



R & A / MGA Level 1 Introductory Rules School (IRS) hosted by J.G.A.

Date: 30th August 2014 @ Johor Golf & Country Club from 8.30am- 5.30 PM

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The Level 1 Rules School hosted by the Johor Golf Association (JGA) attracted 37 participants from all over the Country was successfully held on the 30th August 2014 at J.G.C.C from 8.30am-5.30 pm.

34 participants sat for the Level 1 Rules Exam with 27 (79%) passing the Exam with a passing mark of 70% as set by The R&A Rules Limited of St. Andrews.

5 participants (14%) achieved or exceeded the 90% distinction mark.

In brief, the day consisted of:

- A number of on-course demonstrations of various aspects of the Rules of Golf;
- Class room coverage of a wide range of basic and most commonly encountered rules of golf;
- The participants had opportunity to ask questions of the knowledgeable instructors and also to share their own experiences with fellow participants; and
- Examination.

The participants walked away with a new knowledge of the Rules of Golf, which will most certainly enhance their enjoyment of the game of golf, and enable them to navigate their way around the course, and the Rules, more easily , and certainly will save them a precious stroke or two every now and then.

The participants are now armed with the qualifications to tackle Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications of the R&A three-tier Rules Educational Programme.

Brief introduction on The R&A's three- tiers Rules of golf educational programme:

The R&A has developed a three-tier Rules Educational Programme:

1. Level 1 - Introductory Rules School

- Focus on Etiquette, the principal Definitions and the Quick Guide to the Rules of Golf
- Includes a basic On-Course Demonstration and Level One exam

2. Level 2 - Rules School

- More in-depth examination of the Rules, including use of the Decisions Book
- Other topics: the Committee, an introduction to refereeing
- Includes an On-Course Demonstration and role-play
- Level Two exam

3. Level 3 - Tournament Administrators and Referees School (TARS)

- Three day School
- Sessions on course set-up, Local Rules and conditions of competition, starting and recording, pace of play, suspension of play and temporary immovable obstructions (TIOs)
- Includes an On-Course Demonstration and role-play
- Level Three exam

The introduction of this three-tier Rules educational programme has provided the opportunity to formulate a more structured approach to Rules education across The R&A jurisdiction, and should enable national association to play fuller part in the delivery of Rules education.

Broadly speaking, the aim of the three-tier approach is to:

- **Encourage as many countries as possible to conduct Level 1 Schools**
- **Allow countries with qualified instructors to provide Level 2 Schools**
- **Provide the opportunity for top graduates from Level 2 Schools to attend a Level 3 TARS run by The R&A.**

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