



Dear Friends,

Thailand Golf Association (TGA) is pleased to announce the 78<sup>th</sup> SINGHA Thailand Amateur Open 2012 will be held between 15-19 October 2012 at Panya Indra Golf Club in Bangkok. This championship is traditionally renowned amateur championship in Thailand since 1930. The winner (Man) will be awarded the King Rama VII trophy and woman winner will be awarded the trophy from The president of Thailand Golf Association.

The organizing committee would like to extend the invitations to your 4 best amateur golfers (2 men and 2 women) which will be eligible for:

- free 6 days accommodation at the official hotel for 4 golfers(twin sharing)
- local transportation between hotel-airport and hotel-golf course will be provided
- free practice round, tournament rounds
- farewell party

The famous Panya Indra Golf Club is the Thailand's Premier Golf Club. The Panya Indra Golf Club was developed in 1989. Created by top U.S. designer Ronald Fream. Panya Indra Golf Club comprises three separate 9-hole championship courses, each with an individual design and unique setting. Each course offers its own distinctly different playing experience.

We sincerely hope that your players will be available to participate in this event.

If you have any questions regarding this tournament please feel free to contact us and we are looking forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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# **The 78th Singha Thailand Amateur Golf Open 2012**

**Panya Indra Golf Club**

**OCTOBER 15-19, 2012**



**SINGHA CORPORATION**

## **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

Event title: The 78th Singha Thailand Amateur Golf Open 2012

Sanctioned by: Thailand Golf Association

Tournament date: 15-19 October, 2012

Tournament website: [www.tga.or.th](http://www.tga.or.th)

Tournament course: Panya Indra Golf Club

Tournament format: The Championship will be played over 72 holes of stroke play on Panya Indra Golf Club

Practice Round - 15 October, 2012

Round 1 – 16 October, 2012

Round 2 – 17 October, 2012

Round 3 – 18 October, 2012

Round 4 – 19 October, 2012

The Tournament Committee may cancel any round or rounds in the event of conditions or circumstances, which make the playing of 72 holes impracticable.

## **The 78th Singha Thailand Amateur Golf Open 2012 – CONDITIONS**

### **1. General**

The 78th Singha Thailand Amateur Golf Open 2012 will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited, and the Local Rules of Panya Indra Golf Club as approved by the Tournament Committee. These Local Rules will be made available to players upon registration.

The Tournament Committee shall be appointed by the Thailand Golf Association and shall consist of:- a) The Tournament Director

b) Thailand Golf Association Chairman of Rules (or his properly authorized deputy).

c) Thailand Golf Association Chairman of Tournaments.

For the purposes of Rule 33-7 a quorum shall consist of the Tournament Director and any one of the other Tournament Committee Members.

### **2. Eligibility**

Eligible players are all male or female amateurs who have reached their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on the first day of the championship (born on or before 15 October, 1999) and whose TGA handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 3.

### **3. Format and Prizes**

Competition will be conducted over gender with 72-hole stroke play gross competition with Men's and Women's Divisions. Men's Championships shall be played in 7,104 yards while Women's Championships shall be played in 6,259 yards. All prize awards will be made on the basis of GROSS finish. A trophy will be awarded to the Men's and Women's best 3 lowest aggregate scores of the 4 rounds winners. In the event of a tie for the first place of Men's or Women's Championship, the Champion will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole playoff.

### **5. Specification of the Ball (Note to Rule 5-1)**

#### **5.1 List of Conforming Golf Balls.**

- The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:** Disqualification.

#### **5.2 One Ball Condition**

- During a stipulated round, the balls a player plays must be of the same brand and model as detailed by a single entry on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:**

- Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes.

**Procedure When Breach Discovered**

- When a player discovers that he/she has played a ball in breach of this condition, he/she must abandon that ball before playing from the next teeing ground and complete the round with a proper ball; otherwise, the player is disqualified. If discovery is made during play of a hole and the player elects to substitute a proper ball before completing that hole, the player must place a proper ball on the spot where the ball played in breach of condition lay.

