

NSRCC JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016
KRANJI SANCTUARY GOLF COURSE
31 May – 2 June 2016

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

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

GENERAL

1. The NSRCC Junior Open Championship 2016 will be played at the Kranji Sanctuary Golf Course from 31 May-2 June 2016 in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and with the Local Rules approved by the Organising Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

2. Entries are open to all boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 17 years as at 1st May 2016 and with a USGA Handicap Index of 16.0 or lower for boys and 18.0 or lower for girls, as at 1st May 2016.

3. All entries will be subject to the approval of the Organising Committee (OC) which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision.

4. Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT OF PLAY

5. The Championship will be decided by stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes. A cut will be made after 36 holes for the top 60% (including ties) of the respective age groups who shall qualify for the final round.

6. The Overall Boys and Girls Champion shall be the player with the lowest gross aggregate score over the three rounds.

7. Players will also compete in the respective age groups. They are:

- a. Boys between 15 and 17 years of age;
- b. Girls between 15 and 17 years of age;
- c. Boys between 10 and 14 years of age;
- d. Girls between 10 and 14 years of age.

Note: The OC reserves the right to combine the divisions.

8. Boys will tee-off from the Blue Tees and girls will tee-off from the Red Tees, irrespective of age groups.

SIZE OF FIELD

9. The field will be limited to a maximum of 100 participants. Entries will be accepted from 100 applicants with the lowest Handicap Index.

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

ENTRY

11. The entry fee is S\$100.00 / S\$150 (inclusive of GST) for members and non-members respectively and must be submitted at the time of entry. Cheques must be made payable to "National Service Resort and Country Club". There will be no refund of entry fee after the closing date.

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

13. Entries must be submitted to NSRCC Kranji Sanctuary Golf Course, 50 Neo Tiew Lane 3 Singapore 718828. Proof of posting is not proof of receipt.

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

15. The OC reserves the right to cancel the competition in the event of insufficient entries (less than 30 participants) as at the closing date.

CLOSING DATE

16. The closing date is Monday, 16 May 2016, 12 noon. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OC.

DRAW

17. The draw for the first and second rounds will be made by the OC prior to start of the Championship.

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

TIME OF STARTING

19. 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.

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

SUBMISSION OF SCORECARD

21. 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.

22. 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) or the demarcated area where they exist.

DECISION OF TIES

23. 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 to take place as soon as practicable. The purpose of the play-off is to decide the Champion only. In the event inclement weather or other reasons that makes the play-off impractical, the Organising Committee's decision to determine the Champion is final.

24. All other ties will be decided on the lowest score for the last 18 holes (or the last 9 or 6 or 3 or 18th Hole). 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.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION (NOTE TO RULE 6-8b)

25. The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 140 – 141.

26. All practice areas that are in open areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the OC has declared them open.

27. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation and the resumption of play shall be signalled using the host club's warning system.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

28. 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.

29. 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.

30. In the event that the second and/or third round of the Championship cannot be completed, the rounds shall be abandoned. The result of the Championship will then be based on the completed rounds.

31. Play may invariably be delayed due to inclement weather. Nevertheless, the official cut-off time for cross-over shall be before 11.45am. Notwithstanding the above on para 28-30, the Committee reserves the right to abandon play for the day.

CADDIES / BUGGIES / MOTORISED TROLLEYS

32. The use of caddies / buggies / motorised trolley in this Championship is prohibited.
33. All players are to carry their own bags or use their own hand-drawn trolleys.

PACE OF PLAY

34. Rule 6-7 (Undue Delay; Slow Play) will be strictly enforced using the 'Group Pace of Play' system. See separate memorandum to players for the Pace of Play guidelines.

DISPUTES OR DOUBTS AS TO PROCEDURE

35. 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.
36. No spectators (including parents or accompanying officials) are to enter into any discussion on a matter under dispute.

TOURNAMENT RULES OFFICIALS/REFEREE

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

INSURANCE

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

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE

39. Players must not use any distance measuring device in any form during the stipulated rounds. Use of any such Distance Measuring Device will be a breach of Rule 14-3. Penalty for breach is DISQUALIFICATION.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

40. The specimen Condition* in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see page 138.
*** The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A.**

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEAD

41. The specimen Condition* in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 137 – 138.
***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.**

PRIZES

42. The following prizes will be awarded:
- a. Overall Boys and Girls Champion
 - b. Age Group – Best Gross Winner & Runner-Up
 - c. Age Group – Best Nett Winner & Runner-Up

Note: The Overall Champion is not eligible for the Age Group Best Gross and Best Nett prizes.

PRACTICE

43. The course is available to players for practice on 30 May 2016 (morning only). Please call the KSGC Office at Tel: 6795 2300 from 26-27 May 2016 to book the practice round. Practice round fees are included in the entry fees.
44. No multiple ball play shall be allowed during the practice round.
45. Players are not allowed to practice on the course after their round on any day of the Championship.
46. There is no driving range facility at Kranji Sanctuary Golf Course.

PRIZE PRESENTATION LUNCHEON

47. All players are invited to the Prize Presentation Luncheon on 2 June 2016 at the Sanctuary Ballroom.

DRESS CODE

48. 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).
49. 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.
50. Soft spikes shoes are compulsory.

CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

51. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be.

52. Any action contrary to the spirit of the game such as abusive language, throwing of clubs, or other disruptive behaviour, will not be tolerated and may result in a player not being able to continue in this competition.

53. The use of mobile phones (except in an emergency) and smoking are not allowed on the course.

ACCOMPANYING SPECTATORS

54. Accompanying spectators will be allowed on the golf course during the Championships. Compulsory usage of buggies with prevailing buggy fees will be imposed. Accompanying spectators must remain in their buggies at all times.

