit not otherwise exempted, will be in a category of its own and not subject to re-ranking. The leading 6 from 2020 Asian Tour Qualifying School will be positioned 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th accordingly in the Top 35 & ties from 2020 Asian Tour Qualifying School category while the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th placed players from the 2019 Asian Development Tour Final Order of Merit not otherwise exempt, shall be positioned 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th, 10th and 12th.

With the exception of a tie for 1st place, all tied scores shall be ranked by card play-off as follows:-

The best aggregate score on the last (a) 36 holes (b) 18 holes, (c) 9 holes (d) 6 holes (e) 3 holes.

In the case that there is still a tie, hole by hole scores in reverse order from the 18th hole of the Final Round will be used.

Should there be a tie for 1st place, this will be decided by a hole by hole play-off.

Every effort will be made to complete five rounds but a result will be declared if only four rounds are possible. In the event that, less than four rounds are possible the Final Stage may be rescheduled, in whole or in part.

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

- a) All professional golfers (Men Only)
- b) All amateur golfers with a handicap of 5 under the Handicapping Scheme adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter (Men Only).
- c) There is no age limit to enter the Asian Tour Qualifying School.

Note Qualifying Schools (Decision 2-1/11 of The Rules of Amateur Status)

If an amateur golfer must compete in one or more qualifying competitions in which prize money is offered to become a tournament player, he may enter and play without forfeiture of Amateur Status, provided that in advance of play and in writing he waives his right to any prize money. An amateur golfer who fails to do so is in breach of the Rules.

Otherwise, the breach occurs when, having qualified, he accepts an offer of, or applies for, membership.

3. ENTRY FEES

Entry Fee - **US\$2,000.00**. This payment covers entry for **both** stages and admission to membership of Asian Tour (for new member); and there is no refund whether a registered player advances to the Final Qualifying Stage or in the end qualifies for a card in the 2020 season and/or is admitted to Asian Tour membership.

All entry forms must be accompanied by the entry fee. Please note that your entry will not be processed until your full entry fee has been received.

4. METHODS OF PAYMENT AND PAYMENT ADVICE

Only Bank Transfers or Credit Card payments will be accepted. It is acceptable for a third party (eg. sponsor, partner) to pay on behalf of the applicant. If this is the case, a separate e-mail **must be** sent to the Entries Department stating the full name, mobile no and e-mail address approving the payment. Until then Asian Tour reserves the right not to process the application.

VERY IMPORTANT: The applicant must ensure that the credit card account has the funds available and should check the card limit with the credit card company if in any doubt.

For Bank Transfers, all bank charges must be borne by the applicant. Details as follows:

Payable to : Asian Tour Limited
Account No. : **011-9977-559 (USD)**
Name of Bank : Standard Chartered Bank (Singapore) Limited
 6 Battery Road Singapore 049909
Swift Address : SCBLSG22

To enable us to identify the payment on receipt please make sure your name is quoted in reference by the issuing bank and send us **proof of payment** with your entry form.

ALL ENTRY FORMS MUST BE ACCCOMPANIED BY THE ENTRY FEE and (if applicable) the handicap certificate.
Return all entry forms to Asian Tour, Entries Department, Lot 1.01A, Block B, Wisma Prosper, Kelana Centre Point, No 3, Jalan SS 7/19, 47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia.

Tel: (603) 7880 3714 Fax: (603) 7880 1141

E-mail: Q-School2020@asiantour.com

5. CLOSING DATE

Entries close on **26th December, 2019 for First Stage Qualifying Section A and 29th January, 2020 for First Qualifying Stage Section B and Final Qualifying Stage (17:00HRS Malaysian Time).**

Note: Nominated country exemptions should also be submitted by the Closing Date. Should any of the nominated players become exempt on the 2019 HFH Standings, a new nominee may be submitted.

The 2019 Asian Tour HFH Standings will only be determined after the last 2019 season event. Players finishing in 61st - 95th positions will be determined then. However entries must be submitted by the closing date.

Please be informed that should there be any discrepancies in the translations of the entry form the English entry form will prevail.

6. WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals must be notified to the Asian Tour Entries Department

- a. If a player becomes exempt from Qualifying School after the 2019 Asian Tour Final HFH Standings is determined he will be refunded in full.
- b. If a player withdraws prior to the appropriate closing date he will be refunded a sum of US\$1,850 (US\$150 processing fee will be retained).
- c. If a player withdraws after the appropriate closing date (for any reason whatsoever) without competing he will be refunded US\$1,500. (US\$500 administration and processing fee will be retained).
- d. If a player withdraws after the appropriate closing date due to medical reason he will be refunded US\$1,800 – proper medical cert to be enclosed from the doctor. (US\$200 processing fee will be retained).
- e. If a player is absent on the tee without notification, no refund will be given and he may face disciplinary action subject to circumstances. **Once an entrant has teed off, NO refund of entry fee will be made.**

7. NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY / QUALIFYING VENUE

Once an application has been accepted (only after receipt of the relevant documentation and the full entry fee), applicants will be forwarded a Confirmation of Entry via email. Once entries have closed for each Stage of the Qualifying School (see Section 5. Closing Date), applicants competing in the First Stage will be forwarded a notification of their allocated venue where applicable along with specific information relating to the appropriate Stage.

The Asian Tour is not responsible for the timely delivery of any notice of venue allocation and **it is the applicant's responsibility to verify his status of his entry qualifying venue and date.**

Allocation of venues when applicable is at the discretion of the Asian Tour and once assigned, **a venue may not be changed.**

8. GENERAL POLICY

- (a) The Asian Tour reserves the right to change or amend the above format, conditions and schedule of play and also to reject application for entry at any time (including during the First Stage). Conduct unbecoming of a professional or non-competitive performance including the current or a previous Qualifying School can be a basis for the rejection of the application.
- (b) The undersigned hereby applies to enter the 2020 Asian Tour Qualifying Tournament. Although membership in the Asian Tour and Asian Development Tour is based principally on this competition, Asian Tour reserves the right to apply other reasonable criteria (including, but not limited to; character; conduct; financial responsibility etc.) to all applicants for membership. The Asian Tour/Asian Development Tour, in its sole discretion, will determine whether to accept any membership application to join the Asian Tour/Asian Development Tour without assigning any reason for its decision.
- (c) **Annual Subscription Fee.** Regular Members (also known as Full Playing Members) of the Asian Tour, including newly admitted members, shall pay a membership subscription fee of US\$500 every year before the season-opening tournament.
- (d) **Insurances.** It is the personal responsibility of every player to have Personal Accident insurance policy covering death and permanent disability caused by accident. Every player 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 minimum amount of US\$1million.
- (e) **Indemnification.** The applicant undertakes to indemnify and hold harmless the Asian Tour from and against all liabilities, claims, costs, expenses, damages and losses caused by any breach of rules, negligence, wilful misconduct or unlawful act by the applicant.

(f) **Exclusion of Liability.** The applicant understands the risks inherent in playing golf and agrees that he will not hold the Asian Tour liable for any death, bodily injuries or property damage that may be suffered by him in the course of participation in the Qualifying School (except where such is directly caused by the negligence of Asian Tour).

9. CLUBS AND BALLS

(a) List of Conforming Driver Heads (Model Local Rule G-1)

Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a club head, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A.

There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a stroke with a driver that is not on the list of Conforming Driver Heads.

Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of this local rule – Disqualification

(b) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications - (Model Local Rule G2)

In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on 1 January 2010.

There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a stroke with a club which does not conform to these groove and punch mark specifications.

Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification

(c) List of Conforming Golf Balls (Model Local Rule G-3)

Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A.

Penalty for Making a Stroke with a ball not on current list in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification

(d) One Ball Rule (Model Local Rule G-4)

During an entire round, each ball at which the player makes a stroke must be the same brand and model as found in a single entry on the current List of Conforming Balls.

If a different brand and/or model is dropped, replaced or placed but has not yet been played, the player may correct the mistake by stopping use of that ball, without penalty, under Rule 14.5. The player must drop, replace or place a ball of the same brand and model as used at the start of the round.

When the player discovers he or she has played a ball in breach of this Local Rule, he or she must stop using that ball before playing from the next teeing area and complete the round with a ball of the same brand and model as used at the start of the round; otherwise the player is **disqualified**.

If the discovery is made during the play of a hole, the player may complete play of this hole with the ball played in breach or place a ball of the correct brand and model on the spot where the ball played in breach of this Local Rule was lifted from.

Penalty for making a stroke at a ball in breach of this Local Rule: The player gets general penalty for each hole during which he or she is in breach of this Local Rule.

10. **TRAVEL** - Please refer to the Asian Tour website.

11. QUALIFYING SCHOOL NOTES

Conduct Unbecoming of a Professional: Players must conduct themselves in a professional manner.

Personal Appearance: Players must, at all times, present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming, as determined by the Tour, while carrying out his duties as a professional golfer at a golf course or at a tournament function.

