

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS FOR 2020 JAPAN GOLF TOUR ORGANIZATION QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

***This application document was originally written in Japanese entry form and was translated for your convenience only. The Japanese version shall be used as the primary document.**

With reference to Japan Golf Tour and Abema TV Tour in the 2020-2021 season, the 2020 qualifying tournament will be held as follows.

●Overview

Regarding the ranking of the 2019 qualifying tournament, it will be basically kept, but will be modified the QT ranking according to the result of the 2020 special qualifying tournament. The QT ranking in 2019 may drop by about 10%, but please check the details below.

●2019 QT Ranking results

Tour Members

No.1 ~ 106th Final QT Finalists (106 players)

No.107-121th Re-ranking Spots (15 players)

Tour Players

No.122~211th Finalists (90 players)

No. 212-619th Played Third Stage (418 players)

No. 620 to 1172th Played Second Stage (553 players)

●QT Ranking adjustment method

QT Ranking priority

	Tour Members ← → Tour Players																																
2019QT Ranking	1	2	...	10	10.5	11	...	20	20.5	21	...	30	30.5	31	...	100	100.5	101	...	121	121.3	121.5	122	...	1170	1170.5	1171	1172	1173	1174			
				↑				↑					↑			↑					↑	↑				↑			↑	↑			
2020QT Ranking				1				2					3			10													117			118	119

※10th place is 100.5, so that it will be a tour member, 50th place is 500.5, 100th place is 1000.5, from 118th onwards, the numbers will be given in order from 1173, and numbers will be given to the top 90% tie (ties) of the final results of each the First Stage QT venue.

※However, if the ties occur in the 10th place, the all ties players will be certified as tour members and will be moved up to the tour member category.

※If a 2019 QT ranking holder takes the 2020 special QT, the higher ranking (result) from the above priority will be used.

※The 2019 QT players may be increased by about 10% because it will be modified to a new ranking according to the above priority order.

※The 2020 new ranking will be applied to tour tournament eligibility (21) and (22) and Abema TV tour eligibility (6) and (7).

※Tour Player: From the 11th place in the 2020 Special QT, to the top 90% and ties of the total number of participants in each first QT venue, QT Ranking will be given as a tour player. Subsequent players will not be certified as tour players and will not be given a QT Ranking.

●2020 Special Qualifying Tournament Stages

Final Stage

Only 1 venue, around 95 players who passed the first QT stage.

Qualifiers percentage is subject to change depending on the number of First QT participants.

1st Stage

All participants will be from First QT.

The number of venues will vary depending on the number of participants

FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE:

(1) Eligibility for First Qualifying stage

①2019 QT ranking holder

②Those who participated in the QT from 1999 to 2019

③Those who have abandoned amateur status.

④Those with the Japan Golf Association (JGA) handicap index of 3.0 or less, or those with 3.0 or less based on the handicap index of the USGA or a national golf association from another country.

⑤Those who were members of golf clubs in Japanese high schools for at least three (3) years or 3rd year of enrollment, or those who were golf club members of Japanese universities and were members of the Japan Student Golf Association for at least four (4) years or 4th year of enrollment. Recommendations signed by the coaches or persons who represent the clubs are required.

⑥National team members of Japan Golf Association in this year and the past 4 years up to the last year.

⑦Winners of the Japan Amateur Golf Championship and Japan Student Golf Championship or low amateurs of the Japan Open Golf Championship held in the 2020 and the past 4 years up to the 2019.

⑧Other individuals who have been approved by JGTO.

※Participants during compulsory education cannot turn tour players.

(2) Date and venue

Venue 1

Taiheiyo Club Mashiko PGA Course (Tochigi)

October 27th (Tue) ~October 30th(Fri) 4 days ※Practice Round : October 26th (Mon) only.

TEL:0285-72-8231

Venue 2

Golf 5 Country Club Sunny Field (Ibaraki)

November 10th (Tue)~November 13th (Fri) 4days ※Practice Round : November 9th(Mon) only.

