

PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOUR OF INDIA 2018 QUALIFYING SCHOOL

The Qualifying School for the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) 2018 will be as under:

Pre Qualifying Stages I, II & III (36 Holes Scheduled for each stage)

VENUE: **Kensville Golf & Country Club, Ahmedabad**
Kensville Golf & Country Club, Dev Dholera Village, Near Baldana Village, Opp Lane of Sahyog Restaurant, Kerala GIDC, Bavla-Rajkot Highway, Ahmedabad – 280051 (Gujarat)

DATE: **January 7-15, 2018**

Final Qualifying Stage (72 Holes Scheduled)

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DATE: **FINAL Stage – January 16-20, 2018**

1. FORMAT

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

(A) First Qualifying Stage (36 holes scheduled)

- **Pre Qualifying I** January 7, 2018 – (Sunday)
Registration & Practice Round
January 8-9, 2018 - 36 holes stroke play.
- **Pre Qualifying II** January 10, 2018 - (Wednesday)
Registration & Practice Round
January 11-12, 2018 - 36 holes stroke play.
- **Pre Qualifying III** January 13, 2018 - (Saturday)
Registration & Practice Round
January 14-15, 2018 - 36 holes stroke play.

- i) For all applicants **except** those who are automatically exempt in to the Final Stage. (See information in section (B) below for exemption eligibility).
- ii) Allocation of Pre Qualifying I, II & III for each player would be at the sole discretion of the PGTI and would be communicated after close of entries.
- iii) The number of players who would qualify from the First Qualifying Stage for the Final Qualifying Stage would be announced before the start of the final qualifying school.
- iv) In case the number of entries are lower than expected for the First Qualifying Stage, Pre Qualifying I, Pre Qualifying II and/or Pre Qualifying III may not be played. In case the number of entries are very high, the PGTI at its sole discretion may have an additional Pre-Qualifying.

(B) Final Qualifying Stage (72 holes scheduled)

January 16, 2018 (Tuesday) - Practice Round & Registration

January 17-20, 2018 - Qualifying School – 72 holes stroke play.

- i) The following players are exempt from the First Qualifying Stage and eligible for the **Final Qualifying Stage**:
- a) Players finishing in 61st –100th position and those tying in 100th position on the PGTI Order of Merit at the conclusion of the last event for the calendar year 2017. To be eligible for the PGTI Order of Merit, players must have played 1/3rd number of the events on the PGTI 2017 calendar.
 - b) PGTI Tournament Winners from 2006 – 2015, not otherwise exempt on PGTI Tour.
 - c) Players who have represented India in the last played Eisenhower Trophy, Namura Cup, Asian Games.
 - d) Current All India Amateur Champion.
 - e) Nomination of the PGTI Governing Board at their discretion.
 - f) Up to 2 players (either professional or amateur) from each country. While nominating a professional(s), the professional(s) must be in the top 30 and for an amateur(s), the amateur(s) must be in top 3 of their respective country wise Order of Merit.
- ii) The Final Stage is scheduled to be played over 72 holes (4 rounds).
- iii) A maximum field of 120 players and ties will play 2 rounds. After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the leading 80 players and ties, who will play 2 further rounds.
- iv) At the conclusion of 72 holes, the leading players (+ ties) will be ranked in their respective category for 2018.
- v) Categories would be as follow: -
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|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Category A | Full Card |
| Category B | Players who played all 4 rounds of Final Qualifying School but did not retain full card. |
| Positioned 61-100
(Previous Order of Merit) | Players who do not earn a full card for 2018. To avail of this category the players should have participated in the qualifying school. |
| Category C | Players playing first two rounds of Final Qualifying School. |
| Category D | Players who missed cut in Pre Qualifying School and did not make it to the Final Qualifying School. |
- NOTE 1: All players from Category A, B & C will be allowed to play the main tour as per their rankings and availability of slots.
- NOTE 2: Category D players will not be permitted to play any PGTI Order of Merit tournaments.
- vi) The number of players to qualify under category A (Full Card) will be announced before the start of the final qualifying school.

vii) With the exception of a tie for 1st place, all tied scores shall be ranked by card play-off for their position as per their performance in either of the stages – First / Final stages as follows:

- a) The best last 18 holes
- b) The best last 36 holes
- c) Ties will be decided on a count back over the last 9, 6, 3, 1 Score-Card Holes and if still tied, by card play-off starting at the 1st Hole.

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 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 recognized authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter. A certificate of Handicap must be enclosed with the entry form.

NOTE: It is not 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 PGTI Qualifying School, providing that the player waives his right to prize money prior to each Stage by completing the appropriate terms 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 after the infringement of the Rules, provided participation in the Qualifying School is the player's only breach of the Rules of Amateur Status.

