



2019 Philippine Amateur Open Golf Championship (Stroke Play)
Riviera Golf Club, Inc. (Langer Course)
January 3-6, 2019 (Thursday to Sunday)

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

TERMS OF COMPETITION

GENERAL

a. The 2019 Philippine Amateur Open Stroke Play Championship (herein known as 'Championship' will be played at Riviera Golf Club, Inc. (Langer Course) from January 3-6, 2019 in accordance with the Rules of Golf (effective January 2019) as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and with the Local Rules approved by the OC.

ELIGIBILITY

- a. The Championship is open to male and female amateur golfers who satisfy the following requirements:
- Must conform in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.
 - Must possess a valid handicap index issued by a bonafide Golf Federation/Association within the stipulated range as of January 01, 2019 for the respective genders as follows:
 - *. USGA handicap index of 9.0 or lower for male.
 - *. USGA handicap index of 15.0 or lower for female.

SCHEDULE of PLAY

- *. January 2, 2019 (Wednesday) - Practice Round
- *. January 3, 2019 (Thursday) - First Round
- *. January 4, 2019 (Friday) - Second Round
- *. January 5, 2019 (Saturday) - Third Round
- *. January 6, 2019 (Sunday) - Final Round

FORMAT OF PLAY

- The Championship will be decided by Stroke Play over 4 rounds of 18 holes.
- There shall be a cut-off after 36 holes for both MEN and LADIES with 50% of men and 50% of the ladies including ties Qualifying for the last two rounds.
- The Champion of each division shall be the players with the lowest aggregate score over 4 rounds (72 holes).

SIZE of the FIELD

- The field will be limited to a maximum of **70 MEN** and **30 LADIES**.
- In the event that the entries fall short or exceed of the aforesaid respective numbers, the Committee reserves the right to amend the eligibility requirements as they deem fit. In general, entries will be based on the entrants with the Lowest Handicap Index.

ENTRY

- The Entry Fee shall be Php3,500.00 for Filipino citizens and Php4,500.00 for foreign citizens.
- The Entry Fee shall be Php2,000.00 for Special Division
- Entries must be made on the Official Entry form and accompanied with the Entry Fee by cash or check.
- Entries must be received not later than **December 27, 2018 (Thursday)**
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit, accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason whatsoever. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
- Any WITHDRAWAL or CANCELLATION must be made before January 2, 2019 (Wednesday) as there will be NO refund of the Entry Fee after this date.

DRAW/PAIRINGS

- The Draw/Pairings for the First and Second Rounds will be made by the Organizing Committee before the start of the Championship.
- The Draw/Pairings for the Third and Final rounds will be based on scores of the previous Rounds.

TIME OF STARTING

- a. Players shall start at the time and order indicated in the DRAW. No substitution of players and changes of starting time shall be allowed after the DRAW has been made.
- b. The ORGANIZING COMMITTEE reserves the right to change and alter the starting times without giving any reason.

WINNERS and PRIZES

- a. The following prizes will be awarded:

I. Men's Division (Gold Tees)

- Champion
- 1st Runner-up
- 2nd Runner-up
- 4th Place
- 5th Place

II. Ladies' Division (White Tees)

- Champion
- 1st Runner-up
- 2nd Runner-up

III. Daily Gross Prize

Best Gross Score for both Men and Ladies Division.

(NOTE: The Champion and Runner-up will not be eligible for the Daily Gross in the Final Round.)

- b. **SPECIAL DIVISION** (12 years and below as of January 01, 2019)

Competition will be for 36 holes (January 5 & 6, 2019)

I. Boys (White Tees)

The Champion and Runner-up.

II. Girls (Red Tees)

The Champion and Runner-up.

Maximum score for the SPECIAL DIVISION will be double par for any hole.

SPECIAL Division players have the option of joining the regular Men and Ladies Division but must play from the designated men and Ladies tees. SPECIAL DIVISION players who opt to join the regular division will not be eligible to win SPECIAL Division Prizes.

- III. THE SPECIAL DIVISION will be limited to the first **21 entries** (combined) to register and pay their entry fees.

SUBMISSION of SCORECARD

- a. Players must check their cards in the Scoring Office and ensure that their scores are correct and be signed by their markers. Any doubtful point should be settled with the Organizing Committee before returning the Scorecard.

DECISION OF TIES

- a. In the event of a tie or ties for the First place, the Champion shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off starting at Hole #1 until a winner is determined. The play-off will to determine the Champion only.
- b. All other ties will be decided by count back in the following order:
 - *. Last 18 holes (1st-18th);
 - *. Last 9 holes (10th-18th);
 - *. Last 6 holes (13th-18th)
 - *. Last 3 holes (16th-18th)
 - *. Last hole (18th)

SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION.

- a. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation and the resumption of play shall be signaled using the host club's warning system.
- b. All open practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Organizing Committee has declared them open. Players who does not heed will be subject to disqualification.

USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE.

- a. For this Championship, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance- measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.)

USE OF CADDIE

- a. The club has sufficient caddies and players must use the club's caddies, however, personal caddies may be used, provided they are not PROFESSIONALS and the player must pay the corresponding caddy fee to the Club for the caddy on deck.

INSURANCE

- a. All players are required to have appropriate golfing insurance.

PACE OF PLAY.

- a. Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the Hole. The maximum allotted time for completion of 18 holes will be available prior to the round.
- b. The maximum allowed time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. The timing will start when the player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.
- c. Penalty for Brach of Condition
 - 1 bad time Player will be warned by the referee and told that further bad will be subject to penalty.
 - 2 bad time. Penalty of one (1) Stroke
 - 3 bad time. Further penalty of two (2) strokes.
 - 4 bad time. Disqualification.

TOURNAMENT RULES OFFICIALS/REFEREES

- a. The Tournament Rules Officials/Referees' decision on all matters pertaining to the Rules of Golf is final.

COMPETITION CLOSED

- a. When the prizes are presented to the winners, the results of the competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed.

STANDARDS OF PLAYER CONDUCT (Rule 1-2)

- a. All players ARE EXPECTED TO PLAY IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME. There is no penalty under the Rules for failing to act accordingly, except that the Organizing Committee may disqualify a player for acting contrary to the spirit of the if it is established that the player has committed serious misconduct.
- b. The following may be considered as serious breach of PLAYER CONDUCT:
 - *. Continuous use of cellular phones during the round. Players will be warned accordingly by the Referee or by a Committee member.
 - *. Verbal abuse to a fellow competitor/official/staff.
 - *. Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitor.
 - *. Causing unnecessary damage to the course or club property.
 - *. Any other action which may be considered to be breach of PLAYER CONDUCT.ANY OF THE ABOVE SERIOUS BREACH of Conduct is subject to disqualification penalty.

SPECTATORS/COACHES/PARENTS

- a. Spectators, coaches, and parents must remain on the cart path at all times. They must stay off the tees, general areas, putting greens, bunkers and penalty areas. They are allowed to use golf carts.
- b. They should maintain a reasonable distance from the players to avoid the impression that they are giving advice or assisting the player in any way. They may approach the player for a moment to give clothing, food or beverage but should not have prolonged contact.
- c. Those found to be violating these policies may be asked to leave the COURSE.

INQUIRIES

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THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND ANY OF THE CONDITIONS.