



## **ANNIKA Invitational at Mission Hills 2013**

### **Invitation**

**To: Chinese Taipei Golf Association,**

The ANNIKA Invitational is founded by ANNIKA Foundation in 2009, and is named the “Best New Event” by American Junior Golf Association in 2009 and the “Best Invitational” in 2010.

The ANNIKA Invitational at Mission Hills is the first junior girls-only tournament in China and Asia, and the first ANNIKA Invitational event outside United States.

Aiming to promote girls junior golf in Asia, the previous ANNIKA Invitational at Mission Hills was successfully held last two years. Ms. Annika Sorenstam flew to Mission Hills to encourage the players and shared with them her rich golf skill and experience.

As supported by the R&A, the tournament counts towards the Women’s World Amateur Golf Rankings.

The top 3 players will be invited to the ANNIKA Invitational in the United States in 2014. The overall champion will be invited to play in the World Ladies Championship 2014, a professional event of the ladies European Tour tournament and China Ladies PGA Tour.

### **Eligibility and Selection**

Mission Hills would provide two (2) free entries to Chinese Taipei Golf Association in the ANNIKA Invitational at Mission Hills 2013.

The invited participants should be determined by selection trials or top players of the nation/area with references from the golf association.

The selection trials are suggested to have at least two (2) rounds, and player(s) of the highest place would be selected. Meanwhile, players selected in such selection trials must provide a valid handicap certificate of not higher than 12.0 and all others meet the tournament entry criteria.

In absence of a selection trial, the nominated players from golf association must hold a valid handicap certificate of not higher than 8.0.

### **Cost**

Mission Hills Golf Club organizes the ANNIKA Invitational at Mission Hills, and will cover the entry fee of eligible invited players; accommodation (4 nights, twin-shared with another player) will also be provided for the invitees.

Golf Associations or players are responsible for the air tickets and local transportation fare, catering and any other individual expenses.

### **Organizing Bodies**

#### ***Mission Hills***

Mission Hills Group ([www.missionhillschina.com](http://www.missionhillschina.com)), owner and operator of Mission Hills in the heart of the Pearl River Delta and the tropical island of Hainan, is the pioneer in China’s fledgling hospitality, sports and leisure industry.



Founded in 1992, Mission Hills is recognized as the leading golf brand in the world and synonymous with high-end, luxurious and exquisitely-designed residences. Mission Hills has been the major driving force behind the sports and leisure industry in China. Its three world-class integrated leisure and wellness resort destinations have hosted more than 100 international tournaments. Mission Hills has also been accredited the “World’s Largest Golf Club” by the Guinness World Records.

Mission Hills’ properties sprawl over 40 sq.km. They include 22 championship courses designed by renowned players and architects from five continents, five-star resorts, award-winning spas and volcanic mineral springs, an international convention center, golf academies and Asia’s largest tennis facility. Mission Hills is also the official training headquarters of China’s Tennis and Golf Associations.

Today, Mission Hills Group has achieved many milestones and become the preeminent conglomerate in the sports, tourism, leisure and entertainment industry. The next breakthrough in the Group’s evolution will occur as it brings its tried and true branding and golf management services to Beijing, Shanghai, Xian, Yunnan, Chongqing and other destinations.

### ***ANNIKA Foundation***

The ANNIKA Foundation teaches children the importance of living a healthy, active lifestyle through fitness and nutrition, and offers aspiring junior golfers opportunities to pursue their dreams.

The Foundation has partnered with several key organizations to promote healthy and active lifestyles for children, including SPARK, the leading physical education program for schools; Florida Hospital for Children, supporting its Healthy 100 Kids and F.I.T. initiatives; and The First Tee, developing the Nine Healthy Habits program for children.

The Foundation annually conducts three major golf events for aspiring junior girls while also teaching them important fitness, nutrition and life skills. These events include the ANNIKA Invitational at Reunion Resort in Orlando, Fla., the award-winning American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) event for 72 of the top juniors from around the world; the ANNIKA Invitational at Mission Hills, the first all-girls junior tournament in China for top Asian juniors; and the ANNIKA Cup, a team event for the top juniors in Sweden.

The Foundation is a financial supporter of Healthy 100 Kids, awards SPARK grants for schools, and has endowed a \$100,000 ACE Grant to help underprivileged juniors compete on the AJGA. Other key Foundation initiatives include ANNIKA Junior Day and the ANNIKA Inspiration Award. More information about the ANNIKA Foundation can be found at [www.AnnikaFoundation.org](http://www.AnnikaFoundation.org).

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