



9th WARREN-MST AMATEUR OPEN 2017
WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING™ (WAGR)
21st to 23rd NOVEMBER 2017

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

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

1. GENERAL

- a. The 9th Warren-MST Amateur Open (hereinafter known as “Championship”) will be played at the Warren Golf & Country Club from 21st to 23rd November 2017 in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and with the Local Rules approved by the OC.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. The Championship is open to male & female amateur golfers who satisfy the following requirements:
 - i. Must conform in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited; and
 - ii. Should possess a valid handicap index issued by a bona fide club within the stipulated range as at 1 November 2017 for the respective genders as follows:
 - USGA Handicap Index of 9.0 or lower (for Men)
 - USGA Handicap Index of 10.0 or lower (for Ladies)

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

- a. The schedule of play shall be as follows:
 - Monday, 20 November 2017 - Practice Round (Morning only)

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| | | (From 7.15 am to 9.07 am) |
| • Tuesday, 21 November 2017 | - | First Round |
| • Wednesday, 22 November 2017 | - | Second Round (Cut-off) |
| • Thursday, 23 November 2017 | - | Final Round |

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

- a. The Championship will be decided by stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes.
- b. There shall be a cut-off after 36 holes; The 50 lowest scores for Men and 20 lowest score for ladies over the first 36 holes and any ties will qualify for the final round on 23 November 2017.
- c. The Champion shall be the player with the lowest gross aggregate score over the three rounds.
- d. An International Team Event will be held in conjunction with the Championship. The Winning Team shall be decided and based on the lowest aggregate gross scores of two players in the team over the first 36 holes of the Championship. Each team must be represented by two players who must be citizens or permanent residents of the country they are representing. In the event of insufficient entries, the International Team Event may be cancelled.

5. SIZE OF FIELD

- a. The field will be limited to a maximum of 100 for men and 24 for ladies.
- b. In the event that the entries fall short or exceed the aforesaid respective numbers, the OC reserves the right to amend the eligibility requirements as they deem fit. In general, entries will be based on the entrants with the lowest Handicap Index.

6. ENTRY

- a. The Entry Fee is **\$200.00nett** (inclusive of GST and green & buggy fees). The fee for practice round shall be \$50.00 nett (inclusive of GST and green & buggy fees) and is only applicable to the registered participants on the scheduled date.
- b. Entries must be made on the official entry form duly endorsed by the Captain, General Manager or Golf Manager of the players' home club.
(**NOTE:** If a player has his/her Handicap Index maintained at more than one Club, the official entry form must be endorsed by the aforesaid office where the handicap index is the lowest.)
- c. Entries must be accompanied with the full Entry Fee payable by cash, cheque or money order made out to "**Warren Golf & Country Club**" and it must reach the

“Golfing Department at No. 81 Choa Chu Kang Way, Singapore 688263” no later than **Tuesday, 31 October 2017**. Proof of posting is not proof of receipt.

- d. The OC reserves the right to limit, accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason whatsoever. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OC.

7. WITHDRAWAL/CANCELLATION

- a. Any withdrawal or cancellation must be made before **Tuesday, 31 October 2017** as there will be no refund of entry fee after the aforesaid closing date

8. DRAW

- a. The draw list for the first and second rounds will be made by the OC prior to start of the Championship.
- b. The draw for the final round will be based on the cumulative gross scores of the preceding rounds.

9. TIME OF STARTING

- a. 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.
- b. The OC reserves the right to change the draws and alter the starting times without giving any reason thereof.

10. WINNERS & PRIZES

- a. Individual Event

The following prizes will be awarded:

I. Men's Division

The Champion
The Runner-up
Third
Fourth
Fifth

II. Ladies' Division

The Champion
The Runner-up

III. Daily Best Gross

Best Gross for both Men's and Ladies' Division

(NOTE: The Champion and Runner-up will not be eligible for the Daily Best Gross in the final round.)

- b. International Team Division
The following prizes will be awarded:
- I. Men's Team
1st to 3rd
 - II. Ladies' Team
1st to 3rd
- c. Junior Division (**16 years old and below as of 1st Jan 2017**)
- I. Boys
The Champion and Runner-Up
 - II. Girls
The Champion and Runner-Up
- d. Warren Best Amateur
This Award is only applicable to Warren members.

11. SUBMISSION OF SCORECARD

- a. Players should check their cards in the Recording Office and ensure that their scores are correct and be signed by their marker. Any doubtful points should be settled with the OC before returning the scorecard.
- b. A player is deemed to have returned his scorecard once he has left the Recording Office or the demarcated area where it exists.

12. DECISION OF TIES

- a. 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 over the 18th hole only until a winner emerges. The purpose of the play-off is to decide the winner for the Championship only. In the event inclement weather or other reasons make the play-off impractical, the OC's decision to determine the Champion is final.
- b. All other ties will be decided by a count back in the following order:
 - Last 9 holes (10th to 18th);
 - Last 6 holes (13th to 18th);
 - Last 3 holes (16th to 18th); and
 - Last hole (18th).

If a tie still arises, the scores for the 2nd round and, if necessary, the 1st round will be treated in the same way until a decision is reached.

