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THAI LPGA TOUR MEMBERS HANDBOOK AND GENERAL TERMS 2026

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Definitions

- **"Association"** shall mean the Thai Ladies Professional Golf Association (Thai LPGA).
- **"Committee"** shall mean the Executive Committee of the Thai LPGA Tour or any committee appointed to oversee Tournaments.
- **"Joint Sanction Events"** shall refer to Thai LPGA Tour Tournaments that are part of the Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit Tournaments and are conducted in collaboration with other tours as specified by the Committee, with distinct entry rights determined for each individual event.
- **"Members"** shall denote individuals who are official members of the Thai LPGA Tour, who have completed all necessary registration steps and are recognized as members of the Thai LPGA Tour.
- **"Official Money"** shall mean the prize money calculated in Thai Baht, which is awarded from the competitions within the Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit Tournaments.
- **"Qualifying Round"** shall refer to the qualifying competitions that are organized or recognized by the Thai LPGA Tour for each event to determine the eligibility order of professional players to participate in that particular Thai LPGA Tour event.
- **"Thai LPGA Tour"** shall denote the organization established by the Women's Professional Golf Association of Thailand to manage professional golf activities including qualifications, training, competitions, and other related professional golf activities in Thailand under the name Thai LPGA Tour.
- **"Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit"** shall refer to the annual ranking of professional players who participate in the Thai LPGA Tour, calculated based on the total prize money they earn at various tournaments throughout the season.
- **"Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit Tournaments"** shall mean the competitions organized under the Thai LPGA Tour or those competitions recognized by the Thai LPGA Tour, designed to rank players based on the prize money they have earned.
- **"Tournaments"** shall refer to the Tournaments sanctioned or organized by the Thai LPGA Tour.

Note: Only registered Members of the Thai LPGA Tour are eligible to compete in Tournaments and accrue rankings in the Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit. Non-members who are invited to participate may receive prize money but shall not be eligible for inclusion in the Order of Merit rankings.

Membership in the Thai LPGA Tour

To become a Member of the Thai LPGA Tour, Players must submit a completed application along with requisite documents and fulfill the membership fee requirement as follows:

- **Players ranked in membership categories 1-8** shall pay 3,000 Thai Baht per competition year.
- **Players ranked in membership categories 9-13** shall pay 2,000 Thai Baht per competition year.

Membership Categories

Membership in the Thai LPGA Tour is granted on an annual basis and is valid between each 1 January to 31 December

Thai LPGA Tour Membership Categories

Membership Exemption Categories	
Categories	Details
1	(a) Winners of the Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit will be granted eligibility to participate in any tournament for three (3) years post their victorious season (“3-Year Exemption”): 2023 Winner: Exemption from 2024-2026 2024 Winner: Exemption from 2025-2027 2025 Winner: Exemption from 2026-2028 (b) Medical or Maternity Exemption
2	(a) Professional female players who have won the Thai LPGA Masters will be eligible to participate in the competition for 2 years following the year in which the player won the Tournament (2-Year Exemption). Winner in 2024: Exemption from 2025-2026 Winner in 2025: Exemption from 2026-2027 (b) Medical or Maternity Exemption
3	(a) Professional female players who have won 2 tournaments or more on the Thai LPGA Tour within a period of 1 year will be eligible to participate in any tournament for 2 years following the year in which the player won the Tournaments (2-Year Exemption). Winner in 2024: Exemption from 2025-2026 Winner in 2025: Exemption from 2026-2027 (b) Medical or Maternity Exemption
4	(a) Professional female players who have won any Thai LPGA Tour tournament will be eligible to participate in the competition for 1 year following the year in which the player won the Tournament (1-Year Exemption). Winner in 2025: Exemption in 2026 Winner in 2026: Exemption in 2027 (b) Medical or Maternity Exemption
5	(a) Top fifty (50) players from the 2025 Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit (b) Medical or Maternity Exemption
6	Leading Three (3) players from the 2025 WPGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit (must be in the top 30)
7	Top Five (5) players from the 2025 Color Tour Order of Merit. (b) Medical or Maternity Exemption
8	Top forty (40) players from the 2026 Q-School of the Thai LPGA Tour (b) Medical or Maternity Exemption
9	Members in categories 6,7,8, 9, 10,11, and 12 will be re-ranked according to their positions in the 2026 Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit after four tournaments

	Note: Members who are not on the 2026 Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit will remain in their previous category when re-ranking occurs
10	Top fifty-one (51) to eighty (80) players from the 2025 Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit
11	The top forty-one to eighty (41-80) players from the 2026 Q-School of the Thai LPGA Tour
12	The top eighty-one to one hundred twenty-seven (81-127) players from the 2025 Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit
13	The top eighty-one (81) and below players from the 2026 Q-School of the Thai LPGA Tour

Termination of Membership

Membership of an individual in the Thai LPGA Tour may be terminated under the following circumstances:

1. Voluntary resignation.
2. Severe misconduct or serious violations of the Thai LPGA Tour regulations or competition rules.
3. Actions that significantly harm the reputation or operations of the Thai LPGA Tour.

Note: Termination decisions are subject to the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Thai LPGA Tour, which will formally notify the affected member in writing.

1. Tournament Information, Requirements, and Conditions

1.1. Tournament Organization

- The Thai LPGA Tour is officially authorized by the Thai Ladies Professional Golf Association to organize professional golf tournaments, including the Order of Merit and other special events.
- The Tournament Director is responsible for conducting these tournaments in accordance with the standards established by the Thai LPGA Tour and ensuring compliance with its regulations. Modifications to these regulations are subject to the approval of the Executive Committee.
- Players may appeal decisions they believe to be unjust or incorrect to the Tournament committee. However, the committee makes a final determination after review that is conclusive.

