

Philippine Junior Open Championship (The Montecillo)

April 2-5, 2013

The Orchard Golf & Country Club, Dasmariñas, Cavite, Philippines

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. **GENERAL**

The Philippine Junior Open Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules of the Orchard Golf & Country Club as approved by the Tournament Committee. These Local Rules will be made available to players upon registration.

2. **ELIGIBILITY**

The Championship is open to all junior golfers nominated by its union/junior golf association, who have not reached 19 years of age on the last day of the championship (April 5, 2013) and who must:

- a) Conforms in all respect to the Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by the R&A Rules Limited; and
- b) Have a USGA handicap index or other handicap accepted by the Tournament Committee

3. **FORMAT**

72 holes stroke play competition for Boys' & Girls Class A & B.

54 holes stroke play competition for Boys' & Girls Class C & D.

4. **AGE GROUPINGS**

The competition will be conducted over the following age groups:

CLASS	AGE GROUP	BOYS HANDICAP LIMIT	GIRLS HANDICAP LIMIT
A	15 - 18 years old	12 or below	18 or below
B	13 - 14 years old	16 or below	20 or below
C	11 - 12 years old	20 or below	24 or below
D	10 years & under	24 or below	30 or below

5. **INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION**

Class A&B

Shall be played over 72 holes stroke play, 18 holes a day for four consecutive days of the event. The winner shall be the player obtaining the lowest aggregate scores for 4 rounds.

Class C&D

Shall be played over 54 holes stroke play, 18 holes a day for four consecutive days of the event. The winner shall be the player obtaining the lowest aggregate scores for 3 rounds.

6. TEAM COMPETITION

There will be international team events for both Boys and Girls sections.

Boys Team

Team members for Boys' event shall comprise of 2 players (1 x Class A and 1 x Class B player or 2 x Class B players). However, 2 x class A players are not allowed. The total of the team's score for 4 rounds shall be the team's score for the Championship. The team returning the lowest score for the Championship shall be the winner.

Girls Team

Team members for Girls' event shall comprise of 2 players (1 x Class A and 1 x Class B player or 2 x Class B players). However, 2 x class A players are not allowed. The total of the team's score for 4 rounds shall be the team's score for the Championship. The team returning the lowest score for the Championship shall be the winner.

Team members shall be named before the start of the championship to the COMMITTEE during the Captain's meeting on Monday 1st April 2013. The time and venue of the meeting will be announced subsequently.

7. TEES TO BE USED

Boys Class A : Gold tees
Boys Class B : Blue tees
Boys Class C : White tees
Boys Class D : Red tees

Girls Class A : Blue tees
Girls Class B : Silver tees
Girls Class C : Red Tees
Girls Class D : Black tees

8. AWARDS

Team Competition

Boys' Team - Best 3 teams
Girls' Team - Best 3 teams

Individual Competition

Individual Boys - 5 best gross scores of Class A, B, C & D
Individual Girls - 3 best gross scores of Class A, B, C & D

9. TIES

Individual Competition

In the event of a tie for the first place, a hole by hole play-off will be held until the winner is decided.

In the event of a tie for any individual placing, the tie shall be decided by a count back in the following order:

- The best score of the 18 holes (1-18) of the final round. If still tied,
- The best score of the last nine holes (10-18) of the final round. If still tied,
- The best score of the last six holes (13-18) of the final round. If still tied,
- The best score of the last three holes (16-18) of the final round. If still tied,
- 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.

Team Competition

In the event of a tie or ties for the first place in Team Competition, the players in the teams tying shall immediately continue to play-off hole by hole until the winner is decided.

In the event that there are more than 2 teams tying, the first team/teams to lose the hole by hole play-off shall discontinue play. This play-off is to determine the winner of Team Competition only.

In the event of a tie for any team placing, the tie shall be decided by a count back in the following order:

- The best team score of the 18 holes (1-18) of the final round. If still tied,
- The best team score of the last nine holes (10-18) of the final round. If still tied,
- The best team score of the last six holes (13-18) of the final round. If still tied,
- The best team score of the last three holes (16-18) of the final round. If still tied,
- The best team score 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

Play-off holes will be decided by the Tournament Director.

10. PACE OF PLAY

Competitors will be notified of the time allowed for a round. The time will be broken down into timings for each individual hole.

If, during a round, a group has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played and has fallen behind the group in front of them it is liable to be warned and the players individually timed by an appointed Official.

The maximum time allowed for a shot is 40 seconds. However an extra 10 seconds is allowed for the first player to play:

- a) Tee shot on a par 3 hole.
- b) Second shot on par 4's and par 5's.
- c) From on or near the putting green at any hole. The timing will start when it is the player's turn to play and there is no interference or distraction.

If whilst being timed, a player exceeds the time allowed on a shot he will be deemed to have "a bad time".

Penalty for Breach of Condition

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| 1 bad time | - | player will be warned by an Official and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalized |
| 2 bad times | - | One stroke |
| 3 bad times | - | Two additional strokes |
| For subsequent offence | - | 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.

11. DRIVING CLUBS

Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. Exemption: A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: DISQUALIFICATION

12. 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**

13. 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:

- a) Check his/ her hole-by-hole score for accuracy.
- b) Settle any doubtful points with the Committee.
- c) Ensure that his/ her marker has signed his/ her card.
- d) Countersign the card by him/ herself.

14. RETURNING SCORECARDS UPON COMPLETION OF ROUND

Players are reminded of their responsibilities under Rule 6-6(b) 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 6-6(b) – Disqualification.)

If a competitor does not return his/her card within 15 minutes of completion of the round (without valid reason) He/she will be subject to disqualification. The recorder’s area is located at the Clubhouse beside the Tournament office. A scorecard is deemed to have been submitted the moment he/she drops it inside the drop box.

15. CADDIES

A player may be assisted by a caddie, but he/she is limited to only one caddie at any given time and should be one that is authorized by the Committee. Caddie fee is USD 15 per day.

16. SPECTATORS

Spectators shall not exchange conversations with player and are strictly confined on the cart path to watch the game and shall at all times, keep a distance of not less than 30 yards from all players.

17. MOTORIZED CARS

Unless otherwise permitted by the Committee, players shall not use automotive transportation during a stipulated round.

18. SMOKING

Smoking is strictly prohibited during the tournament. A breach of this Rule will result in penalty of disqualification.

19. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO DANGEROUS SITUATION (Note to Rule 6-8b)

When play is suspended by the committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the committee has ordered a resumption of play. An Evacuation Plan will be disseminated during the tournament week.

20. RESTRICTION

No coaching is allowed during the tournament. For this purpose, spectators including parents and coaches are informed to cooperate and to keep distance of minimum 30 yards from the players during tournament play, and must not give instructions or disturb the players. An offender will be given two (2) warnings by the Rules Officials, and for subsequent offence, he/she may be removed from the course.

21. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The **Tournament Committee** will be responsible for the administration of the competition and reserves the right to amend the Conditions of Play before the start of the tournament. Revisions will be posted on the Player' Information Board.

Disputes, if any, will be settled by the Rules Committee whose decisions shall be final.

In the event the Tournament Committee is required to make any decision involving the penalty of disqualification, each country whose player is involved may appoint a non-voting observer to attend.

The competition shall be deemed closed when the result sheet is posted on the official notice board.