**6. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7)**

Competitors will be notified of the time allowed for a round. The time will be broken down into timing for each individual hole. In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play shot', or 40 seconds if it is a 'second, third or fourth to play shot', he/she is deemed to have had a 'bad time'.

The time allowed will be determined by the Tournament Director and will be published on the official notice board.

Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:**

One bad time --- Verbal warning from Official or Referee

Two bad times --- One stroke penalty

Three bad times --- Two stroke penalty

Four bad times --- Disqualification

A player whose group has been timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrived back in position in relation to the group in front or within its allotted time.

The committee may apply a penalty for undue delay (Rule 6-7) without prior warning to a group that is seriously out of position at the end of the round.

**7. Suspension of Play Due to Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8b)**

**7.1 Dangerous Situation**

If during play it becomes necessary to suspend play for a dangerous situation (e.g. lightning), players must discontinue play immediately. A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by a prolonged note of the klaxon/siren.

**7.2 Discontinue Play**

If during the tournament it becomes necessary to suspend play, three consecutive notes repeated, will be sounded on a klaxon/siren or notification will be otherwise communicated to the players. On being advised of suspension, competitors must not play any shot from the teeing ground unless any player in his group has commenced play of the hole.

**7.3 Resumption of Play**

As soon as conditions allow play to be resumed, two short blasts on the klaxon/siren will be sounded or notification will otherwise be communicated to the players. On being advised of the resumption, play will be recommenced immediately by all competitors on the course.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:** Disqualification unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7.

**8. Practice "During Round" (Note 2 to Rule 7-2)**

**PROHIBIT:** Practice on or near the putting green of the hole last played, and rolling a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:** Stroke play - Two strokes at the next hole.

- In the case of a breach at the last hole of the stipulated round, the player incurs the penalty at that hole.

**9. Transportation**

- Players must walk at all times during a stipulated round.
- Exception: When permitted to ride by the Rule committee.

#### **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:**

Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round: Four strokes.

- In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

#### **Procedure When Breach Discovered**

- Use of any unauthorized form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

### **10. Caddie**

The player may be assisted by a caddie, but he/she is limited to only one caddie at any one time and he/she has caddy who is committee authorized only.

### **11. Unbecoming Conduct**

The Committee may impose a penalty of disqualification for improper conduct such as swearing and throwing of golf clubs.

### **12. Recording of Scores**

Each player will be assigned as “marker” (see Rule 6-6) to record the score of another player in the same group. The marker shall be responsible for recording the player’s correct score after each hole. After completion of the round the player shall:

- Check his/ her hole-by-hole score for accuracy. Settle any doubtful points with the Committee.
- Ensure that his/ her marker has signed his/ her card. Countersign the card him/ herself, and

### **13. Returning Scorecards upon Competition of Round**

Players are reminded of their responsibilities under Rule 6-6b which states:-

“Signing and Returning Card: After completion of the round, the competitor should check their score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. They shall ensure that the marker has signed the card, countersign the card themselves and return it to the Committee as soon as possible.”

(Penalty for breach of Rule 6-6b – Disqualification)

If a competitor does not return their card within 15 minutes of completion of their round (without good reason) they will be subject to disqualification at the discretion of the Committee. Cards must be returned to the TGA official at the Registration table in the Tournament Office. A card may be changed up until the time it is handed in, when the card will be considered as having been returned to the Committee.

### **14. How to Decide Ties**

In the event of a tie for first place, the players tying shall, as soon as possible after the announcement of the tie, participate in a play-off, hole-by-hole, until the winner is decided (“sudden-death”).

The play-off holes will be decided by the Tournament Director on the final day of the event

All other ties will be decided by count back. The count back procedure to be used will be:-

- The best score of the 18 holes (1-18) of the final round. If still tie,
- The best score of the last nine holes (10-18) of the final round. If still tie,
- The best score of the last six holes (13-18) of the final round. If still tie,
- The best score of the last three holes (16-18) of the final round. If still tie,
- Hole by hole count back (Final round) will decide the winner,

If there is still no result then the winner shall be decided by the toss of a coin, or according to the Committee and Tournament director officially announce.

