

## CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

### 1. GENERAL

a) The 19th Singapore Open Senior Amateur Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Ltd and Local Rules of the host club.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

a) The Championship is open to senior male amateur golfers who are aged 55 years and above as at 16th December 2008 with a USGA Handicap Index of 18.0 or lower.

b) They must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by the R&A Rules Ltd.

### 3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT OF PLAY

a) The Championship shall be played over three rounds of 18 holes each and based on stroke-play. A cut will be made after 36-holes for the top 60% of the respective divisions who shall qualify for the final round.

b) The Overall Champion shall be the player with the lowest aggregate gross score over the three rounds.

c) Players will also compete in the following four Divisions based on age groups. They are

<u>Division</u>	<u>Age</u> (as at 16th December 2008)
A Division	55 – 59 years
B Division	60 – 64 years
C Division	65 – 69 years
D Division	70 years and above

### 4. SIZE OF FIELD

a) The field will be limited to maximum of 120 participants. If entries received exceed this limit, the Organising Committee (OC) reserves the right to lower the Handicap Index to keep the number of participants within the maximum field.

b) The OC reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving any reason for such refusal. The decisions of the OC as to the acceptance or refusal of any entry shall be final.

### 5. ENTRY

a) The entry fee is S\$120.00 (inclusive of buggy fee) and must be submitted at the time of entry. Cheques must be made payable to “Singapore Golf Association”. Participants who are members of Singapore Golf Association’s Associated Clubs can have their entry fee debited through their home club. There will be no refund of entry fee after the closing date.

b) Entries must be on official entry forms duly endorsed by the Captain, General Manager or Golf Manager of the Players’ home club. If a player has his Handicap Index maintained at more than one Club, he shall play off the lower/lowest Handicap Index.

c) Entries must be submitted to the Singapore Golf Association, No.249 Sembawang Road, Singapore 758352. Proof of posting is not proof of receipt.

d) The OC reserves the right to accept, limit or reject entries.

## 6. CLOSING DATE

a) The closing date is Friday, 21st November 2008. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OC.

## 7. DRAW

a) The draw list for the first and second round will be made by the OC prior to start of Championship.

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

## 8. STARTING TIMES

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) Players must report to the starter at least 15 minutes before their tee-off time. If a player arrives at his starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole. . If a player fails to appear at the starting tee within this period, he shall be disqualified.

c) The OC reserves the right to fix and/or alter the starting times.

## 9. SUBMISSION OF SCORECARD

a) 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.

b) 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).

## 10. DECISION OF TIES

a) In the event of a tie or ties for the Overall Champion, the winner shall be decided by a hole by hole sudden death play-off. The purpose of the play-off shall be to decide the Winner only. In the event inclement weather or whatever reasons make the play-off impractical, the Committee's decision to determine the winner is final.

b) All other ties will be decided by the following count-back system:

i. Count-back system for 54-holes - The count-back system shall be based on the last 18 holes and if there is still a tie, it shall be applied to the second and then the first 18 holes.

ii. Count-back system for 36-holes - The count-back system shall be based on the last 18 holes and if there is still a tie, it shall be applied to the first 18 holes.

iii. Count-back system for 18-holes - The count-back system shall be based on the last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes and finally the 18th hole.

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

a) In the event of lightning, the siren will sound and players must stop play IMMEDIATELY. The note to Rule 6-8b will be in effect and any player executing a stroke after the siren has sounded will be disqualified.

## 12. INCLEMENT WEATHER

a) In the event that the first round of the Championship cannot be completed, it shall be completed on 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 completed on the next day prior to the commencement of the third round.

c) In the event that the third round of the Championship cannot be completed, the third round shall be abandoned. The result of the tournament will then be based on the completed rounds.

## 13. BUGGY

a) Players shall use buggy throughout the Championship and players are responsible for any damage to their buggies. No caddies, hand-drawn or powered caddies are allowed.

