

2026 Global Amateur Pathway Programme Rules and Regulations

A. RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Global Amateur Pathway, and its associated Ranking, are administered by PGA European Tour in consultation with The R&A and PGA TOUR in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.

B. DEFINITIONS

Eligible Tournament

Shall mean any golf tournament (amateur or professional) designated as qualifying to be an “Eligible Tournament” for the purposes of the GAP Programme from time to time. All Eligible Tournaments (amateur or professional) shall be WAGR Counting Events except as agreed by the Steering Group in exceptional circumstances.

GAP Programme

Shall mean, collectively, the Global Amateur Pathway and the Ranking.

Global Amateur Pathway

Shall mean the pathway administered by PGA European Tour in consultation with The R&A and PGA TOUR for elite amateur golfers to qualify to play on the DP World Tour and other regional professional golf tours around the world.

Late Registration Period

Shall mean the period immediately following the end of the Registration Period (as described below) until September 20th on each year.

Minimum Eligible Tournament Requirement

Shall mean the minimum number of Eligible Tournaments in which a player must participate during the relevant Ranking Period to be eligible for the Performance Benefits. For clarity, this minimum is 20 (twenty) Eligible Tournaments for each of the Ranking Periods detailed below.

PGA TOUR University

Shall mean the programme designed and administered by the PGA TOUR to identify the best NCAA Division-I college golfers, and to provide such players with playing opportunities on tours operated under the PGA TOUR umbrella.

Performance Benefits

Shall mean the benefits described in Section E of these Rules and Regulations.

Ranking

Shall mean the ranking system applicable in respect of the Global Amateur Pathway, as described in more detail below.

Ranking Period

Shall mean the ranking period for the classes of 2026 and 2027, as detailed in Section D of these Rules and Regulations.

Registration Period

Shall mean the period from the date that registration opens to apply for the GAP Programme, as determined by PGA European Tour on a year-to-year basis, until the registration deadline. For the 2026 GAP Programme, the Registration Period will run from February 12th to June 30th, both dates included.

World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR®)

Shall mean the ranking system for the top amateur golfers in the world operated by The R&A and the USGA. References to WAGR throughout these Rules and Regulations refer to the Men's Rankings (MWAGR).

C. ELIGIBILITY

Players eligible for the GAP Programme are those amateur golfers who meet the eligibility criteria set forth below. Eligible players must meet each of the following criteria:

- Not be a current NCAA Division-I player.
- Be at least 20 years of age by the end of the calendar year of the relevant Ranking Period.
- Be within the top 200 WAGR at the time of requesting to be enrolled to the GAP Programme during the Registration Period OR be outside the top 200 WAGR at the end of the Registration Period but then move into the top 100 WAGR prior to the conclusion of the Late Registration Period in the relevant season.

NOTE – Applicable to PGA TOUR University Class of 2027: Former NCAA Division-I players are eligible for the GAP Programme provided that they enrolled under the PGA TOUR University Ranking system (when eligible to do so), are listed on the final PGA TOUR University Ranking and did not earn any performance benefits.

Registration deadline

Players must email compadmin@etghq.com to request enrolment in the GAP Programme and submit a completed GAP Programme application form within 14 days of their request.

Players who are outside the top 200 WAGR by the end of the Registration Period who then move into the top 100 WAGR during the Late Registration Period in the relevant season must email compadmin@etghq.com to request enrolment in the GAP Programme prior to the end of the Late Registration Period, and submit a completed GAP Programme application form within 14 days of their request.

Eligibility notes

A player who earns, and subsequently takes up, any Performance Benefits in any year, will not be eligible for inclusion in the GAP Programme in future years.

If a player does not earn any Performance Benefits in a respective year, he will be eligible for inclusion in the GAP Programme in the following year. Each year, at the conclusion of PGA TOUR University, players who do not earn performance benefits in the final PGA TOUR University Ranking will be eligible for inclusion in the GAP Programme, provided they satisfy the eligibility criteria detailed in this Section C.

Players who have attended NCAA Division-I college who leave college at any point prior to the graduation date and who meet each of the criteria set forth in this Section C will be eligible for inclusion in the GAP Programme, provided that they have been officially removed from the relevant college golf team roster prior to August 13th 2026 (or can provide satisfactory evidence that they are no longer a member of the team in question). Any events and WAGR points earned at US NCAA Division-I tournaments will be excluded from their records for the purposes of the Ranking.

Nationality Policy

The nationality of a player will be determined in accordance with their designated country in WAGR.

Best Efforts

By participating in the GAP Programme, a player must attempt to exercise his maximum golf skill when participating in Eligible Tournaments. A player who breaches this provision may be determined by PGA European Tour to be ineligible to receive the applicable Performance Benefits as described in Section E below.

PGA European Tour reserves the right to make final determinations regarding a player's eligibility in the GAP Programme.

D. GLOBAL AMATEUR PATHWAY - RANKING

The Ranking is the official ranking system of the Global Amateur Pathway. It is designed to identify and rank elite amateur players (excluding NCAA Division-I collegiate players) competing in Eligible Tournaments based on their performance in Eligible Tournaments.

Players competing in Eligible Tournaments earn points equivalent to the number of points awarded by WAGR. All Ranking points are calculated and rounded to four decimals.

The Ranking will be calculated based on the WAGR system, but for clarification, it will only include tournaments within the relevant Ranking Period.

