

**HONG KONG OPEN AMATEUR
& MID-AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014**

DISCOVERY BAY GOLF CLUB

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**Closing date for Entries
Friday 15 August 2014**

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Conditions

- 1) The Hong Kong Open Amateur and Mid Amateur Golf Championships 2014 will be decided by stroke play over four rounds, which will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Rules Limited and with the Local Rules approved by the Tournament Committee.
- 2) Competitors will play one round on each 16, 17 and 18 September 2014. The 40 lowest scores over these 54 holes and any tying for the 40th place will qualify for the final 18 holes on 19 September 2014.

Please note that a cut will be made after round 1, and any player scoring more than 87 or more than 11 shots over the leading score, whichever is the higher, will be eliminated from the championships.

- 3) In the event of a tie for first place in both the Hong Kong Open Amateur Championship and the Hong Kong Open Mid-Amateur Championship, the winner will be decided by a hole by hole play off to take place immediately. The play off holes will be decided by the Tournament Director.
- 4) All other ties will be decided by a count-back. The winner will be the player having the lowest gross score over the last 18 holes (then the last 9, last 6, last 3, and last hole; then by holes 1-9, 4-9, 7-9 and hole 9). If a tie still arises, the scores of the preceding round will be applied in the same way. If a winner is still not determined after the score of the first round is applied, the result will be decided by the toss of a coin.
- 5) The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf (2012 – 2015) are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads (see pages 137) and Conforming Golf Balls (see page 138).
- 6) 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.

It is the responsibility of all players to ensure that their driver is listed on the R&A list of Conforming Driver heads.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect any driver at any time during the tournament.

Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of condition: Disqualification

For details, please visit R&A website at www.randa.org

- 7) Players in the Hong Kong Open Amateur Championship may not ride on a motorized cart and MUST WALK at all times except when transportation has been authorized by the Tournament Committee or a designated Rules Official. Please refer to the Rules of Golf (2012 – 2015) page 142.
Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.
- 8) Players entering only the Hong Kong Open Mid Amateur Championship Division are permitted to ride on golf carts.

a) The use of trolleys or motorized golf carts will be permitted but is not mandatory. Competitors in the Hong Kong Open Mid Amateur Division who use a golf cart will be charged. No more than two carts per playing group are allowed. Except when a shuttle is provided by the Committee or otherwise authorized by a Rules Official (see page 142 of the 2012 - 2015 Rules of Golf).

b) Caddies must walk at all times and are not permitted to wear jeans, sandals or golf shoes.

Penalty for Breach of Condition : 2 strokes penalty.

c) A player may bring his own caddie provided he or she is not a professional golfer.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.

Players using motorized carts or trolleys should remember that the cart or trolley and everything in or on it, even when shared, is the equipment of the player whose ball is involved, except that, when the cart is being moved by one of the players sharing it, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be the player's equipment.

9) During a stipulated round, the use of a mobile phone is regarded as a serious breach of etiquette for which a penalty of disqualification may be imposed.

10) During a stipulated round, the use of a distance measuring device is allowed.

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play, the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification

11) A copy of the full Pace of Play conditions will be posted at the Tournament Office and will be available on request.

12) **Return of Score Cards**

Competitors must ensure that they return their score cards to the tournament office within 15 minutes of completing their round.

(Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification)

13) The Tournament Committee may require a player to withdraw from the Championship if it is felt that the player does not have a basic understanding of the Rules of Golf which includes etiquette, or the requisite golfing standard.

The Tournament Committee shall be appointed by the Hong Kong Golf Association and shall consist of:

(a) Hong Kong Golf Association Chairman, Rules (or an authorized deputy)

(b) Hong Kong Golf Association Chairman, Tournaments (or an authorized deputy)

(c) The Tournament Director (or an authorized deputy)

For the purposes of Rule 33-7 a quorum shall consist of any two of the above persons. Decisions of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all concerned.

14) **Breaches of Discipline**

A player commits a breach of discipline if he :

i) Knowingly fails to comply with the Rules of Golf with an intention of gaining an advantage over another player;

ii) Knowingly returns a false score.

- iii) Verbally threatens any person during the Championship.
- iv) Uses abusive or profane language during the Championship;
- v) Behaves in a manner detrimental to the good name and reputation of the HKGA;
- vi) Brings the game of golf into disrepute;
- vii) Misses a tee time or withdraws from the Championship before its completion without providing good and sufficient reason.
- viii) Is under the influence of and/or uses drugs prohibited by the WADA anti-doping policy.

The Tournament Committee may in the case of a breach of discipline either disqualify a player from the competition or impose such other penalty or reprimand as it deems appropriate in the circumstances.

15) **Event Cancellation Policy**

If the Tournament has to be cancelled due to inclement weather or if the course is closed for any reason necessitating cancellation, the following policy regarding the refund of entry fees will apply and entries are only accepted on this basis.

If the event is cancelled prior to any play taking place, all entry fees will be refunded.
Once any play has commenced, no refund of entry fees will be made.

16) In case of inclement weather all competitors should check the HKGA website www.hkga.com where up to date information will be posted at regular intervals.

17) The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend these Championship conditions.