



APGC Junior Championship
30 August – 1 September 2017 (Wednesday – Friday)
Hong Kong Golf Club, New Course

CONDITIONS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Schedule

1.1 The Championship will be played at the Hong Kong Golf Club, New Course in Hong Kong.

1.2 Schedule of Events

Sunday 27 August	Team Arrival
Monday 28 August	Registration / Practice Round at 7:30am onwards Education Session at 3pm
Tuesday 29 August	Registration / Practice Round at 7:30am onwards Referees Meeting 11am Educational Session 3pm Team Captains' Meeting 4pm Team Photo 5pm Welcome Dinner 6pm (Team Jacket preferred)
Wednesday 30 August	First Round Competition (four-ball) 7:30am onwards
Thursday 31 August	Second Round Competition (foursome) 7:30am onwards
Friday 1 September	Third Round Competition (individual men's & women's stroke play) Prize Presentation
Friday/Saturday 1/2 September	Team Departure

2. Eligibility

2.1 The Championship is open to the junior golfers nominated by the 40 APGC Member Associations.

2.2 Eligible players are male/female amateur golfers who are 17 years old or under as of 30 August 2017 representing their countries.

2.3 Each team will consist of one male and one female player. Each country may send maximum two teams. The host country will be allowed to participate for an extra team, total six players.

2.4 All players must be amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status of the R&A and USGA. Citizens of the country or area of the Member Association represented, except that in cases where a team of citizens would be impracticable, competitors normally resident in the country may be included.

3. Entries

Please ensure that the entry forms must be fully completed and returned to Hong Kong Golf Association on or before Friday 21 July 2017.

4. Competition Format

4.1 The Championship will be over three rounds at the Hong Kong Golf Club.

4.2 54-hole mixed gender team competition. Teams are made up of one male and female player from each country. They will be grouped with a different team each day except for the seeded draw for round 3. The competition consists of teams completing each hole on the course, over two rounds and, after each round, returning a signed score card with a gross score for each hole.

The team competition will be all stroke play as follows:

First round Four-ball (18 holes)

Second round Foursome (18 holes)

Third round Men's and women's individual scores count (18 holes each)

The gross scores for the three rounds will be combined to form the team score. The team that has the lowest cumulative score for the three rounds is the winner. A seeded draw will apply for round 3 with the leading players teeing off last.

4.3 Teeing Ground

Male players tee off from the black tee and females from the blue tee.

5. Competition Procedures

Decision on Ties

5.1 In the event of a tie for the awarding positions after three rounds in the mixed team competition, the winning team will be decided by sudden-death play-off to take place immediately after the final round has concluded. For the Team Competition, the scores of both players in the team count for the play-off. The play-off holes are determined by the Tournament Committee. Any teams tied for other positions will remain tied.

5.2 In the event of a tie for the 1st place for boys' and girls' individual competition of Round 3, the winner will be decided by the count-back system of the full 18 holes in the following order: last 9(10-18), last 6(13-18), last 3 (16-18), the last hole(18) or toss a coin.

6. Rules of Golf

The Rules of Golf effective January 2016, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited and the USGA, together with the Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Committee will apply.

7. Trophy Presentation

The presentation ceremony will immediately follow the conclusion of play. All players are welcomed to attend. The top three winning teams over the three rounds will receive trophies. The player with the lowest gross score in Round 3, in the boys category will receive an invitation to Asia-Pacific Open Golf Championship Diamond Cup 2017, in the girls category will receive an invitation to Kia Motors Korea Women's Open Golf Championship 2018.

8. Team Registration

Team registration : Registration Office at the Hong Kong Golf Club.

Hours of Operation: Monday 28 August & Tuesday 29 August from 7:30am – 6pm

9. Conforming Golf Balls

The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A.

Penalty: Disqualification

10. Conforming Driver Heads

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.

Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of condition – Disqualification

11. Distance Measuring Devices

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. A player may not use a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions. (e.g. gradient, wind speed, weather, etc.).

Penalty: Disqualification

12. Pace of Play

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is excess of the time allowed and, in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position, from the commencement of timing. If any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play shot,' or 40 seconds if it is a 'second or third to play shot,' the player is deemed to have had a 'bad time'. The time allowed will be determined by the Championship Committee and will be published on the official notice board. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

Penalty : One bad time – Verbal warning

Two bad times – One stroke penalty

Three bad times – Two stroke penalty

Four bad times – Disqualification

Note: In exceptional circumstances, an individual player within a group may be timed instead of the entire group.

13. Suspension of Play

When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they have started play of a hole, they may discontinue play immediately or continue play of the hole.

Penalty: If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33 - 7.

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged note of siren.

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

Resume play: Two short notes of siren, repeated.

14. Practice between Holes

Between the play of two holes, a player must not make a practice stroke on or near the putting green last played and must not test the surface of the putting green of the hole last played by rolling a ball.

Penalty: Two strokes at the next hole. In the case of a breach at the last hole of the stipulated round, the player incurs the penalty at that hole.

15. Advice (Note to Rule 8-1)

Each team may appoint one person who may give advice (excluding pointing out a line for putting) to members of that team. The person must be an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited and the USGA. If appointed, the person must be identified to the Committee prior to giving advice.

16. Caddie/Trolley

Caddies are not permitted during the Championship. Players may carry their own bags or use pull trolleys. Trolleys will be provided by the host on a complimentary basis.

17. Transportation

Players must not ride on any form of transport during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Committee.

Penalty for Breach of Condition: At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, a 2 stroke penalty will be applied. Maximum penalty per round : 4 strokes

In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. Use of any unauthorised form of transportation shall be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

18. Close of Competition

The competition is deemed to have closed when the Championship Trophies have been presented to the Winners at the Presentation Ceremony.

19. Competition Committee

The Championship shall be run under the aegis of the Committee shall hereinafter be referred to as The Tournament Committee which shall comprise;

Honorary Chairman

APGC Vice Chairman / Championship Committee Chairman

APGC Secretary

APGC Committee Member / APGC Junior Event Coordinator

APGC Championship Committee Member/Chief Referee

Tournament Director

Hong Kong Golf Association Representatives

Hong Kong Golf Club Representative

Mr. Katsuhiko Ito

Mr. Keisuke Muratsu

Mr. Kyungjae Lee

Ms. Nobuko Hirayama

Mr. Roy Lee

Mr. Nick Shan

Mr. Danny Lai / Ms. Dolla Chui

Mr. Ian Gardner

In the absence of the full Tournament Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision and any decision so given shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Tournament Committee.

The Tournament Committee shall have the sole management and control of the Tournament with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the conditions.

The Tournament Committee's decision on matters affecting the Tournament shall be final. Protests must be made in writing and submitted to the Committee within fifteen (15) minutes of the conclusion of the day's play

20. Tournament Cancelled or Altered

The Committee reserves the right to reduce or cancel any stipulated round, suspend or postpone play, cancel the tournament or come to an equitable decision to achieve a result.

21. Referees

The Committee will appoint Referees. Should a referee desire clarification before a decision is made, the Referee, at his sole discretion, may consult the Chief Referee, after which the referee will give his decision and such decision is final (Rule 34-2).

22. Local Rules

The Local Rules of the Hong Kong Golf Association will apply. The copies will be made available at registration.

23. Disclaimer

All players agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks.

24. Anti-Doping

Players shall not make use of any drug to enhance their performance. In this respect, the attention of players is drawn to the prescribed list of drugs issued by WADA. Any player infringing this Condition or refusing to take a test may be disqualified.