



**The Singapore Professional Golfers' Association (SPGA)  
Tournament Rules and Regulations  
Effective from January 2016**

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**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 starting field will be 80 competitors. The lowest scores over the first 36 holes in the following Divisions will qualify for the final round:
  - i. Professionals Division: Top 30 (including tie/ties);
  - ii. Seniors Division: Top 15 (including tie/ties);
  - iii. Amateurs Division: Top 4 only.
- 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. No phone entries will be accepted.
- 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 refund. Or otherwise, there will be no refunds once the entry is accepted.

**8. Prize Money**

- a. The total purse for Professionals Division **S\$ /-** and Seniors Division are **S\$ /-** 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 \$50.00 shall be imposed.

**9. SPGA Levy & Tax**

- a. A levy of 5% 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**

- a. All competitors are cordially invited to attend the Prize Presentation on the date and time as indicated in the Entry Form.

**11. Appearance**

- a. Players: While on the host facility property, competitors shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Blue jeans, shorts, cutoffs, T-shirts or shirts with no collars shall not be worn.
- 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.

## CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

### 1. List of Conforming Driver Heads (Note to Rule 4-1)

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 154 to 155.

### 2. List of Conforming Golf Balls (Note to Rule 5-1)

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

### 3. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7)

- a. The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "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 behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes completed.
- b. In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt', or 40 seconds if it is a 'tee shot or second or third to play shot', he is deemed to have had a 'bad time'.
- c. The time allowed will be determined by the Tournament Director and will be published on the official notice board.
- d. A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.
- e. Penalty for Breach of Condition:

One bad time	-	Verbal warning from the Referee
Two bad times	-	One stroke penalty
Three bad times	-	Two strokes penalty
Four bad times	-	Disqualification

#### Notes:

- i. Players will NOT necessarily be advised that they are being timed.
- ii. Timing will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Referee that it is the player's turn to play.
- iii. In some circumstances, an individual player or two or more players within a group may be timed instead of the entire group.

### 4. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation (Note to Rule 6-8)

- a. The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see page 158.
- b. **Note 1:** The note(s) of siren may differ and it depends on the siren system of the hosting club.
- c. **Note 2:** All practice areas shall be closed during such suspension until the Tournament Director has permitted the usage of such practice areas. Players who disregard this condition may be removed from the competition and/or a fine of \$100.00 will be imposed.

### 5. Haze Management Policy

- a. The Tournament Committee will use the Haze Management Policy adopted by the hosting club to determine as to commence or suspend play.
- b. In the absence of such policy, the Tournament Committee will adopt the NEA 3-hours PSI reading as the underlying benchmark to make a decision.

**6. Inclement Weather**

- a. 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.

**7. 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.

**8. Decision of Ties**

- a. Professionals 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 Amateurs 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.

**9. 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.

**10. Tournament Referee**

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

**11. Amendments to Conditions**

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

**12. Additional Information or Assistance**

- a. If you wish to request for any additional information or assistance, please contact Ms Connie Lim at (65) 6755-1630, (65) 8518-6611 or [sinpga@gmail.com](mailto:sinpga@gmail.com)