

JLPGA Player Certification Test Regulations

These Regulations establish matters concerning the implementation of JLPGA Player Certification Test by the JLPGA; provided, however, that any matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be in accordance with the provisions of the application guidelines and implementation guidelines (fact sheet) set forth separately. In addition, if the application and implementation guidelines specify matters that differ from these regulations, the application and implementation guidelines (fact sheet) shall be applied with priority. The JLPGA reserves the right to make all decisions if any new circumstances arise that are not included in these Regulations or the application guidelines and implementation guidelines (fact sheet) set forth separately.

Article 1 (JLPGA Player Certification Test)

JLPGA Player Certification Test is a generic term for the first qualifying stage, the second qualifying stage, and the final qualifying stage.

Article 2(Eligibility)

Females (by birth) who are over 17 years of age on April 1st of the Final Player Certification Test year, shall be eligible to participate in the JLPGA Player Certification Test if they fulfill the requirements of each stage stated in the chart below.

Stage	Eligibility
First Qualifying Stage	JGA/USGA HDCP Index 5.0 or lower (not necessary to submit a certificate)
Second Qualifying Stage	<p>① Players who played in the previous year's Final Qualifying Stage of JLPGA Player Certification Test</p> <p>② Players who are qualified from First Qualifying Stage of JLPGA Player Certification Test</p> <p>③ The top 30 applicants who are in the top 400 in the Rolex Ranking as of the Friday of the week that includes the date two (2) weeks prior to the first day of the earliest First Qualifying Stage held in the relevant year and have applied for the JLPGA Player Certification Test by the application deadline separately specified by the JLPGA (Priority shall be given to those who are ranked high in the Rolex ranking as of the Friday of the week that includes the date two (2) weeks prior to the first day of the earliest First Qualifying Stage held in the relevant year)</p> <p>④ Any other players approved by the JLPGA</p> <p>※Those who wish to take the JLPGA Player Certification Test under eligibility ③ can apply for the second qualifying stage by sending an e-mail to the JLPGA at an e-mail address separately designated by the JLPGA. Application deadline is the Friday of the week prior to the earliest First Qualifying Stage held in the relevant year.</p>
Final Qualifying Stage	<p>① Members of the JGA National team of the relevant year.</p> <p>② Players who are within top 50 on the Rolex Ranking as of the last Friday of July of the relevant year.</p> <p>③ Players who are within top 10 on the World Amateur Ranking as of the last Friday of July of the relevant year.</p> <p>④ Winners of the Japan Women's Amateur Championship in each of the previous three years as well as the winner of the Japan Women's Amateur Golf Championship held on or before Sunday of the week containing the day four weeks before the first day of the final qualifying stage to be held in the relevant year.</p> <p>⑤ Winners of the Japan Junior Golf Championship 【Girl's 15-17 Division】 in each of the previous three years as well as the winner of the Japan Junior Golf Championship 【Girl's 15-17 Division】 held on before Sunday of the week containing the day four weeks before the first day of the final qualifying stage to be held in the relevant year.</p> <p>※However, winners of the Japan Junior Golf Championship 【Girl's 15-17 Division】 from 2024 onward are eligible.</p> <p>⑥ Winners of the Japan Women's Student Golf Championship in each of the previous three years as well as the winner of the Japan Women's Student Golf Championship held on or before Sunday of the week containing the day four weeks before the first day of the final qualifying stage to be held in the relevant year.</p>

	<p>⑦ Low amateur of Japan Women’s Open each of the previous three years as well as the low amateur of Japan Women’s Open held on or before Sunday of the week containing the day four weeks before the first day of the final qualifying stage to be held in the relevant year.</p> <p>⑧ Step Up Tour winners which held between the Monday of the week of previous year’s Final Qualifying Stage of JLPGA Player Certification Test and the Sunday of the previous week of the Final Qualifying Stage of JLPGA Player Certification Test of the given year.</p> <p>⑨ Players who are qualified from Second Qualifying Stage</p> <p>⑩ Any other players approved by the JLPGA</p>
	<p>* Regarding the categories ①④⑤⑥⑦: Under this category, even if a player is eligible from more than one of these categories, a player will only be eligible to go directly to the Final Qualifying Stage once.</p> <p>* Regarding the categories ④⑤⑥⑦: If a player who is playing in the Final Qualifying Stage this year becomes eligible again under categories ④⑤⑥⑦ in the following year or thereafter , she shall again be eligible to go to the Final Qualifying Stage directly.</p> <p>* Regarding category⑧: If a player becomes eligible under this category after the deadline of the JLPGA Player Certification Test application, then she must contact the JLPGA office by the next Monday immediately after the day she becomes eligible.</p>

Article 3(Competition Format and Proceeding to the Next Stage)

