

SINGAPORE JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

KEPPEL CLUB

5 – 8 May 2015

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following conditions, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Organising Committee at the host club, will apply under Rule 33-1 to this Championship.

GENERAL

1. The Singapore Junior Golf Championship 2015 will be played at the Keppel Club from 5 to 8 May 2015 in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and with the Local Rules approved by the Organising Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

2. Entries are open to all boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 17 years as at 6 May 2015 and with a USGA Handicap Index of 16.0 or lower for boys and 18.0 or lower for girls, as at 1st April 2015.
3. All entries will be subject to the approval of the Organising Committee (OC) which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision.
4. Handicap Index with Excessive Penalty Scores will not be accepted.
5. Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT OF PLAY

6. The Championship will be decided by stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes. A cut will be made after 36 holes for the top 60% of the respective age groups who shall qualify for the final round.
7. The Overall Boy and Girl Champion shall be the player with the lowest gross aggregate score over the three rounds.
8. Players will also compete in the respective age groups. They are:
 - a. Boys between 15 and 17 years of age;
 - b. Girls between 15 and 17 years of age;
 - c. Boys between 12 and 14 years of age;
 - d. Girls between 12 and 14 years of age.

9. An International Team Event will be held in conjunction with the Championship. It shall be played over three rounds of the Championship. Each team will be represented by two players (1 boy and 1 girl from any age groups) who shall be citizens or permanent residents of the country they represent. Team members who do not make the cut will be allowed to play in the final round for the International Team Event.
10. The Winning Team shall be the team with the lowest combined gross scores of the team members for the three rounds.
11. In the event of insufficient entries, the Team Event may be cancelled.

SIZE OF FIELD

12. The field will be limited to a maximum of 100 participants. Entries will be accepted from 100 applicants with the lowest Handicap Index.
13. The OC reserves the right to refuse any entry without assigning any reason for such refusal. The decisions of the OC as to the acceptance or refusal of any entry shall be final.

ENTRY

14. The entry fee is S\$95.00 for Singapore Citizens and Singapore Permanent Residents and S\$120.00 for Foreigners (both prices are inclusive of GST) and must be submitted at the time of entry. Cheques must be made payable to "Singapore Golf Association". Participants who are members of SGA Ordinary Members may have their entry fee debited through their Home Club. There will be no refund of entry fee after the closing date.
15. Entries must be submitted through the official online entry form from SGA's website.
16. Participants are advised to check the SGA website for confirmation of entries received.
17. Only entries with proof of insurance and payment instructions will be processed.
18. The OC reserves the right to limit, accept or reject entries.

CLOSING DATE

19. The closing date is 12 noon, 24 April 2015. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OC.

DRAW

20. The draw for the first and second rounds will be made by the OC prior to start of the Championship.

21. The draw for the final round will be based on the cumulative gross scores of the preceding rounds.

TIME OF STARTING

22. Players shall start at the time and in the order indicated in the draw. No substitution of players and changes of starting times shall be permitted after the draw has been made.
23. The OC reserves the right to fix and/or alter the starting times.

SUBMISSION OF SCORECARD

24. Players should check their cards in the returning area (scoring table) and ensure that they are correct and signed. Any doubtful points should be settled with the OC before returning the scorecard.
25. A player is deemed to have returned his scorecard and no further amendments may be made once he has left the returning area (scoring table) or the demarcated area where they exist.

DECISION OF TIES

26. Individual Event

In the event of a tie or ties for the first place, the Champion shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off to take place as soon as practicable. The purpose of the play-off is to decide the Champion only. In the event inclement weather or other reasons deemed by the Tournament Director to make a play-off impractical, the winner shall be decided by matching of score cards of the 3rd round for the best score of the last 18 holes (1 – 18), last 9 (10 – 18), last 6 (13 – 18), last 3 (16 – 18) or the final 18th hole. If necessary, the 2nd or 1st round will be used in the same manner to break the tie.