Shorts are allowed for practice rounds **ONLY**. All shorts should be knee-length, tailored shorts and predominantly of one colour. 'Cargo Pocket Styled' are **NOT** permitted. A Player cannot wear denim-type jeans and t-shirts for any practice round or tournament rounds. In addition, a player must, at all times, adhere to golf club dress codes and clubhouse policies in effect.

12. **Member & Rules of Golf Seminar:** This seminar is **mandatory** for all players who qualify to the Final Stage. Updated Golf Rules and regulations, commitment protocols, membership matters, etc. will be discussed. Please plan your departure schedule accordingly. It will be held on **Friday 21st February, 2020**.

13. **Media Profile Form:** This should be completed in full by all players competing in the Final Stage.



THE 2020 ASIAN TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM

(Please return this section only)



1. NAME : _____
(FIRST) _____ (MIDDLE) _____ (SURNAME/FAMILY NAME) _____

2. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NAME TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE DRAW? _____

3. NATIONALITY (passport holder) (if UK please specify ENG, SCOT, WAL, IRE or NIR) _____

4. CLUB / ATTACHMENT _____

5. MAILING ADDRESS (for correspondence) _____

6. CITY AND COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE _____

7. CONTACT TEL NO: (including international dialling codes)
Home _____ Cell/Mobile _____

8. EMAIL ADDRESS (valid e-mail address)
(IMPORTANT Note: The venue allocation will be e-mailed to you)

9. DATE OF BIRTH _____

10. INFORMATION
Are you a professional? or an amateur?
If Amateur-Current Handicap _____ Certificate Enclosed?
Of which PGA are you a member? _____

Have you played in QS before and when? _____

11. I WISH TO ENTER VIA:
First Qualifying Stage, Section A January 8-11, 2020

i) Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course A & B)

First Qualifying Stage, Section B February 12-15, 2020

ii) Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course A & B)

iii) Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course C & D)

(Please insert i), ii), or iii) for your preferred course. **There will be no guarantee that venue requests will be honoured.**
Venue allocations will not be confirmed until the day after the close of entries.

12. EXEMPTIONS

I am eligible to the **Final Stage** under category:

a b c d e f g h i k

l m n o p q r s t u v

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PAYMENT METHOD

I am paying
by Bank Transfer Credit Card

Note: Bank charges for bank transfers are to be borne by the applicant

Credit Card Information – ONLY VISA & MASTER ARE ACCEPTED (NO AMEX CARD)

Type of Card: Visa Master

Card Holder's Name: _____

Card No:

*Card Verification Code *The Card Verification Code is a 3 digit code which normally appears as the last 3 numbers on the signature strip of a credit card.

Valid From _____ Expiry Date _____

Amount : USD 2,000.00

Cardholder's Signature (as it appears on the card) : _____ Date : _____

REMINDER – your entry will not be processed until your full entry fee has been received and banked.

I acknowledge the sole authority of the Tournament Players Committee, Tournament Director and Board of Directors to establish the Qualifying School Rules and Conditions as published in this application for entry and agree to abide by these and any amendments made by them or persons acting with their authority, that may from time to time be made.

I accept that I will abide by the decisions of the Tournament Players Committee, Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Director of Rules and Competitions, Tournament Director or other authorised person.

I certify that I will conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Behaviour of the Asian Tour as specified in the current Asian Tour Members General Regulations Handbook. Copies are available from Asian Tour HQ in Singapore and Operations Office in Malaysia or from the Tournament Office at the Qualifying School venue.

Asian Tour may collect, use and/or disclose the applicant's personal data to process his application and where necessary for business purposes. The collection, use and/or disclosure of personal data are governed by Asian Tour Personal Data Protection Policy ("PDP Policy") implementing the relevant law. The PDP Policy is posted on Asian Tour website. By submitting this application, the applicant acknowledges he has read the PDP Policy and he agrees to it.

Applicant's Signature : _____ Date : _____

AUTHORIZATION FORM FOR CREDIT CARD HOLDER IF DIFFERENT FROM APPLICANT

I _____ hereby authorise Asian Tour to charge my Visa / Master card

the sum of USD 2,000.00 for the payment of the 2020 Asian Tour Qualifying School entry fee for

Mr. _____.

Signature of Credit Card Holder

Credit Card Holders particulars

Email address: _____

Mobile No.: _____

ENTRY CHECK LIST

Have you included?

- a. Handicap certificate (if still an amateur)
- b. Remittance advice slip if paying by Bank Transfer

Are you aware?

- a. That your entry will not be accepted until your full entry fee and a handicap certificate (if required) has been received and processed.
- b. Venue allocations will not be confirmed until 2 days after the close of entries. It will be based on first come first serve basis.
- c. That your entry form will be invalid if it is incomplete, inaccurate or illegible.