1.2. Thai LPGA Player Rankings and Eligibilities

To be eligible for the Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit ranking, professional players must:

- a) Be members of the Thai LPGA Tour.
- b) Participate in at least three Thai LPGA Tour tournaments during the competitive year.
- c) Adhere to all regulations of the Thai LPGA Tour and avoid any actions that could damage the professional golf community.

1.3. Tournament Regulations

1.3.1. Tournament Format

Competitions are generally held in a stroke play format over 54 holes, spanning three days with 18 holes played daily. Modifications to this format may be implemented as determined by the Committee. The player with the lowest score at the end of the competition is declared the winner.

1.3.2. Starting Field

- The field is limited to 156 professional players, adjustable at the discretion of the Committee. After 36 holes, the field is narrowed to the top 50 players and ties, advancing to the final round. Amateurs are considered additional entrants, and total participant numbers per event may vary as deemed suitable by the Tournament Director.
- Post-cut, the scores of any disqualified, withdrawing or ineligible player are disregarded, and the remaining players proceed until the end of the competition.
- Starting Field for normal Thai LPGA Tournaments:
 1. Top two hundred (200) of the Rolex Women's World Golf Ranking as of the tournament application closing date.
 2. (a) Winners of the Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit will be granted eligibility to participate in any tournament for three (3) years post their victorious season ("3-Year Exemption"):
 - 2023 Winner: Exemption from 2024-2026
 - 2024 Winner: Exemption from 2025-2027
 - 2025 Winner: Exemption from 2026-2028(b) Medical or Maternity Exemption
 3. (a) Professional female players who have won the Thai LPGA Masters will be eligible to participate in the competition for 2 years following the year in which the player won the Tournament (2-Year Exemption).
 - 2024 Winner: Exemption from 2025-2026
 - 2025 Winner: Exemption from 2026-2027(b) Medical or Maternity Exemption
 4. (a) Professional female players who have won 2 tournaments or more on the Thai LPGA Tour within a period of 1 year will be eligible to participate in any tournament for 2 years following the year in which the player won the Tournaments (2-Year Exemption).
 - 2024 Winner: Exemption from 2025-2026
 - 2025 Winner: Exemption from 2026-2027

(b) Medical or Maternity Exemption

5. (a) Professional female players who have won any Thai LPGA Tour tournament will be eligible to participate in the competition for 1 year following the year in which the player won the Tournament (1-Year Exemption).

2025 Winner: Exemption in 2026

2026 Winner: Exemption in 2027

(b) Medical or Maternity Exemption

6. Professional female players who have received invitation
7. Players who have participated in selection rounds of the Color Tour
8. Thai national team players (4 players)
9. (a) Top fifty (50) players from the 2025 Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit
(b) Medical or Maternity Exemption
10. Leading Three (3) players from the 2025 WPGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit (must be in the top 30)
11. Top Five (5) players from the 2025 Color Tour Order of Merit
12. Top Ten (10) 2025 Thai LPGA Tour Amateur Ranking
13. Top Forty (40) players from the 2026 Q-School of the Thai LPGA Tour
14. Members in categories 6,7,8, 9, 10,11, and 12 will be re-ranked according to their positions in the 2026 Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit after four tournaments

Note: Members who are not on the 2026 Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit will remain in their previous category when re-ranking occurs
15. Top Fifty-one (51) to eighty (80) players from the 2025 Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit
16. The top Forty-one to eighty (41-80) players from the 2026 Thai LPGA Tour Final Qualifying Stage (Q-school)
17. The top Eighty-one to one hundred twenty-seven (81-127) players from the 2025 Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit
18. The top Eighty-one (81) and below players from the 2026 Thai LPGA Tour Final Qualifying Stage (Q-school)

Tournament Eligibilities

Exclusive to members of the Thai LPGA Tour, except those with special invitation status, which can be confirmed at thailandlpga.or.th.

Ties at Tournament

A hole-by-hole playoff resolves any tie for first place. In playoffs involving more than two players, non-winners share second place.

Prize Distribution

- Governed by the Thai LPGA Tour established structure, applicable across all tournaments, detailed on the official website or posted onsite at each event.
- Prize money is directly transferred to the bank accounts of professional players who must have an account with Kasikorn Thai Bank and provide their account details in advance to the Thai LPGA Tour officials. Those without the requisite account details will not receive their prize money via transfer, except when the Tour elects to distribute cash prizes at the event.

Upon result announcements, listed prize recipients must present a copy of their ID for verification and sign the prize receipt, finalizing all related procedures by the end of the competition. Failure to comply results in prize forfeiture.

Note: Players who withdraw from the competition for medical reasons after making the cut will receive the lowest official prize money. However, this prize money will not be counted towards their earnings in the Order of Merit rankings. In all cases of disqualification, no competition prize money will be awarded.

