

HONG KONG JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

THE CLEARWATER BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

9 – 11 AUGUST 2017

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14 AUGUST 2017

Closing date for Entries
Monday 10 July 2017

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THURSDAY 10 AND FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 2017 (For Age 11 – 12) – 36 holes

WEDNESDAY 9 – FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 2017 (For Age 13 – 17) – 54 holes
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MONDAY 14 AUGUST 2017 (For Age 7-10) – 18 holes

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Conditions

- 1) The Hong Kong Junior Open Championship 2017 will be decided by stroke play 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 9 August 2017, 18 holes on 10 August 2017. After the completion of 36 holes, a cut will be made. There should be about 50% of the field for the final day. The “number of players” who will enter the final round on 11 August 2017 will be announced prior to the start of the competition on 10 August 2017. Competitors in groups E and F will play 18 holes on 10 August 2017 and another 18 holes on 11 August 2017. Competitors in groups G-J will play 18 holes on 14 August 2017 at the Hong Kong Golf Club, Deep Water Bay.

Please note that a cut will be made after round 1 in Divisions A-D and E & F and any player scoring over 100 be removed from the field.

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

Boys	<u>Max.</u>	<u>Tee</u>	Girls	<u>Max.</u>	<u>Tee</u>
	<u>H'cap Index</u>			<u>H'cap Index</u>	
Group A: 15-17 years	8.9	Blue	Group B: 15-17 years	14.7	White
Group C: 13-14 years	11.7	Blue	Group D: 13-14 years	20.1	White
Group E: 11-12 years	18.0	White	Group F: 11-12 years	26.3	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 effective 2016 as regards Conforming Driver Heads (see pages 154), and Conforming Golf Balls (see page 155) are in effect.

- 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, players in the 13-17 age group are allowed to use a Distance measuring device. Players in the younger age groups are not allowed to use a Distance measuring device during a stipulated round.

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g. elevation change, wind speed, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Penalty for Breach of condition: 2 strokes for the first offence, disqualification for more than one breach of the local rule

- 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) 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.

Breach of Etiquette

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

- i) Does not repair Divots
- ii) Does not repair Pitch Marks
- iii) Does not rake Bunkers

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.

13) **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.

- 14) 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.

15) **Withdrawal Policy**

There is no penalty if a player withdraws before the date of the close of entries 10 July 2017. Should a player withdraw after date of the close of entries, the entry fee will be forfeited and should the player fail to give less than 72 hours notice before the date of the tournament, the player will be suspended from playing in the tournament the following year.

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