

PGA OF MALAYSIA PRO TRIAL 2019

PLAYING ABILITY TEST
26-27 February 2019
(Kelab Rahman Putra Malaysia)

TERMS OF COMPETITION

MANAGEMENT

1. The Playing Ability Test (PAT) of the PGAM Pro Trial 2019 shall be managed by the PGAM Pro Trial Organising Committee, hereinafter referred to as "The Tournament Committee".

DATE AND VENUE

2. The PGAM Pro Trial shall be played on 26-27 February 2019 at Kelab Rahman Putra Malaysia, Hills Course.

SCHEDULE

3. The schedule shall be as follows:
Monday, 25 February : Registration & Practice Round (7.30am)
Tuesday, 26 February : First Round (7.30 am)
Wednesday, 27 February : Final Round (7.30 am)

ENTRIES CRITERIA

4. Open to male and female amateur golfer (Malaysian citizens) with a handicap 5 and below for men and handicap 6 and below for women.

ENTRIES

5. Entries are to be submitted on the Official Entry Form to PGAM office by **18 February 2019**. **Entry fee is RM800/= per player to be paid in CASH only and payable before 18 February 2019.** (RM500 will be collected first and remaining RM300 and RM200 (Annual Subscription) upon qualifying.

QUALIFYING STANDARD

6. The qualifying standard for the two days tournament is +8 for men and +10 for women. Once qualified you are required to provide 20 hours of services or participation in an event / seminar organized by PGAM during one year probation period.

DRAW

7. Play will be in groups of three for all days. The draw for the first round shall be made by the Tournament Committee, while the draw for the final round will be arranged in accordance with their scores, i.e. the best tees off last on the front nine and the worst tees off last on the second nine, if applicable.

REGISTRATION

8. All players must register at Kelab Rahman Putra Malaysia on Monday, 25 February 2019 before 2pm. Anyone unable to register in person must advise the Tournament Committee of his expected arrival. Failure to comply may result in his name being taken out from the draw.

WITHDRAWAL

9. Any withdrawal must be notified direct to the PGAM office. Players withdrawing by telephone must confirm in writing within 24 hours of notification. A player who withdraws after the closing date of entry, may forfeit his entry fee except for emergency or medical circumstances deemed reasonable by the Tournament Director.

FORMAT OF PLAY

10. The Tournament will consist of 2 rounds of 18-holes stroke play for each day. In the event of conditions or circumstances which make the playing of 36 holes impracticable, the Tournament Committee has the sole right to postpone or cancel any round at its discretion.

RULES OF GOLF

11. All play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and with the Local Rules approved by the Tournament Committee.

STARTING TIME

12. Players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Tournament Committee. Penalty for Breach of Rule 5-3a: Disqualification.

13. Players must be prepared to play any round whenever called upon to do so and a round may be cancelled or postponed by the Tournament Committee to such day or hour, as may be thought fit.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE ROUND

14. Official practice round will be on Monday, 25 February 2019. Participants are required to make separate arrangements with the venue Club if they want to practice other than the official practice round.

CADDIES

15. Players are advised to bring their own caddies as there are limited caddies at the Club.

16. A player shall not engage any person other than a caddie to assist him during play. A professional or a Club staff cannot be engaged as caddies unless authorised by the Tournament Committee. A caddie shall not wear spiked shoes.

TRANSPORTATION

17. During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorized or later approved by the tournament Director. Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this local rule, If the breach occurs between play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

CONFORMING DRIVERS

18. Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a club head, identified by model and loft which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by The R&A. Penalty for making a stroke with Club in breach of This Local Rule: Disqualification

GROOVES AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS- IRON CLUBS

19. In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on 1 January 2010. Penalty for making a Stroke with Club in Breach of This Local Rule: Disqualification

NEW GROOVE RULES

20. Although implemented with effect from 1 Jan 2019, the new Rules, which relate to Club face grooves with loft greater than or equal to 25 degrees (generally a standard 5-iron and above) is not applicable as a condition of competition to our level of professional tournaments until 1 January 2019. The new Rules are introduced as a condition of competition only for the very top professional and amateur levels of golf tournaments with effect from 1 January 2019.

