



# THE 2018 ASIAN TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

**First Qualifying Stage**  
(72 holes scheduled)                      **3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.**  
Rayong Green Valley Country Club, Rayong, Thailand  
St. Andrews 2000, Rayong, Thailand  
Silky Oak Country Club, Rayong, Thailand  
Windsor Park & Golf Club (Course A & B), Bangkok, Thailand

**Final Qualifying Stage**  
(90 holes scheduled)                      **10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
Rayong Green Valley Country Club, Rayong, Thailand  
St. Andrews 2000, Rayong, Thailand

**After the 2<sup>nd</sup> round cut-off, a further 2 rounds will be played at the same golf courses (Rayong Green Valley Country Club and St. Andrews 2000).**

**After the 4<sup>th</sup> round cut-off, the last round will be played at Rayong Green Valley Country Club.**

**Closing Date for Entries :**                      **20<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

## 1. FORMAT

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

### (A) FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE

The First Stage will be played on 4 different courses. Applicants may opt to play in any of the courses. This applies to all applicants **except** those who are automatically exempt into the **Final Stage**. (See information in section (B) below for exemption eligibility).

#### FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE

72 holes scheduled                      :                      3 - 6 January 2018  
Practice Rounds                            :                      1 & 2 January 2018

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

- i) Rayong Green Valley Country Club.
- ii) St. Andrews 2000.
- iii) Silky Oak Country Club.
- iv) Windsor Park and Golf Club (Course A & B).

**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 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 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                      :                      10 - 14 January 2018  
Practice Rounds                            :                      8 & 9 January 2018

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 2017 Asian Tour Final Order of Merit.
- c. Asian Tour Tournament winners from 2004 – 2016, not otherwise exempt on the Asian Tour.
- d. Winners of the Asian Development Tour Order of Merit in 2013 - 2016.
- e. Nominated Country Exemption Players based on the 2017 Asian Tour Order of Merit.
- f. The Leading 15 players finishing from 6<sup>th</sup> position to a limit of 35<sup>th</sup> position on the 2017 Asian Development Tour Order of Merit.
- g. The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 125 on the 2017 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 2017 JGTO Final Order of Merit.
- i. The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2017 PGA Tour of Australasia Final Order of Merit.
- j. The leading 3 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 on the 2016/2017 Southern Africa (Sunshine) Tour Final Order of Merit.
- k. The leading 3 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 on the 2017 MENA Tour Final Order of Merit.
- l. The leading player not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 on the 2017 PGA Tour Canada Final Order of Merit.
- m. The leading player not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 on the 2017 PGA Tour Latino America Final Order of Merit.
- n. Players in 21<sup>st</sup> to 50<sup>th</sup> position from the Asian Tour's Career Money List as at the end of 2017 season who are not otherwise exempt.
- o. Nominations by Asian Tour Qualifying Committee at their discretion
- p. Individual winner of the following amateur events: a) Eisenhower Cup b) Nomura Cup
- q. The leading 3 entrants to a limit of 10<sup>th</sup> place in the World Amateur Golf Ranking as at December 18, 2017.
- r. 3 leading Asian entrants as nominated by the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation

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

- i) Rayong Green Valley Country Club.
- ii) St. Andrews 2000.

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 (+ties) who will then play a further 2 (two) rounds. After 72 holes, the field will be cut to the leading **70** players (+ ties) who will then play the final round. At the conclusion of 90 holes the top 35 (+ties) will be ranked accordingly for the 2018 season.

**Note:** The Winner of the 2017 Asian Development Tour Final Order of Merit not otherwise exempted, will solely be in a category on its own. The leading 4 from 2018 Asian Tour Qualifying School will be positioned 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> accordingly in the Top 35 & ties from 2018 Asian Tour Qualifying School category while the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> placed players from the 2017 Asian Development Tour Final Order of Merit not otherwise exempt, shall be positioned 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

With the exception of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> hole of the Final Round will be used.

Should there be a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- 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.
- c) There is no age limit to enter the Asian Tour Qualifying School.

**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 (Decision 9-2b/3).

### 3. ENTRY FEES

Entry Fee - **US\$2,000.00**. This payment covers entry to **both** Stages.

**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 (Tournament Players Division) Pte Ltd
Account No.	:	260-356571-179
Name of Bank	:	The HSBC (Singapore) Limited 21 Collyer Quay #02-01 HSBC Building, Singapore 049320
Swift Address	:	HSBCSGS2
Chips	:	9548

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 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-School2018@asiantour.com](mailto:Q-School2018@asiantour.com)

## 5. CLOSING DATE

All entries close on **20 December 2017 (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 2017 Final Order of Merit, a new nominee may be submitted.

The 2017 Asian Tour Final Order of Merit will only be determined after the last 2017 season event. Players finishing in 61<sup>st</sup> - 95<sup>th</sup> positions will be determined then. However entries must be submitted by the closing date.

## 6. WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals must be notified to the Asian Tour Entries Department

- a. If a player becomes exempt from Qualifying School after the 2017 Asian Tour Final Order of Merit 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 2018 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) 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.
- (d) 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.
- (e) **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. SPECIFICATION OF CLUBS AND THE BALL

### (1) 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 R&A.

- Penalty for carrying, but not making stroke with, 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 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 stroke with, 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 the 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 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).

#### **Wear and Alteration (Rule 4-1b)**

A club that conforms with 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 with the Rules.

## 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.

A Player cannot wear denim-type jeans, shorts 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. New Member Seminar :** This seminar is **mandatory** for all new members (players who qualify to the Final Stage). Rules and regulations, commitment protocols, membership matters, etc will be discussed. Please plan your departure schedule accordingly. It will be held on **Saturday, 13 January 2018**.

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



# THE 2018 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, January 3-6, 2018**

i) Rayong Green Valley CC, Rayong, Thailand

ii) St. Andrews 2000, Rayong, Thailand

iii) Silky Oak Country Club, Rayong, Thailand

iv) Windsor Park & Golf Club, Bangkok, Thailand (Course A&B)

(Please insert i), ii), iii) or iv) 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  j  k  l  m   
n  o  p  q  r

**13. 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 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, Chief Executive Officer, 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 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 : \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.
- b. Venue allocations will not be confirmed until 2 days after the close of entries.
- c. That your entry form will be invalid if it is incomplete, inaccurate or illegible.