

Asia-Pacific Open Golf Championship Diamond Cup Golf 2020

(Shortened Title: Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup)

THE CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

- Championship Hosts: Asia-Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC)
Kansai Telecasting Corporation
Mitsubishi Corporation
Japan Golf Association (JGA)
- Support: Chiba Prefectural Government, Inzai City, The Golf Tournament Promotion Association of Japan, Inc., Fuji Television Network Inc., Sohbu Country Club
- Co-Management: Japan Golf Association (JGA), Japan Golf Tour Organization (JGTO), Asian Tour (AT)
- Dates: May 7 (Thu)–10 (Sun), 2020
Pro-Am Tournament: May 5 (Tue)
- Venue: Sohbu Country Club, Sohbu Course
302 Sofuke, Inzai City, Chiba Pref. 270-1337, Japan
TEL: +81-(0)476-46-7111 FAX : +81-(0)476-46-2027
1. RULES OF GOLF: The Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf (effective January 2019) as approved by R&A Rules Limited and in accordance with the Local Rules approved by the Championship Committee.
 2. COMMITTEE'S DECISION: The Championship Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship conditions and the decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.
 3. RESTRICTION ON EQUIPMENT
 - (1) List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
 - (2) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.
 - (3) List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.
 - (4) One Ball Rule: Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect.
 - (5) Distance Measuring Device: Model Local Rule G-5 is in effect.
 4. FORMAT AND SCHEDULE:

The starting field will be comprised of 144 competitors exempted by Championship Hosts.

May 7 (Thu) First Round (18-holes stroke play)
May 8 (Fri) Second Round (18-holes stroke play)

The 60 lowest scores* and anyone tying for 60th place over the first 36 holes will qualify for the 3rd and the 4th round. *including amateur players.

May 9 (Sat) Third Round (18-holes stroke play)
May 10 (Sun) Fourth Round (18-holes stroke play)

In the event of play being either delayed or declared null and void for any round of the Championship, the Championship Committee will make every effort to complete 72 holes by Sunday. If conditions exist which make the completion of 72 holes impossible, the Championship may be shortened to 54 holes or 36 holes at the discretion of the Championship Committee. If not possible to complete 36 holes by Sunday, the Championship will be canceled.

※No replacement of the player(s) who proceed to 3rd and 4th round will be made, even if a player's score is modified under exception to Rule 3.3b(3) or a player becomes disqualified or is withdrawn after the players who are proceeding to the 3rd round have been officially announced and thereby the cut line for 60 lowest scores and any tying for 60th place has been changed.

Note: The competitors proceeding for the 3rd round has been officially announced" is when official rank table sheet has been posted on the information board or rank table sheet with cut-line has been posted on JGA website, whichever comes first.
 5. DETERMINATION OF WINNER

In the event of a tie for the first place after 72 holes(54 or 36 holes, when shortened), there will be a hole by hole play-off over the hole(s) designated by the Championship Committee to decide the winner. If the play-off involves more than 2 players, those other than the winner will be deemed to have tied for 2nd place regardless of their scores in the play-off.