The final decision relating to the reinstatement of the Amateur status shall be, however, at the sole discretion of the recognized Amateur federation of the respective country of the golfer.

3. ENTRY FEES

Rs.20,000/- for all applicants. 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 encashed.

4. METHODS OF ENTRY FEE PAYMENT

Payment may be made through one of the following options:

1. Cash in INR will be accepted at our office and tournament site.
2. Banker's Draft/ Cheque (payable at par in Delhi) - at our office and tournament site.
3. Payment by Bank Transfer.
4. Cash depositing to our HDFC Bank Account directly.

PGTI Bank details:

Payable to : PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOUR OF INDIA
Account No. : 50100025021703
Name of Bank : HDFC BANK
Branch/Address : First India Place, Mehrauli Gurgaon Road,
Gurgaon – 122002 (Haryana)
IFSC Code : HDFC0000280
Swift Address : **HDFCINBB**

In case of Bank Transfer/direct Deposit in our Bank Account, The following documents are essential with the Application as a proof of payment.

FOR BANK TRANSFER:

Copy of acknowledgment of Transfer with Bank Ref. No, Date of Transfer and Name of Applicant.

FOR CASH DEPOSIT TO OUR BANK ACCOUNT:

Copy of Receipt obtained from bank, with the Name & Signatures of Applicant, Branch of Bank where the cash is deposited and date of deposit.

PRIZE MONEY PAYMENT:

For transfer of your payments and prize money, please submit

- i) the copy of your PAN with the application for the payments of prize money after deducting applicable TDS as per Income Tax Rules.
- ii) One cancelled cheque and the relevant details as mentioned below and fill the required form at the time of registration:

Name as per bank account

Bank

Branch name

Address of bank

IFSC Code

MIRC No

Account No

Type of account

5. DEADLINES

Entries Close on the 18th December 2017.

The 2017 PGTI final Order of Merit will only be determined after the last 2017 season event. Players finishing in 61st-100th positioned will be determined then. However entries MUST be submitted by closing date.

6. WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals must be notified to the PGTI.

1. If a player becomes exempt from the Qualifying School after the 2017 PGTI Final Order of Merit is determined, he will be refunded in full.
2. If a player withdraws prior to the closing date of entry, his entry fee will be refunded in full.

3. If a player withdraws after the closing date of entry (for any reason what so ever) without competing, he will be refunded Rs.10,000/-.
4. 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 STAGE

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.

The PGTI is not responsible for the timely delivery of any confirmation and **it is the applicant's responsibility to verify his status in the Qualifying Tournament.**

Allocation of Pre Qualifying I and Pre Qualifying II is at the discretion of the PGTI and once assigned, a stage will not be changed.

8. NON-CONFIRMING DRIVERS

Use of non-confirming drivers **will not be permitted** for the PGTI Qualifying School or the Tour. List of such drivers are available on the following website <http://www.randa.org>

Penalty for Breach – Disqualification.

9. CONDITION OF COMPETITION WILL BE CONDUCTED AS PER

1. The latest version of the Rules of Golf will be applicable for the event.
2. Putting – Rule 14-1B effective from January 2016
Anchoring the club in making a stroke - the player must not anchor the club either **“Directly”** or by use of **“an anchor joint”**.

10. 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).

11. CLUBS & CONFIRMING GROOVES FOR PGTI ORDER OF MERIT EVENTS – Must be

- (1) Specification of Clubs

- (a) List of Conforming Driver Heads Any driver the player carries must have a club head, 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-(Decision4-1/1) The player's club must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1st 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

12. ANTI DOPING POLICY IS IN EFFECT FROM THE YEAR 2017 ON THE PGTI TOUR

13. DRESS CODE

Jeans, Shorts, Shirts without collar will not be permitted on the course, practice areas and the Tournament office.

Golf Shoes with soft spikes only will be permitted (Metal spikes not permitted). The breach of this rule is Disqualification.

14. PRIZE FUND

There will be a prize fund the details of which will be announced before the start of the event.

15. TOUR FEE

Players will have to pay Rs.15, 000/-(Rupees Fifteen thousand only) as membership fee to play tournaments on the PGTI and be eligible for the 2018 PGTI Order of Merit. The membership fee will have to be paid in the first tournament of the season.

16. GENERAL POLICY

a) The PGTI reserves the right to change or amend the above format, conditions and schedule of play and also to reject any application for entry at any time without assigning any reason. Conduct unbecoming of a professional golfer or non-competitive performance can be a basis for the rejection of the application to enter.

b) **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.

c) **Indemnification** - The applicant undertakes to indemnify and hold harmless the PGTI 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.

