

MGA - Press Release on the New Rules of Golf 2019 Educational Program throughout Malaysia.

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 22nd September 2018 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 from Peninsula Malaysia, Sabah & Sarawak, attended the half day seminar conducted by 5 instructors headed by the Rules Chairman, Mr CC Boo, Ms Deborah Wong, Mr Harbans Singh, Mr Yeoh Chin Nam and En Mohammad Khairi who has attended the New Rules seminar conducted by R&A at end of April 2018 in Bangkok.

Following that, MGA Rules Team continued its New Rules Education program with the followings successfully conducted:-

1. MGA/ R&A Level 2 Rules School

A total of 50, mostly MGA registered referees, attended the 1.5 days Level 2 Rules School conducted by Mr Cc Boo, Ms Deborah Wong, Mr Yeoh Chin Nam and En Mohammad Khairi at KGPA on 24-25 November 2018.

Among the participants were 2 from Pakistan who had attended and passed Level 2 Exams. The participants had enjoyed both the classroom sessions as well as on course demonstration particularly on the new rules such as, dropping the right way and taking relief from the correct relief areas, how to take back on the line relief, putting with the flagstick in the hole and learnt how a ball resting against flagstick is now deemed to have holed when any part of it is below the surface of the putting green.

With many MGA referees now trained and understand the New Rules, they can assist to further the Rules education using the Club Presentation in their respective clubs. 48 of the attendees had passed the New Rules exam with 60% mark and above. 5 had score distinction with 90% mark and above and a lawyer cum referee from Sarawak, Mr Lau Hui Kui top the class with 95% mark.

2. MGA/R&A Level 1 Rules School

A more basic and fundamental Level 1 Rules School aimed for the general golfers at large and club committee and staff were also conducted at the following venues:-

- i. KGPA on 23rd November 2018 for 66 participants conducted by Mr CC Boo, Ms Deborah Wong and En Mohammad Khairi. Total of 41 attendees passed the Level 1 examination with 70% mark and above.
- ii. Kota Permai Golf & Country Club on 1st December 2018 for 25 club members and committees conducted by Ms Deborah Wong & Mr Yeoh Chin Nam. 17 of the attendees had passed the Level 1 exam with 70% mark and above.

3. Club Presentation

This is high demand elementary New Rules R&A Rules program to be conducted between 2-3 hour presentations highlighting the key changes to the Rules suitable to be conducted at the club during evening sessions.

The MGA Rules Committee lead by its Chairman of the Rules of Golf Mr. CC Boo welcome all affiliates , golf clubs , golf administrators, golf media , junior golf organizations to contact MGA Admin (attention to En Bambang Sumanteri, email:bambang@mgaonline.com.my) should they wish to conduct the new rules educational program for the benefit of their members, staff and players.

End

5th Dec 2018.