



THE 2012 ASIAN TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

Presented by Sports Authority of Thailand



First Qualifying Stage (72 holes scheduled)	11th - 14th January 2012 Imperial Lakeview Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand Springfield Royal Country Club, Hua Hin, Thailand Majestic Creek Golf & Resort, Hua Hin, Thailand
Final Qualifying Stage (72 holes scheduled)	18th – 21st January 2012 Springfield Royal Country Club, Hua Hin, Thailand Imperial Lakeview Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand

(For closing dates see No 5. below)

1. FORMAT

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

(A) FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE

72 holes scheduled	:	11 th - 14 th January 2012
Practice Rounds	:	9 th - 10 th January 2012

For all applicants **except** those who are automatically exempt into the **Final Stage**. (See information in section (B) below for exemption eligibility). Please nominate your preferred choice of i) or ii)

The First Stage will be conducted at the following venues:-

- i) Imperial Lakeview Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course C & D)
- ii) Springfield Golf Club, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course A & B)
- iii) Majestic Creek Golf & Resort, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course A & C)

The First Stage is scheduled to be played over 72 holes (4 rounds per week). The starting field will play 2 (two) rounds. After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the leading 80 and ties who will play a further 2 rounds.

The number of players qualifying to proceed to the **Final Stage** will be announced during the tournament week. This will not be less than 20% of the competitors entered in i) and ii) who have paid the Asian Tour Qualifying School entry fee. Players who tie for the final qualifying place score will proceed to the **Final Stage**.

(B) FINAL QUALIFYING STAGE (72 holes scheduled)

72 holes scheduled	:	18 th - 21 st January 2012
Practice Rounds	:	16 th & 17 th January 2012

The following players are exempt from the **First Stage** and eligible for the **Final Stage**.

- a. Asian Tour Order of Merit Winners from 1995 not otherwise exempt on the Asian Tour.
- b. Players finishing in 61st - 95th position and those tying in 95th position where applicable on the 2011 Asian Tour Final Order of Merit .
- c. Asian Tour Tournament winners from 2003 - 2009, not otherwise exempt on the Asian Tour.
- d. Players nominated to receive country exemptions by the recognised National PGA's of Asia or recognised Golf Tours of Asia. (Asian Tour Order of Merit to be used)

- e. Players finishing 4th - 10th position on the 2011 Asian Development Tour Final Order of Merit.
- f. The leading 30 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 50 on the 2011 US PGA Tour or Japan Golf Tour Organisation or European Tour Final Order of Merits.
- g. The leading 3 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2011 PGA Tour of Australasia Final Order of Merit.
- h. The leading 3 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2010/2011 Southern Africa (Sunshine) Tour Final Order of Merit.
- i. The leading player not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 on the 2011 Canadian Tour Final Order of Merit.
- j. The leading player not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 on the 2011 Tour de las Americas Final Order of Merit.
- k. Players in 21st to 50th position from the Asian Tour's Career Money List as at 19th December 2011 who are not otherwise exempt.
- l. Nominations of the Asian Tour Board at their discretion.
- m. The leading 3 entrants to a limit of 10th place in the World Amateur Golf Ranking as at 5th December 2011.
- n. 3 leading Asian entrants as nominated by the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation.

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

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

The Final Stage is scheduled to be played over 72 holes (4 rounds). A maximum field of **240** players will play two rounds. After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the leading **80** players and ties who will then play 2 further rounds. At the conclusion of 72 holes, the leading **40** players (+ ties) will be ranked in category 14 for the 2012 season.

Note: The leading 3 as at 1st December 2011 on the 2011 Asian Development Tour Order of Merit will be positioned 1,3 & 5 in category 14 while the leading 3 from 2012 Asian Tour Qualifying School will be positioned 2,4 & 6 accordingly.

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

(a) the best last 18 holes, (b) the best last 36 holes, (c) the best last 9, 6, 3, 2 and 1 holes (holes 10 - 18)

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

Players are advised that Sunday, 22nd January 2012 may be used as a full playing day.