27. Ties for all other positions will be decided by matching of score cards of the 3rd round for the best score of the last 18 holes (1 – 18), last 9 (10 – 18), last 6 (13 – 18), last 3 (16 – 18) or the final 18th hole. If necessary, the 2nd or 1st round will be used in the same manner to break the tie.

28. International Team Event

In the event of a tie or ties for the first and any place, the tie will be decided on the lowest combined team scores of the last round. If a tie still arises, the combined team scores of the 2nd round and, if necessary, the 1st round will be used until a decision is reached. The Organising Committee's decision to determine the Winning Team is final.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION (NOTE TO RULE 6-8b)

29. The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 140 – 141.
30. All practice areas that are in open areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the OC has declared them open.

31. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation and the resumption of play shall be signaled using the host club's warning system.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

32. In the event that the first round of the Championship cannot be completed, it shall be continued the next day prior to the commencement of the second round.
33. In the event that the second round of the Championship cannot be completed, it shall be continued the next day prior to the commencement of the third round.
34. In the event that the second and/or third round of the Championship cannot be completed, the rounds shall be abandoned. The result of the Championship will then be based on the completed rounds.

CADDIES / BUGGIES / MOTORISED TROLLEYS

35. The use of caddies / buggies / motorised trolley in this Championship is prohibited.
36. All players are to carry their own bags or use their own hand-drawn trolleys.

PACE OF PLAY

37. Rule 6-7 (Undue Delay; Slow Play) will be strictly enforced using the 'SGA Group Pace of Play' policy. See separate memorandum to players for the Pace of Play guidelines.

DISPUTES OR DOUBTS AS TO PROCEDURE

38. If there is a doubt as to the correct procedures, players are to refer to the SGA Referees. If an SGA Referee is not immediately available, a player (having notified his marker) may elect to play two balls in accordance with Rule 3-3 and obtain a ruling at the conclusion of the round, prior to signing and the return of the score card.
39. No spectators (including parents or accompanying officials) are to enter into any discussion on a matter under dispute.

SGA REFEREES

40. The SGA Referee's decision on all matters pertaining to the Rules of Golf is final.

INSURANCE

41. All players are required to have appropriate golfing insurance. Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted together with the entry form.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE

42. 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 (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

(Note: Players are advised to refer to the Additional Explanatory Note on Use of Distance Measuring Device.)

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

43. The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see page 138.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEAD

44. The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 137 – 138.

GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS

45. The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1 January 2010.

46. Decision 4-1/1 in the "Decisions on the Rules of Golf" is in effect – see page 70.

PRIZES

47. The following prizes will be awarded:

- a. Overall Boys & Girls Champion & Runner-Up;
- b. Best Local Boy Performer;
- c. Age Group – Best Gross Winner & Runner-Up;
- d. Age Group – Daily Best Gross;
- e. The International Team Event – Top three teams.

Note: The Champion and the Runner-Up are not eligible for the Age Group Best Gross Winner and Runner-Up.

PRACTICE

48. The course is available to players for practice on 5 May 2015 (morning only). Please call the SGA Office at Tel: 6755 5976 from the following schedule to book practice round:

- 29-30 April 2015, 0900hrs (9:00AM) – 1700hrs (5:00PM)
and
- 4 May 2015, 0900hrs (9:00AM) – 1200hrs (12:00PM)

Please note that SGA office is closed on 1 May (Labour Day) and 2-3 May (weekend).

49. No multiple ball play shall be allowed during the practice round.

50. Players are not allowed to practise on the course after their round on any day of the Championship.

51. The driving range will be opened at 7am during the Championship. Range balls are chargeable.

PRIZE PRESENTATION LUNCHEON

52. All players are invited to a Prize Presentation Luncheon on 8 May 2015 at the Keppel Hall, Keppel Club.

DRESS CODE

53. Players must be properly attired on the golf course. Blue jeans, designer jeans, round neck T-shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Golf shirts must be worn and shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh (no jean shorts).
54. This dress code will be used in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the host club. A player violating this dress code will not be permitted to start the tournament. A violation of this dress code by a player during the stipulated round must be rectified without undue delay or the player will not be allowed to continue play.
55. Soft spikes shoes are compulsory.

CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

56. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be.
57. Any action contrary to the spirit of the game such as abusive language, throwing of clubs, or other disruptive behavior, will not be tolerated and may result in a player not being able to continue in this competition.
58. The use of mobile phones (except in an emergency) and smoking are not allowed on the course.

SPECTATORS/ ACCOMPANYING OFFICIALS /PARENTS

59. Spectators/accompanying officials/parents must remain on the cart paths at all times. They must stay off the greens and out of the bunkers at all times. They are prohibited from using golf buggies.
60. They should maintain a reasonable distance from the players to avoid the appearance that they are imparting advice or assisting the player in any way. They may approach a player for a moment to exchange clothing, food, or beverages, but should not have prolonged contact.
61. Those found violating these policies may be asked to leave the course.

AMENDMENTS TO CONDITIONS

62. The OC reserves the right to amend these Championship conditions.

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY NOTE ON USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE (DMD)

1. The use of any DMD must be limited to measuring distance only. Features that would render use of the device contrary to the Conditions of Competition include, but are not limited to:
 - a. the gauging or measuring of slope;
 - b. the gauging or measuring of other conditions that might affect play (e.g. wind speed or direction, or other climate-based information such as temperature, humidity, etc.);
 - c. recommendations that might assist the player in making a stroke or in his play (e.g. club selection, type of shot to be played, green reading or any other advice related matter); or
 - d. calculating the effective distance between two points based on slope or other conditions affecting shot distance.
2. Such non-conforming features render use of the device contrary to the Rules, irrespective of whether or not:
 - a. the features can be switched off or disengaged; and
 - b. the features are switched off or disengaged.

A multi-functional device, such as a smartphone or PDA, may be used as a distance measuring device provided it contains a distance measuring application that meets all of the above limitations (i.e. it must measure distance only). In addition, when the distance measuring application is being used, there must be no other features or applications installed on the device that, if used, would be in breach of the Rules, whether or not they are actually used.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

OFFICIAL HOTEL

1. Official accommodation has been arranged at Hotel Royal, 36 Newton Road, Singapore 307964, Tel: (65) 6426 0168; Fax: (65) 6253 8668; Email: royal@hotelroyal.com.sg.
2. Daily room rate is S\$160.00 nett, inclusive of buffet breakfast for single/twin occupancy. Additional bed will cost S\$50.00 nett.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

3. Local transfer from hotel to club and vice versa will be provided to foreign nominated players staying at the official hotel during the Championship.

FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS

4. Visitors to Singapore must hold valid travel documents with a minimum validity of 6 months. Please visit the website: <http://app.ica.gov.sg> to check on visa requirement.

MEMORANDUM ON PACE OF PLAY

Notice to Players

Group Pace of Play Policy

1. The maximum time allowed for the round shall be decided by the Tournament Committee. The hole by hole allotted time is provided on the Official Notice Board and/or in the Notice to Competitors.
2. The Singapore Golf Association Group Pace of Play policy leaves the responsibility for maintaining the pace of play where it belongs, with the players. The first group in the field should play efficient golf. The following group should keep up with the group in front of them.
3. There will be time-keepers present on the 4th, 9th, 13th and 18th hole with whom players can check on their pace.
4. The first group in the field must complete play at the 9th hole and 18th hole no later than the time established by the Tournament Committee. Subsequent groups are held to the same standard. If they are unable to meet the prescribed standard due to slow play ahead of them they will be considered to have met the standard if they complete play at the 9th hole and 18th hole within the time established by the Committee and/or any mitigating circumstances that may have held them back. A group is considered to have completed the play of a hole when all players in the group have holed out and the flagstick is replaced in the holes.
5. Subsequent groups, other than the lead group, will be deemed to be OUT OF POSITION when the group is behind on their allotted time. Upon completing the 9th or 18th hole everyone in the group, are liable to a pace of play penalty assessed to them if the group is behind their allotted time and no mitigating circumstances exist. Pace of play penalties are to be added to the score on the 9th or 18th hole. The tournament officials or rules officials will notify players officially on this if a penalty is assessed. No notice or warnings are required to be given to players with this pace of policy at the intermediate checkpoints but officials will endeavor to do so at check points on the 4th and 13th hole advising that the group may be liable to slow play penalty at the 9th or 18th hole.