### **15. Result of the Competition**

When the final results sheet is placed on the official notice board, the result of the competition is deemed to have been officially announced.

## **16. Disputes and doubtful points**

Any disputes or doubtful points must be referred to the Tournament Committee within 15 minutes after completion of each round.

## **17. Draw**

The draw for the first round is left to the discretion of the Organizing Committee, The draw for the last three rounds will be arranged according to the scores; the lowest scores will tee off last.

## **18. Rules of Golf**

Play will be governed by the Rules of the R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules of Bangkok Golf Club. Disputes, if any, will be settled by the Rules Committee whose decisions shall be final.

### **LOCAL RULES**

The following Conditions of Competition and Local Rules have been formulated after consultation with the Rules of Golf, R&A Rules Limited. In the event of a dispute arising as to the meaning of any Rule of Golf, the Rule shall be interpreted according to the English Edition of the Rules of Golf.

#### **1. OUT OF BOUNDS (RULE 27)**

- Beyond boundary fence which determines by the nearest inside points at ground level of the stakes or fence posts.
- As defined by white stakes or white lines.
- Where both white stakes and lines are in existence, the white line defines out of bounds margin.

#### **2. WATER HAZARDS (Including Lateral Water Hazards) (Rule 26)**

- Water Hazards are defined by yellow stake and/or yellow line. Where yellow lines are in existence they define the margin.
- Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red markers. Where red lines are in existence they define the margin.

#### **Dropping Zone for Water Hazards**

If a player's ball comes to rest in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the water hazard (specify location), the player may proceed under rule 26 or drop a ball in the dropping zone provided under penalty of one stroke.

*Note:* When dropping a ball in a dropping zone, a dropped ball shall not be re-dropped if it comes to rest within two club-lengths of the spot where it first struck a part of the course even though it may finish outside the boundaries of the dropping zone or nearer the hole.

#### **3. ABNORMAL GROUND CONDITIONS (25-1)**

- Relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing from painted yardage spot situated in any closely mown area through the green.
- Fire ant mounds or beds. In a water hazard, relief from fire ant mounds or beds (Dangerous situation) is provided by Decision 1-4/10

#### **4. GROUND UNDER REPAIR**

- All areas bounded by white lines

- Any seam of new turf through the green interfering with the lie of ball or area of intended swing. All seams forming part of the condition are to be treated as the same seam for the purposes of Rule 20-2c (re-dropping)

## **5. EMBEDDED BALL**

- Relief extended to “through the green”

*Exception:* A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule.

## **6. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTION (24-2)**

- White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not GUR.
- Drainage channels adjacent to and parallel to concrete cart paths should be treated as one obstruction.

## **7. INTEGRAL PART OF THE COURSE**

- Wood or Material wrapping the tree or other objects where they are closely attached to trees.
- All flower beds.

## **8. PERMANENT ELEVATED CABLES**

- A player’s stroke must be cancelled and replayed without penalty (see Rule 20-5) if the ball strikes an *elevated power line. If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.*

*Exception:* A ball striking an elevated junction section of cable rising from the ground shall not be replayed.

## **9. TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (APPENDIX I PART B-7)**

- When a player’s ball lies in, on or under a temporary immovable obstruction or so close to that obstruction that it interferes with the player’s stance or area of intended swing and relief is required, if dropping zones have been marked, the player must drop the ball in the nearest dropping zone.
- A white line indicates either the front edge of the temporary obstruction or joins multiple obstructions. A ball touching the line is deemed to be in the obstruction.
- Permanent advertising board, advertising board situated around teeing grounds, hole number distance sign, clock signboard,
- Tents, leader boards and scoreboards.

*Note:* Relief may be taken on either side but not nearer the hole.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES: Stroke Play - Two strokes**