55. Accompanying spectators are not to give advice or assist the golfers in any way (unless in an emergency situation). The golfer will be disqualified if he/she is found to have been assisted by a spectator.

56. Buggies driven by spectators must remain on the buggy track at all times.

57. Buggies may only be rented and driven by spectators above the age of 14.

AMENDMENTS TO CONDITIONS

58. The OC reserves the right to amend these Championship conditions.

MEMORANDUM ON PACE OF PLAY

Notice to Players Group Pace of Play Policy

1. The maximum time allowed for the round will be decided by the Tournament Committee. The hole by hole allotted time is provided on the Official Notice Board in the Notice to Competitors.

2. The Singapore Golf Association's Pace of Play policy leaves the responsibility for maintaining the pace of play where it belongs, with the player. The first group in the field should play efficient golf. The following groups should keep up with the group in front of them.

3. There will be time-keepers present on the 4th, 9th, 13th and 18th holes with whom players can check on their pace.

4. The first group in the field must complete play at the 9th hole and 18th hole no later than the time established by the Tournament Committee. Subsequent groups are held to the same standard. If they are unable to meet the prescribed standard due to slow play ahead of them they will be considered to have met the standard if they complete play at a 9th hole and 18th hole within 14 minutes of the group ahead of them. A group is considered to have completed the play of a hole when all players in the group have holed out and the flagstick is replaced in the hole.

5. Subsequent groups, other than the lead group, which are OUT OF POSITION (behind the allotted time AND more than 14 minutes behind the preceding group) after

finishing the 9th or 18th hole will be liable to Pace of Play penalty for every player in the group.

6. Pace of play penalty will be added to the score on the 9th or 18th hole. The tournament officials or Rules officials will notify players officially on this. No advice will be issued to players with this Pace of Play policy at the intermediate checkpoints but officials will endeavour to do so at check points on the 4th and 13th hole advising that the group may be liable to slow play penalty at the 9th or 18th hole.

OUT OF POSITION

7. First Group Only: If the lead group is behind its expected time after completing the intermediate check point, the group may be advised that they are liable to a penalty if they fail to complete the first nine holes in their expected time.

8. If they pass the second intermediate check point, behind their expected time, the group may be advised that they are liable to penalty if they do not complete the round within their expected time. If they have had a penalty on the first nine holes and again fail to complete the round of eighteen holes within their expected time, two strokes penalty will be added to their score on the finishing hole. A group may appeal in the scoring area before submitting their scorecards.

9. Subsequent Groups: If any subsequent group completes the intermediate checkpoint behind its expected time AND more than 14 minutes behind the preceding group, the group may be advised they are liable to a penalty if they fail to complete the first nine behind their expected time AND are more than 14minutes behind the group in front of them.

10. If they pass the second intermediate check point behind their expected time AND are more than 14 minutes behind the group in front, they may be advised that they are liable to slow play penalty if they do not complete the round within their expected time AND are more than 14 minutes behind the group in front.

11. If they have had a penalty on the first nine holes and again fail to complete the round of eighteen holes within their expected time AND are more than 14 minutes behind the group in front when they complete the round, two strokes penalty will be added to their score on the finishing hole. A group may appeal in the scoring area before submitting their scorecards.

12. Note: Players will be advised that they are behind on their pace of play and may be liable to penalties should they fail to meet the expected time when they complete the nine holes or complete the round. Penalties on the 9th or 18th hole may be assessed even if no advice have been given to the group at the intermediate checkpoints. A group that receives a penalty on the first nine holes is not absolved from penalty if the group completes the second nine holes in position and on time.

13. In the notice to players, the allotted time on a hole by hole basis will be provided on the Official Notice Board. These times are adjusted based on the difficulty of the course and the ability of the field. They include time to search for lost balls and deal with other common occurrences encountered during play. A normal speed of play should result in completing play before the time indicated. If a group falls behind, they are expected to play efficient golf and make up the lost time. This might mean playing ready golf or continuous putting, which are both allowed in stroke play.

14. It is the PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITY to know their group's position relative to the published Pace of Play and to ensure they play within the published limits. Failure to play within the Pace of Play guidelines will result in a Pace of Play penalty unless players appeal and the Committee upholds their appeal.

15. A player concerned about a slow player(s) in his group should first speak with the player(s) and encourage them to play more efficiently. Then, the concerned player may, before or after penalties are assessed, ask to have the group monitored. The individual player does not have to be identified; the request just needs to be made. At some point during the stipulated round, the group will be monitored. If a player is identified as holding up the pace of the group, penalties may be applied to that player and rescinded from the others.

Appeal Process

16. Pace of Play penalties may be appealed to the Committee and must be made before scorecards are signed and returned. In order for an appeal to be considered, there must have been an action by the Committee, a circumstance beyond the player's control, or some similar occurrence that contributed to the delay, such as an action by an individual member of the group.

17. If a group receives a penalty for exceeding the pace of play for each nine, both penalties may be appealed, however, each appeal must be made and handled separately. Each appeal may result in a one-step reduction of a penalty (i.e., three strokes to one stroke then one stroke to no penalty, but not three strokes to no penalty).

Penalties for Breach of Pace of Play Policy

18. 1st Breach of the Pace of Play Policy - One Stroke Penalty;

19. 2nd Breach of the Pace of Play Policy - Two Strokes Penalty.

20. The maximum penalty per round of 18 holes is 3 Strokes.

(Correct as at 01 March 2016)