6. CLOSE OF COMPETITION: The competition is deemed to be closed when the Championship trophy has been presented to the winner.
7. ELIGIBILITY: Exemption for the 2019 Asia-Pacific Open Golf Championship Diamond Cup golf will be granted to the golfers who fall under the following categories:
- (1) National Amateur Champion of (or otherwise selected by) APGC member country whose delegation team finished in the first 10 places for the 2018 Eisenhower Trophy World Amateur Team Championship (see Note 1)
 - (2) A male player who has recorded the lowest score of the individual stroke play at the 2019 APGC Junior Championship (see Note 1)
 - (3) 2 players from first 10 and anyone tying for 10th place in the 2019 Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (see Note 1)
 - (4) The low amateur in the 2019 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup (see Note 1)
 - (5) The low amateur in the 2019 Japan Open Golf Championship (see Note 1)
 - (6) Winner of the 2019 Japan Amateur Golf Championship (see Note 1).
 - (7) Winner of the 2019 Japan Junior Golf Championship (Boy's Division 15-17) (see Note 1).
 - (8) Winner of the 2019 Japan Collegiate Golf Championship (see Note 1).
 - (9) Winner of the Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup (2015-2019)
 - (10) First 10 and anyone tying for 10th place in the 2019 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup
- Exemption also will be granted to 50 players from JGTO(21)~(39) and 50 players from Asian Tour(11)~(20), in order of priority as follows;
- (11) Winners of AT Official Order of Merit (previous 5 years)
 - (12) Multiple Tournament winners
 - (13) Winner of Asian Tour Events
 - (14) Leading player within the top 5 from current OOM
 - (15) Top 5 & ties from the previous Asian Tour Tournament
 - (16) Top 60 from the 2019 Asian Tour Final Order of Merit
 - (17) Top 20 from the Cumulative Career Money list as at 31 Dec. 2019
 - (18) 2019 Asian Development Tour Order of Merit Winner
 - (19) Winner(s) of 3 or more Asian Development Tour Tournaments in 2019
 - (20) Top 35 & ties from the 2020 Asian Tour Qualifying School + 2-5 from the 2019 Asian Development Tour Final Order of Merit (alternating)
 - (21) Winners of the Japan Golf Tour Order of Merit the last 5 years (2015-2019).
 - (22) Winners of the Japan Golf Tour Championship the last 5 years (2015-2019).
 - (23) Winners of the Japan Open Golf Championship the last 5 years (2015-2019).
 - (24) Winners of the Japan PGA Championship the last 5 years (2015-2019).
 - (25) Winners of the Golf Nippon Series JT Cup in the last 3 years (2017-2019).
 - (26) Winners of the JGTO Tour event (2018-2020)
 - (27) First 65 in the 2019 Japan Golf Tour Final Money List (including International Majors)
 - (28) Players who won 25 Japan Golf Tour Tournaments since the establishment of the Tour in 1973 (Life-Time Exemption).
 - (29) Player recommended by the Chairman of JGTO.
 - (30) Winner of the 2019 Abema TV Tour (Challenge Tour) Order of Merit.
 - (31) Top qualifier of the 2019 JGTO Qualifying Tournament.
 - (32) Player who won 3 Abema TV Tour (Challenge Tour) in a single year.
 - (33) JGTO Tour member who holds tour card at US PGA Tour and/or European Tour
 - (34) Team members of Japan in World Cup of Golf or in Million Yard Cup (Japan vs Korea).
 - (35) Multiple tournament winners of the Japan Golf Tour events.
 - (36) First 25 from the Cumulative Career Money List of Japan Golf Tour since the establishment of the Tour in 1973.
 - (37) Player who is applicable to JGTO Tournament Condition clause 31 (special safeguard system).

- (38) First 19 in the 2019 Abema TV Tour (Challenge Tour) Final Money List.
 (39) First 20 in the 2019 JGTO Qualifying Tournament.
 (40) 5 players from first 100 and anyone tying for 100th place in the Official World Golf Ranking as of April 13, 2020.
 (41) Special Exemption

If there is a vacancy for (1) ~ (8), it will be filled up in a particular order (firstly by JGTO, then secondly by Asian Tour), which will be repeated until it achieves a quorum. A vacancy in each tour will be filled up by each tour concerned.

Note 1: Competitor under (1) ~ (8) above will be eligible only if he remains amateur in the light of Amateur Status Rules by R&A/USGA.

8. PRIVATE CADDIES:

A player may provide his own caddie. If so, he must fill in the predefined blank on application form. Private caddie application must be received **by no later than 5:00 P.M (JST) on Monday, April 27, 2020.**

- ① Amateur Players under (1)~(8), (41) : to JGA
 ② Professional Players under (9)~(41): to each Tour Office

Late applications are not acceptable, regardless of the reason.

Change from one private caddie to another private caddie is acceptable at any time provided it is notice d to JGA/each Tour Office without delay.

9. ENTRIES:

Entrants must complete the official entry form and apply as follows:

- ① Entrants under the category of (1) ~ (8) and (41*amateur): **to JGA by Fax or Email.**

Japan Golf Association (JGA)
 Kyobashi YS Bldg. 2F, 1-12-5, Kyobashi, Cyuo-ku, Tokyo 104-0031, JAPAN
 Fax : +81(0)3-3566-0101 / Email: apoentry@jga.or.jp
Note: Entry by Telephone is not acceptable.

