

NOMURA CUP

The 29th Asia Pacific Amateur Open Championship 2019
Tuesday 5 November – Friday 8 November 2019
The Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club, Hong Kong

TERMS OF CHAMPIONSHIP

1. ELIGIBILITY

Each team will consist of four (4) players and a Captain. The Team Captain can be playing or non-playing. All players must be amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status of the R&A. Citizens of the country or area of the Member Association represented, except that in cases where a team of citizens would be impracticable, competitors normally resident in the country may be included.

2. RULES OF GOLF

The 2019 Asia-Pacific Amateur Golf Team Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by the R&A Rules Limited and any Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee.

3. FORMAT

The Championship will be played over seventy-two (72) holes of Stroke play four (4) rounds. Disqualification of a player under the Rules of Golf in any round will not be effective for any subsequent round unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise.

Note: If the Championship course is declared unplayable or inclement weather prohibits play, and as a result it is not possible to complete 72 holes of play in the period in which the Championship is scheduled, the Championship will not be extended beyond the last scheduled day and the Championship Committee will decide the number of holes to be played.

4. DRAWS AND STARTING TIMES

The Draws and Starting Times shall be posted on the Tournament Notice board. Such posting shall be considered sufficient enough notice for information and distribution.

5. SCORING

In each 18-hole round, the total of the three lowest scores by players of each team constitutes the team's score for that round. The total of the team scores for the four rounds will be the Team's score for the Championship. The champion team is the team with the lowest such total score for 72 holes.

Note: In the event of a reduction in the number of holes played, the winners will be the Team/Individual returning the lowest score for the number of holes played.

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6. DECISION ON TIES

Decision in case of ties for the 1st Place -

The following procedure to be adopted in the event of a tie for 1st place:

If two or more teams tie for the championship, the order of finishing will be decided as follows:

- a) Firstly, by taking into account the non-counting score for the 4th round
- b) If still tied, the non-counting score for the 3rd round
- c) If still tied, the non-counting score for the 2nd round
- d) If still tied, the non-counting score for the 1st round
- e) If still tied – joint winners will be declared

If less than 3 rounds are completed, (a) above does not apply. If less than 2 rounds are completed, (a) and (b) above do not apply. In any of the above situations, a team returning a non-counting score will always achieve a better position than a team that does not return a non-counting score (e.g., due to disqualification, withdrawal due to illness or injury, or a team that only has two players).

7. SCHEDULE

Sunday 3 November	9am – 5pm 12pm – 1:30pm	Team Registration Official Practice Round
Monday 4 November	7am – 12pm 9am (Shotgun start) 2pm – 3pm 3pm – 4:30pm 4:30pm – 5:15pm 5:15pm – 6pm 6pm – 7:30pm	Team Registration Official Practice Round Captain's Meeting Photo Session Opening Ceremony Cocktail Reception Welcome Dinner
Tuesday 5 November	Tee Time 7am – 11:30am	1 st Round of Championship
Wednesday 6 November	Tee Time 7am – 11:30am	2 nd Round of Championship
Thursday 7 November	Tee Time 7am – 11:30am	3 rd Round of Championship
Friday 8 November	Tee Time 7am – 11:30am 5pm – 6pm 6pm – 7:30pm	Final Round of Championship Prize Giving cum Closing Ceremony Farewell Dinner / Team Departure
Saturday 9 November		Team Departure

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8. DISQUALIFICATION PENALTIES

A penalty of disqualification for a breach of the Rules or the Terms of Championship applies only to the stipulated round where the breach occurred, unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise.

9. PRIZES

The winning team will be presented with the Nomura Cup. Prizes will be awarded to the players and captain of the winning and runner-up teams. Additionally, a prize will be awarded to the player returning the lowest individual score over the Championship.

10. CONFORMING DRIVER HEAD

Model Local Rules G-1, G-2 and G-3 in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads, Groove and Punch Mark Specifications and Conforming Golf Balls.

Note: It is strongly recommended that any player in doubt as to whether their equipment conforms to these Local Rules consult with the Championship Committee. This should be done as far in advance of the Championship as possible.

Conforming lists are available at: www.randa.org

11. CADDIE

Private Caddies are allowed.

Professional golfers are prohibited from caddying for players.

12. PACE OF PLAY (Rule 5.6)

The Pace of Play Policy will be strictly applied.

a. Time Allowed

Each hole will be given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes shall be decided by the committee. See separate memorandum to players for the pace of play policy.

Definition of Out of Position

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes played. Any following group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

Note: In making a decision on whether to time a "following group" that is out of position, leniency may be shown to a group that has not exceeded the time allotted for the number of holes completed.

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(b) Procedure When Group is Out of Position:

1. If a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are “out of position” and are being timed.
2. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
 - on a par three hole;
 - an approach shot; and
 - a chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair damage and move loose impediments on his line of play. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball and aligning the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

3. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.
Note: In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

1 Bad Time	Player will be warned by the referee and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalised
2 Bad Times	One Penalty Stroke
3 Bad Times	Additional two penalty strokes
4 Bad Times	Disqualification

(c) Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round:

If a group is “out of position” more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

13. SUSPENSION OF PLAY; RESUMPTION OF PLAY (Rule 5.7b)

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signalled by three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated. Resumption of play will be signalled by two short airhorn notes, repeated.

Note: When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

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14. PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES (NOTE TO RULE 7)

Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played and must not test the surface of the putting green of the hole last played by rolling a ball.

15. ADVICE (NOTE TO RULE 8)

In accordance with the Note to Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf, each team may appoint one person, either the captain or captain's assistant, who may give advice (excluding pointing out a line for putting) to members of that team. This person must be an amateur golfer and must be identified to and acknowledged by a member of Championship Committee before giving advice.

16. TRANSPORTATION

Model Local Rule G-6 from the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf is in effect.

During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.

17. DISTANCE – MEASURING DEVICE

Distance Measuring Devices are allowed in accordance with Rule 4.3a(1) in the Rules of Golf. Yardage book is to be made available to all players by the Organising Committee.

18. CLOSE OF COMPETITION

The competition is deemed to have closed when Chairman of Championship Committee has declared the result at the awarding ceremony.

19. ETIQUETTE

Serious Breach of Etiquette

The following may be considered "serious breaches of etiquette" for this competition: -

- i. Usage of hand phone during a round to the annoyance and distractions of other players.
- ii. Verbal abuse of fellow competitor/official/staff;
- iii. Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitor;

Note : Any other "breaches of etiquette" not listed above will be dealt with by the Committee on individual basis.

Penalties: **Disqualification**

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20. DISPUTES

Any disputes or doubtful points should be referred to the Committee as soon as possible upon completion of the round and in any case not later than fifteen minutes after the completion of the round. The decision of the Committee in all matters shall be final.

21. INDEMINITY/LIABILITIES

HKGA, the Sponsor or the host Club shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants of the tournament may suffer as a result of their participation in this tournament.

22. GENERAL

Information concerning Contacts, Accommodation, and Functions Entry Forms etc is contained within the Information Sheet distributed to all Associations/Unions/Federations.

Championship Results During the Championship, the Hong Kong Golf Association will email official championship results to each organization every day. Results will be displayed on official Championship Notice boards at the Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club and at the Official Hotel lobby.