- c. International Team Event - In the event of a tie or ties for the first and any other place, the tie will be decided on the lowest aggregate scores of the second round. If a tie still arises, the lowest aggregate scores of the 1st round will be used. Or otherwise, the decision of the OC shall be final in determining the winner(s) under the International Team Event.

13. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. In the event that the final round of the Championship cannot be completed, it shall be abandoned. The result of the Championship will then be based on the completed rounds.

14. SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION (NOTE TO RULE 6-8B)

- a. The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see page 158.
- b. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation and the resumption of play shall be signaled using the host club's warning system.
- c. All open practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the OC has declared them open. Players who practice on open practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in revocation of entry.

15. LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS

- a. The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 154 to 155.
- b. An updated List of Conforming Driver Heads is available on The R&A's website (www.randa.org).

16. LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

- a. The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 155 to 156.

17. USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE

- a. For this Championship, 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 play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

18. USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED

- a. A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach can be found in the Rules of Golf on page 157.

19. BUGGIES

- a. Players will be provided with buggies throughout the Championship and are responsible for any damage to their buggies. Buggies must not be driven near to or onto the putting green. Any misuse of buggies or repeated failure to heed instruction on the restriction of the movement of buggies may constitute as a serious breach of etiquette and may lead to Disqualification under Rule 33-7.

20. INSURANCE

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

21. PACE OF PLAY (NOTE TO RULE 6-7)

a. Time Allowed

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

b. Definition of Out of Position

The first group to start will be considered “out of position” if, at any time during the round, the group’s cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed.

Any following group will be considered out of position if it is more than the starting interval time behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

c. Procedure When Group is Out of Position

If a decision is taken to time the group, **each player** in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are “out of position” and are being timed.

The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- On a par 3 hole;
- Second shot on par 4’s and par 5’s;
- Third shot on par 5’s; and
- From on or near the putting green of the hole being played.

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond

the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

NOTE: In some circumstances, an individual player or a few within a group may be timed instead of the entire group.

d. Penalty for Breach of Condition

1 bad time	-	Player will be warned by the referee and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalised
2 bad time	-	Penalty of One Stroke
3 bad time	-	Further Penalty of Two Strokes
4 bad time	-	Disqualification

22. DISPUTES OR DOUBTS AS TO CORRECT PROCEDURE

- a. If there is a doubt as to the correct procedures, players are to refer to the Tournament Rules Official. If a Tournament Rules Official 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.
- b. No spectators (including parents or accompanying officials) are to enter into any discussion on a matter under dispute.

23. TOURNAMENT RULES OFFICIALS/REFEREE

- a. The Tournament Rules Officials/Referee's decision on all matters pertaining to the Rules of Golf is final.

24. COMPETITION CLOSED

- a. When the prizes are presented to the winners, the results of the competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed.

25. ETIQUETTE

- a. All players should practice good etiquette as detailed in Section 1 of the Rules of Golf. The overriding principle is that considerations should be shown to others on the course at all times.
- b. The following act(s) may be considered as serious breach of etiquette in this Championship:
 - Use of mobile phones during the round
 - Verbal abuse of fellow competitor/official/staff
 - Intentionally distracting of offending fellow competitor

- Causing unnecessary damage to the course or property of the Club
- Any other actions that are considered to be breached of etiquette by the OC.

c. Penalty for serious breach of etiquette is Disqualification.

26. PRACTICE ROUND/RANGE BALLS

- The course is available to players for practice on Monday, 20 November 2017 (morning only from 7.15 AM to 9.07 AM). Please make your booking from Monday, 13 November 2017 onwards with our Golfing Receptionist at Tel: 65861 240 / 277 or email at golf@warren.org.sg.
- No multiple ball play shall be allowed during the practice round.
- Players are not allowed to practice on the course after their round on any day of the Championship.
- The driving range will be opened at 6.30am during the Championship.
- For those who want to practice before the tournament and after the closing date, may do so by paying **\$87.74nett** (Inclusive of Green & Buggy Fee on weekdays except Public Holidays). Booking can be done through the Golfing Reception after the closing date.

27. PRIZE PRESENTATION LUNCHEON

- All players are invited to a Prize Presentation Luncheon on Thursday, 23 November 2017 at the Club's premises immediately after the Final Round.

28. DRESS CODE

- 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).
- 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.
- Soft spikes shoes are compulsory.

29. INDEMNITY/LIABILITIES

- a. Warren Golf & Country Club, the sponsors, the OC of the Championship, appointed officials and staff, will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants of the Championship may suffer as a result of their participation in this Championship.

30. SPECTATORS/ACCOMPANYING OFFICIALS/PARENTS

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. Those found violating these policies may be asked to leave the course.

31. OFFICIAL HOTEL

- a. Official accommodation has been arranged at **Park Hotel (Alexandra)**, 323 Alexandra Road, Singapore 159972. Tel: (65) 68288827; Fax: (65) 68288822; Website: www.parkhotelgroup.com or Email: Sandra.koh@parkhotelgroup.com. Please see attached Hotel Reservation Form for room rates and other information.

32. FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS

- a. 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.

33. ENQUIRIES

- a. If you have any query, please do not hesitate to contact our Golfing Department at:

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34. AMENDMENTS TO CONDITIONS

- a. The OC reserves the right to amend these Championship conditions.