

## THE 2024 ASIAN TOUR QUALIFYING SCHOOL

### Terms & Conditions

Event	Dates	Venue	Field
<b>Section A</b> <i>(First Stage)</i>	26 – 29 September 2023 (Tue-Fri) <i>Close of Entries 5 September 2023</i>	<b>Mount Derrimut GCC</b> Melbourne VIC, Australia	Max. 72 Players (72 Holes)
<b>Section B</b> <i>(First Stage)</i>	7 – 10 November 2023 (Tue-Fri) <i>Close of Entries 17 October 2023</i>	<b>Soboba Springs GC</b> San Jacinto CA, USA	Max. 96 Players (72 Holes)
<b>Section C</b> <i>(First Stage)</i>	12 – 15 December 2023 (Tue-Fri) <i>Close of Entries 21 November 2023</i>	<b>Grand Prix GC</b> Kanchanaburi, Thailand	Max. 120 Players (72 Holes)
<b>Section D</b> <i>(First Stage)</i>	19 – 22 December 2023 (Tue-Fri) <i>Close of Entries 28 November 2023</i>	<b>Pattana Sports Club</b> Chonburi, Thailand	Max. 120 Players (72 Holes)
<b>Section E</b> <i>(First Stage)</i>	9 – 12 January 2024 (Tue-Fri) <i>Close of Entries 19 December 2023</i>	<b>Grand Prix GC</b> Kanchanaburi, Thailand	Max. 120 Players (72 Holes)
<b>Section F</b> <i>(First Stage)</i>	9 – 12 January 2024 (Tue-Fri) <i>Close of Entries 19 December 2023</i>	<b>Phoenix Gold Golf Bangkok</b> Bangkok, Thailand	Max. 120 Players (72 Holes)
<b>Final Qualifying Stage</b>	16 – 20 January 2024 (Tue-Sat) <i>Close of Entries 26 December 2023</i>	<b>Lakeview Resort &amp; GC</b> (Course A/B) <b>Lakeview Resort &amp; GC</b> (Course C/D) Hua Hin, Thailand	Max. 240 Players (90 Holes)



## 1. FORMAT

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

### **FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE**

The First Stage is divided into 6 sections (Section A - F) to be played over multiple weeks. Applicants may opt to play in any of the sections and courses subject to availability. 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).

#### **SECTION A – Mount Derrimut GC, Melbourne, Australia**

*72 holes scheduled:*

*26 – 29 September 2023*

*Practice Round: 25 September 2023*

#### **SECTION B – Soboba Springs GC, San Jacinto CA, USA**

*72 holes scheduled:*

*7 – 10 November 2023*

*Practice Rounds: 6 November 2023*

#### **SECTION C – Grand Prix GC, Kanchanaburi, Thailand**

*72 holes scheduled:*

*12 – 15 December 2023*

*Practice Round: 11 December 2023*

#### **SECTION D – Pattana Sports Club, Chonburi, Thailand**

*72 holes scheduled:*

*19 – 22 December 2023*

*Practice Round: 18 December 2023*

#### **SECTION E – Grand Prix GC, Kanchanaburi, Thailand**

*72 holes scheduled:*

*9 – 12 January 2024*

*Practice Round: 8 January 2024*

#### **SECTION F – Phoenix Gold Golf Bangkok, Thailand**

*72 holes scheduled:*

*9 - 12 January 2024*

*Practice Round: 8 January 2024*

Applicants are required to select their preferred venue and will be on a first come-first served basis and subject to availability.

The First Qualifying Stages are scheduled to be played over 72 holes (4 rounds). The starting field will play 3 (three) rounds. After 54 holes, the field will be cut to the leading 60 players and ties (including amateurs) who will play the final round. The number of players progressing to the Final Stage will be announced during tournament week (approximately 18%).

Players tied for the final qualifying place will be determined by a 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.

**FINAL QUALIFYING STAGE (Entries will open 1 December 2023)**

**Lake View Resort & Golf Club (Course A/B & C/D), Hua Hin, Thailand**

90 holes scheduled:

16 - 20 January 2024

Practice Rounds: 14 & 15 January 2024

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

- a. Asian Tour Order of Merit Winners from 1995.
- b. Players in positions 66-80 from the 2023 Asian Tour Final Order of Merit.
- c. Asian Tour Tournament winners from 2015 – 2022.
- d. Winners of the Asian Development Tour Order of Merit from 2016 - 2022.
- e. Winners of the Asian Tour Qualifying School from 2020 - 2023
- f. Players in positions 11-20 from the 2023 Asian Development Tour Final Order of Merit.
- g. The leading 3 players not otherwise exempt within 21-50 from the Asian Tour's Career Money List as at the end of the 2023 season.
- h. The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 100 from the 2023 PGA Tour or DP World Tour Final Order of Merits.
- i. The leading 5 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 30 from the 2023 JGTO Final Order of Merit.
- j. The leading 2 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 from the 2022/23 PGA Tour of Australasia Final Order of Merit.
- k. The leading player not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 from the 2022/23 Southern Africa (Sunshine) Tour Final Order of Merit.
- l. The leading 2 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 from the 2023 All Thailand Golf Tour Final Order of Merit.
- m. The leading 2 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 from the 2023 PGTI Final Order of Merit.
- n. The leading 2 players not otherwise exempt and within the top 10 from the 2023 China Tour Final Order of Merit.
- o. Nominated Country Exemption Players.
- p. Nominations by Asian Tour Qualifying Committee at their discretion.
- q. Current individual winner of the following amateur events: a) Nomura Cup b) SEA Games c) Asia Pacific Amateur Championship d) Putra Cup e) Faldo Series Asia Grand Final.
- r. The leading 2 players within the top 10 from the World Amateur Golf Ranking as of 31st December 2023.
- s. 2 players nominated by the Arab Golf Federation
- t. 2 players of Asian nationality as nominated by the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation



**If a player enters Final Stage without the appropriate exemption, he will be removed from the field and his entry fee will be refunded less the appropriate credit card charges. If you are unsure of your exemption, please contact [g-school@asiantour.com](mailto:g-school@asiantour.com) for clarification.**

The Final Stage is scheduled to be played over 90 holes (5 rounds). A maximum field of 240 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 will be ranked accordingly for the 2024 season. If there is a tie for 35th spot, a hole-by-hole playoff will take place at the conclusion of play to determine the 35th spot.

*\*After the 2nd round cut, 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 final round will be played at Lakeview Resort & Golf Club, Hua Hin (Course A & B).*

The leading 10 players from the 2024 Asian Tour Qualifying School will be positioned 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th, 13th, 15th, 17th and 19th accordingly in category 16 while the 2nd – 10th placed players from the 2023 Asian Development Tour Final Order of Merit not otherwise exempt, shall be positioned 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 12th, 14th, 16th and 18th.

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, the winner will be decided via a hole-by-hole playoff.

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

## **2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ENTRY**

- a. All male professional golfers
- b. All male amateur golfers with a handicap of 5 or less under the handicapping scheme adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter. **All applications must be accompanied by a valid handicap certificate.**
- c. There is no age limit to enter the Asian Tour Qualifying School.
- d. After the close of entries for respective tournaments, any player wishing to be on the reserve list must contact [g-school@asiantour.com](mailto:g-school@asiantour.com) to register. If a spot becomes available, he will be contacted by Asian Tour administration staff.

**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 (First Qualifying Stage-Section B) - **US\$3,200.00**. (US\$3,000.00 will be paid with the submission of this form). The balance US\$200 will be collected on-site during registration.

Entry Fee (First Qualifying Stage - Section A, C, D, E, F and Final Stage) - **US\$3,000.00**

The entry fee covers entry for **both** stages and application for admission to membership of Asian Tour; and there will be no refund whether or not a registered player advances to the Final Qualifying Stage or in the end qualifies for a card in the 2024 season and/or is admitted to Asian Tour membership. This entry fee does not include the annual subscription fee for those who are admitted to membership (see clause 7(c) below) for 2024 and subsequent years.

### 4. CLOSE OF ENTRIES (Refer to first page)

Nominated country exemptions for Final Stage should also be submitted by the Closing Date. Should any of the nominated players become exempt from the 2023 Asian Tour Final Order of Merit, a new nominee may be submitted. The 2023 Asian Tour Final Order of Merit will only be determined after the last event of the 2023 season. Players finishing in positions 65 – 80 will be determined then. However, entries must be submitted by the closing date.

### 5. WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals after close of entries must be notified to the Asian Tour Entries Department at [gschool@asiantour.com](mailto:gschool@asiantour.com)

- a. If a player becomes exempt from Qualifying School after the 2023 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\$2,500 (US\$500 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\$2,150. (US\$850 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\$2,450 – proper medical cert to be enclosed from the doctor. (US\$550 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.**

### 6. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Once entries have closed for the respective First Stage sections and Final Stage of the Qualifying School, successful applicants will be forwarded a notification by email of their selected venue along with specific information relating to the appropriate Stage. Tournament Information will also be available on the Asian Tour App.



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 in general, once a venue has been selected, it may **not** be changed.

## 7. 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).
- b. 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.
- c. The undersigned hereby applies to enter the 2024 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.
- d. **Annual Subscription Fee.** Regular Members (also known as Full Playing Members) of the Asian Tour, including newly admitted members, shall pay an annual subscription fee of US\$500 every year before the season-opening tournament.
- e. **Insurance.** 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.
- f. **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.
- g. **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).

## 8. QUALIFYING SCHOOL NOTES

### Registration

All participants will be required to register on-site during tournament week. Please bring along your passport or other photo ID for verification purposes.

### 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 permitted to be worn on all days including tournament rounds. All shorts should be knee-length, tailored shorts and predominantly of one colour. 'Cargo Pocket Styled' are **NOT** permitted. Shirts must be



tucked in at all times. 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.

**Distance Measuring Devices (Rangefinders)**

Distance Measuring Devices (without elevation/slope information) are PERMITTED to be used during practice & tournament rounds.

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance ONLY. If during a tournament round, a player uses a Distance Measuring Device with any elevation/slope function enabled, the player is in breach of Rule 4.3.

Penalty for Breach of Rule 4.3: First Breach: General Penalty; Second Breach: Disqualification

**9. MEMBER & RULES OF GOLF SEMINAR**

This seminar is **mandatory** for all players who make the 72 Hole cut at Final Stage.

Updated Golf Rules, member regulations, commitment protocols, membership matters, etc. will be discussed. It will be held on **Friday 19 January 2024** after completion of Round 4.