

MGA REFEREE RULES SEMINAR ON 22ND SEPTEMBER 2018

Upon R&A's release of the final Rules of Golf 2019 both in printed and digital versions in early September 2019, The Malaysian Golf Association (MGA)'s Rules Sub Committee (RSC) wasted no time and had promptly organized a Referee get together and New Rules briefing on 22/9/18 at KGPA, ensuring all its registered referees are kept abreast of the latest Rules and are "Rules Ready" come Jan 2019.

A total of 71 MGA registered referees coming from Peninsula Malaysia, Sabah & Sarawak, attended the half day seminar conducted by 5 instructors headed by the Rules Chairman, Cc Boo, Ms Deborah Wong, Mr Harban Singh, Mr Yeoh Chin Nam and En Mohd Khairi. All the 5 instructors had learnt the new Rules while attending the Rules seminar conducted by R&A at end of April 18 in Bangkok.

The Seminar started with speech by VP of MGA cum RSC chairman, Mr Cc Boo who had reiterated the Rules committee's Mission and advice all to start learning the new Rules as there are still 3 months before the new Rules take effect. He further stressed that knowing the new Rules would be the pre-requisite to refereeing from Jan 2020 as approved by the MGA's EXCO.

Ms Deborah took the class through all the major changes of the Rules with explanation and rationale of maintaining the basic principles of playing the course as you find it and play the ball as it lies. There were a lot of interest generated with questions asked by the various participants.

The class was taken to the field for on course Demonstration by Yeoh, Harbans and Khairi for situations when balls are in each specific areas of the course, such as Teeing area, bunker, putting green, penalty areas and general areas, how to determine the relief areas, reference point and reference line when taking relief for abnormal course conditions, embedded balls stroke and distance, back on the line relief. Further demonstration on the correct way of dropping the ball from Knee height and when is a ball required to be re-drop... etc.

Before the end of the session, RSC took the opportunity to update the class on the Rules of Amateur Status, latest SOP as well as some case studies on submission of good Ruling reports.

The Seminar is also graced by the President of MGA, Admiral Tan Sri Mohd Anwar Mohd Nor during his closing speech had thanked all the participants for taking time off to learn the new Rules

It was indeed a fruitful day for the participants as they left with much clearer understanding of the new Rules.

MGA is determined to conduct as many Rules seminars and club presentation throughout the country from Oct onwards so that golfers and clubs committees are ready to apply the new Rules.

Following are the Rules Seminar in the pipeline:-

1. Level 2 Rules seminar exclusively for current registered referees at KPGA on 24-25th Nov 2018.
2. Level 1 Rules seminars have been planned on 23rd Nov (KPGA) and 1st Dec (Kota Permai)
3. Club presentation to the participants of US Kids Golf tournament on 18th Dec at Tanjung Puteri Golf Resort.

RSC welcomes requests from golf clubs throughout the country to organize rules briefing or Level 1 Rules seminar for their club members on the new Rules.

