

HONG KONG JUNIOR CLASSIC AT CLEARWATER BAY

FEBRUARY 20 - 22, 2019 CLEARWATER BAY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB HONG KONG SAR

TOURNAMENT HEADLINES

HONG KONG'S BEST VIE FOR AJGA STARS

The inaugural Hong Kong Junior Classic at Clearwater Bay will feature top-ranked juniors and College prospects from across the Asia-Pacific, competing at the highest level to improve their standing on the *JGTA Junior Order Of Merit.* Top performers earn AJGA PBE Status according to their season-ending standing. The event will feature a marquee field made up of the next generation of star golfers, including 20 local juniors from Hong Kong, and multiple AJGA champions and top-200 players on the Rolex AJGA Rankings.

FIRST-EVER AJGA PBE STATUS EVENT IN HONG KONG

This is the first AJGA PBE sanctioned event ever to be held in Hong Kong, and the JGTA's 3rd event of the 2018–2019 season. This event also plays a crucial role on the Junior Order of Merit – the source for AJGA PBE Status in Asia and the Official Ranking of the JGTA.

OFFICIAL HOST VENUE | THE CLEARWATER BAY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

The Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club, Hong Kong is the host venue for this event. Clearwater Bay is one of the Island's crown jewel of golfing venues, hosting a major stop on the PGA Tour Series China, the Clearwater Bay Open. Club website: <u>https://www.cwbgolf.org/</u>

QUICK FACTS

DATES:	February 20-22, 2019	
VENUE:	The Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club	
LOCATION:	Hong Kong SAR	
DIVISION:	Boys & Girls, ages 12 - 18	
FORMAT:	54 hole stroke play over 3 days	
FIELD:	78 Players	
ENTRY FEE:	USD \$295	





JGTA TOUR CARD

Players are required to hold an Active JGTA Tour Card at the time of application in order to be eligible. In order to obtain your JGTA Tour Card, please register your **<u>Tour Card Application</u>** on *jgta.org.*

APPLICATION INFORMATION

JGTA Tour Card holders may apply for the event in their **<u>Player Account</u>**.

Payment will not be required until after the Tournament Application Window closes. Players who have earned tentative entry into the Tournament are contacted by the Tour informing them of their tentative entry, and will provide them with a link to the JGTA payment portal.

ENTRY CRITERIA

The JGTA uses AJGA PBE Status determines tournament entry. Players with the highest number of AJGA PBE Status at the time of application will be given the first priority.

OFFICIAL TIE-BREAK

CATEGORYI	Local Exemptions	
CATEGORY II	Junior Order of Merit Ranking	
CATEGORY III	Rolex AJGA Ranking	
CATEGORY IV	Previous Season's Junior Order of Merit Ranking	
CATEGORY V	Graduation Year (Priority to Seniors)	
CATEGORY VI	Junior Golf Scoreboard Ranking	
CATEGORY VII	Local Players	
CATEGORY VIII	Random Draw	

TOUR CONTACTS

For any updates regarding practice round, official accommodations, travel and visa information please visit the **Tournament Microsite**.

For further information or questions please contact playerservices@jgta.org.

ELIGIBILITY

THE CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

- All players must be a member of the American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) and hold an active Junior or Junior Plus membership.
- All players must hold an active JGTA Tour Card.
- All players must be amateur golfers.
- The minimum age requirement is 11 years old.
- Juniors who have not reach their 18th birthday before June 15th, 2018, AND have not graduated high school as of January 1, 2018 are eligible.
- Once a player starts college, they are no longer eligible, regardless of age.

STATUS & SANCTIONING

SANCTIONING

This event is sanctioned by the Junior Golf Tour of Asia. This events results will count towards players' JGTA Junior Order of Merit standing, which awards AJGA PBE Status per final ranking at the end of the JGTA season.

JUNIOR ORDER OF MERIT

The Junior Order of Merit (JOM) is the official points-based ranking system of the JGTA. The JOM ranks players based on their average points earned per tournament, applying a divisor of 3 until a player competes in 3 events, the minimum events required for the AJGA to qualify a player as fully competitive.

EARNING AJGA PBE STATUS

At the end of each season, AJGA PBE Stars are awarded to competitors based on their JGTA Junior Order of Merit (JOM) standing. The AJGA PBE Stars a competitor earns on the JGTA are added to their total AJGA PBE Status and can be utilized for AJGA tournament applications after June 1st.

For more information regarding AJGA PBE, please visit the AJGA's website.

DATES TO REMEMBER

APPLICATION WINDOW & DEADLINES

- December 1, 2018 Application Window Opens
- January 20, 2019 Application Deadline
- January 21 2019 Tentative Field Notified
- January 22, 2019 Payment Deadline
- February 1, 2019 Tournament Field Announced

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All times below are **tentative** and may be changed by the Tour. For the latest updates please check the Player Noticeboard Onsite or the **Tournament Microsite**.

TUESDAY — FEBRUARY 19, 2019

7:45 AM		SHOTGUN PRACTICE ROUND
1:00 PM		OPENING CEREMONY & LUNCHEON
2:00 PM		PLAYER REGISTRATION
		PLAYERS MEETING / PARENTS MEETING

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 20, 2019

7:30 AM ROUND 1

THURSDAY — FEBRUARY 21, 2019

7:30 AM ROUND 2

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 22, 2019

7:30 AM ····· FINAL ROUND

3:00 PM AWARDS CEREMONY*

*The awards ceremony will take place immediately following the conclusion of play. If booking travel on day of final round please take into consideration possible weather delays that could affect your arrangements

OFFICIAL PRACTICE ROUND

The official tournament practice round will be a **7:45 a.m. <u>shotgun</u> on Tuesday, February 19** at Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club. The JGTA will assign starting holes and pairings to players prior to the 19th.

