



THE 2009 ASIAN TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

Presented by Sports Authority of Thailand



1. FORMAT

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

(A) Stage One of qualifying is scheduled to be played at the following three venues:

- Site A: Lam Luk Ka Country Club, January 6-9, 2009 (official practice day is 5th January)
- Site B: St. Andrews 2000, January 6-9, 2009 (official practice day is 5th January)
- Site C: Rayong Green Valley Country Club, January 6-9, 2009 (official practice day is 5th January)

All applicants must compete in stage one except for those players who are **exempt** into the **Final Stage**. (See information in section (B) below for exemption eligibility).

Stage One is scheduled to be played over 72 holes at each venue. The starting field will play 2 (two) rounds. After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the leading 80 players and ties.

Every effort will be made to finish 72 holes. In the event that less than four rounds are possible, the Asian Tour reserves the right to declare a final result after 54 holes.

The number of players which will advance to the **Final Stage** will be announced prior to the start of play at each venue in stage one. A minimum of 20% of the competitors entered in **Stage One** will advance to the **Final Stage**.

(B) FINAL QUALIFYING STAGE (90 holes scheduled)

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 66th - 95th position on the Asian Tour Order of Merit as at 15th December 2008.
- c. Asian Tour Tournament winners from 2002 - 2006, 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. The leading 5 players, not otherwise exempt and within the top 125 of the final 2008 US PGA Tour Money List.
- f. The leading 5 players, not otherwise exempt and within the top 115 of the final 2008 European PGA Tour Order of Merit.
- g. The leading 5 players, not otherwise exempt and within the top 70 of the final 2008 Japan Golf Tour Organisation Order of Merit.
- h. The leading 2 players, not otherwise exempt and within the top 25 of the current 2008 PGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit as of 15th December, 2008.
- i. The leading 2 players, not otherwise exempt and within the top 25 of the current 2008 Southern Africa (Sunshine) Tour Order of Merit as of 15th December, 2008.
- j. The leading player, not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 on the final 2008 Canadian Tour Order of Merit.
- k. The leading player, not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 on the 2008 Tour de las Americas Order of Merit.
- l. Players in 21st to 50th position from the Asian Tour's Career Money List as at 15th December 2008.
- m. Players who have qualified to represent their country at the 2008 Asian Region World Cup Qualifier.
- n. The leading individual player within the top 3 of the 2008 Putra Cup.

- o. The leading individual player within the top 3 of the 2008 Asian-Pacific Golf Federation Championship.
- p. The leading 3 players, within the top 10 of the Official Amateur World Golf Rankings, as of 1st December, 2008.
- q. At the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, a maximum of 5 players not otherwise exempt.

The Final Stage will be conducted at St Andrews 2000 and Rayong Green Valley Country Club on January 13-17, 2009. (Official practice days are January 11-12)

The **Final Stage** is scheduled to be played over 90 holes (5 rounds). After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the leading **120** players and ties. After 72 holes, the field will be cut to the low **80** players and ties. At the conclusion of the last round, the leading **40** players (+ ties) will be ranked in category 15 for 2009.

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).

Every effort will be made to complete four rounds. In the event that less than four rounds are possible, the Asian Tour reserves the right to declare a final result after 72 holes.

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\$1,500.00**. 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 Hongkong 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 920, Block A, 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. DEADLINES

Entries Close: **16th December, 2008**

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 US\$1,450.

If a player withdraws after the appropriate closing date without competing he will be refunded US\$1,250.

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 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 to enter.

9. COURSE LOCATIONS

- a. Lam Luk Ka Country Club
29 Moo 7 T. Lamsai A Lamlukka Klong 11
Pathumthani 12150, Thailand
Phone: 66 2 995 2300
(45 minutes from Suvarnabhumi International Airport)

- b. St. Andrews 2000
9/36 Moo 7 Samnakthon Banchang
Rayong 21130, Thailand
Phone: 66 38 893 838
<http://www.standrews2000golf.com>
(90 minutes from Suvarnabhumi International Airport)

- c. Rayong Green Valley Country Club
23 Moo 7 Bachang
Rayong 21130, Thailand
Phone: 66 38 893 838
(90 minutes from Suvarnabhumi International Airport)

Note: Travel by flight to Bangkok Suvarnabhumi International Airport. Hotel information will be finalised as soon as possible. Please check for further information on website.

*Accommodation and travel information will be posted on www.asiantour.com website under tour school information.

12. EXEMPTIONS

I claim exemption from the **First Stage** because of category:

- a b c d e f g h i
- j k l m n o p q

13. PAYMENT

I am paying by cheque bank transfer credit card bank draft

Credit Card Information

Type of Card Name

Card No

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Valid From Expiry Date

Signature (as it appears on the card).....

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 authorized person.

I certify that I will conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Behavior 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.....