Prize Money Breakdown

Tournament

#/Baht	Percent	4.0M	2.0M	Percent	1.5M
1	13.000%	520,000	260,000	13.333%	200,000
2	7.300%	292,000	146,000	7.333%	110,000
3	5.150%	206,000	103,000	5.053%	75,800
4	4.520%	180,800	90,400	4.233%	63,500
5	4.030%	161,200	80,600	3.860%	57,900
6	3.610%	144,400	72,200	3.527%	52,900
7	3.260%	130,400	65,200	3.207%	48,100
8	2.930%	117,200	58,600	2.900%	43,500
9	2.625%	105,000	52,500	2.633%	39,500
10	2.350%	94,000	47,000	2.380%	35,700

11	2.150%	86,000	43,000	2.180%	32,700
12	1.950%	78,000	39,000	1.980%	29,700
13	1.850%	74,000	37,000	1.847%	27,700
14	1.750%	70,000	35,000	1.713%	25,700
15	1.650%	66,000	33,000	1.653%	24,800
16	1.550%	62,000	31,000	1.593%	23,900
17	1.500%	60,000	30,000	1.540%	23,100
18	1.450%	58,000	29,000	1.487%	22,300
19	1.400%	56,000	28,000	1.433%	21,500
20	1.350%	54,000	27,000	1.380%	20,700
21	1.300%	52,000	26,000	1.327%	19,900
22	1.270%	50,800	25,400	1.293%	19,400
23	1.240%	49,600	24,800	1.260%	18,900
24	1.210%	48,400	24,200	1.227%	18,400
25	1.180%	47,200	23,600	1.193%	17,900
26	1.150%	46,000	23,000	1.160%	17,400
27	1.125%	45,000	22,500	1.133%	17,000
28	1.100%	44,000	22,000	1.107%	16,600
29	1.075%	43,000	21,500	1.080%	16,200
30	1.050%	42,000	21,000	1.053%	15,800
31	1.025%	41,000	20,500	1.027%	15,400
32	1.005%	40,200	20,100	1.007%	15,100
33	0.985%	39,400	19,700	0.987%	14,800
34	0.965%	38,600	19,300	0.967%	14,500
35	0.945%	37,800	18,900	0.947%	14,200
36	0.925%	37,000	18,500	0.927%	13,900

37	0.905%	36,200	18,100	0.907%	13,600
38	0.885%	35,400	17,700	0.887%	13,300
39	0.865%	34,600	17,300	0.867%	13,000
40	0.845%	33,800	16,900	0.847%	12,700
41	0.825%	33,000	16,500	0.827%	12,400
42	0.810%	32,400	16,200	0.813%	12,200
43	0.795%	31,800	15,900	0.800%	12,000
44	0.780%	31,200	15,600	0.787%	11,800
45	0.765%	30,600	15,300	0.773%	11,600
46	0.750%	30,000	15,000	0.760%	11,400
47	0.735%	29,400	14,700	0.747%	11,200
48	0.720%	28,800	14,400	0.733%	11,000
49	0.705%	28,200	14,100	0.720%	10,800
50	0.690%	27,600	13,800	0.707%	10,600

Awards Ceremony

- During the award ceremony, the professional player who places first or any player as designated by the Committee must attend every ceremony. In Pro-Am competitions, the top 1-3 professional players must participate in the award ceremony.
- Players who fail to comply with these regulations will be fined 3,000 Baht and receive a written warning, unless they are granted an exemption by the Tournament Director.
- All players who make the cut and compete in the final round are required to attend the award ceremony, which will be held immediately after the conclusion of the final round.

Penalties for Non-Compliance

- Professionals are subject to a 3,000 THB fine.
- Amateurs face prohibition from subsequent events they are registered for.

1.3.3. Thai LPGA Gender Eligibility Criteria

1. Players whose sex assigned at birth is female may compete in Thai LPGA Tournaments regardless of how they identify their gender.
2. Players whose sex assigned at birth is male must satisfy all the following conditions to participate in Tournaments:
 - 2.1. Their physical development must not have progressed beyond the early stages of male puberty, specifically before either reaching Tanner Stage 2 or turning 12 years old, whichever occurs first.
 - 2.2. Following any gender transition procedures, their blood testosterone levels must be verified to stay consistently under 2.5 nmol/L.
 - 2.3. To maintain their right to compete in Tournaments, these players must keep their testosterone levels below this threshold at all times, whether during competitive seasons or off-periods.
3. Players whose sex assigned at birth is female who have undergone any treatments using substances or methods listed as prohibited by Thai LPGA for muscle growth or development, whether through medical prescription or other means, must show clear evidence that they no longer gain any athletic advantage from such past use before being allowed to participate in any Tournaments.

1.4. Thai LPGA Order of Merit and Players Levy

For earnings to qualify for ranking in the Thai LPGA Tour Order of Merit, players must complete three rounds. However, under certain circumstances, the number of holes may be reduced but must not be less than 36 holes (or in some situations not less than 18 holes, or as determined by the Committee). If it is not possible to play the required 36 or 18 holes (or as specified by the Committee under certain conditions), no prize money will be paid, and the Committee will announce corrective measures, which may include canceling the competition, extending competition days, or rescheduling. Before the start of each event, players must comply with the following conditions:

- a) Have paid their association or membership fees in full.
- b) Agree to pay a Management Levy Fee of 5% on any prize money earned.

1.5. Tournament Entries and Withdrawals

a) **Tournament Entry**

Tournament Entry starts at 9:00 AM Thailand time, three weeks prior to the competition day and closes at 4:00 PM Thailand time, on the Wednesday one week before the competition.

Players wishing to apply or withdraw from a competition must adhere to the following:

- (i) Tournament Entry online process:

- Visit thailandlpga.or.th
- Click on "Tournament," then "Tournament Information," and select the desired event to access the Entry Form.
- Complete the application form and click "Submit" to confirm your entry.

Note:

- Once your entry is completed, you can check the entry list at thailandlpga.or.th under "Tournament Information" and then "Entry List."
- When applying for more than one event simultaneously, fill out a separate form for each event to ensure clarity and prevent combined document submissions; combined forms cannot be processed.
- If the number of applicants exceeds the set limit, a qualifying round may be organized. The Thai LPGA Tour will announce this in advance.
- The entry fee for Thai LPGA Tour events is 2,500 THB (or as set by the Committee). Please ensure the correct amount is transferred.