There will be two shuttles leaving the official hotels at 5:30 a.m. to assist in traveling to the course.

Please contact **playerservices@jgta.org** if you are unable to participate in the official practice round as soon as possible.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

AIRPORT

Hong Kong International Airport (HKG)

AIRPORT TAXI

Green Taxi - New Territories Red Tax - Hong Kong Island

AIRPORT TRAIN TO CITY (KOWLOON OR HONG KONG ISLAND)

CURRENCY

HK\$

Need to exchange into local currency.

Most major credit cards are accepted.

1 USD = @ HKD 7.8443

VISA

Invitation Letter to be prepared by JGTA - visa application

PASSPORT

Minimum 6 months validity

CLEARWATER BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

139 TAI AU MUN CLEAR WATER BAY, HONG KONG

The course to be available exclusively for participating Juniors from Tuesday to Friday of Tournament Week.

PLAYERS WISHING TO PLAY BEFORE FEB. 19TH

- Green Fee includes buggy (2 person on buggy)
- HKD 2200
- Only if tee time available. Members get precedence.

BUGGIE DRIVERS

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- · Must hold a valid driver license from their country
- Must sign a liability waiver

BUGGIE / CART USAGE

There will be **NO** usage of buggies for players during practice rounds and parents throughout the tournament. Buggies are to be only used by officials and club

TROLLEYS / PUSH CARTS

Clearwater Bay will have complimentary trolley's available for player use.

DRIVING RANGE

- Only 16 bays to be used in the morning
- Afternoon usage of the range 6 bays (as members will be using in the afternoon but players could check the range to see if available to practice)
- Furthest yardage is 200 yards (NO DRIVERS ALLOWED)
- Complimentary usage of the range. 50 balls per bucket
- Opening hours Time <u>6:00am 8:000pm</u> from Tuesday to Friday of Tournament Week
- Last issue of balls will be at 7:00pm each day
- No usage before 19th feb.

SHUTTLE BUSSES

The Tour has arranged 2 shuttle busses to assist players with transportation between the hotels and Clearwater Bay. The shuttle bus will take 40 minutes transporting from the hotel to the golf club. Should you wish to arrange your own travel, a taxi ride is about 20 minutes.

The Shuttle Bus will leave every morning at:

- 5:20 a.m.
- 6:00 a.m.

Breakfast at the hotels begin at 6:30 a.m. and is free (Players can contact the hotel to request a simple breakfast box)

Breakfast at Clearwater Bay is not complimentary and begins @ 6:00 a.m.

CLEARWATER BAY DRESS CODE POLICY

ALL PLAYERS, PARENTS AND GUESTS SHOULD ABIDE BY CLUB REGULATIONS ON DRESS CODE

Like any private club in Hong Kong, the Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club has its own Dress. Code requirements to reflect its current proud status. Please read Clearwater Bay's full Dress Code Policy **here**.

Below are the basic Dress Code requirements for the golf section as laid down by the Golf Committee:



OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT HOTEL INFORMATION

The JGTA Team understands the importance of quality and convenience when choosing a hotel property for your stay. With this in mind, we are able to provide participating JGTA members with preferential hotel rates at properties that are conveniently located near the golf course.

To obtain these preferred rates, players **must submit completed hotel booking forms to JGTA** Players Services **before January 26, 2019**.

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Just minutes drive from many of Hong Kong's famed shopping and leisure venues, 20 minutes from Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (HKCEC) and a short 45-minute drive from Hong Kong International Airport.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- There will be a free shuttle arranged between the Hotels & Clearwater Bay
- The Holiday Inn express will not have free luggage storage services. They will charge HK\$5 for that service.
- The Crown Plaza will not proved free breakfast, their full buffet breakfast will be charged at HK\$140+10% service charge per person per day.

BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS

Please do not call the hotel directly to make reservations. To make reservations at the official tournament hotel, please fill out the form provided in the link below and send email it to playerservices@jgta.org.

*Bookings will be first come first serve to obtain special rates

PLEASE FIND THE BOOKING FORM ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE \rightarrow

MEDIA

The Tournament will have JGTA communications representatives on hand to assist media throughout the week. Prior to the tournament the JGTA will provide information about the event and its participants, as well as assist with player interviews.

After each round, media officials on-site will write a recap with the day's results. These will be emailed to all media outlets. Interviews with JGTA Tournament Directors, Tour Officials and juniors may be conducted before or after tournament rounds.

For more information about the JGTA and tournaments, please refer to **jgta.org**. Tournament Microsite's are accessible from the homepage and include recaps, list of participants, tee times, live scoring, course and sponsorship information.

ABOUT THE JUNIOR GOLF TOUR OF ASIA

The Junior Golf Tour of Asia (JGTA) is the governing body for competitive junior golf tournaments in the Asia-Pacific for young golfers to hone their skills at the highest level, developing into successful Collegiate athletes and future champions of the game. Members of the JGTA compete alongside other top-ranked players from across the region, who share similar competitive standings and aspirations for greatness.

JGTA tournaments are ranked on the JGTA Junior Order of Merit, the Tour's official ranking system, and the source for AJGA PBE Status in the Asia-Pacific. Players earn Merit Points from their performance in JGTA events to improve their standing on the Junior Order of Merit. Following the end of each JGTA season (approx. June 1st), the top-performers (60 players total) are awarded AJGA PBE Status according to their final standing on the Junior Order Of Merit.

The JGTA strictly adheres to the competitive entry principles of its partners and the highest standards of performance based entry, to ensure the most competitive tournament fields at all times.