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

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY

- a) All professional golfers.
- b) All amateur golfers with a handicap of two (max 2.4) under the Handicapping Scheme adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter.

Note: 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 Asian Tour Qualifying School, providing 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 golfer participates in the Qualifying School for the first time as a professional and is unsuccessful, he may wish to apply for reinstatement as an amateur golfer. Such an application for reinstatement may receive sympathetic consideration by the Amateur Status Committee and the applicant may be reinstated three months after the infringement of the Rules, provided participation in the Qualifying School is the player's only breach of the Rules of Amateur Status.

3. ENTRY FEES

All applicants **US\$1,600.00**. This payment covers entry to **either** Stage.

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 and banked.

4. METHODS OF PAYMENT AND PAYMENT ADVICE

Banker's drafts in US Dollars will be taken. Where other forms of payment are used and bank charges are incurred they must be borne by the applicant. Bank transfers are acceptable. Details as follows:

Payable to : Asian Tour (Tournament Players Division) Pte Ltd
Account No. : 260-356571-179
Name of Bank : The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Ocean Building Branch
20 Raffles Place, # 02-00 Ocean Towers
Singapore 048620
Swift Address : HSBCSGSG
Chips : 075193

Credit card payment is also accepted (please refer to entry form attached).

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

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

**E-mail: putri.nadiah@asiantour.com
kala.ramanathan@asiantour.com**

5. CLOSING DATE

For Stage 1 entries close **Wednesday, 28th December 2011**

For Final Stage, entries close **Wednesday, 28th December 2011**

Note: The closing date for nominated country exemptions and players with categories 16, 18 and 20 for the 2012 season will be 28th December 2011.

6. WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals must be notified to the Asian Tour Entries Dept.

If a player withdraws prior to the appropriate closing date he will be refunded a sum of US\$1550 (US\$50 processing fee will be retained).

If a player withdraws after the appropriate closing date without competing he will be refunded US\$1,100 (US\$500 administration and processing fee will be retained).

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 refund of entry fee is not possible.**

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. Once entries have closed for each Stage of the Qualifying School (see 5. Deadline), 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.**

Qualifying venue allocations can be emailed to applicants if requested.

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

8. GENERAL POLICY

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 a professional or non-competitive performance including the current or a previous Qualifying School can be a basis for the rejection of the application to enter.

9. TRAVEL

Please refer to the Asian Tour website.



THE 2012 ASIAN TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL APPLICATION FORM



(Please return this section only)

PLEASE PRINT

1. **NAME**
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (SURNAME/FAMILY NAME)

2. **HOW WOULD YOU LIKE YOUR NAME TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE DRAW?**.....
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3. **NATIONALITY** (passport holder).....

4. **CLUB / ATTACHMENT**

5. **MAILING ADDRESS** (for correspondence)

6. **CITY AND COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE**

7. **CONTACT TEL NO:**

Home Cell/Mobile

8. **EMAIL ADDRESS** (if applicable)

Do you wish the venue allocation to be emailed to you? YES NO

9. **DATE OF BIRTH**

10. **INFORMATION**

(a) Are you a professional? or an amateur?

(b) If Amateur-Current Handicap Certificate Enclosed?

(c) Of which PGA are you a member?

(d) Have you played in QS before and when?.....

11. **I WISH TO ENTER VIA:**

First Stage, 11-14 January 2012

i) Imperial Lake View Golf Club (Course C & D), Hua Hin, Thailand

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

iii) Majestic Creek Golf & Resort, Hua Hin, Thailand (Course A & C)

12. **EXEMPTIONS**

Final Stage, 18-21 January 2012. I eligible to the **Final Stage** because of category:

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n

13. PAYMENT

I am paying by cheque bank transfer credit card bankers draft

Credit Card Information - ONLY VISA & MASTER ARE ACCEPTED

Type of Card Name

Card No

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Valid From Expiry Date

Signature (as it appears on the card)

Note: AMEX WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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 Committee and Board of the Asian Tour 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 Committee, Board of Directors, Executive Chairman, Director of Tour Operations 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 or from the Tournament Office at the Qualifying School venue.

Signature.....

Date