FEDERAÇÃO PORTUGUESA DE GOLFE

To all
Affiliated Members

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GOLF REFEREES AND COACHES ADMISSIONS IN THE PGF – CLARIFICATION

Some issues are being brought to the Federation's attention regarding the procedures in admitting Referees and Coaches in the PGF, which do not reflect either the true meaning of the rules in place, nor the spirit in which actions are part of the reorganization and structure of Golf in Portugal.
Therefore, the Portuguese Golf Federation feels that it is important to give a better clarification about its objectives this process.

ADMISSION

For the past 4 or 5 years, the effort to implement a Training system that could help developing golf infrastructures has produced a set of Training sessions, integrated in a duly systematized plan, which main objective is to provide qualified technicians for the sport infrastructures, in order to improve the development of Golf in Portugal.

Once the quality of the training is assured, it also becomes necessary to ensure an adequate qualification, with the general recognition of all implementation infrastructures and organisation of the future activity.

Therefore, it is necessary to take into consideration the essential guidelines of the present Executive Board's program whose objective is to gather

within the PGF, in a structured way, all Portuguese golf agents under the principle «*integrate all players, represented by all clubs*».
For that reason, it is important that all those who complete their training within the different levels that have been being taught, will be included, as long as it is their wish, in the technical board of their corresponding categories, which until now are mainly Coaches and Referees.
In other words, trainees qualified as referees, coaches or tournament managers, according with their obtained levels and with their received training, will be recognized and integrated within those same technical abilities, as well as being recognized by all National Golf entities, from the moment they register in the corresponding category.

While Coaches, when registered in the PGF, are included in a more general recognized category, Referees will become immediately included in the referees board of their corresponding category, depending on their wish to do so and availability.

ADMISSION FEE

Another raised issue is the fact that the admission and corresponding registration, as well as showing in the PGF website, have a specific administrative fee.

We also take the opportunity to make clear that this fee, which value is very small, refers to the administrative procedures and responsibilities with the software management that allow a total coverage on the National Golf.

However, having in consideration the general reaction about this procedure, which, we repeat, assumes the recognition by all national golf agents of the qualified technicians, with the necessary certification from the Training and Research Department, and which have the will to practice the activity that they were prepared for, acquiring the adequate technical qualification, the

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PGF decided to free of charge these fees, for referees that voluntarily wish to integrate the national and regional boards.

We hope that with this circular there will be no more doubts regarding the need to comply with the admission procedures. Therefore, the PGF and all its members will recognise these technical boards with the highest scientific and sport standards, in order to achieve an even better development of the practice of golf in Portugal.

Portuguese Golf Federation



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