TEL:0295-55-3232

Venue 3

Kumamoto Chuo Country Club (Kumamoto)

November 17th (Tue)~November 20th(Fri) 4days ※Practice Round : November 16th (Mon) only.

TEL:096-293-3300

Venue 4

Horai Country Club (Tochigi)

October 27th (Tue)~October 30th(Fri) 4days ※Practice Round : October 26th (Mon) only.

TEL:0287-37-4114

Venue 5

Golden Velly Golf Club (Hyogo)

November 10th(Tue)~November 13th(Fri) 4days ※Practice Round : November 9th(Mon) only.

TEL:0795-23-0681

(3) Format

- ① 72 holes stroke play (18 holes on each day for 4 days).
- ② After 72 holes, leading players from each venue will proceed to the Third Qualifying Stage.
- ③ The passage rank of players who will proceed to the Third Qualifying Stage will be determined based on the ratio of participants at each venue and an announcement will be posted on the notice board located at each venue prior to the commencement of the tournament.
- ④ In case of ties, the results of 4th round shall be used to break the ties. If it is not determined by the scores of the 4th round, 3rd round, 2nd round, 1st round, 4th round 18th hole scores, 17th hole scores and so on will be used as a tiebreaker.

(4) Allocation and use of venue.

Participant guideline at the reception deadline : Venue : Estimated number of player per venue
Within 108 players : First ①Use only the venue : Up to 108 players

※If there is only one venue for the first QT stage, the final QT will not be played and the ranking will be determined based on the result.

For 109-216 players : Use the ① and ② venues : 54 to 108 players

For 217-324 players : Use the ① to ③ venue : 72-108 players

For 325 to 432 players : Use the ① to ④ venues : 81-108 players

For 433 to 540 players : Use the venues from 1st to 5th : 86-108 players

If the number exceeds 541, temporary venue will be arranged and announced in due course.

※Venues will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please fill in the desired venue at the time of application up to 5th choice.

※The above numbers are for reference only.

〈Entry fee〉

2019 QT ranking holders (Eligibility①) ¥110,000 (Including tax)

Other than the above ¥220,000 (including tax)

〈Application acceptance period and application terms〉

From Wednesday, August 19th, to Friday, September 11th, 2020

(Any application with the date of mailing indicated by the postmark on the envelope being September 11th will be accepted.)

※Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis delivered to JGTO after the date of acceptance of accepting applications. Any applications received prior

to the first day of accepting applications will be deemed to have been received on the second day of accepting applications.

※The payment for the entry fee is accepted prior to the entry date.

〈How to apply to participate in JGTO Qualifying Tournaments〉

Fill out the designated application form (**JAPANESE FORM**) with your full name, address, telephone number, e-mail address (if you have one), eligibility category number, preferred venues and a copy of the remittance slip attached on the back of the application form (**the same form Downloaded or Photocopy is also accepted**). Any applicant must use the supplied designated envelope and place the application form therein and send it by registered mail. Any applicants through the First Qualifying Stage category 1 (1) ④ must attach the original proof of their handicap on the back of the application form.

※If an official envelop is not available, a substitute envelop may be used with the attention to the JGTO QT Operation Committee.

※Make sure to give the full name of a person who is recommending you if you are required to give one.

※Each amateur must put their signature on the back of their application form.

〈Remittance information〉

Mizuho Bank, Toranomom Branch

Account Number: 2878532

Name of Account Holder: Japan Golf Tour Organization

Swift Code: MHCBJPJT

Bank Address: 1-2-3 Toranomom Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0001 Japan

※ If you remit form the outside Japan, a transfer commission is charged also at the bank there and the bank in Japan. Ask a bank there about the transfer commission and add the charge when you transfer your entry fee.

〈Dates & Venue Confirmation〉

The tournament date, venue, confirmation number will be issued after the respective entry deadlines are closed and a postcard will be mailed to you no later than September 25th, 2020. See Regulations.

