

**HONG KONG LADIES' OPEN AMATEUR & MID AMATEUR
GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014**

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**Closing date for Entries
Monday 18 August 2014**

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Conditions

- 1) The Hong Kong Ladies Open Amateur and Mid Amateur Golf Championships 2014 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 will play one round on 24 September and one on 25 September. After 36 holes, the 20 lowest scores and any tying for 20th place in the Ladies Open Championship, the 10 lowest scores and any tying for 10th place at the Mid Amateur Championship Division I and the 18 lowest scores and any tying for 18th place at the Mid Amateur Division II will qualify for the final 18 holes on 26 September.

Should any player in the Ladies Open Amateur Championship and Mid Amateur Championship Division I fail to score less than 90 in the first round and is more than 11 strokes behind the leader, then the player may be withdrawn from the championship.

Should any player in the Ladies Open Mid Amateur Championship Division II fail to score less than 100 in the first round and is more than 11 strokes behind the leading player in Division II, then the player may be withdrawn from the championship.

- 3) In the event of a tie for first place in the Hong Kong Ladies Open Amateur Championship and the Hong Kong Ladies Open Mid Amateur Championship Division I, 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 and caddies shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride by the Tournament Committee or a referee.
- 8) Players and caddies may use a pull or battery operated trolley. Caddies are not permitted to wear jeans, sandals or golf shoes.
Penalty for Breach of Condition: 2 Strokes penalty
- 9) A player may bring her own caddie provided he or she is not a professional golfer.
Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.
- 10) 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.
- 11) 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.
- 12) A copy of the full Pace of Play conditions will be posted at the Tournament Office and will be available on request.
- 13) **Return of Score cards**
Competitors must ensure that they return their scorecards to the tournament office within 15 minutes of completing their round.
Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification.
- 14) 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.

15) Breaches of Discipline

A player commits a breach of discipline if 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.

16) Entries will be accepted from female golfers and following requirement :

HK LADIES' OPEN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Handicap 10 or lower (USGA Handicap Index 9.8 or lower)

Players of Open Amateur Championship will play off Blue tee (approximately 6,000 yards).

HK LADIES' OPEN MID AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

DIVISION I : Handicap 10 or lower (USGA Handicap Index 9.8 or lower)

(25 years of age or over – on or before Wednesday 24 September 2014)

Players of Open Mid Amateur Championship Division I will play off Blue tee (approximately 6,000 yards).

DIVISION II : Handicap between 11 and 18 (USGA Handicap Index between 9.9 and 17.2)

(25 years of age or over – on or before Wednesday 24 September 2014)

Players of Open Mid Amateur Championship Division II will play off White tee (approximately 5,600 yards).

In the event of a revision of a player's handicap between the last day of entry and the first day of the Tournament, the player is to play off the lower handicap.

17) **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.

18) 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.

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