



National Amateur Golf Tour
2019 Riviera MVPSF Amateur Championship
Riviera Golf Club, Inc. (Langer Course)
November 8-10, 2019 (Fri-Sun)



Organized and conducted by the National Golf Association of the Philippines

TERMS OF COMPETITION

GENERAL

The *2019 Riviera MVPSF Amateur Championship* (herein known as 'Championship' will be played at Riviera Golf Club from November 8-10, 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. Championship Division** - open to all men and women amateur golfers with handicap 0-8 for men and 0-11 for women.
- B. Mid-Amateur Division** – open to male golfers 25 years and above as of November 8, 2019.
- C. Senior Division** – open male golfers 55 years and above as of November 8, 2019.
- D. Special Division** - boys & girls 12 years old & below as of November 8, 2019.

HANDICAP: October 2018 Handicap Index will be used for all groups.

FORMAT OF PLAY

- A. Championship Division (Men & Women) – November 8 to 10 (3 days)**
 - The Championship Division (Men & Women) shall be gross stroke play competition over 54 holes using the **Championship tees** for Men's and **White tees** for Women's.
- B. Mid-Amateur Division – November 9 & 10 (2 days)**
 - The Mid-Amateur Division shall be gross stroke and net competition over 36 holes using the **Blue tees**.
- C. Senior Division – November 9 & 10 (2 days)**
 - The Senior Division shall be gross stroke and net competition over 36 holes using the **White tees**.
- D. Special Division (Boys & Girls) – November 9 & 10 (2 days)**
 - The Special Division (Boys & Girls) shall be gross stroke play competition over 36 holes.
 - Boys 11-12 years old – **White Tees**
 - Boys 10 years old & below – **Red Tees**
 - Girls 12 years old & below – **Red Tees**

WINNERS and PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded to:

- A. Championship Division (Men & Women):** Champion, 1st and 2nd runner-up winners.
- B. Mid-Amateur Division:** Champion and runner-up for Gross scores and Champion and runner-up for net scores.
- C. Senior Division:** Champion and runner-up for Gross Scores and Champion and runner up for net scores.
- D. Special Division (Boys & Girls):** Champion and runner-up winners.

Note: A Player can only win one (1) prize.

ENTRY

- a. Championship Division (Men & Women) - The Entry Fee shall be Php2,500.00 for Filipino citizens and Php3,500.00 for foreign citizens.
- b. Mid-Amateur, Senior & Special Division (Men & Women) - The Entry Fee shall be Php2,000.00 for Filipino citizens and Php3,000.00 for foreign citizens.
- c. Riviera Members – The Entry Fee shall be 50% of the Entry fee.
- d. Entries must be made on the Official Entry form and accompanied with the Entry Fee by cash or check.
- d. Entries must be received not later than **November 6, 2019 (Wednesday), 12:00 pm.**
- e. 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.
- e. Any WITHDRAWAL or CANCELLATION must be made before November 6, 2019 (Wednesday) as there will be NO refund of the Entry Fee after this date.

PRACTICE ROUND

- a. Players will be allowed one (1) **free practice round** on **November 7, 2019 (Thursday)** provided they have registered and paid their entry fee.
- b. Additional practice rounds can be arranged at Riviera Golf Club and corresponding green fee is paid. You may call Riviera Golf at Tel. No. (02) 888-9089 / 09568821149 for reservation.

DRAW/PAIRINGS

- a. The Draw/Pairings for the First Round will be made by the Organizing Committee before the start of the Championship.
- b. The Draw/Pairings for the Second 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.

SIZE of the FIELD

- a. The field will be limited to a maximum of 100 players.
- b. 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.

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.
- b. Scorecard is deemed officially submitted once the player has left the scoring room (area).

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 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.) The player is in breach of Rule – 4.3 for which the penalty is for disqualification.
- b. The use of rangefinders with wind and slope corrections are not permitted.

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.

Caddie Fee: Php500.00

Golf Cart: Php1,000.00

Note: Golf Carts are not allowed in Championship Division.

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 Breach 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

FOR INQUIRIES, please do not hesitate to contact the National Golf Ass. of the Philippines (NGAP).

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