(ii) Once the Thai LPGA Tour receives the entry form and fee within the stipulated deadline, the entry of the player is considered official.

b) Tournament withdrawal

The deadline to withdraw is at 4:00 PM Thailand time on the Friday before the Tournament week.

- If a player wishes to withdraw within the stipulated day and time, notification must be sent to the Thai LPGA Tour along with bank account details of the player for a refund of the entry fee. For withdrawals after the deadline, reasons must be provided to the competition organizers, and the registration fee will not be refunded unless a medical certificate is provided.
- Withdrawals must be confirmed in writing, e.g., via email, SMS, or LINE.
- Refunds are granted if a competition is canceled.
- If a player withdraws after the deadline, the Thai LPGA Tour will consider eligible players from the qualifying round for Tournament inclusion.

Pro-Am

- Players withdrawing after Monday of the Tournament week incur a fine according to section 3.2, except under unavoidable circumstances or with a medical certificate.

Withdrawal During Tournament

- Players may withdraw from a competition for medical reasons by notifying the Tournament Director. Unauthorized withdrawals are fined 2,000 THB, with subsequent offenses doubling the fine.

Note: For withdrawals during a competition, players must state their reasons and sign the withdrawal form.

c) **Tournament Entry List**

The Tournament Committee will post and update the entry list according to players ranking at thailandlpga.or.th

d) **Tournament Entry Fee**

The entry fee for Thai LPGA Tour member is 2,500 THB (or as set by the Committee).

e) **Entry Closing Date**

The entry closing deadline is 4:00 PM Thailand time, on the Wednesday one week prior to the Tournament, or as specified by the Tournament Committee. For registration details after the deadline, refer to Section 1.5 (h).

f) **Refund Policy**

Players will receive a full refund of the entry fee if they withdraw within the stipulated deadline. If a withdrawal is made after the deadline, which is 4:00 PM Thailand time on the Friday before the Tournament week, the player will not be eligible for a refund unless the withdrawal is due to medical reasons, supported by a medical certificate, or other compelling reasons approved by the Committee. No refunds will be granted once the player has started the competition or for late withdrawals without a medical certificate.

g) **Procedures for Reserve Players**

Reserve players eligible to compete must sign in and report to the Tournament office at the Tournament site, at least 60 minutes before the start time of the first round of the first group.

h) **Tournament Entry After Entries Deadline**

If the number of players entries are below the required number, the Tournament Committee may accept additional players who meet the Thai LPGA Tour's criteria. Late entry fee payment will need to pay the standard registration fee of 2,500 THB plus an additional late fee of 1,500 THB, totaling 4,000 THB.

i) **Responsibilities of Members**

Players are responsible for verifying their eligibility and prize money ranking. They must also ensure the accuracy of their registration or withdrawal processes.

1.6. Pro-Ams and Official Activities

Players participating in Tournaments implies acceptance of participation in Pro-Am or sponsorship activities. Members are allowed to withdraw from Pro-Ams or sponsor activities up to two times per year without providing a reason, by submitting a written request to the Committee within the designated withdrawal period. However, the Thai LPGA Tour reserves the right to reject such requests if sponsors specifically require the player's participation in the Pro-Am round.

Pro-Ams are usually scheduled the day before the first round of the Tournament or on a day specified by the Committee. Members should be aware that Pro-Am rounds are designed to engage sponsors and amateur players, not as practice rounds. Therefore, members should not treat these rounds as practice, such as measuring distances for the competition course.

Once a member registers for a competition and is notified of their participation in a Pro-Ams, refusal to play in the Pro-Am or attend sponsor activities will result in disqualification from the Tournament unless permission is granted by the Tournament Director due to injury, medical reasons, or emergency situations such as illness of a family member.

If a member withdraws from Pro-Ams or sponsor activities for the aforementioned reasons, they will not be permitted to use any practice facilities. Late arrivals for a Pro-Am may be required to finish the round with the designated group and participate in additional sponsor activities. Members not adhering to Pro-Am regulations may face fines or suspension from competition.

Members are also required to participate in official Thai LPGA Tour activities, such as the annual awards ceremony, which will be announced in advance.

1.7. Registration

Players must report and register in person at the Tournament site on the date specified in the Tournament details. If a player cannot register in person, they must inform the Tournament Director within the registration period. The player must then register as directed by the Tournament Director or before their first-round tee time. Failure to register will result in disqualification from the Tournament.

Note:

Players who have paid the entry fee within the deadline are considered registered for the Tournament, but it is their responsibility to verify their start times.

Tournament Rounds

Players must register at the Tournament Office on the official practice day between 07:00 and 11:00.

Qualifying Rounds

Players must register at the Tournament Office, with the date and time to be announced.

Note: Players who fail to register at the specified date, time, and location will be considered to have forfeited their right to compete.

1.8. Tournament Regulations, Reduction of Rounds, or Cancellation of the Tournaments

1.8.1. Weather

If the Tournament Director deems that weather conditions are unsuitable for continuing the competition or if other reasons prevent the competition from proceeding, the Tournament Director will consult with the Tournament Committee to decide on postponing the rounds and inform sponsors and players accordingly. The following guidelines may be considered:

A. **First and Second Rounds**

- A round may be canceled if less than half of the total number of participants complete the round. However, as a general rule, if strokes have already been played, they should be counted.
- Players must accept that the competition may require playing more than 18 holes per day if weather conditions or other uncontrollable reasons arise.