Stage	Format
First Qualifying Stage	<p>① 3 days /54 holes stroke play</p> <p>②Competition will be deemed complete if 18 holes are completed. If 18 holes are not completed within the schedule, a separate date will be decided to complete the competition.</p> <p>③A player who has 92 strokes or more in each round shall be disqualified and shall not advance to the next round.</p>
Second Qualifying Stage	<p>① 4 days / 72 holes stroke play</p> <p>②After 54 holes are completed, all players within 8 strokes of the ranking making it through to the Final Player Certification Test at each site, will play in the 4th round.</p> <p>③Competition will be deemed complete if 18 holes are complete. If 18 holes are not completed within the schedule, a separate date will be decided to complete the competition.</p>
Final Qualifying Stage	<p>① 4 days /72 holes stroke play</p> <p>②After 54 holes are completed, players who are 80th and ties or within 8 strokes of the score of 20th place in the competition (whichever includes more players), will play in the 4th round.</p> <p>③If 72 holes are not completed in four days, the “substitute day” will be used to complete 72 holes. If 72 holes are not completed even by using the substitute day, then the competition will be deemed “officially completed” if 54 holes are completed.</p> <p>④Only if 54 holes are not completed after using the “substitute day”, as above, then the competition will be deemed “officially completed” if 36 holes are completed.</p>

Article 4 (Players Proceeding to the Next Stage)

1. Top ranking players from the first qualifying stage and the second qualifying stage at each venue shall proceed to the next stage.
2. The ranks eligible to proceed to the next stage from each venue shall be posted at each venue.
3. Under no circumstances will players be moved up the ranking after play has finished at each venue and the players who have eligibility to proceed to the next stage have been announced.

Article 5 (Players Who Pass the Player Certification Test)

1. Players who ranked within the Top 20, including those who tied for 20th place, at the end of the Final Player Certification Test are considered to have passed the Player Certification Test.

2. Players who pass the Player Certification Test shall be eligible for admission to the JLPGA by undertaking admission procedures to join the JLPGA set forth separately.
3. In accordance with the preceding paragraph, players whose admission have been approved shall be eligible to participate in the following year's Step Up Tour.
4. Players whose admission has been approved pursuant to paragraph 2 shall be eligible to participate in the JLPGA Rookies Championship of the given year.
5. Players whose admission has been approved pursuant to paragraph 2 must participate in the rookie camp held in the following year.
6. Players whose admission has been approved pursuant to paragraph 2 must attend the rookie seminar twice from the given year.

Article 6 (Applying to Participate in the Player Certification Test)

1. Players who wish to take the JLPGA Player Certification Test (“Applicants”) must undertake application procedures (“Application”) via their “MY PAGE” (meaning the dedicated JLPGA tournament website established by the JLPGA for TP registrants and temporary registrants).
2. Applicants must complete Application procedures for each stage according to the method and deadline specified by the JLPGA. Under no circumstance whatsoever shall applications submitted after the deadline be accepted.
3. Applicants must pay the Player Certification Test fees either by credit card payment or at a convenience store (using a registration number) in accordance with the procedures specified on “MY PAGE” by the designated deadline.
4. The fees for each stage of the JLPGA Player Certification Test are as set forth in the following table:

Stage	Fees
First Qualifying	40,000 yen (plus consumption tax)
Second Qualifying	60,000 yen (plus consumption tax)
Final Qualifying	100,000 yen (plus consumption tax)

5. After an Application has been accepted fees shall not be refunded unless an Applicant asks the JLPGA for permission to withdraw their Application by the date separately determined by the JLPGA.
6. If an Application contains false statements or errors the Applicant shall be disqualified from taking the Player Certification Test upon discovery of such fact.
7. Applicants are responsible for confirming Application procedures, and the JLPGA shall not be responsible for confirming Application procedures.
8. Notifications issued by the JLPGA concerning the JLPGA Player Certification Test after an Applicant’s Application has been received shall in principle be posted on “MY PAGE” and the JLPGA shall not be responsible if an Applicant fails to confirm or is unable to confirm a notification.
9. Applicants must agree in advance to the JLPGA providing or disclosing the Applicant’s personal information, acquired by the JLPGA through the Application, to a third party within the scope of the following purposes:
 - ① To hold and manage the JLPGA tournaments set forth in Article 5 of the JLPGA Tournament Rules, the QT set forth in the QT Rules, the JLPGA Player Certification Test and other tournaments (“Target Tournaments”)
 - ② To send notifications, inquiries, requests, announcements, publicity and other communications necessary for the operation and management of the Target Tournaments
 - ③ To store and publish records of Target Tournaments results
 - ④ To provide the names of Target Tournament participants, their professional or amateur status, affiliation (name of the affiliated club or company, or in the case of students, their school and year), and the tournament results to the organizers and other related parties (including but not limited to the press) in an appropriate manner
 - ⑤ To provide the name, nationality, date of birth and the result of target tournament’s participants to Women’s World Golf Rankings and Olympic Golf Ranking in an appropriate procedure

Additionally, details regarding the provision of personal information to third parties in foreign countries are as follows.