Ranking Periods

	Begins	Concludes
Class of 2026	Week 42/2024 October 14, 2024	Week 41/2026 October 11, 2026
Class of 2027	Week 42/2026 October 12, 2026	Week 41/2027 October 17, 2027

In accordance with the WAGR policy, a withdraw/retired result will not be removed from a player's record.

To be eligible for the Performance Benefits listed in Section E below, a player must have participated in the Minimum Eligible Tournament Requirement during the relevant Ranking Period.

E. GAP PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE BENEFITS

Certain eligible players as detailed below will earn status on either the DP World Tour, HotelPlanner Tour, KPGA, PGA TOUR Americas, PGA Tour of Australasia, PGTI or Sunshine

Tour, as applicable, for the season immediately following the conclusion of the relevant Ranking Period. To be eligible for such membership, a player must turn professional and shall apply for membership, including making payment of the relevant application fees, on forms provided by the relevant tour and in accordance with the deadlines established by the applicable tour. If a player chooses either to retain his amateur status or not to accept his Performance Benefits, his Performance Benefits will be forfeited and offered to the next eligible player in the Ranking.

The Regional Tours as described herein, and any applicable Performance Benefits, may be amended by PGA European Tour from time to time, at its sole and absolute discretion.

Access to DP World Tour

The highest-ranked eligible player in the final Ranking (i.e. at the conclusion of the Ranking Period) who is also within the top 20 WAGR at that time, or at any point between 1 August 2026 and the conclusion of the Ranking Period, will earn DP World Tour membership for the following season at the bottom of the category for leading players from the Alliance Tours (as defined in the Members' General Regulations Handbook).

Access to Regional Tours

Always excluding the highest-ranked eligible player (who will have earned access to the DP World Tour, as set out above), the next 3 players in the final Ranking who are also within the top 100 WAGR from:

HotelPlanner Tour

Europe or the Middle East will earn HotelPlanner Tour membership at the bottom of the category for the leading player from the China Tour (and above the category for Satellite Tour graduates).

Korean Tour (KPGA)

South Korea will earn KPGA membership in a category to be determined in due course.

Professional Golf Tour of India (PGTI)

India will earn PGTI membership in a category to be determined in due course.

PGA TOUR Americas

North, Central and South America (to include the Caribbean) will earn exempt membership into next season's PGA TOUR Americas Latin Swing. **NOTE:** Any non-NCAA Division-I player (i.e., NCAA Division-II or III, NAIA) must meet the criteria established by the PGA TOUR University of exhausting 4 years of NCAA athletic eligibility, or complete 4 years of college

academics, provide intent (with substantiation) of early college graduation in order to be eligible to receive these performance benefits.

PGA Tour of Australasia (PGATA)

Australasia will earn PGATA membership in a category to be determined in due course.

Sunshine Tour

Africa will earn Sunshine Tour membership in a category to be determined in due course.

All Performance Benefits are governed by the tournament and/or membership regulations of each relevant tour, as applicable. For avoidance of doubt, each player must meet age and membership requirements, to take up membership of the relevant tour. Qualifying countries for each region unless stated otherwise are in the attached appendix.

F. AMENDMENTS, INTERPRETATION AND DISPUTES

These Rules and Regulations have been developed and are administered by the Global Amateur Pathway Programme Steering Group. This Steering Group reserves the right to amend these Rules and Regulations at any time, and all decisions regarding the administration or interpretation of these Rules and Regulations shall be made by the Steering Group, in its sole and absolute discretion. These Rules and Regulations, and any dispute arising out of them (whether contractual or non-contractual) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law.

Appendix 1 - GAP Qualifying Countries by Region

AFRICA	EUROPE & MIDDLE EAST	AUSTRALASIA
Algeria	Albania	Australia
Angola	Andorra	Papua New Guinea
Benin	Armenia	New Zealand
Botswana	Austria	Fiji
Burkina Faso	Azerbaijan	Solomon Islands
Burundi	Belarus	Micronesia
Cabo Verde	Belgium	Vanuatu
Cameroon	Bosnia and Herzegovina	New Caledonia
Central African Republic	Bulgaria	French Polynesia
Chad	Croatia	Samoa
Comoros	Cyprus	Guam
Congo	Czechia	Kiribati
Democratic Rep. of the Congo	Denmark	Tonga
Republic of the Cote d'Ivoire	Estonia	Marshall Islands
Djibouti	Finland	Northern Mariana Islands
Egypt	France	American Samoa
Equatorial Guinea	Georgia	Palau
Eritrea	Germany	Cook Islands
Eswatini	Greece	Tuvalu
Ethiopia	Hungary	Wallis and Futuna Islands
Gabon	Iceland	Nauru
Gambia	Ireland	Niue
Ghana	Italy	Tokelau
Guinea	Kazakhstan	
Guinea-Bissau	Kosovo	
Kenya	Latvia	
Lesotho	Liechtenstein	
Liberia	Lithuania	
Libya	Luxembourg	
Madagascar	Malta	
Malawi	Moldova	
Mali	Monaco	
Mauritania	Montenegro	
Mauritius	Netherlands	
Morocco	North Macedonia	
Mozambique	Norway	
Namibia	Poland	
Niger	Portugal	
Nigeria	Romania	
Rwanda	Russia	
Sao Tome and Principe	San Marino	
Senegal	Serbia	
Seychelles	Sweden	
Sierra Leone	Spain	
Somalia	Switzerland	
South Africa	Turkey	
South Sudan	Ukraine	
Sudan	United Kingdom	
Tanzania	Vatican City (Holy See)	

Tunisia
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe

UAE
Saudi Arabia
Oman