

 **PLDT Group**
National Amateur Golf Tour



2017 Philippine Amateur Open Match Play Golf Championship
April 24-28, 2017
Orchard Golf & Country Club (Player Course)

Organized and conducted by National Golf Association of the Philippines

Conditions of Competition

The Championship shall be managed by the Committee.

Play shall be governed by the most current edition of the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A and the USGA and the applicable Local Rules of *Orchard Golf & Country Club* as approved by the Tournament Committee.

1. Eligibility

Open to all amateur golfers.

Men's: only 70 men's will be accepted. In case there are more than 70 entries, the 70 with the lowest handicap index will be accepted.

Ladies: only 40 ladies will be accepted. In case there are more than 40 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. Format

The Championship is 36-holes qualifying rounds and match play thereafter. The schedule and format will be as follows:

April 24, 2017 - 1st Qualifying Round

April 25, 2017 - 2nd Qualifying Round

Only the top 32 men's and top 16 ladies will advance to the match play competition. Ties for the 1st and last slots for the match play competition will be resolved by sudden death play-off.

April 26, 2017 A.M. Round of 32 (men) - 18 holes

Round of 16 (ladies) - 18 holes

P.M. Round of 16 (men) - 18 holes

April 27, 2017 A.M. Quarter finals (men) - 18 holes

Quarter finals (ladies) - 18 holes

P.M. Semi-finals (men) - 18 holes

Semi-finals (ladies) - 18 holes

April 28, 2017 A.M. Finals (men) - 36 holes

Finals (ladies) - 36 holes

3. Registration and Practice

Deadline for submission and payment of entry fee is on **April 21, 2017 (Friday) – 12:00pm.**

Entry fee: Filipino - P3,000.00
Foreigner - P4,000.00

Practice: Players will be allowed one (1) practice round on a weekday prior to the tournament provided they have registered and paid their entry fee. Additional practice rounds can be arranged at **Orchard Golf & Country Club** and corresponding green fee is paid.

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 he/she is in the starting tee mound of their stipulated round (1 or 10). 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 the player will start his stipulated round.

5. Scoring Area: the scoring area is situated at the clubhouse with the corresponding signage on the table where players can check their score cards. Only players submitting their score cards will be allowed to sit on the scorer's table.

The score card is deemed to have been submitted once it is dropped in the 'score box' by the player even if he has not left the 'scorer's table.'

Score cards must be returned within 15 minutes after the player's stipulated round unless a question on the player's score is being resolved by the Committee.

6. 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 Rule 14-3.

7. Mobile Phones: The use of cell phone and similar devices is discouraged as it may delay or disturb the game. A player may be warned by a referee or other tournament officials to further refrain from using such device. The continuous use of such device after being warned could be grounds for disqualification.

8. Caddy: a player (subject to the Rules of **Orchard Golf & Country Club** may use his/ her personal caddy provided the caddy is not a professional.

Gallery/Spectators will be allowed subject to the conditions set by the club. Gallery/spectators are discouraged to converse with the players as this cause delay and misconstrued as giving advice. A referee or tournament official may call he attention of the player and/or spectator to refrain from further conversation if there is doubt that advice is being given. Disregarding this warning would result in the applicable penalty.

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

The decision of the Committee is final.