Out of Position

6. If the lead group is behind its expected time after completing the intermediate check point, the group may be advised that they are liable to a penalty if they fail to complete the first nine holes in their expected time.

7. If they pass the second intermediate check point, behind their expected time, the group may be advised that they are liable to penalty if they do not complete the round within their expected time. If they have had a penalty on the first nine holes and again fail to complete the round of eighteen holes within their expected time, a two stroke penalty will be added to their score on the finishing hole. A group may appeal in the scoring area before submitting their scorecards.
8. If any subsequent group completes the intermediate checkpoint behind its expected time the group is liable to a penalty if they fail to complete the first nine on their expected time.
9. If they pass the second intermediate check point, behind their expected time they are liable to a slow play penalty if they do not complete the round within their expected time. If they have had a penalty on the first nine holes and again fail to complete the round of eighteen holes within their expected time, a two stroke penalty shall be added to their score on the finishing hole. A group may appeal in the scoring area before submitting their scorecards.

Note: Officials would attempt to inform players that they are behind on their pace of play and may be liable to penalties should they fail to meet the expected time when they complete the nine holes or complete the round. However, penalties on the 9th or 18th hole may be assessed even if no notice or warnings have been given to the group at the intermediate checkpoints. A group that receives a penalty on the first nine holes is not absolved from penalty unless an appeal is made and the tournament committee upholds the appeal.

10. In the Note to Players, the allotted time on a hole by hole basis will be provided on the Official Notice Board. These times are adjusted based on the difficulty of the course and the ability of the field. They include time to search for lost balls and deal with other common occurrences encountered during play. A normal speed of play should result in completing play before the time indicated. If a group falls behind, they are expected to play efficient golf and make up the lost time. This might mean playing ready golf i.e. playing out of turn, which is allowed in stroke play.
11. It is the PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITY to know their group's position relative to the published Pace of Play and to ensure they play within the published limits. Failure to play within the Pace of Play guidelines will result in a Pace of Play penalty unless players appeal and the Committee upholds their appeal.
12. A player concerned about a slow player(s) in his group should first speak with the player(s) and encourage them to play more efficiently. Then, the concerned player may, before or after penalties are assessed, ask to have the group monitored. The individual

player does not have to be identified; the request just needs to be made. At some point during the stipulated round, the group will be monitored. If a player is identified as holding up the pace of the group, penalties may be applied to that player and rescinded from the others.

Appeal Process

13. Pace of Play penalties may be appealed to the Committee and must be made before scorecards are signed and returned. In order for an appeal to be considered, there must have been an action by the Committee e.g. waiting for a rules official to arrive for a ruling, a circumstance beyond the player's control, or some similar occurrence that contributed to the delay, such as an action by an individual member of the group. If a group receives a penalty for exceeding the pace of play for each nine, both penalties may be appealed, however, each appeal must be made and handled separately. Each appeal may result in a one-step reduction of a penalty (i.e., three strokes to one stroke then one stroke to no penalty, but not three strokes to no penalty).

Penalties for Breach of Pace of Play Policy

14. 1st Breach of the Pace of Play Policy – One Stroke Penalty.
15. 2nd Breach of the Pace of Play Policy – Two Stroke Penalty.

The maximum penalty per round of 18 holes is 3 Strokes.