B. **Final Round and Alternatives**

- If the final round cannot be completed, the results from the last completed round will be considered.
- If the final round cannot proceed, the competition may be rescheduled for the following day.
- The objective is to complete 54 holes over three days (or the number of holes as determined by the Thai LPGA Tour). If 54 holes cannot be completed, the Tournament Committee has the discretion to reduce the number of holes to 36 or 18 (or the number of holes as determined by the Thai LPGA Tour).

1.8.2. Temporary Suspension of Play

One long horn blast:

- Indicates suspension of play due to potentially dangerous situations. Players must stop playing immediately. Failure to stop playing immediately will result in disqualification.

Note:

All practice facilities will be closed during the temporary suspension due to dangerous conditions until the Tournament Director announces that practice can resume. Players who violate this rule will be fined 2,000 THB.

Three consecutive horn blasts:

- If players are in transition between holes, they must not proceed until the Committee gives the signal to resume play.
- If a player has started a hole, the player or the entire group may either stop immediately or continue playing that hole. In any case, play must cease after the hole is completed.

Note: The Committee may opt to verbally inform players rather than using horn signals.

1.8.3. Resumption of Play

Two horn or whistle blasts:

- This signal indicates that play should resume or players should return to continue their game.

As soon as the Tournament Director deems it safe to start, the Competition Committee will issue two short consecutive blasts of the horn or verbally notify the competitors. Players must resume play promptly.

1.8.4. Prize Money

If the competition does not complete the designated 54 holes, the prize money will remain as initially stipulated, provided that at least 36 holes (or in some cases 18 holes) are played, according to the decisions of the Tournament Committee.

1.9. Qualifying Rounds

A Qualifying round will be held at least one day before the tournament or as deemed appropriate by the Tournament Committee, consisting of 18 holes.

Players who participate in the qualifying round will be ranked based on their scores. The top 1-30 players, or a number specified by the committee, will qualify to compete in that particular Thai LPGA Tour event, with remaining players on standby.

1.10. Practice Rules

1.10.1. Official Practice

Official practice is limited to the course and times set by the Tournament Committee

1.10.2. During Practice

During practice, only one ball may be played except:

- a. One additional ball may be played to the green, provided it does not rest on the green.
- b. Up to three chip shots may be practiced around the green without damaging the course.
- c. Sand shots from a bunker beside the green are allowed once; multiple shots must aim away from the green.
- d. Putting practice is limited to three attempts.
- e. Golf cart use is banned on practice days unless permitted by the tournament director.
- f. Practice rounds are limited to groups of four.

Note

- In cases where a group is waiting, no player may play more than one ball.
- Players not competing in the pro-am round are prohibited from practicing chipping or putting on the greens on the competition field on pro-am match days.

Violations of these regulations will result in a fine of 2,000 Baht per incident.

1.11. Participation in Conflicting Tournaments

Thai LPGA players are prohibited from competing in any other tournaments that are scheduled to occur simultaneously with Thai LPGA events, unless a request is made at least seven days in advance and submitted to the Thai LPGA Tour committee, subject to their discretion. Non-compliance will result in a minimum fine of 2,000 baht and a written warning. Repeated offenses may lead to disqualification from the Thai LPGA Tour for a period determined by the committee.

1.12. Sponsorship on Apparel Policies

Guidelines for players regarding sponsor logos on apparel:

- No more than seven logos are permitted.
- Each logo must not exceed 4 x 6 inches (100-150 mm).

1.13. Television, Media, and Public Relations

- a. Players must comply with requests from the Tournament Committee for interviews post-score submission to facilitate media coverage of the event. Immediate cooperation from the players is required.
- b. All participants in the Thai LPGA Tour consent to the Thai LPGA Tour managing the rights to broadcast, radio, still photography, and video recordings, with no entitlement to royalties unless specifically agreed upon by the Tournament Committee. The Thai LPGA Tour grants sponsors the rights to utilize these images and sounds for one year post-tournament for the following purposes only:
 - Live broadcasts or recorded video coverage of the competition, and for advertising and promotional activities.
 - For use in motion pictures or still images and similar activities from the competition.

1.14. Score Reporting

Players are required to cooperate with the tournament officials when asked for scores to report back to the tournament coordination center.

1.15. Attire

During all rounds of the tournament, practice rounds, pro-am rounds, and official meetings:

Pants: Players may wear long pants, shorts, or skirts appropriate for professional players. Jeans, cargo pants, warm-ups, form-fitting stretch pants, or inappropriate skirts are prohibited.

Shirts: Players must wear collared shirts. Denim shirts, crew neck t-shirts, or uncollared shirts are not allowed.

Shoes: Golf shoes are mandatory; sandals are not allowed on the course or in tournament office interactions on competition days.

Note:

Metal-spiked shoes are prohibited in the clubhouse.

Headgear: If worn, must be appropriate golf hats.

Face coverings: Players may not use face coverings unless medically required and approved by the committee.

Note:

The decision of the committee on appropriate attire is final. Violations of the dress code will result in a fine of 2,000 Baht per incident.

1.16. Alcohol Consumption

Players are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages during practice rounds, Pro-Ams, and official tournament rounds. Violations of this rule will result in a fine of 2,000 Baht per incident.