- ② Entrants under the category of (9), (10) and (21) ~ (41*professional): **to JGTO by Telephone or Fax.**

Japan Golf Tour Organization (JGTO)
 Akasaka Habitation Building 5F, 1-3-5 Akasaka Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-0052, JAPAN
 Telephone : +81(0)3-3585-7081 / Fax : +81 (0)3-3585-8812

- ③ Entrants under the category of (9) ~ (20), and (41*professional): **to Asian Tour.**

10. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:

- ① Entrants under the category of (1) ~ (4) must apply to JGA **by 5:00 P.M (JST) on Monday, April 27, 2020.**

- ② Entrants under the category of (9), (10), (21) ~ (41*professional) must apply to JGTO **by 5:00 P.M (JST) on Monday, April 27, 2020**

- ③ Entrants under the category of (9) ~ (20), (40) and (41 *professional) must apply to Asian Tour (see clause 9 above) **on Monday, April 27, 2020**

*Late applications are not acceptable and automatically rejected, regardless of the reason.

11. ENTRY FEE:

¥33,000 (10% consumption tax included)

Entry fee must be paid in cash (JPY) at the on-site registration (see clause 12 for schedule of the registration), and will not be refunded in the event of withdrawal after the registration.

12. REGISTRATION:

All competitors must register in person at the Registration Desk - located in the clubhouse at Ibaraki Country Club - on Tuesday, May 5 (7:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.) or on Wednesday, May 6 (7:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.). If unable to register in person, he must contact the Championship Office by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 6. A competitor is deemed to have withdrawn from the Championship unless he register in person or contact the Championship office by 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 6.

13. AWARD:

Winner: Diamond Cup, Asia-Pacific Open Cup
 Low Amateur: Diamond Cup, Asia-Pacific Open Silver Plate

14. PURSE:

Total purse of ¥150,000,000 (consumption tax excluded) will be allocated to professionals according to their places in the final rankings of the Championship. Any prize money that would have been won by an amateur will be allocated to a professional in the next place, and all subsequent prize moneys will be replaced accordingly.

	Prize		Prize		Prize		Prize
1	30,000,000	16	1,650,000	31	990,000	46	765,000
2	16,500,000	17	1,575,000	32	975,000	47	750,000
3	11,550,000	18	1,500,000	33	960,000	48	735,000
4	7,500,000	19	1,425,000	34	945,000	49	720,000
5	6,300,000	20	1,350,000	35	930,000	50	705,000
6	5,250,000	21	1,305,000	36	915,000	51	690,000
7	4,500,000	22	1,260,000	37	900,000	52	675,000
8	3,900,000	23	1,230,000	38	885,000	53	660,000
9	3,300,000	24	1,200,000	39	870,000	54	645,000
10	2,850,000	25	1,170,000	40	855,000	55	630,000
11	2,625,000	26	1,140,000	41	840,000	56	615,000
12	2,370,000	27	1,110,000	42	825,000	57	600,000
13	2,055,000	28	1,080,000	43	810,000	58	585,000
14	1,890,000	29	1,050,000	44	795,000	59	570,000
15	1,770,000	30	1,020,000	45	780,000	60	555,000

(JPY)

Note 1: Players who have completed 72 holes and finished beyond 60th place will equally share ¥2,700,000, maximum ¥540,000 each.

Note 2: Players who have been eliminated after played first 36 holes and who have proceeded to 3rd round but have not completed 72 holes (including who is disqualified in the 3rd or the 4th round) will equally share ¥2,700,000, maximum ¥45,000 each.

Note 3: In the event of the Championship being shortened or canceled due to inclement weather or adverse conditions, prize money will be allocated as follows:

- (1) Completing 54 holes: 75% of total amount of prize money will be allocated to professionals who completed 54 holes.
- (2) Completing 36 holes: 50% of total amount of prize money will be allocated to professionals who completed 36 holes and finished in first 60 and anyone tying for 60th place.
- (3) Completing 18 holes (canceled): 25% of total amount of prize money will be allocated equally to professionals who completed 18 holes
- (4) Not completing 18 holes (canceled): 25% of total amount of prize money will be allocated equally to all professionals who registered at the Championship site.

