



**PROFESSIONAL GOLF TOUR OF INDIA  
2026**

**QUALIFYING SCHOOL**

**16 - 30 JANUARY, 2026**

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The Qualifying School for the Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI) 2026 will be as under:

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

**VENUE:** **Kensville Golf & Country Club, Ahmedabad**  
Ahmedabad, Gujarat  
<https://www.kensville.co.in>

**DATE :** January 16 – 24, 2026

**Final Qualifying Stage (72 Holes Scheduled)**

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**DATE :** **FINAL Stage – January 26-30, 2026**

**1. FORMAT**

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

**(A) First Qualifying Stage (36 holes scheduled)**

• **Pre Qualifying I**

Registration & Practice Round : January 16, 2026 - (Friday)  
36 holes stroke play : January 17-18, 2026.

• **Pre Qualifying II**

Registration & Practice Round : January 19, 2026 - (Monday)  
36 holes stroke play : January 20-21, 2026.

• **Pre Qualifying III**

Registration & Practice Round : January 22, 2026 - (Thursday)  
36 holes stroke play : January 23-24, 2026.

- 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 qualifying school and on a pro rata basis (i.e. approximately the same percentage from each tournament will advance) and contingent on the number of available Final Stage places.

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.

**(B) Final Qualifying Stage (72 holes scheduled)**

January 26, 2026 (Monday) - Practice Round & Registration

January 27-30, 2026 - 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 61<sup>st</sup> –100<sup>th</sup> position and those tied in 100<sup>th</sup> position on the PGTI Order of Merit at the conclusion of the last event for the calendar year 2025. To be eligible for the PGTI Order of Merit, players must have played 1/3<sup>rd</sup> number of the events on the PGTI 2025 calendar.
- b) PGTI Tournament Winners exemption into the Final Stage of the PGTI Qualifying School will now be basis the last 15 years (PGTI Tournament Winners from 2011 – 2023), 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 (as on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December prior to the Qualifying School and in case the Qualifying School is scheduled in December, then it would be 3 weeks prior)
- e) Asia Pacific Golf Championship – Top Indian Finisher in the last played (Indian Passport Holder)
- f) US Amateur (Any Indian Passport Holder)
- g) Current IGU No. 1 (as on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December prior to the Qualifying School and in case the Qualifying School is scheduled in December, then it would be 3 weeks prior)
- h) Nomination of the PGTI Governing Board at their discretion.
- i) Exemption will be granted to countries only at the discretion of the TPC / Management.
- j) Only the Leader of the NexGen OOM 2025 will be exempt on the Main Tour in the year 2026 but will not qualify to play in the season ending tour championship. If #1 is already exempt on the Main Tour, then the next player up to 3<sup>rd</sup> rank (not otherwise exempt) will be eligible for the Main tour as NexGen OOM Champion Category.

- k) Those players ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> and ties in the NexGen OOM 2025 will be exempt to play in the 2026 PGTI Q-School Final Stage
- 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 categories for 2026.
- 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<br>(Previous Order of Merit) | Players who do not earn a full card for 2026.<br>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 & D will be allowed to play the main tour as per their rankings and availability of slots.

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Hole.

Should there be a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> 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.30,000/- 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.**

**Entry Method:** Entry for the PGTI Qualifying School 2026 can be done thru online only. A link will be available on official website [www.pgtofindia.com](http://www.pgtofindia.com) and participants need to fill up an online form and attached the payment details.

## 4. METHODS OF ENTRY FEE PAYMENT

**Payment may be made through one of the following options:**

01. Cash in INR will be accepted at our tournament sites only **before the closing date.**

- 02. Banker's Draft/ Cheque (payable at par in Delhi).
- 03. Payment by Bank Transfer.
- 04. Cash depositing to our HDFC Bank/IndusInd Bank Account directly.

PGTI Bank details:

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|                |   | <b>HDFC Bank</b>   |
| 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 |
| IFSC Code      | : | HDFC0000280  |
| Swift Address  | : | <b>HDFCINBB</b>  |

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 reference 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
- MICR No.
- Account No.
- Type of account
- SWIFT Code

## 5. DEADLINES

**Entry Closes on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 1500hrs (India Time).**

The 2025 PGTI Final Order of Merit will only be determined after the last 2025 season event. Players finishing in 61<sup>st</sup> -100<sup>th</sup> positioned will be determined then. However entries MUST be submitted by the closing date.

Note: Late Entries will be acceptable latest only by 06<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 (1500hrs) by paying double the Entry Fee (Rs. 60,000/-) subject to availability at the sole discretion of PGTI.

## 6. WITHDRAWALS

All withdrawals must be notified to the PGTI.

1. If a player becomes exempt from the Qualifying School after the 2025 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 pays double the entry fee & withdraws after that (for any reason what so ever) without competing, he will be refunded Rs. 10,000/-.
5. 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 (in any circumstances).**

## 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, Pre Qualifying II and Pre Qualifying III 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 2023 will be in effect for the PGTI Qualifying School 2026. This means that all the Rules from 1-24, local Rules as applicable and the interpretations to the Rules as published by the R&A with changes from time to time.

## **10. SPECIFICATION OF THE BALL**

- (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.”
  - 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  
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 for the Final Stage, the details of which will be announced before the start of the event.

#### **15. MEMBERSHIP 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 2026 PGTI Order of Merit. The membership fee will have to be paid before the player tees off in his first tournament of the season.

Players MUST pay by cheque or Bank Transfer. No cash would be accepted. If paying through bank transfer, player must provide reference number etc.

#### **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. A concept of "serious misconduct " will be introduced which focuses on a player's action as well as underlying intentions bringing etiquettes into the rules.
- 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 16 Over or More 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.**

**The Committee may create a code of conduct that applies golf penalties to actions that are not a breach of the Rule.**

**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:** This seminar is **mandatory** for all members (players who qualify to the Final Stage). Rules and regulations, commitment protocols, membership matters, etc. will be discussed at the seminar **The date and time will be notified closer to the date.**

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

**20. Use of Distance Measuring Device**

Use of Distance Measuring Device will be permitted. **No equipment including range finders must be used in judging a slope or contour.**

**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?**

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| Contact | Mr. Yogendra Singh   | Mr. Mohit Sharma   |
| Tel     | +91 9718198007   | +91 9810405320   |
| Email   | <a href="mailto:entries@pgtofindia.com">entries@pgtofindia.com</a> | <a href="mailto:entries@pgtofindia.com">entries@pgtofindia.com</a> |

**Need help or advice on how to pay?**

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| Contact | Mr. Pradeep Chauhan / Mr. Vikas Sharma (Accounts)                    |
| Tel     | +91 9910974849 / +91 9599637366                                      |
| Email   | <a href="mailto:accounts@pgtofindia.com">accounts@pgtofindia.com</a> |

**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 4-5 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.