1.17. Caddie Regulations

Caddies have duties and responsibilities towards the players for whom they carry golf bags, hence, any misconduct by caddies is also considered misconduct by the player. The following rules apply to caddies, and violations will incur a minimum fine of 1,000 Baht per incident:

- Caddies must maintain conduct acceptable in general society standards.
- Caddies are required to wear bibs provided by the Tournament Organizer at all times.
- Caddies are not allowed to wear jeans or sandals. However, caddies may wear appropriate shorts.
- Caddies must wear shirts with collars.
- Caddies can receive sponsorships and may have advertisements on their apparel similar to players.
- Group advertising by caddies is not permitted unless it is the event sponsor's advertisement.
- Players competing in the same tournament may not caddy for each other, including during the qualifying rounds.
- Caddies are not permitted to fill in scores on the scorecard for players.
- Caddies may keep statistical data on a separate stat card.
- Players must use caddies during competition, including practice and Pro-Ams. The use of golf carts is at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- Caddies are not allowed to test the surface conditions of the greens during the competition except during practice rounds.
- Caddies wearing golf shoes must not walk on any greens used in the competition, including practice greens.

Note: Caddies should wear flat-soled sports shoes.

The Thai LPGA Tour reserves the right to ban any caddie from the tournament premises for violations or inappropriate conduct.

Players may bring their personal caddies for the tournament, subject to prior notification to and potential fees payable to the golf course as determined by the Tournament Director.

1.18. Pace of Play Policy

1. Excessive Time Shot (EST). Even if a group is in position before Monitoring or Timing, if a player takes more than 70 seconds for first to play or takes 60 seconds for the second or third to play, the player will get **EST** penalty. If the group is Out of Position at this time, the group will thereafter be Monitored but the player will be Timed.

2. Out of Position. If the first group goes over the Time Allowed, they will be considered as being Out of Position. Any following group will be Out of Position if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the Time Allowed for the number of holes completed.

While the above is the strict definition, for additional guidance a group will likely be out of position if it:

- (a) Reaches a Par 3 that is clear of play and all players in the group ahead have played their strokes from the teeing area of the next hole.
- (b) Reaches a Par 4 that becomes clear of play before all players in the group have played their strokes from the teeing area.
- (c) Is approximately 100 yards (or less) off the tee when the group ahead clears play of the hole on a reachable Par 5.
- (d) Has not reached their tee shots when the group ahead clears play of the hole on an unreachable Par 5.

If a ruling, ball search or another legitimate delay occurs, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

3. Warning. If a group is Out of Position, all players in the group should be **warned** by a Referee. The group will then be given a chance to improve on the Pace of Play in one or two holes.

4. Monitoring

When Monitoring Starts

- a. A group which is Out of Position that consist of a player who has had an EST.
- b. A group that fails to gain any time or loses further time after being warned, or
- c. Any group that becomes significantly Out of Position for any reason whatsoever, even without prior warning.

A group will continue to be Monitored until it has regained its position.

5. Timing

When Timing Starts

- a. The player who has had an EST whose group is Out of Position.
- b. A group that fails to gain any time or loses time after one or a few consecutive holes of Monitoring.
- c. In a round, a group that has regained position after being monitored and again falls Out of Position, will be Timed instead of being again Monitored.
- d. If it becomes apparent during the Monitoring that one or two players of the group are not making any contribution to improving the group's overall pace of play, Timing may apply only to them while the other player(s) remain Monitored.
- e. A player who, during a round records two individual timings during Monitoring that exceeds the Time Allowed but within 10% (41-44 & 51-55 seconds) be Timed Officially.
- f. A player during Monitoring who has had a Bad Time will thereafter, be Timed Officially.

6. Informing the Group and the Following Group Behind.

- a. The Referee will inform all the players in the group before he starts Monitoring or Timing; but not necessarily when he or she stops Monitoring or Timing.
- b. When a group or individual(s) are subject to Monitoring or Timing, every effort will be made to inform the following group behind but this is not mandatory and each player is obliged to know the relative position of his own group.

The following group behind which fails to maintain position will almost certainly be subject to Monitoring or Timing.

7. Time Out: On **only one** occasion in a **tournament**, a Player may, during Monitoring or Timing request from the Referee for a Time Out which is a time extension of an extra 30 seconds provided this request is made before the expiration of the time allowed for the stroke.

8. Bad Time. The **Time Allowed** for each stroke is 40 seconds, except the first player to play a stroke on Par 3 tee, an approach shot or chipping or putting will have 50 seconds.

- a. A player who exceeds 10% of the time allowed (45 & 56 seconds and above) will be assessed a Bad Time.
- b. A player who has 3 individual timings that exceeds the Time Allowed but within 10% (41-44 & 51-55 seconds) during Monitoring or Timing will incur a Bad Time.

9. Appeal on EST, Timing and Bad Time: A player has 30 minutes after finishing his round to appeal to the Tournament Director.

10. CATEGORIES OF FINES AND PENALTIES

A. Stroke Penalty for Bad Times in the Same Tournament

1st Bad Time: Warning by the Referee. 2nd Bad Time: 1 stroke penalty. 3rd Bad Time: 2 strokes penalty. 4th Bad Time: Disqualification. Bad Time is carried forward to the remainder of the tournament and the season.

B. Fine for Multiple EST (Excessive Shot Times) in a Season

2,000.00 Baht on a 2nd EST above during the season. This fine is increased in increments of 1,000.00 Baht on each occasion that a player has a subsequent EST.

C. Fine for Multiple Bad Times in a Season

A fine of 2,000.00 Baht will be levied when a player is assessed his 2nd Bad Time during the season. This fine is increased in increments of 2,000.00 Baht on each occasion that a player has a subsequent Bad Time.

D. Fine for Multiple Timing Sessions in A Season

In this category, only sessions of official Timing are recorded but not Monitoring timings. If you are officially Timed on the 5th occasion during the season, you will be fined 2,000.00 Baht. A player reaching 7th official Timing will be fined 3,000.00 Baht, 9th occasion 4,000.00 Baht, 11th 5,000.00 Baht, 13th 6,000.00 Baht, 15th 7,000.00 Baht, and thereafter a fine of 1,000.00 Baht more than the previous fine for each subsequent session of official Timing.