- (1) The names of foreign countries
 - The United States of America (Women’s World Golf Rankings)

- Swiss Confederation(Olympic Golf Ranking)
- (2) Information on the personal information protection system of the foreign country
- The United States of America
A country part of APEC CBPR system.
 - Swiss Confederation
A country who has adequacy certification based on GDPR article 45.

*Please check a website of Personal Information Protection Commission for more details.

(<https://www.ppc.go.jp/enforcement/infoprovision/laws/>)

- (3) Information on the measures the third party takes for the protection of personal information.
- WOMEN’S WORLD GOLF RANKINGS (the United States of America)
Taking all the measures to follow OECD Privacy Guidelines 8 Principles.
 - The International Golf Federation (Swiss Confederation)
Taking all the measures to follow OECD Privacy Guidelines 8 Principles.

Article 7 (Registration)

1. Players (“Players”) participating in the JLPGA Player Certification Test must register in order to undertake final confirmation of participation in the relevant Player Certification Test, at the JLPGA Room at the relevant Player Certification Test venue, between one hour before the start of play by the first group and 17:00 on the day before (designated practice day) the first day of the main competition for that Player Certification Test (however the JLPGA may open registration earlier without prior notice).
2. Players who fail to undertake registration procedures provided for in the preceding paragraph shall be disqualified from the relevant Player Certification Test and shall not be able to participate in the Player Certification Test.

Article 8 (Image Rights and Broadcasting Rights)

Players agree to their participation in JLPGA Player Certification Tests being photographed, filmed, televised, broadcast on the radio, or broadcast or transmitted in any electronic media by the JLPGA or a party authorized by the JLPGA, and shall assign all image rights and copyrights related to their participation to the JLPGA. The period during which this Article applies shall be from the designated practice day at the relevant Player Certification Test until the day the main competition ends, and the venues at which this Article applies shall be the relevant Player Certification Test venues.

Article 9 (Rules and Manners)

Players must comply with each of the following matters. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 10, if a Player violates this Article, the JLPGA may order the Player to leave the venue immediately without giving the Player an opportunity to explain.

- (1) Players who wish to play on days other than the designated practice day must contact the golf course to confirm that play is possible and play in such a way that does not cause inconvenience to members of the public playing on the course. (Players must not hit two shots or make the next group wait by practicing on the putting green after holing out.)
- (2) Players must always wear a jacket (blazer, suit jacket, etc.) when arriving at a JLPGA Player Certification Test venue. Players must not wear sneakers.
- (3) Players must wear clothing appropriate as a golfer when playing at the JLPGA Player Certification Test venue. Players must not wear t-shirts, jeans, clothing featuring a camouflage pattern with khaki tones reminiscent of combat uniforms , cargo trousers and skirts with bulging pockets that have gussets (including rainwear).
- (4) Players who have difficulty understanding Japanese must be accompanied by an interpreter who can interpret for the player.
- (5) Players must not have tattoos or body art that evoke associations with anti-social forces. If the JLPGA considers their tattoos or body art to evoke such associations, the player may be immediately expelled. Additionally, if a player has tattoos or body art that are not associated with anti-social forces, she must cover them with foundation, stickers, or similar means. Furthermore, such players may face restrictions on the use of facilities such as bathrooms.
- (6) Players must not behave in a manner that is unbecoming of a player.
- (7) Players must comply with other matters determined by the JLPGA at each stage and at each venue.

Article 10 (Prohibited Matters)

After giving a player who has participated in a JLPGA Player Certification Test (including a player who applied to participate but did not participate, hereinafter referred to as a “Player Certification Test Participant” in this Article) an opportunity to state her opinion or explain her actions orally or in writing, the JLPGA may ban the Player Certification Test Participant from participating in the JLPGA Player Certification Test or any other JLPGA tournament for a certain period of time, or may revoke participation eligibility or impose other punishment, when the JLPGA acknowledges the Player Certification Test Participant has committed any of the following acts:

- (1) Breaches of these Regulations, the Application Guidelines, the Implementation Guidelines or any other JLPGA regulations;
- (2) Breaches of the Rules of Golf issued by the Japan Golf Association, the JLPGA Local Rules and the competition terms and conditions;
- (3) Failing to participate or withdrawing from a competition without reasonable grounds;
- (4) Use of abusive language or other degrading behavior toward Player Certification Test Participants, visitors, or other related parties;
- (5) Other acts that damage the reputation or credibility of the JLPGA or damage dignity as a golfer;
- (6) Violations of laws, orders, regulations, and other laws and regulations (including ordinances).

Article 11 (Shortening or Postponing Competitions)

A competition may be shortened or postponed if the JLPGA deems that it is impossible to complete the competition due to weather or social circumstances.

Article 12 (Revisions)

These Regulations shall be revised as necessary by resolution of the Tournament Division. In such case, the Tournament Division shall promptly report the revisions to the Board of Directors.

Article 13 (Effect)

1. These Regulations shall take effect from January 1, 2026