

# **HONG KONG JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2015**

**DISCOVERY BAY GOLF CLUB**

**12 – 14 AUGUST 2015**

**THE HONG KONG GOLF CLUB, DEEP WATER BAY**

**17 AUGUST 2015**

**Closing date for Entries**  
**Friday 10 July 2015**

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**THURSDAY 13 AND FRIDAY 14 AUGUST 2015 (For Age 11 – 12) – 36 holes**  
**WEDNESDAY 12 – FRIDAY 14 AUGUST 2015 (For Age 13 – 17) – 54 holes**  
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**MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2015 (For Age 7-10) – 18 holes**  
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## Conditions

- 1) The Hong Kong Junior Open Championship 2015 will be decided by stroke play over three 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 in groups A-D will play 18 holes on 12 August 2015, 18 holes on 13 August 2015 and another 18 holes on 14 August 2015. Competitors in groups E and F will play 18 holes on 13 August 2015 and 18 holes on 14 August 2015. Competitors in group G-J will play 18 holes on 17 August 2015.

Individual competitions will be conducted over boys' and girls' divisions, in their respective age groups as follows:

| <u>Max.</u>          |                    |            | <u>Max.</u>          |                    |            |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------|
| <b>Boys</b>          | <b>H'cap Index</b> | <b>Tee</b> | <b>Girls</b>         | <b>H'cap Index</b> | <b>Tee</b> |
| Group A: 15-17 years | 8.0                | Blue       | Group B: 15-17 years | 14.1               | Yellow     |
| Group C: 13-14 years | 10.5               | Blue       | Group D: 13-14 years | 19.2               | Yellow     |
| Group E: 11-12 years | 16.8               | Yellow     | Group F: 11-12 years | 25.5               | Red        |
| Group G: 9-10 years  | 36.0               | Red/White  | Group H: 9-10 years  | 36.0               | Red/White  |
| Group I: 7 - 8 years | 40.0               | Red/White  | Group J: 7 - 8 years | 40.0               | Red/White  |

A marker will accompany each group in the 10 years and under Divisions.

- 3) In the event of a tie for the Overall Championship a sudden-death play-off will be conducted immediately to determine the winner. The play off holes will be decided by the Tournament Director. 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 immediate previous 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.
- 4) 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).
- 5) 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***

- 6) All competitors must carry their own clubs or use trolleys. Club trolleys are limited and available on first come first served basis. It is suggested that competitors bring their own trolley as there may not be sufficient at the golf club.

***Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification***

- 7) 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.
- 8) During a stipulated round, the use of a distance measuring device is only allowed for Age 13-17. Any other age groups are not 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/ her play, the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

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

10) **Return of Score cards**

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

***Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.***

- 11) 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.

12) **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.

13) Breaches of Discipline

A player commits a breach of discipline if he / she :

- 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. Please refer to the HKGA Discipline Procedure and Right of Appeal policy on the official HKGA website.

14) In case of inclement weather all competitors should check the HKGA website [www.hkga.com](http://www.hkga.com) where up to date information will be posted at regular intervals.

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