1.19. Rules Officials

- a) The Thai LPGA Tour will deploy a Rules Committee to every event.
- b) The Tournament Director and/or the Chief Referee at each event will be responsible for overseeing the rules and regulations.

1.20. Tournament Regulations and Pairings

- a) All events adhere to the rules and regulations set by R&A Rules Limited and the Thai LPGA Tour, with additional local rules applied as necessary for specific events.
- b) Pairings for rounds 1 and/or 2 are under the control of the Tournament Director. For subsequent rounds post-cut, pairings are based on the standings at the end of the preceding rounds. Any deviations from this standard pairing procedure will be communicated to players in advance.
- c) The Tournament Director or the Tournament Committee may postpone or cancel any round of competition as deemed appropriate due to weather conditions or other unforeseeable circumstances.

2. Conduct Regulations for Members of the Thai LPGA Tour

These regulations are established to ensure orderly conduct during Thai LPGA Tour competitions.

2.1. General Principles

As members of the Thai LPGA Tour, players must adhere strictly to the Tournament Regulations, reflecting the aim of the Tour to represent professional players who embody honesty, discipline, decorum, and sportsmanship, both on and off the course.

The regulations governing conduct are intricate and cannot cover every specific instance; therefore, common sense will be used to determine appropriate behavior. Players with queries should consult the Tournament Committee for guidance.

2.2. Code of Conduct

The following actions are considered neglectful of the code of conduct and constitute a breach of Section 2:

2.2.1. Standards of Player Conduct

Conduct Behaviors that violate the general standards of decorum in society or the golf community.

2.2.2. Criminal Conviction

Being convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for a criminal offense committed intentionally.

2.2.3. Personal Conduct

Engaging in personal conduct that is widely unacceptable by the community.

2.2.4. Damaging Conduct

Actions or behaviors that tarnish the reputation of the Thai LPGA Tour or the professional golf community.

2.2.5. Failure to Report Misconduct

Misconduct Failing to report the damaging actions of other professionals or covering up such misconduct.

2.2.6. Golf Rules

a) Non-compliance with Golf Rules

Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of golf or the regulations announced by the competition committee for each course, such as Local Rules.

b) Deliberate Rule Violations

Intentionally violating rules and regulations to gain an advantage for oneself.

2.2.7. Positive Attitude

Members must demonstrate a commitment to competing in the Thai LPGA Tour, thereby enhancing the standard of competition.

2.2.8. Rule Violations

Violating the established rules and regulations set forth in the competition guidelines of the Thai LPGA Tour.

2.2.9. Player Meetings

All players in the Tournament field must attend player meetings unless there is a valid reason, which must be communicated in advance to the Tournament Director.

Penalties for Violations: Professional players will be fined 3,000 Baht; amateurs are prohibited from participating in the subsequent event for which they have registered.

3. Disciplinary Procedures

When a violation of the rules is identified, the Tournament Committee will conduct an investigation and present the findings to the Executive Committee for review. If the violation is confirmed, the severity of the misconduct will determine the penalty.

3.1. Classification of Penalties

- a) Warning
- b) Fines ranging from a minimum of 1,000 Baht to a maximum of 10,000 Baht.
- c) Suspension from competition and fines:
 1. Suspension for 2 tournaments and for no more than 1 year in Thai LPGA Tour events, and a fine of not more than 5,000 Baht.
 2. Suspension for at least 1 year and no more than 5 years, and a fine of not more than 10,000 Baht
- d) Termination of membership

The Tournament Committee shall investigate offenses that are subject to penalties, and the Tournament Director shall report the investigation results to the Thai LPGA Tour Executive Committee before the Committee decides on any penalties.

In cases where the offense has clear evidence, the Tournament Committee or the Tournament Director may decide the penalty without waiting for the investigation results, in order to facilitate and expedite the completion of the Tournament.

3.2. Types of Violations and Penalties

A. Warnings

- When a player unintentionally violates golf rules, regulations, and etiquette.
- When a player acts unprofessionally and receives public criticism.

B. Fines

- When a player breaches any rules, regulations, or discipline of the Thai LPGA Tour.
- When a player shows contempt or uses foul language, or physically abuses golf clubs or other objects in view of spectators, sponsors, media, other players, caddies, or any tournament officials.
- Failure to Smooth Sand in Bunkers: Players are expected to rake and smooth out sand after their play in bunkers. Leaving a bunker without proper care may result in a reprimand.
- Improper Dress Code: Players must adhere to the dress code specified by the Thai LPGA Tour. Violations will lead to warnings.
- Multiple Warnings: Accumulating two or more warnings within a year can lead to further disciplinary actions.

C. Major Violations and Penalties

- **Withdrawal Without Notice:** Players withdrawing from a competition without prior notice or valid explanation will face a fine and/or suspension.
- **Damaging the Integrity of the Sport:** Any behavior that tarnishes the reputation of the Thai LPGA Tour, including not adhering to the spirit of golfing etiquette, can lead to severe penalties.
- **Recurring Violations:** Players who are repeatedly fined or warned within a year are subject to stiffer penalties, including possible suspension.
- **Failure to Pay Fines:** If a player does not settle outstanding fines within 15 days, stricter penalties will be enforced.
- **Non-compliance with Sanctions:** Players who do not comply with imposed sanctions will face additional disciplinary actions.

D. Membership Termination

In extreme cases where the actions of a player severely damage the reputation and dignity of the Thai LPGA Tour, a membership termination may be considered.