〈Withdrawal Deadline〉

5 PM on Monday, October 19th, 2020

See Regulations.

FINAL QUALIFYING STAGE:

(1) Eligibility

① First QT qualifiers

※There are no direct participation categories for Final QT.

(2) Dates and Venues

The Royal Golf Club (Ibaraki)

December 8th (Tue)~December 11th (Fri) 4 days ※Practice Round : December 7th (Mon) only.

TEL:0291-39-7511

(3) Format

①72 holes stroke play (18 holes on each day for 4 days).

②In case of ties, the results of 4th round shall be used to break the ties. If it is not determined by the scores of the 4th round, 3rd round, 2nd round, 1st round, 4th round 18th hole scores, 17th hole scores and so on will be used as a tiebreaker.

〈Entry fee〉

※No entry fee for the players who passed the First Qualifying.

REGULATIONS:

■JGTO Tournament New Coronavirus Infectious Disease Control Manual

In principle, this tournament will be held based on the JGTO Tournament New Coronavirus Infectious Diseases Control Manual. This manual is a guideline for players, golf course employees, and other related parties to show their actions and management contents in order to prevent infection at the venue. Since there is a possibility that the details of the countermeasures will differ depending on the infection situation in the host area and the circumstances of the venue, if there is any conflict with the contents of this QT guideline, the contents of this manual will be given priority.

■JGTO Special Tournament Regulations (New Coronavirus infection control)

The following contents of the JGTO Special Tournament Regulations are applied to this tournament.

Article 2 (Participation in tournaments)

Article 10 (Player obligations)

For details, please check the Special Tournament Regulations announced by JGTO on website. Please note that it may be updated at any time depending on the situation.

■Regulations:

The Japan Golf Association (JGA) Rules of Golf, 2020 JGTO Tournament Local Rules and Term of competition will govern all tournaments.

Club & Balls

a. List of Conforming Driver Heads

Model Local Rules G-1 is in effect.

b. Groove and Punch Mark Specification

Model Local Rules G-2 is in effect.

c. Ball

(1) Conforming Ball List

Model Local Rules G-3 is in effect.

(2) One Ball Condition

Model Local Rules G-4 is in effect.

■ Dates & Venue Confirmation:

- ① The tournament date, venue, confirmation number will be issued after the respective entry deadlines are closed and a postcard will be mailed to you:
First Qualifying Stage: No later than September 25th, 2020
- ② Basically the order in which the First Qualifying Stage applications are received and accepted will determine your first date and venue choices; however, your preference may not always be granted due to possible overcapacity problems. If the enrollment limit is reached at one venue, participants will be directed to other different venues. If the enrollment limit is reached at all the venues, participants may be directed to new venues that are not listed in these guidelines.
- ③ In principle, changing venues is not allowed after confirmation is issued.
- ④ JGTO has the right to change and assign dates and venues.

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■ TOUR MEMBERSHIP:

Those who can receive the 2021 Tour Member qualifications are those who had up to 10th tie in the final qualifying tournament, and those who have completed the tour member guidance course (Including prospective participants). However, those who have become JGTO tour members after 1999, will be exempted from this year's guidance course. Those who correspond to the tour member guidance and have not taken the course will not be able to acquire the tour member qualifications. For the QT ranking, it will be the next ranked to the lowest rank of tour member. Also, depending on the ranking, the 2021 tour tournament qualification priority ranking will be attained.

■ TOUR MEMBER GUIDANCE:

This guidance is intended for the players who had up to 10th tie in the final qualifying tournament. Those who attended this guidance (Including prospective participants) will be registered as Tour Members for 2021.

