



## 2023 MVP-SF FOURBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Riviera Golf Club, Inc. - Langer Course

April 26-28, 2023

Wednesday to Friday

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

### TERMS OF COMPETITION

#### GENERAL

The 2023 MVP SF FOURBALL CHAMPIONSHIP will be played at Riviera Golf Club, Inc. - Langer Course from April 26-28, 2023 in accordance with the Rules of Golf (effective January 2023) as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and with the Local Rules approved by the OC.

#### ELIGIBILITY

- a. The Championship is open to any two (2) male and/or female amateur golfers, who will play as partners and comprise a side (or team), who satisfy the following requirements:
- b. Must conform in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.
- c. Must possess a valid handicap index issued by a bonafide Golf Federation/Association not more than 12.0 as of March 31, 2023.

#### FORMAT OF PLAY

- a. The Championship will be decided over 54 holes of Fourball (Best Ball) stroke play as covered in rule 23.
- b. Sides (teams) may be comprised of any 2 players regardless of age or gender - given each player meets eligibility above.
- c. There shall be a cut-off after 36 holes, top 25 sides and ties will advance to the final round.
- d. The side (team) with the lowest 54 hole gross total will be deemed the MVP SF Fourball Champions

Tees will be staggered based on gender and handicap as follows:

Women 6.0 and above	Red Tees
Women under 6.0	White Tees
Seniors (55 & above)	Silver Tees
Men 6.0 and above	Blue Tees
Men under 6.0	Gold Tees

#### SCHEDULE of PLAY

April 25, 2023	Tuesday	Practice Round
April 26, 2023	Wednesday	First Round
April 27, 2023	Thursday	Second Round
April 28, 2023	Friday	Final Round

#### SIZE of the FIELD

- a. The field will be limited to a maximum of **40 sides/teams (80 participants)**
- b. Entry application will be based on the side's average handicap index.
- c. In general, sides will be prioritized entry with the lowest handicap indexes first. If indexes are identical, sides with female participant/s will be given courtesy.
- d. 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.

## ENTRY

- a. Entry Application must be made via google form link: <https://bit.ly/2023FourballChampionship>
  - a. Application is open until **April 17, 5:00pm**.
- b. Once your slot in the tournament is confirmed via email after entries close, the entry fee shall be paid via bank transfer.
- c. The entry fee for each individual comprising a team shall be Php4,000.00 for Filipino citizens and Php5,000.00 for foreign citizens. Entry Fees do not cover caddies, golf carts and incidentals.
- d. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit, accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- e. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Committee.
- f. Any WITHDRAWAL or CANCELLATION must be made before **April 17, 2023 (Monday)** as there will be NO refund of the Entry Fee after this date.
- g. Strict **NO SHOW POLICY** will be enforced
  - a. Any player confirmed for the event who fails to show up without giving prior notice will automatically be suspended for the next NGAP Jr Series and also the next non-Jr Series NGAP sanctioned event
  - b. Any player with two (2) no shows within a twelve (12) month period will be suspended from all NGAP events for the next twelve (12) months.
- h. If a player must withdraw due to injury or illness during competition proper they must inform any rules official on course and send any form of notification to tournament office.
- i. Habitual Withdrawal/Cancellation/No Card/No show will be review by Tournament committee and proper suspensions may be handed out

## PRACTICE ROUND

- a. Official Practice Round is on April 25, Tuesday. NGAP will announce practice tee times by April 18, 2023.
- b. Additional practice rounds can be arranged at Riviera Golf Club and corresponding green fees are 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.
- b. No changes of starting time shall be allowed after the DRAW has been made.
- c. The organizing committee reserves the right to change and alter the starting times without giving any reason.

## WINNERS and PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded:

- Champion
- 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up

## 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.
- b. Any doubtful point should be settled with the Organizing Committee before returning the Scorecard.
- c. A scorecard is officially submitted once you have left the scoring area

## DECISION OF TIES

- a. In the event of a tie or ties for **First place**, the Champion shall be decided by a hole-by-hole fourball play-off starting. Sequence of play off holes will be determined by the OC before the play-off.
- b. All other ties will be decided by count back in the following order:
  - i. Last 18 holes (1st-18th);
  - ii. Last 9 holes (10th-18th);
  - iii. Last 6 holes (13th-18th)
  - iv. Last 3 holes (16th-18th)
  - v. 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 (DMD)**

- a. 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.

## **INSURANCE**

All players are required to have appropriate golfing insurance.

## **USE OF CADDIE**

- a. The club has sufficient caddies and players must use the club's caddies.
- b. Private or personal caddies are not allowed
- c. Php 700.00 minimum, tips highly encouraged

## **MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION**

- a. Each side (team) is required to use a golf cart.
- b. Php 800.00 for twin sharing

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

- a. Use of electronic devices must be kept to a minimum
- b. Mobile Phones may be used to call organizing committee for rulings
- c. Mobile phones may be used as range finders as long as DMD restrictions above are adhered to
- d. Phones may not be used for calls and/or entertainment in the field of play during the stipulated round
- e. Any device to play music or similar audio or entertainment will not be permitted

1 offense	Player will be warned by the referee
2 offense	Penalty of one (1) Stroke
3 offense	Further penalty of two (2) strokes.
4 offense	Disqualification.

## **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.

1 bad time	Player will be warned by the referee
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**

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

## **COMPETITION CLOSED**

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 or other electronic devices 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 & REGISTRATION**

For inquiries and registration, please do not hesitate to contact the National Golf Association of the Philippines.

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