THE BALL RULE 4-2

21. Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Balls issued by the R&A. Penalty for making a stroke with a ball Not on the Current List in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification

22. One Ball Rule: During an entire round each ball at which the player makes a stroke must be the same brand and model as found in a single entry on the current List of Conforming Balls. Penalty for Making a Stroke at a Ball in Breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole for which he or she is in breach of this local rule.

PROHIBITING PRACTISING ON OR NEAR PREVIOUS PUTTING GREEN.

23. Between the play of two holes, the player must not: Make any practice stroke on or near the putting of the hole just completed, or Test the surface of the putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball. Penalty for Breach of Local Rule : General Penalty

PROHIBITING USE OF DISTANCE –MEASURING DEVICES

24. Rule 4.3a (1) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not obtain distance information by using a distance-measuring device. Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: Penalty for first breach from single act or related acts: general penalty. Penalty for second breach unrelated to first breach: Disqualification. This penalty applies even if the nature of the breach was entirely different from the breach resulting in the first penalty.

LOCAL RULES

25. Special local rules are formulated by the Tournament Committee and a copy of it will be displayed at the Tournament Information Board and a copy is also issued to the players during practice and subsequent rounds.

SLOW PLAY

26. Conditions regarding pace of play are detailed at Appendix 1. Pace of Play Guide Times will be displayed on the tournament information board.

SECOND BALL (RULE 20-1C (3))

27. During play of a hole, when a player is doubtful of his rights or procedure, he may, without penalty play a second ball. Rules 20-1c (3) applies.

MARKERS

28. The Tournament Committee has assigned Markers to each flight.

REFEREES

29. The referees will look into the golf rules and procedures raised by players during the play of the tournament. They will also act as markers to check on the players individual scores at random from time to time. The referees' decisions shall be final.

DISPUTES

30. Any disputes or protest must be lodged in writing to the Tournament Director within 15 minutes of completion of the round regarding the disputed matter. In the case of the final round, the matter must be lodged within 5 minutes of completion of the round.

DECISIONS

31. All decisions made by the Tournament Committee shall, in all matters, be final.

PACE OF PLAY (RULE 5-6)

TIME ALLOWED

- 1 The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes during the Tournament, when play is in groups of 3, is 4 hours 30 minutes and when play is in groups of 2 is 3 hours 58 minutes.
- 2 Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole.

OUT OF POSITION

- 3 Definition:
 - (a) When the cumulative time for the round exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes played.
- AND
- (b) For second and subsequent groups, when a group arrives at a teeing ground and there is a clear hole ahead, except at a par 5 when all players in the preceding group are on the putting green.

NOTE: Both (a) and (b) above must apply for a group to be “out of position”.

PROCEDURE WHEN A GROUP IS OUT OF POSITION

4 If a group is ‘out of position’, the Rules Official will call for the Tournament Director or the Chief Referee and a decision will be taken as to whether the group will be timed. In reaching such a decision, the Tournament Director or the Chief Referee will take account of any recent mitigating circumstances, e.g. a lengthy ruling or lost ball, unplayable ball, wrong ball etc., and how far the group is out of position.

5 If the decision is taken to time the players, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by the Tournament Director or the Chief Referee and Rules official will advise each player that they are ‘out of position’ and they are being timed. The players will be asked if they are familiar with the slow play procedure and penalties and advised if necessary.

6 The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- (a) on a par 3 hole;
- (b) his second shot on par 4s and par 5s; and
- (c) from on or near the putting green at any hole.

7 The timing will start when a player has reached his ball and he has had a few seconds to select his club and he is able to play without interference. On the putting green, he is allowed a few seconds to repair ball marks and clear loose impediments on his line of putt.

8 The timing ceases when a group is either back in position in relation to the preceding group or within the allotted time for the holes played.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION

9 As follows:

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| One Bad time | - | Player will be warned by a Rules Official and told that he will be penalised if he has a further bad time. |
| Two Bad Times | - | Penalty of One Stroke. |
| Three Bad Times | - | Further Penalty of Two Strokes. |
| Four Bad Times | - | Disqualification. |

PROCEDURE WHEN AGAIN OUT OF POSITION DURING THE SAME ROUND

10 If a group is 'out of position' more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed.

PACE OF PLAY TIME SHEET

11 The pace of play time sheet will be issued to all players and a copy of it will be displayed on the tournament information board throughout the tournament.

WE SINCERELY HOPE IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO IMPOSE ANY PENALTIES FOR SLOW PLAY