- (1) Schedule: 1 day from January to March 2021 (tentative)

■ WITHDRAWALS:

If any applicant (excluding players who passed first stage) decides not to participate in the JGTO the Qualifying Tournaments after submitting his/her application and the fee, the applicant must submit a notification of his/her withdrawal to JGTO containing his/her name, confirmation number and contact number before the deadlines below in order to obtain a refund. If the written notification is submitted before the withdrawal deadline, part of the amount paid will be refunded after 33,000 yen (inclusive of 3,000 yen consumption tax) being deducted. If the written notification is submitted after the deadline, only a half of the fee will

be refunded. If an applicant plays before submitting a written notification or does not show up without notification, his/her entry fee will NOT be refunded.

Withdrawal Deadline:

First Qualifying Stage: 5 PM on Monday, October 19th, 2020

■ ETIQUETTE AND MANNERISM

Players shall abide by etiquette and manners and behave like respectable golfers and models of all golfers.

(1) Attire and personal grooming

- ① Players must wear jacket or suit on the first day arriving at the Tournament venue and the final day of the Tournament leaving the venue.
- ② Shirts must have collars. Shirts similar to T-shirts with small collars are not permitted.
- ③ Shirts must be tucked in trousers.
- ④ Full length trousers must be worn. Shorts are not permitted even with high socks.
- ⑤ Wears with camouflaged design and cargo-pants with inflated pockets are not permitted.
- ⑥ Players shall gain an approval from JGTO in advance to wear new style shirts or trousers developed as golf wear by sports apparel makers.
- ⑦ Golf spike shoes shall not be changed except in the locker room.
- ⑧ Jeans, shorts, T-shirts, sandals, heelless shoes and any other attire unsuitable for the relevant location are not acceptable in club houses
- ⑨ Golf bags and valuables must be stored in the locker room at players' own responsibility.
- ⑩ Other than stipulated in ① through ⑨, players shall always pay attention to their attire and neat appearance.

(2) Smoking

Smoking (tobacco and the likes) is prohibited during rounds including on teeing area except the interval period between holes. Smoking (tobacco and the likes) during practice, at practice facilities and on greens is not permitted.

■ REGISTRATION AT THE VENUE:

The participant must register at a designated location at each venue between 7 a.m. and 12 noon, one day prior to the tournament day. Participants failing to register will lose their qualification to participate in the tournaments.

■ CADDIE:

Participants in this Tournament must have caddies to accompanying the players, starting with the practice day (regardless of whether they are personal caddies or house caddies). Players who are going to have personal caddies must fill in the caddie section of the prescribed form upon registration. Failure to fill in the caddie section will result in losing the qualification to use a personal caddie. However, for the period during which the JGTO New Coronavirus Infectious Disease Control Special Tournament Regulations are applied, the content will be followed.

- (1) When arriving at the golf course, one must wear long pants, shirts with collar, and must wear shoes upon entry.
- (2) Personal caddies must wear flat-sole tennis shoes. (Spike shoes, spikeless shoes, soft spike shoes are forbidden)
- (3) Caddies (Male or Female) are expected to wear full length slacks. Jeans, T-shirts are not allowed. However shorts are allowed until provided that they wear regular socks hiding ankles. In this case caddies with shorts are not permitted in clubhouse

restaurants. The color of slacks and shorts must be of mono-tone color such as black, dark blue, beige, khaki or white.

(4) Player shall take all responsibility for any words or behavior of their caddies, and in case of violations, the players shall be punished (e.g. fine).

(5) JGTO may order a caddie out whose behavior or language is considered inappropriate and decline his/her further registration in the tournament.

■ TV, RADIO, PHOTOGRAPHIC, MOVIES, DOCUMENTARY FILM, INTERNET REPRODUCTION RIGHT:

All Players who participate in tournaments shall grant and assign the right of publication, publicity and any other rights concerning likeness, character of players or intellectual property rights on the tournament to JGTO and grant JGTO to utilize them by any means (Including but not limited to television, radio, photographs, motion pictures, electronic media) and by any forms (Including but not limited to audio or visual recording, duplication, distribution and any public communication).

