



**2017 Philippine Amateur Open Golf Championship (Stroke Play)**  
**Riviera Golf Club, Inc. (Couples Course)**  
January 5-8, 2017 (Thursday to Sunday)

Organized and conducted by the National Golf Association of the Philippines (NGAP)  
Supported by PLDT Group National Amateur Golf Tour

**CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

The Championship shall be managed by a Committee.

**1. GENERAL**

The championship is a 72 hole STROKE PLAY for Men and Women. The tournament will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf effective January 2016 as approved by the R&A Rules Limited, and the Local Rules of Riviera Golf Club, Inc. as approved by the Tournament Committee.

**2. ELIGIBILITY**

Open to men amateur golfers with certified handicap index of **8.0** below and **10.0** below for women. **Based on certified handicap index, the championship is limited to 90 men players with the lowest handicap index and 42 women players with the lowest handicap index.** The Championship Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving any reason thereof.

**3. ENTRY FEE:**

**P 3,500.00** per local participant  
**P 4,500.00** per foreign participant

**4. SCHEDULE OF PLAY**

- January 4, 2017 (Wednesday) - Practice Round
- January 5, 2017 (Thursday) - 1<sup>st</sup> Round
- January 6, 2017 (Friday) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Round
- January 7, 2017 (Saturday) - 3<sup>rd</sup> Round
- January 8, 2017 (Sunday) - Final Round

**5. CUT-OFF**

Only the top 50 players (Men) and ties will qualify for the final 2 rounds.  
Only the top 30 players (Women) and ties will qualify for the final 2 rounds.

**6. TIES**

In the event of tie/s for the 1<sup>st</sup> places after 72 holes, the tie/s shall be resolved via a hole-by-hole play-off. The holes for the play-off will be determined by the Championship Committee and announced before the start of the final round. In case of tie/s for other places, it will be resolved via count back as follows: (1) best score over the last 18 holes, (2) best score over the last 9 holes, (3) best score over the last 6 holes, (4) best score over the last 3 holes, (5) hole by hole count back starting at hole #18 of the last round.

**7. RETURNING SCORECARDS UPON COMPLETION OF ROUND**

Players are reminded of their responsibilities under Rule 6-6(b) which states:

**“Signing and Returning Card:** After completion of the round, the competitor should check their score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. They shall ensure that the marker has signed the card, countersign the card themselves and return it to the Committee as soon as possible.”

***(Penalty for breach of Rule 6-6 (b) – Disqualification.)***

If a competitor does not return his/her card within 15 minutes of completion of the round (without valid reason) he/she will be subject to disqualification. The recorder's area is located at the Clubhouse beside the Tournament office. A scorecard is deemed to have been submitted the moment he/she drops it inside the drop box.

**8. TEES**

Men will tee off from the Championship Tees

Women will tee off from the White Tees

**9. CADDIES**

A player will not be allowed to bring their own Caddy.

**10. SPECTATORS**

Spectators shall not exchange conversations with player and are strictly confined on the cart path to watch the game and shall at all times, keep a distance of not less than 20 meters from all players. If a serious breach has occurred, the spectator will be advised to leave the facility.

**11. AWARDS**

The champion, runner-up and third place in each division will be awarded with trophies.

**12. WEATHER**

In the event of inclement weather which may render the course unplayable, or in the event of lack of adequate daylight thus preventing any competitor from completing a round, Rules 33-2 (d) and 6-8 shall apply and the result of the championship shall be decided by the number of rounds completed within the time limit set by the Committee.

**13. THE COMMITTEE**

The Championship Committee reserves the right to change any of the conditions of play, to fix and/or alter the starting times of a flight/s at any time for the best interest of the championship.

The decision of the Rules Committee and the Championship Committee shall be final.

- 14. Distance-measuring device.** In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.