## 14. PACE OF PLAY

a) Rule 6-7 (Undue Delay; Slow Play) will be strictly enforced using the 'Group Pace of Play' system.

b) The maximum time allowed for each nine holes and the round will be advised in a notice to players. Any group which is out of position and behind time will be warned and liable to be penalized. Times are noted at checkpoints on holes #4, #9, #13, and #18 and groups will be informed of their status at each point.

c) Penalties will be assigned as follows:

- i. 1st missed checkpoint (hole #4 or #13) – warning
- ii. 2nd missed checkpoint (hole #9 or #18) – 1 stroke penalty
- iii. 3rd missed checkpoint (hole #4 or #13) – second warning
- iv. 4th missed checkpoint (hole #9 or #18) - additional 2 stroke penalty

d) If a group played the first nine in time and was not subject to penalty, the following applies to their back nine play:

- i. 1st missed checkpoint (hole #4 or #13) – warning
- ii. 2nd missed checkpoint (hole #9 or #18) – 1 stroke penalty.

e) If a group has incurred penalties, a player(s) may request a review before signing their cards. If scorecards are returned and no review is requested then any penalties will automatically be applied. A review will be successful if there is evidence that the player was:

- i. Delayed by the committee (an unusually long ruling or waiting for a Rules Official to attend);
- ii. Delayed because of circumstances beyond control of the players;
- iii. Delayed because of another player in the group.

f) Review and application of the penalty will only occur in the scoring area, not during the stipulated round as discussion of the situation with the checkpoint official will only cause further delay to the round and will not be allowed.

g) A player concerned about a non responsive (slow) player in his group who is delaying play should inform a Tournament Referee and he will monitor play of the group and take this into consideration should a review be requested following the stipulated round.

h) All players should be ready to play when it is their turn and also to play out of turn in exceptional cases if it will assist in a ball search or whilst waiting for a Tournament Referee to attend. When in doubt, players should always play a provisional ball. This will be taken into account in cases where lost balls have caused undue delay (a provisional ball may result in a successful review).

#### 15. 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 Referee. If a Tournament 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.

b) No spectators are to enter into any discussion on a matter under dispute.

#### 16. TOURNAMENT REFEREE

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

#### 17. GOLF BALLS

a) Balls must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A.  
Penalty for Breach is DISQUALIFICATION

#### 18. DRIVING CLUBS

a) Drivers must be on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A  
Penalty for Breach is DISQUALIFICATION

#### 19. PRIZES

- a) Overall Champion & Runner-Up (Gross & Nett)
- b) Divisional Winner & Runner-Up (Gross & Nett)

Note: No player can win more than one prize, gross score will take precedence over nett.

#### 20. PRIZE PRESENTATION LUNCHEON

a) All players are invited to a Prize Presentation Luncheon on Thursday 18th December 2008 at the Eagles' Room, Laguna National Golf & Country Club.

#### 21. PRACTICE

a) Practice round is scheduled for Monday morning, 15th December 2008. The last tee off is at 9am. All groups must turn around by 12.00nn, failing which they will not be permitted to complete the second nine holes. Please make reservations with SGA Office at Tel: 65 6755 5976 from 10th to 12th December 2008.

b) The cost for playing in the practice round is S\$172/= (green fee: \$150/= buggy fee: S\$22/=) excluding 7% GST. Payment is to be made direct to Golf Reception, LNGCC upon registration for practice on Monday, 1st December 2008.

- c) No multiple ball play shall be allowed during practice round.
- d) Players are also not allowed to practice on the course after their round on any day of the Championship.
- e) Driving range will be open at 6.30am during the Championship. Range balls are chargeable at S\$3 per 50 balls.

## 22. DRESS CODE

- a) All players must be appropriately attired in collared T-shirts and tailored pants. Mock neck shirts are permitted. Soft spikes shoes are compulsory.

## 23. INSURANCE

- a) All players are required to have appropriate golfing insurance.

## 24. SGA CODE OF CONDUCT

- a) All players will be subject to the SGA Code of Conduct. Any player who is in breach of the SGA Code of Conduct may be barred from competing in future tournaments.

## 25. OFFICIAL HOTEL

- a) 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](mailto:royal@hotelroyal.com.sg) . Daily room rates at S\$170.00 nett, inclusive of buffet breakfast for single / twin occupancy. Additional bed at S\$70.00 nett.
- b) Accommodation is also available at Laguna National Golf & Country Club, 11 Laguna Golf Green, Singapore 488047, Tel: (65) 6248 1777. Daily Standard Suite room rate at S\$280.00+ per room, subject to availability..

## 26. FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS

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

## 27. SPECTATORS

- a) Spectators may be allowed on course subject to the permission of the hosting club and must remain on the cart paths at all times.
- b) No spectators shall be allowed to accompany or communicate with players during play. Penalty for breach is DISQUALIFICATION.