



2016 Philippine Amateur Open Match Play Championship

April 25-29, 2016

Orchard Golf & Country Club (Player Course)

Organized and conducted by National Golf Association of the Philippines (NGAP)

Conditions of Competition

The Championship shall be managed by the Committee.

Play shall be governed by the 2016 edition of the Rules of Golf and Rules on Amateur Status as approved by the R&A, Conditions of Competition and the Local Rules of Orchard Golf & CC as approved by the Tournament Committee.

1. Eligibility:

Men's: Only the first 80 men amateur golfers with certified handicap index of 7 and below will be accepted. In case there are more than 80 entries, the 80 with the lowest handicap index will be accepted.

Ladies: Only the first 40 lady amateur golfers with certified handicap index of 9.7 and below will be accepted. In case there are more than 40 female entries, the 40 with the lowest handicap index will be accepted.

The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving any reason thereof.

2. The Championship is 36-holes stroke play qualifying and match play. The schedule and format of the tournament will be as follows:

April 25, 2016 1st Qualifying Round

April 26, 2016 2nd Qualifying Round

Only the top 32 male and top 16 female will qualify for the match play competition. Ties for the 1st and last qualifying slots for all categories will be resolved by sudden death playoff.

April 27, 2016 A.M. - round of 32 for the men's division.
- round of 16 for the ladies division.

P.M. - round of 16 for the men's division.

April 28, 2016 A.M. - round of 8 for the men's division.
- round of 8 for the women's division.

P.M. - round of 4 for the men's division.

April 29, 2016 - Consolation match for 3rd place (Men's and Women's) -18 holes
- Championship match (Men's and Women's) – 36 holes

The handicap index reference will be **March 2016**.

3. Registration

Deadline for submission of entries and payment of entry fee is **April 22, 2016 (Friday) at 12nn.**

Entry Fee: Filipino. - P2,500.00

Foreigner - P3,500.00

Practice: Players can practice prior to April 25, 2016 provided arrangement is made in advance with the host club. Additional practice round can be made provided arrangement is made with Orchard Golf & Country Club and the corresponding green fee is made.

No Show/withdrawal: a player failing to appear in the tournament without prior notice two days before the start of the tournament will be suspended to join NGAP tournaments from the date of the infraction. A player who starts and withdraws prior to the close of the qualifying rounds without prior notice and has not turned in his scorecard to a tournament official will be subject to the same suspension as a no show.

4. Time of Starting/Official Time - Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix 1 is in effect. A player is deemed to be in the starting area when they are within the starting mound of their starting hole. If a player had previously checked in with the starter he is still required to be at the starting area at the starting time scheduled by the Committee. The official time is defined by the clock where a player will start his stipulated round.

Scoring Area: the scoring area is situated at the clubhouse with corresponding signage on the table where the players check their score cards. Only players submitting their score cards will be allowed to sit on the table. The score card is deemed to have been returned once it is dropped in the 'score box' by the player even if he has not left the 'score's table'. Score cards must be returned 15 minutes after the players have finished their stipulated round unless a question on the player's score is being resolved by the Committee.

5. Distance Measuring Device: in this competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during a round a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge other conditions that might affect his play (gradient, wind, temperature, etc) the player is in breach of 14-3 for which the penalty for a player's first breach of rule 14-3 during a stipulated round has been modified from disqualification to loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play with disqualification applied as the penalty for a subsequent breach of the rule.

The use of cell phone or other similar device is discouraged as it may delay or disturb play. A player may be warned by a referee or other members of the Committee that continuous use of such device would be ground for disqualification.

6. Caddy - a player (subject to conformity and conditions set by the club) may use his/her personal caddy provided the caddy is not a professional.

Gallery/spectator will be allowed subject to the conditions set by the club. Gallery/spectators are discouraged to converse with the players as this might be construed as giving advice. A referee or tournament official may call the attention of a spectator and warn him to refrain from further conversing with the player in case there is doubt that he is giving advice to a player. Disregarding this warning may be grounds for disqualification of the player.

7. The Committee reserves the right to change any of the Conditions of the Competition prior to the start of the tournament. Further, it may fix and/or alter the starting times of a flight prior to the start of a stipulated round for the best interest of the Championship.

THE DECISION OF THE COMMITTEE IS FINAL.