

TOURNAMENT AGRONOMY PREPARATION REPORT

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Tournament: **LET Qualifying School**

Tournament Date: 6-9 and 13-17 December 2012

Visit Date: 09/11/2012

Please refer to this report when planning maintenance in advance of **LET Qualifying School 2012**.

INTRODUCTION

It was my pleasure to visit the Al Maaden Golf Club to complete my last course inspection before of LET Qualifying School. The purpose of this visit was to evaluate the condition of the golf course and to write down a short report with some recommendations for the final preparation of the course for the tournament.

The golf course overall condition is good for the practice of professional golf. All the work that has to be carried out must be focused in two main areas: greens and bunkers.

TOURNAMENT HEIGHT OF CUT

All tournament height of cut (HOC), with the exception of greens must be in place no later than one month in advance of the tournament. The following was agreed:

Greens – 3-3.2mm

Tournament Tees - 10mm

Green Collar - 9mm

Approach - 9mm

Fairways - 12mm

Semi-Rough - 25mm

Playable Rough - 50mm (mowed up to Wednesday of event week only)

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT SUGGESTIONS

The greenkeeping items we reviewed on the golf course and discussed post course inspection are listed below:

Greens

Surfaces were relatively firm under foot, with consistent grass cover which looked healthy and strong.



To achieve the desired speed and a consistent smoothness, we recommend to following the next planning:

- Light double grooming (-2 mm) and light topdressing every 4 days until 8 days before the tournament week.
- Weekly spoon feeding.
- Daily mowing frequency and monitoring blade sharpness and set up. This is a must to improve smoothness.
- One week before the tournament: foliar fertilizer with nitrogen and iron + Chlorothalonil (3 l/Ha) + Azoxystrobin (1 l/Ha). **Don't watering after treatment.**

Everything in this report should be carried out with care and should any factor not be correct or causing damage then the process should be halted or replaced depending on what is best at this time. All greens should be checked daily for stress, disease or any other factors that may affect the surfaces. The sooner things are identified and treated the better the chance of survival and recovery of the turf.

Practice Greens

All practice greens must be prepared the exact same as greens on the course in the lead up to and during the event to promote consistent conditions throughout the facility.

Green Collars and Approaches

Greens collars and approaches were in a very good condition and had responded and recovered extremely well to the hollowcoring which was carried out in September. We recommend that all collars and approaches receive the same treatments as greens.



September



November

Regular brushing or grooming with mowing will help on both approaches and green collars to ensure a tight sward.

Tees

Tees's surfaces are uniform, level and firm.



We would recommend:

- Increase mowing frequency 4 days a week and monitoring blade sharpness and set up.
- Fertilization with 20-5-10 or similar at 300 kg/Ha.

It would be appreciated if the tournament tees be saved for **2 weeks** before the event so that they are divot and blemish free for the tournament.

Al Maaden		Yards	Metres	Par	Optional	Yards	Metres
1	White	359	328	4			
2	White	390	357	4			
3	White	161	147	3	Yellow	121	111
4	Black	509	465	5	White	488	446
5	Red	342	313	4			
6	Blue	135	123	3	Yellow	168	154
7	Yellow	490	448	5	Blue	480	439
8	Yellow	370	338	4			
9	White	394	360	4			

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11	Black	346	316	4	White	337	308
12	Yellow	149	136	3	Blue	117	107
13	Yellow	448	410	5	Blue	440	402
14	White	357	326	4			
15	Blue	124	113	3			
16	Yellow	510	466	5			
17	Yellow	362	331	4			
18	Red	340	311	4			

Fairways and Playable Rough

Fairways are firm and uniform with good consistent grass cover.



We would recommend the following program:

- Increase mowing frequency 4 days a week and monitoring blade sharpness and set up.
- Fertilization with 20-5-10 or similar at 300 kg/Ha.
- Topdress new drainages.

Semi-Rough pass has a very good density and definition. Thus, it perfectly fulfills its role. Due to a misunderstanding, there is a 25 mm pass just around the perimeter of the greens. This pass must be removed and made before the rough cut. We recommend lowering the height of cut slowly to fairways' high.



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Rough is a mixture of cool season and warm season turfgrass species. The best option will be a broadcast treatment with a selective herbicide for cool season (halosulfuron or propyzamide) but right now is peak season at Morocco and it could be a high risk of contaminating other areas like greens (cool season).

We only recommend **increasing mowing frequency** to homogenize as much as possible these areas.

Bunkers

Bunkers are the worst area of the golf course. When bunkers were rototilled and due to the lack of sand, all the stones came out to the bunkers surface.



Our recommendations are:

- All stones must be removed.
- All Bunkers will be clipped or edged to produce the lip and definition required for the event.
- Sand should be added where necessary and avoiding fried egg issues. Sand depth must be checked to ensure a depth of 50mm of sand on the bunker face and 100-125mm of compacted sand on the bunker floor. Sand should be firm but not compacted.
- **Sand must be added as soon as possible. Hand watering with a wetting agent will help to compact the sand.**

Short Game and Driving Range

The greenkeeping program in this area must replicate all other surfaces on the golf course. The driving range tee is good with a good sward of grass which is divot free and clean.



Manicure

The out rough is being rototilled.

Tournament Schedule

MORNING	AFTERNOON
Mowing greens twice	Mowing greens(if necessary)
Raking bunkers	Mowing fairways
Remove dew from fairways	Check machinery
Mowing tournament tees	Mowing rough and semirough pass
Rolling greens (if necessary)	Repair Divots and ball marks
Cut cups	Mowing collars and approaches
	Hand watering greens

Advance Week Course Closure

LET and Al Maaden Golf Club must agree on the appropriate level of course closure in advance of the tournament to help preserve and recover the golf course.

We have been talking to the greenkeeper and there is no problem for the first tee time at 8:30 a.m.

We will arrive December 2nd and during the first three days we will be training the maintenance crew.

I hope the information in this report is of benefit and if there are any issues which you would like to discuss further or questions which you would like to ask please do not hesitate to contact me.