■ SANCTION:

JGTO may take punitive actions as prescribed below against any Qualifying Tournament participants (including players who applied but did not participate) for any of the following improper actions in accordance with the Qualifying Tournament Regulations also Japan Golf Tour Regulations:

- ① Any conduct which violates any of the JGTO Tournament Regulations
- ② Any conduct which violates any of the JGTO Qualifying Tournament Regulations
- ③ Any conduct which violates any of the Japan Golf Association Golf Rules and/or Japan Golf Tour Local Rules and Terms of competitions
- ④ Any conduct which violates any of these guidelines
- ⑤ Default of participation in the Qualifying Tournament without due reason and/or abstain
- ⑥ Any players who use abusive language towards any contestants, gallery and/or tournament officials or who display undignified behavior.
- ⑦ Any improper conduct behavior which violates the honor and dignity of JGTO and/or the Qualifying Tournament
- ⑧ Any conduct which breaches any Governing Law, Authorization, Rules and Law (including any ordinance)

■ NOTE:

- (1) Applicants have a choice to select preferred dates and venue locations depending on their eligibility statuses.
- (2) Completeness of entry applications must be confirmed by the applicants themselves. JGTO is not responsible for any mail delivery services.
- (3) Individual participants must have insurance policies with Golfers Insurance.
- (4) Practice rounds shall be based on an one-ball rule and up to 2 shots are permitted when aimed greens including bunker shots.
- (5) Parings will be posted on the notice board located at each venue on the designated practice day. Each player must be responsible to confirm his/her own paring and tee time at the venue.
- (6) Each golf course will charge a special green fee for both practice and tournament rounds.
- (7) Players electing to play a practice round on a day other than the designated practice day must contact the golf course directly disclosing their names and obtain prior approval.

- (8) Participants are responsible for their own accommodation, transportation, meal and other expenses.
- (9) If an amateur elects to participate in the JGTO Qualifying Tournament, the individual must forfeit his/her amateur status in accordance with the JGA Golf Regulations. (See JGA Rules of Golf)
- (10) JGTO may reject any applications containing errors or omissions or false information.
- (11) If the undersigned successfully qualifies and is accepted to become a JGTO member to participate in the Tour Tournament or the Abema TV Tour, he or she shall pay the necessary fees and dues.
- (12) Each non-resident, non-Japanese player must assign a contact person who is a resident of Japan in good standing.
- (13) Non-Japanese players must accompany their interpreters to the venues.
- (14) JGTO reserves the right to make a decision in the event that an issue that is not covered in these regulations arises and/or any doubt about the interpretation of these guidelines arises.
- (15) JGTO will provide contestants' names, addresses and other personal information to Japan Golf Association, PGA of Japan, each tournament sponsor and each tournament operation company for the purpose of supplying tournament (Sponsor Exemption, Qualifying, Monday Tournament etc.)
- (16) A player under a compulsory education shall not be eligible for a Tour Member of JGTO.
- (17) An amateur golfer who wishes to obtain a QT ranking as a Tour Player for 2021 (Limited to the top 90% and ties of the total number of participants in each first QT venue) must submit a written notice to JGTO of renouncing his or her amateur status by 5pm Friday, December 11th, 2020.
An amateur golfer who participates in each stage as a qualified professional golfer must submit an application for relinquishing his or her amateur status at the time of the registration for the relevant tournament.
- (18) No one is permitted to enter the courses except players as a rule. Personal caddies, coaches and trainers may be the exception. A player who wishes to accompany non-player staff is required to apply in advance for an approval of the tournament office. The player who applied for an approval shall be fully responsible for his or her coach or trainer.

■ ANTI-DOPING

JGTO conducts Doping Tests . This Qualifying Tournament will be subject to the Test.

■ OFFICIAL DEEMED

The tournament is deemed the official except for the cancellation of all rounds for 1R-4R. All scores of any tournaments deemed unofficial will be voided and tournaments will be rearranged and held at later dates.

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