- d) **Exclusion of Liability** - The applicant understands the risks inherent in playing golf and agrees that **he will not hold the PGTI liable for any death, bodily injuries or property damage that may be suffered by him in the course of participation in the Qualifying School.**
- e) **Anyone scoring 90 & above in Round 1 of the PGTI Qualifying will not be allowed to play the next round (s).**

Note: Due to any unforeseen reasons, dates & venues may change and tournament may get cancelled. PGTI will not be held responsible for any such changes.

17. 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.

18. Seminar: To be held on **Tuesday, 16 January 2018** where rules and regulations, commitment protocols, membership matters, etc. will be discussed. This seminar is **mandatory** for all members (players who qualify to the Final Stage).

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

PLEASE NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the form is fully and accurately completed.

An entry form, which is incomplete, inaccurate or illegible, will be treated as INVALID and will be returned to the applicant.

Need help or advice on how to enter?

Contact Mr. Gagan Chadha
Tel +91 99109 74843
Email tour@pgtofindia.com

Need help or advice on how to pay?

Contact Mr. Pradeep Chauhan / Vikas Sharma (Accounts)
Tel +91 124 4861 771
Email accounts@pgtofindia.com

Send completed entry form & payment to:

Professional Golf Tour of India
Ground Floor, First India Place, Tower C
Sushant Lok 1, M G Road, Gurgaon – 122 002 (Haryana)
Tel: +91 124 4861 775 / 771 Fax: +91 124 4861 770
E-mail: tour@pgtofindia.com

Note:

- 1. Entries received by email must have scanned copy of the entry form.**
- 2. All entries received by email or fax must be accompanied with payment details**

ENTRY CHECK LIST

HAVE YOU INCLUDED?

1. Handicap certificate (if still an amateur)
2. Cheque or Demand Draft
3. If paying by Bank Transfer, Remittance Advice slip along with the name mentioned on it.
4. Copy of the Pan Card

ARE YOU AWARE?

1. That if you are paying by Cheque your entry will not be accepted until the Cheque has cleared, this can take 7-10 days.
2. That your entry will not be accepted until your full entry fee and a handicap certificate (if required) has been received.
3. Stage allocation will not be confirmed until 2 days after the close of entries.
4. Cheques are to be made payable to 'Professional Golf Tour of India'
5. That your entry form will be invalid if it is incomplete, Inaccurate or illegible.

MUST FOLLOW

1. Play with approved clubs and drivers as per PGTI guidelines.
2. One ball condition will be in effect for all the PGTI events.
3. Metal spikes will not be permitted. Use of Metal Spikes will result in Disqualification.

**PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOUR OF INDIA
QUALIFYING SCHOOL 2018
APPLICATION FORM**

(Please return this section only)

PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK LETTERS

1. NAME (in Block Letters).....
2. Membership No. (If already PGTI Member)
3. MAILING ADDRESS:PIN
4. COUNTRY CITY
5. CONTACT NOS. (HOME) (MOBILE)
6. E-MAIL ADDRESS
7. DATE OF BIRTH (DAY) (MONTH)..... (YEAR).....
8. NATIONALITY.....
9. CLUB/ATTACHMENT
10. INFORMATION:
 - (a) Are you a Professional Golfer Amateur Golfer
 - (b) If Amateur-Current Handicap
(Please enclose a certificate signed by the competent authority)
 - (c) Name of the PGA / Association or Tour of which you are a member?
 - (d) Have you played in Qualifying School before and when?
11. EXEMPTIONS
I claim exemption from the First Stage because of category:
(a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f)
12. PAYMENT DETAILS OF ENTRY FEE (Tick and provide details in the mode payment is made)
 - Cash (INR) Amount
 - Cheque / DD No. Dated for Rs. Drawn on
 - Bank transfer NEFT/Transfer Bank Amount Date of Transfer
 - Bank Ref. No. MT 100 Ref. No. (For Foreigners only)
 - Cash Deposited into our Bank
13. Name of Bank/Branch where deposited Date of Cash Deposited in the Bank
- PAN No. Aadhaar No.
- Passport No. Date of Expiry of Passport

Note: Your entry will not be processed until your full entry fee has been received and encashed.

I acknowledge the sole authority of the Governing Board and Tournament Committee of the Professional Golf Tour of India 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 Governing Board, Tournament Committee, CEO and Tournament Director.

I certify that I will conduct myself in accordance with the code of behavior of the Professional Golf Tour of India as specified in the current Professional Golf Tour of India Members Handbook & General Regulations. Copies are available from Professional Golf Tour of India office or from the Tournament Office at the Qualifying School venue.

14. AMATEUR STATUS

Any amateur player wishing to retain his amateur status **MUST** affix his signature in the blank below. Failure to do so will cause the loss of Amateur Status at the Qualifying Tournament in violation of the Rules of Amateur Status, Rule 3.

I hereby agree not to receive any prize money from the 2018 PGTI Qualifying School	
Signature*	

* Please sign above only if you are playing as an amateur.

Signature **Date**