To All Effective and Institutional Members and Golf Course Directors

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Training Courses for Golf Coaches

The career of Golf Coach is regulated in Portugal by the Portuguese Golf Federation, in conformity with the responsibility established by the rules in place. In what concerns the beginning of the golf coach career, we would like to remind you that, since the 1st of January 2006, the Rule 5-2b of the Amateur Status reads as follows: "An Amateur golfer may receive expenses, payment or compensation for giving golf instruction as part of a programme that has been approved in advance by the governing body". According to definitions of the Amateur Status, the Governing Body is the National Association of each country.

Having in consideration that without coaches there will not be good players, we will carry out a new Training Course, of Level I, for coaches, beginning in September.

Since the application process for the new Training Courses was not sufficiently advertised, by reasons that are outdated, the Portuguese Golf Federation deliberated the following:

To reopen the application process to Level I, in order to complete the existing vacancies.

Will no carry out this year the Level II.

To complete the transitory process of equalization for professionals affiliated in the PGA – Portugal, will open an application process for the Level III group, for all members of the PGA – Portugal, in equal position to Level II coaches.

The Entry Requirements are available in www.fpg.pt and www.pgaportugal.com

Please make this information available to all those interested in providing this service to the game of golf in Portugal.

Portuguese Golf Federation

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