15. **SUBSTITUTIONS AND ALTERNATES:** 50 spots are secured for each of the Japan Golf Tour and the Asian Tour. If there is any withdrawal, cancellation and/or duplicated eligible competitor on each tour, the spot will be filled by each tour based on the eligibility category stated above, from (11) and (21) respectively. If there is any additional spot available to fill 144 spots after the closing date for entry (5:00 P.M. (JST) Monday, April 27, 2020), they will be allocated to each tour alternatively, based on the eligibility category (11) and (21), beginning with category (21). On-site stand-by will be handled in accordance with the "On-site stand-by policy" stipulated separately.
16. **DESIGNATED PRACTICE ROUNDS:** Practice round is available on Monday, May 4 and on Wednesday, May 6. No practice round is available on Tuesday, May 5 due to Pro-Am Tournament. Alternates are permitted to have a practice round provided he is contacted by JGA in advance.
17. **PRO-AM TOURNAMENT:** Tuesday, May 5
18. **TELEVISION COVERAGE:** Kansai Telecasting Corporation, nationwide broadcast by Fuji Television affiliates.
19. **CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION:** The Championship Name Tag

20. **PRIVACY POLICY:** By entering the Championship, each competitor assigns to the Tournament Hosts the right to use and disclose his personal information contained in “the 2018 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup Entry Form” and “the 2020 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup Competitors Profile”, for the purposes provided below.
- (1) To examine his eligibility for the 2020 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup.
 - (2) To carry out necessary activities in relation to holding and operating the Championship. This includes, but not limited to, ① sending him documents related to the Championship (e.g. pairings, etc.), ② disclosing his name, date of birth, status whether professional or amateur, affiliation (e.g. club, company, or school and grade), result of the Championship, and other information, to those who involved in the Championship (including the Media).
 - (3) To store his personal information and result of the Championship, and to disclose the items listed in (2)-② above when necessity arises after the Championship.
21. **PORTRAIT RIGHTS:** The Tournament Hosts arrange publicity of the Championship in the Media and by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and other promotional activities. By entering the Championship, each competitor assigns to the Tournament Hosts the right to make, use, exhibit and reproduce in any way now known or hereafter devised (and to authorize others to do so), motion pictures, still pictures, live taped television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of the competitor made in connection with the Championship (including pre- and post-tournament activities on the Championship site), without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns of the competitor. A competitor’s name, voice, likeness and biographical material may be used and reproduced in any way now known or hereafter devised by the Tournament Hosts for the purpose of promoting the Championship, without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns of the competitor.
22. **ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES**
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| Low Amateur | Exemption for 2020 Japan Open Golf Championship proper and 2020 Japan Amateur Golf Championship. |
| Winner | Exemption for Japan Golf Tour and Asian Tour for the remainder of the calendar year and 2 years following the end of the calendar year. |
| First 5 competitors(*) | Exemption for 2020 Japan Open Golf Championship proper
(*)In the event of a tie for 5th place in the 2020 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup, the last qualifying place for 2020 Japan Open Golf Championship will be decided on the basis of best score of the last round. If the tying players have the same score for the last round, Matching Score Cards method is used for the last round (see Official Guide to the Rules of Golf). In case of still tying, please see “on-site information board” notifying how to decide the last qualifying spot after Matching Score Cards. There is no filling up even if first 5 players are exempted otherwise. |

Note 1: Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the Championship Committee. The Championship Committee deems a player to be an improper entrant if he falls into any of the followings (but not limited to). He is found out to be;

- ① a person who is a gangster member, who has not spent more than 5 years since he disaffiliated it, who is a semi-constitute member of a gangster, who is a member of a gangster relevant company, a corporate extortionist, a blackguard of social activism, an intellectual crime syndicate, or anything similar organization.
- ② a person who, in person or using a third party, conducted/made a violent claim, undue claim beyond legal liability, threatening language or violence behavior with respect to the transactions, tarnishment or business interference by spread of rumor or fraudulent means/power, or anything similar misconduct.

Note 2: Golf shoes that might cause serious damage to the putting green may be prohibited by the Championship Committee.

* In the event of a dispute arising as to the meaning of any provision in the championship conditions above, it shall be interpreted according to the Japanese language edition of the championship conditions.