

# The Singapore Professional Golfers' Association (SPGA)

# **TERMS OF COMPETITION**

## **GENERAL**

# 1. Policy

- a. By signing an official entry form, registering online, or verbally committing to compete or any other means, all competitors agree to abide by the prescribed Rules and Regulations adopted by the Tournament or Rules Committee.
- b. Comments or complaints concerning the tournament programme shall be made in writing to the Tournament or Rules Committee.

## 2. Format

- a. The Championship will be decided by stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and in accordance with the Local Rules approved by the Tournament or Rules Committee.
- b. The competitor with the lowest aggregate scores over the three rounds will be declared the winner.

### 3. Field Size

- a. The field will be limited to 100 participants. The lowest scores over the first 36 holes in the following Divisions will qualify for the final round:
  - i. Main & Ladies Division: Top 24 (including tie/ties);
  - ii. Seniors & Super Seniors Division: Top 24 (including tie/ties);
- b. All entries will be on a first come first serve basis. Should the field reaches the maximum number of players, an alternate list will be created based on the date and time of receipt of application.

## 4. Eligibility

- a. SPGA Professionals and Amateurs with the stipulated handicap index as indicated in the Entry Form.
- b. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to verify the handicap index of amateurs and to refuse anyone not meeting the requirements.

## 5. Entry Deadline

- a. In accordance with the date and time as stipulated in the Entry Form.
- b. Entry list will be shown in SPGA website: www.spga.org.sg
- c. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to limit, accept or refuse any entries without assigning any reasons or whatsoever.

## 6. Entry Fees

a. In accordance with the entry fee as indicated in the Entry Form.

## 7. Withdrawals & Refunds

a. Applicants who withdraw before the closing date or within 48 hours before the commencement of first round and with medical documentary proof will receive a full refund of entry fees.

# 8. Prize Money

- a. The total purse for Main & Ladies Division S\$15,000/- and Seniors & Super Division S\$15,000/- respectively. The distribution of prize money shall be made in accordance with the methodology as established and approved by the Tournament Committee.
- b. Amateurs shall not be entitled to any prize money.
- c. It is a mandatory requirement for all prize winners to attend the Prize Presentation; failing which, a fine of \$100.00 shall be imposed.

# 9. SPGA Levy & Tax

a. A levy of 10% on all winnings will be imposed and an additional of 15% will be withheld for taxation purpose for any competitors who are not a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore.

### 10. Prize Presentation Luncheon

a. All players are invited to attend the Prize Presentation Luncheon held at Golfer's Terrace on Tuesday, 22 July 2025.

# 11. Appearance

- a. Players: While on the host facility property, competitors shall comply to the host club dress code.
- b. A fine of \$100.00 and/or a suspension of playing privileges not exceeding six (6) months will be imposed.

### 12. Conduct

- a. While on host facility property during any rounds; players and caddies shall conduct themselves in a professional manner.
- b. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to remove a player and from the competition for non-competitiveness, conduct unbecoming a professional by the player, conduct unbecoming a professional by the player's caddie, dispensing or consuming any alcoholic beverages on the golf course during a tournament or official practice round or Pro-Am round.
- c. A fine of \$150.00 and/or a suspension of playing privileges not exceeding six (6) months will be imposed.

## 13. Non-Competitive Performance

- a. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to remove an applicant from the competition if an applicant returns a non-competitive score after any round. Refunds will not be granted for any player removed from the competition for returning a non-competitive score.
- b. The above condition does not apply to any players in the sponsored flights.

# 14. List of conforming Driver Head & Golf Balls

- a. List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
- b. List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.

## 15. Pace of Play

a. In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if they are in excess of the time allowed and in the case of the second or subsequent groups, "out of position".

- b. Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based on the length, the difficulty and the ability of the field. The maximum time allowed for the completion of a round of 18 holes or less shall be made available to the player prior to play or posted on the Official Notice Board.
- c. The first group or any group after the starters gap (if it is in place) shall be considered "out of position" if at any time during the round, the groups cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following groups shall be "out of position" if they are more than the starting interval behind the group in front and have exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.
- d. If a decision is taken to time the group each player in the group shall be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group shall be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed.
- e. The maximum time allowed for each shot is 40 seconds. An additional 10 seconds is allowed for the first player to play;
  - 1. On a Par 3 Hole
  - 2. An approach shot
  - 3. A chip or putt
- f. The timing shall start from the moment it is deemed by the Referee or Official that is the player's turn to play.
- g. The timing shall cease when the group is back in position and the player shall be advised accordingly.

Note: In some circumstances, an individual player; or two-player within a group of three or three players within a group of four may be timed instead of the entire group.

h. If a group is being timed more than once during a round, the above procedures shall apply. A bad time in a round shall be carried forward until the round is completed.

**1st Bad time:** A player shall be warned by a Referee or Official that if he has a further bad time he shall be penalized.

**2nd Bad time:** A player is penalized one stroke which shall apply to the hole in which the player had the 2nd Bad time.

**3rd Bad time:** A player shall be penalized two-stroke which shall apply to the hole in which the player had the 3rd Bad time

**4th Bad time:** The player shall be disqualified.

## 16. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (NOTE TO RULE 5-7B)

- a. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation and the resumption of play shall be signalled using the host club's warning system.
- b. All practice areas in open areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the tournament committee has declared them open.
- c. The penalty for breach of rule 5.7b is Disqualification.

#### 17. Inclement Weather

- a. In the event that second round cannot be completed, the rounds shall be abandoned. The result of the tournament will then be based on the completed rounds.
- b. If the Tournament Committee or its authorised representative considers that for any reason the course is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible, it may order a temporary suspension of play or declare null and void and cancel all scores for the round in question. When a round is cancelled, all penalties incurred in that round are cancelled.

## 18. Draw and Time of Starting

- a. The draw for the first and second rounds will be made by the Tournament Committee prior to the start of the Championship.
- b. The draw for the final round will be based on the cumulative gross scores of the preceding round(s).
- c. Players shall start at the time and in the order indicated in the draw. No substitution of players and changes of starting times or groupings will be permitted after the draw has been published.
- d. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to fix and/or alter the time of starting or grouping even after the draw has been published.

### 19. Decision of Ties

- a. Main and Ladies Division In the event of a tie or ties for the first place, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the winner immediately following the last stipulated round or as soon as practicable. All players, other than the Champion, involved in the playoff will share second place. In the event that inclement weather or other reasons deemed by the Tournament Director to make a playoff impracticable, the winner shall be decided by matching of score cards of the final round based on the same methodology listed below.
- b. Seniors and Super Seniors Division: The winner will be decided by matching of score cards of the final round based on the lowest score for the last 18 holes (1 to 18), or the last 9 (10 to 18), or the last 6 (13 to 18), or the last 3 (16 to 18) or the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. If necessary, the second and first round scores will be used in the same manner to break the tie.

### 20. Close of Competition.

- a. The competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been validated and approved by the Tournament Committee.
- b. In the event of playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by the Tournament Committee.

#### 21. Tournament Referee

a. The decision of the appointed tournament referee shall be final on matters pertaining to the Rules of Golf.

## 22. Amendments to Conditions

a. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend, add, or delete any conditions relating to the Championship.

## 23. Additional Information or Assistance

a. If you wish to request for any additional information or assistance, please contact Ms Connie Lim at (65) 8518-6611 or <a href="mailto:admin@spga.org.sg">admin@spga.org.sg</a>

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