

Headline	Learning Rules of Golf		
MediaTitle	Sunday Star		
Date	21 Sep 2014	Language	English
Circulation	292,293	Readership	876,879
Section	Sports	Color	Full Color
Page No	39	ArticleSize	599 cm <sup>2</sup>
AdValue	RM 30,145	PR Value	RM 90,435



# Learning Rules of Golf

The path that ensures the principles of honesty, integrity and sportsmanship are upheld at all times. Those who play the game must adhere to the rules strictly.

THE Malaysia Golf Association is the governing body of the sport in Malaysia and it oversees its development. Among its other responsibilities are the mandate to uphold, educate and resolve issues pertaining to the Rules of Golf.

Over the years, the MGA has trained more than 100 referees in the country. They have officiated in many tournaments that include amateur and professional events, held both locally and abroad.

Some of the leading referees have been invited to officiate at major international tournaments and have experienced the best of these in the world.

In June, history was made when the MGA's chairman of the Rules Committee, C.C. Boo of Johor, was invited by the USGA (United States Golf Association) Rules

Committee to become the first Malaysian to officiate at the season's fourth major – the 114th US Open held at Pine Hurst in North Carolina.

Boo, also the vice-president of the Johor Golf Association, became the third Malaysian to referee at the British Open, when the event was held in Muirfield, Scotland in July last year.

These invitations to officiate at the two major championships have helped consolidate the MGA's identity within the global game and inspire other referees to do well.

As part of the MGA's efforts to develop and educate Malaysian golfers in all aspects of the rules, the national association has been organising and conducting several "Level 1 and Level 2 Rules Schools" since 2010.

These teaching exercises

are open to all golfers and non-golfers and some

of the participants have travelled to Malaysia from as far as Africa, Scotland and Singapore.

The syllabus and guidance of conducting the Rules School are within the purview of the R&A (Royal & Ancient) Rules Limited, the governing body of world golf jointly with the USGA.

To date, there are more than 300 golfers and non-

golfers, as well as golf club administrators, who have successfully graduated from the "Level 1 Introductory Rules School".

Upon completion of Level 1, many have gone on to Level 2 and 3, to learn even more about the rules and get engaged as qualified golf referees.

It is interesting to note

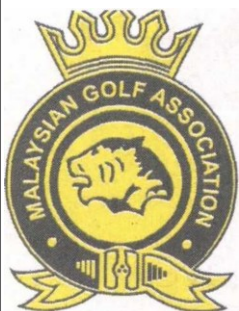
that the MGA under its Rules Committee, plans to develop, educate and train even more golfers, including golf enthusiast.

The aim is to have at least one qualified referee at each golf club in Malaysia in the near future, to promote the game and the Rules of Golf.

In a statement the national association said: "We always encourage and invite all golf clubs, golf event organisers,

individuals and keen associations to partner with the national association in the Level 1 Introductory Rules School .

For more information on the next Level 1 and 2 Rules School that is scheduled for Kelab Golf Perkhidmatan Awam (KGPA) in Kuala Lumpur on Nov 16-17, please log on to: [mgaonline.com.my](http://mgaonline.com.my)



Headline	Learning Rules of Golf		
MediaTitle	Sunday Star		
Date	21 Sep 2014	Language	English
Circulation	292,293	Readership	876,879
Section	Sports	Color	Full Color
Page No	39	ArticleSize	599 cm <sup>2</sup>
AdValue	RM 30,145	PR Value	RM 90,435



**Qualified:**  
Participants and officials in a group photo at the Level 1 course held at Universiti Utara Malaysia last March.

**Done and dusted:**  
The MGA and R&A successfully hosted a Level 2 Rules School at KGPA in Kuala Lumpur last December.