

PGF/04/Pro Policy
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To: All Golf Associations
All Golf Clubs

Subject: Policy For Holding Open Golf Tournaments on PGF Calendar

1. Pro Policy for open tournaments on the PGF calendar is as under: -

a. **Pro Annual Regional Qualifying Trials** The PGF tournaments calendar starts from Jan – Dec each year, therefore the PGF cards will be issued to all professionals for the calendar year 2013. All Golf Associations will hold trials before 10th January to select the professionals according to the spots allocated by the PGF. The names and results of the selected professionals will be forwarded to the PGF immediately after the trials.

Based on the earnings during the previous six months (July –Dec 2012) the top 30 professionals will be exempted from the regional qualifying trials. All other professionals must take part in regional Association trials to earn their professional cards. All Professionals are allowed to work as caddies.

b. **Pro Ranking.** Professional's ranking is based on the prize money he has earned during the past season (golfing calendar). The professionals will be re-ranked for top 30 on the tournaments earnings on quarterly basis. Only those professionals will be exempted from local trials will be in the current top 30 positions after the first re-ranking, all others professionals will have to participate in local trials to play in future events, till the next re-ranking. The clubs holding Open tournaments will forward the prize money list along with the results to the PGF immediately after the conclusion of the tournament.

c. **Size of Field.** The size of the field of professional players (PGF card holders only) on 18 holes and 9 holes courses will be as under: -

	<u>Spots</u>	<u>Playing Rights</u>	
		<u>18 holes Course</u>	<u>09 holes Course</u>
Exempted Top		30	: 10
Punjab Association	58	20	: 16
Federal Association	32	11	: 08
Sindh Association	29	09	: 07
KPK Association	12	05	: 04
Balochistan Association	04	02	: 01
Pak Golf Federation	--	03	: 03
Host Club	--	02	: 02
Concerned Association	--	02	: 02
Sponsor	--	<u>01</u>	: <u>01</u>
Total	135	85	: 54

The above size of the field is fixed for professionals as a minimum that must be accommodated to participate in any Open Tournament on the PGF calendar. The organizers can increase the field by allowing extra players (**PGF professional card holders only**) if they feel that there are enough daylight hours to accommodate extra players. This decision is left to the discretion of the local tournament organizers to ensure smooth running of the event.

The above size of field will not be allowed in case the Pakistan Open is sanctioned on the calendar of the Asian Tour.

d. **Local Trials Prior to Open Tournaments.** Each Association/Club will conduct a one-day local trial in their region, prior to the open tournament and select the players according to the allocated ratio. To encourage all Professionals to improve their ranking they are allowed the following incentive. If any professional makes a cut in the tournament he will be exempted from the one-day local trial for the following tournament till he misses the cut. For the tournaments, which are played on 9 hole courses, all top 30 professionals who are not in the top 10 will have to play local trial alongwith the remaining professionals. However the allocated slots will remain the same as given above.

e. **Entries.** Each Association will forward entries of selected professionals to the host club for each tournament. The respective clubs will forward the entries of top 30 professionals to the host club for each tournament.

f. **Prize Money In Open Tournaments.** The prize money for professionals in open tournaments will be published in advance on the poster for the information of all concerned. The detail of prize money and cut for professionals is given below: -

- i) **Where the total prize money is rupees 1 million and above including senior professionals.** Top 40 and ties will make the cut for the Championship and the prize money will be shared amongst all the professionals who played the last round as per the established ratio.
- ii) **Where the total prize money is less than rupees 1 million including senior professionals.** Top 30 and ties will make the cut for the Championship and the prize money will be shared amongst all the professionals who played the last round as per the established ratio.

The percentage ratio of prize money to be awarded to the professionals is attached.

- iii) **Limit of Minimum Prize Money.** The limit of minimum prize money for professionals in all open tournaments is fixed at Rs. 500,000/- excluding senior professionals.
- iv) **Open Tournament Fee.** The club holding an Open Tournament is responsible to deduct 5 % of the total prize money for payment to PGF as Open tournament fee. The remaining amount will be distributed among the professionals as per established ratio calculated by PGF.

g. **Cut for Professionals.** At an 18-hole course the cut will be made after the 2nd round for a 54-hole tournament, the same rule will apply for a 72-hole tournament. For all the tournaments played on 9-hole courses the cut will be imposed after the 1st round.

h. **Cancellation of PGF Cards.** Some of the professionals who qualified in the Association's trials to get their PGF cards and do not participate in any local trials prior to the tournament. They are misusing the cards and depriving the opportunity of other youngsters to become professionals. In order to discourage this practice, professional cards will be cancelled if they fail to comply the following: -

- i). Non appearance in the local trails prior to the tournament.
- ii). Failing to make the cut in five consecutive local trials prior to the tournament.

Note. The cancelled seats will be awarded to the professionals who are next in line of Association's qualifying trials.

j. **Exemption.** The special exemption will be given to the following: -

- i) The winner of the Pakistan Open will be exempted from any qualifying trial for two years.
- ii) The winner of all Associations Open's will be exempted from trials for the following year. Pakistani players of established reputations who have won tournaments at home and abroad plus professionals who are card holders of recognized tours like [Asian tour, Thai tour and all tours recognized by the APGC] will be allowed to participate in the PGF/Association events but he must inform the PGF Secretariat in advance to grant him special permission from the Chairman of the Selection Committee.
- iii) A special category is being introduced to give respect and prestige to our teaching pros. All 'B' class teaching professionals certified by the PGF are allowed to participate in Open tournaments held under their respective Associations. He cannot play in any event outside his home Association unless he qualifies through his local Association trials.

iv) Amateurs who have represented Pakistan in the Golf Team and have decided to turn professional during the tournament year can apply to the PGF for participation in the remaining open tournaments. The PGF can consider his request subject to his performance and discipline. Such professionals must appear in the next annual qualifying trials.

k. **Annual Registration Fee** The annual registration and card fee for each professional has been fixed at Rs. 800/.

2. Through experience we have learnt that some genuine players miss out on the opportunity to participate in the regular Association trials by being sick or traveling or other personal reasons. It is recommended that the respective Association leave 2 spots for trials to be held a week later to give a fair opportunity to the players who could not participate in the regular trials.

3. **Participation of Amateurs Golfers in Open & Amateur Tournaments..**

a. **Limit of Handicap of Amateurs.** To improve the quality of major golf events and help the organizers to upgrade the standard of the PGF, Association and Club Tournaments, amateurs having handicap as shown against each in the following tournaments are allowed to take part: -

- PGF open & amateur tournaments : Handicap 07& below
- Association open & amateur tournaments : Handicap 09& below
- Club open tournaments on the PGF calendar : Handicap 12 & below

Note The handicap limit of ladies and juniors is left at the discretion of the organizers of above tournaments.

b. **Subsidiary Events.** In all cases subsidiary events should only be considered if the organizers feel that they have enough time to accommodate the total number of entries to allow the main event to run smoothly.

In case the organizers want to have special categories then they should consider having the special categories start a day before the main event to allow the professionals to play their stipulated rounds without interruption/stoppages and give organizers the flexibility to accommodate more members.

4. Forwarded for compliance please.



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