3.3. Notification of Penalties

A. Communication of Penalties

The Thai LPGA Tour will inform the involved party of any penalties in writing or verbally. This notification will be directly sent to the member or mailed to the address provided by them. The official date of notification will be the date the recipient receives the letter.

B. Immediate Penalties

For clear, indisputable violations where a prompt decision is essential, the Tournament Committee can impose a penalty immediately. This decision will be documented in writing and must be witnessed by at least two individuals. Their names and signatures will be recorded alongside the signature of the Tournament Director. In cases where the player admits to the violation, the committee may assign penalties without further investigation.

3.4. Appeals Process

Following the notification of penalties as described in Section 3.3, members have the right to submit a written appeal within 7 days, adhering to the following criteria

3.4.1. New Evidence

Appeals must be based on new evidence that was not considered initially.

3.4.2. Misinterpretation by the Thai LPGA Tour

If the Thai LPGA Tour interpretation of the situation is deemed incorrect.

3.4.3. Excessive Penalties

If the penalty is deemed excessively harsh and a reduction is requested.

3.4.4. Appeals must be in writing

3.5. Decision on Appeals

- a. The Thai LPGA Tour Committee will review the appeal within 7 days of receipt, and the decision will be final. The Committee may take one of the following actions:

3.5.1. Procedural Non-compliance

3.5.2. Insufficient Grounds

3.5.3. The Appeals Board will respond to the appeal in writing and may overturn the original decision or reduce the penalty.

- b. Additional Provisions: If a player does not file an appeal within the timeframe specified in Section 3.4, the initial penalty stands as final.
- c. Players may withdraw their appeal before a decision is made by the Committee, resulting in the original penalty being final.

4. Thai LPGA Tour Anti-Doping Policy

Legal Framework and Authority

This Anti-Doping Policy is established pursuant to:

1. The **Sports Authority of Thailand Act B.E. 2558 (2015)**
2. The **Anti-Doping Control in Sports Act B.E. 2555 (2012) and its amendments in B.E. 2564 (2021)**, as outlined in the regulations of the Doping Control Agency of Thailand (DCAT)
3. The **World Anti-Doping Code (WADA Code)**, as implemented by DCAT
4. **Ministerial and Committee Regulations** issued by DCAT, including:
 1. Regulations on sample collection and transportation
 2. Regulations on prohibited substances and methods
 3. Procedures for Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)
 4. Rules regarding anti-doping violations and penalties

As a sports organization under the jurisdiction of the Sports Authority of Thailand, Thai LPGA Tour is bound by these regulations and ensures full compliance with DCAT's anti-doping framework.

Scope of Application

This Anti-Doping Policy applies to:

1. **Athletes:** Players in Thai LPGA Tour events and tournaments, regardless of nationality.
2. **Athlete Support Personnel:** Coaches, trainers, managers, agents, team staff, medical personnel, parents, or any other individuals supporting players participating in or preparing for Thai LPGA Tour events.
3. **Thai LPGA Tour Officials:** Administrative, operational, and event management staff, where applicable under specific anti-doping provisions.

Agreement to Comply

By participating in any Thai LPGA Tour event, individuals agree to:

1. Abide by this Anti-Doping Policy and the Thai LPGA Tour Anti-Doping Protocol.
2. Submit to the authority of Thai LPGA Tour, DCAT, and relevant anti-doping organizations.
3. Fully cooperate with sample collection, testing, and investigative procedures.
4. Accept consequences of any Anti-Doping Rule Violations (ADRVs), which include potential suspensions, disqualifications, or lifetime bans, as stipulated by DCAT and the WADA Code.

Anti-Doping Standards and Responsibilities

Thai LPGA Tour adheres to and operates under the authority of DCAT, ensuring compliance with:

1. **Testing and Investigations**
 1. Random and targeted sample collection
 2. Secure transport of samples to WADA-accredited laboratories
 3. Investigation of suspected anti-doping violations
2. **Prohibited Substances and Methods**
 1. Compliance with the WADA Prohibited List
 2. Ensuring proper chain-of-custody procedures for collected samples
3. **Results Management**
 1. Initial review and notification of potential violations
 2. Fair hearing process before the DCAT Anti-Doping Committee
 3. Imposition of sanctions in accordance with DCAT and WADA guidelines
4. **Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs)**

1. TUE applications must be submitted through DCAT and reviewed by its designated **TUE Committee**.
2. All TUE decisions must comply with WADA international standards and be formally recognized by DCAT.

5. Education and Prevention

1. Implementation of DCAT-mandated anti-doping education programs
2. Periodic distribution of updated educational materials to athletes and support personnel

Implementation and Enforcement

1. The enforcement of this Anti-Doping Policy is **delegated to DCAT**, the national anti-doping organization designated by the Sports Authority of Thailand.
2. Thai LPGA Tour is required to **adhere to all updates from DCAT and the Anti-Doping Control Committee**.
3. **Refusal to comply with testing, sample collection, or other anti-doping protocols constitutes a violation** and may result in sanctions, including ineligibility to compete.

Access to Resources

1. Detailed information on prohibited substances, anti-doping procedures, and educational materials is available at www.dcat.in.th.
2. Athletes and support personnel are responsible for staying informed about the latest updates.

Protocol Updates

1. This policy will be **reviewed annually in accordance with DCAT's mandatory policy review process**.
2. Any modifications must be approved by **the DCAT Anti-Doping Control Committee**, in alignment with Thai and international anti-doping regulations.

Note: This document provides an overview of Thai LPGA Tour's Anti-Doping Policy. All individuals are required to review and comply with the complete Anti-Doping Protocol maintained by DCAT.