

TOURNAMENT AGRONOMY PREPARATION REPORT

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Tournament: **LET Qualifying School**

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

Visit Date: 1-9/12/2012

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this short report is to evaluate the condition of Al Maaden Golf Club during the **LET Qualifying School 2012** and giving advice and recommendations to improve the golf course condition for the future.

It was so easy working together with the Superintendent of Al Maaden. He is a very enthusiastic and professional person who has done a big effort to offer the course in the best possible condition. We would like to thank him for that.

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT SUGGESTIONS

Here are our findings and recommendations regarding the golf course condition during the tournament.

Greens

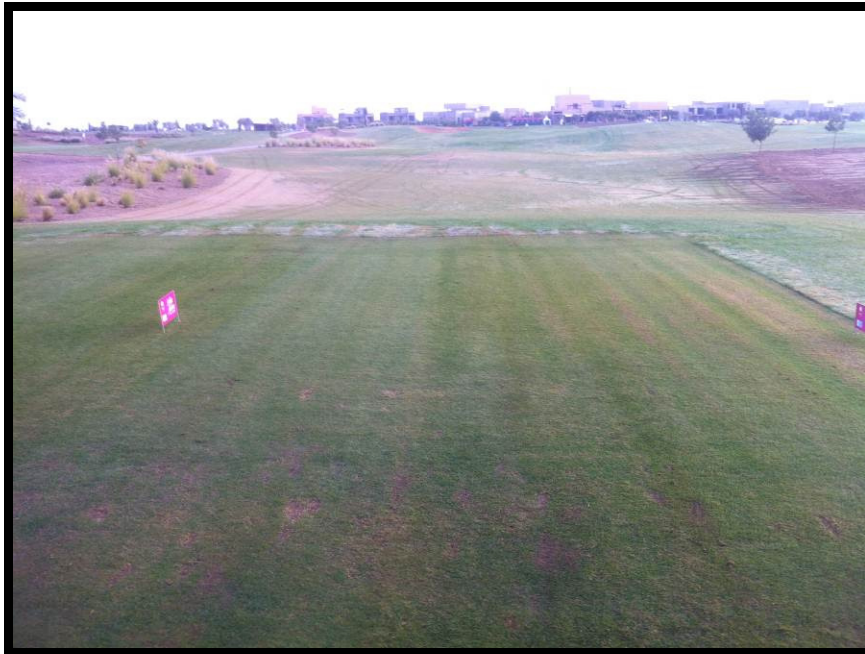
Greens were in good condition, free of diseases and weeds and offering a good smoothness. However, surfaces were not firm at all under foot. The main reason of the problem is that sand, which was used during construction and regular topdressing of the greens, contains a high silt and clay percentage and does not meet USGA specifications. If this trend continues, loss of grass density and moss and algae appearance will occur.

We strongly recommend the use of coarser texture sand, which meets USGA specifications, during hollowcoring and topdressing. It will balance pore space percentage in the soil and as a result will improve infiltration and firmness.



Tees

Tees's surfaces were uniform, level and firm.



We would recommend:

- Topdressing program.
- Spot herbicide treatment for Kikuyugrass and native Paspalum.
- Selective herbicide treatment (i.e. foramsulfuron) during spring for overseeded *Lolium perenne*.

Fairways and Playable Rough

Fairways were firm and uniform with good consistent grass cover. Recommendations are the same as tees.

Rough was in fair condition. We suggest:

- Aeration program.
- Herbicide treatment for weeds. Weeds are competing with Bermudagrass and rough will not be uniform in a couple of years.

There was a great definition between fairway, semi-rough band and rough.



Bunkers

It was the worst area during the tournament. Sand is very fine and contains a lot of stones.

Grounds crew has done a very big effort to maintain bunkers playable during the tournament, avoiding fried egg issues.

We strongly recommend a total renovation of bunkers' sand following USGA specifications.



Greenkeeping Plan

Day	MORNING			
	Green	Bunker	Fairway	Tee and Collar
Monday	Not mow	Compact	Dew	Dew
	Liquid fertilice	Remove stones	Not mow	Not mow
			Liquid fertilize	Liquid fertilize
Tuesday	Not mow	Compact	Dew	Dew
	Rolling	Remove stones	Not mow	Mow
	Pin Position			
Wednesday	Mow green	Rake	Dew	Dew
	1 single			Mow
Thursday	Mow green	Rake	Dew	Dew
	1 single			Mow
	Pin Position			
Friday	Mow green	Rake	Dew	Dew
	1 single			Mow
	Pin Position			
Saturday	Mow green	Rake	Dew	Dew
	1 single			Mow
	Pin Position			
Sunday	Mow green	Rake	Dew	Dew
	1 single			Mow
	Pin Position			
Monday	Mow green	Rake	Dew	Dew
	1 single			Mow
	Pin Position			

Day	EVENING		
	Green	Fairway	Others
Monday	Not mow	Liquid fertilice	5 min. watering
	Liquid fertilice	Fill divot	Be careful
Tuesday			
	None	Fill divot	Work a couple sprinkler
Wednesday			
	Mow??	Mow	
Thursday	if necessary	Fill divot	
Friday	Mow???	Mow	
	if necessary	Fill divot	
Saturday	Around 10		
	Mow???	Mow	
Sunday	if necessary	Fill divot	
	Around 10		
Monday	Mow???	Mow	
	if necessary	Fill divot	
Monday			
	Around 10		
	Non	None	Have a wonderful job!!

Recommended Improvements

- Greens
 - Change topdressing sand (coarser texture tested by a certified laboratory, USGA).
 - Intensive cultural practices programme.
- Tees and fairways
 - Topdressing programme.
 - Herbicide programme.

- Rough
 - Aeration programme.
 - Herbicide programme.
- Bunkers
 - Renovation programme. Sand tested by a certified laboratory (correct angularity).

We really appreciate the work carried out by the Superintendent and the maintenance crew during the tournament.

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.