



2023 MVPSF VALLEY OPEN
Philippine Senior & Mid-Amateur Championship
Valley Golf & Country Club - South Course
October 11 – 13, 2023 (Wed-Fri)
October 9, 2023 (Official Practice Round)

Organized and conducted by the National Golf Association of the Philippines

TERMS OF COMPETITION

GENERAL

The Philippine Mid-Amateur & Seniors Championship 2023 MVPSF Valley Open will be played at Valley Golf & Country Club from October 11 – 13, 2023 in accordance with the Rules of Golf (effective September 2023) as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and with the Local Rules approved by the OC.

ELIGIBILITY

- A. **Mid-Amateur Division I** – open to male and female golfers 25–40 years old with maximum handicap index of **15.0**
- B. **Mid-Amateur Division II** – open to male and female golfers 41–54 years old with maximum handicap index of **15.0**
- C. **Senior Open Division** – open to male golfers 55 years old and above with maximum handicap index of **18.0**
- D. **Elite Amateur (Men)** – open to male amateur golfers with maximum handicap of **8.0**
- E. **Elite Amateur (Women)** – open to female amateur golfers with maximum handicap of **10.0**

**All WHS handicaps to be used will be as of October 1, 2023.*

FORMAT & SCHEDULE OF PLAY

- A. **Mid-Amateur Division I & II – October 11 – 13 (Wed-Fri) - 3 days**
 - The Mid-Amateur Division I & II shall be gross stroke play competition over 54 holes using the **BLUE tees** for men and **RED tees** for women.
 - There shall be a cut-off after 36 holes, **top 12 and ties** for each division
 - Players that score **95** on any tournament round will be cut for remaining rounds
- B. **Senior Open Division – October 11 – 13 (Wed-Fri) - 3 days**
 - The Senior Open shall be gross stroke play competition over **54 holes** using the **WHITE tees**.
 - There shall be a cut-off after 36 holes, **top 15 and ties**
 - Players that score **100** on any tournament round will be cut for remaining rounds
- C. **Elite Amateur Division – October 11 – 13 (Wed-Fri) - 3 days**
 - The Elite Division (Men & Women) shall be gross stroke play competition over **54 holes** using the **GOLD tees** for Men and **WHITE tees** for Women.
 - There shall be a cut-off after 36 holes, **top 21 and ties** for men, **top 15 and ties** for women
 - Players that score **95** on any tournament round will be cut for remaining rounds.

Note: Players disqualified will not be allowed to play in any remaining rounds.

WINNERS and PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to:

- A. **Elite Amateur Division (Men):** Champion, 1st and 2nd runner-up winners.
- B. **Elite Amateur Division (Women):** Champion, 1st and 2nd runner-up winners.
- C. **Mid-Amateur Division I:** Champion, 1st and 2nd runner-up winners.
- D. **Mid-Amateur Division II:** Champion, 1st and 2nd runner-up winners.
- E. **Senior Open Division:** Champion, 1st and 2nd runner-up winners.

ENTRY FEE

- a. Mid-Amateur Division I & II –
 - **Php 4,000.00** – Filipino citizens
 - **Php 5,000.00** – Foreign citizens.
- b. Senior Open Division –
 - **Php 4,000.00** – Filipino citizens
 - **Php 5,000.00** – Foreign citizens.
- c. Elite Amateur Division (Men & Women) –
 - **Php 4,000.00** – Filipino citizens
 - **Php 5,000.00** – Foreign citizens
- d. Valley Golf Members
 - **Php 3,000.00**
- e. Entries must be made via google form
 - Google form link: http://bit.ly/2023MVPSF_ValleyOpen
 - Entry applications are open from **September 25, 6:00 pm to October 4, 8:00 pm.**
- f. Once your slot in the tournament is confirmed by NGAP via email, the entry fee shall be paid via online bank transfer.
- g. 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.
- g. Any WITHDRAWAL or CANCELLATION must be made before **October 6, 2023 at 5:00 pm** as there will be NO refund of the Entry Fee after this date.
- 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.

PRACTICE ROUND

- a. Players will be allowed one (1) free practice round on **Monday, October 9, 2023 – 11:00am** onwards provided they have registered and paid their entry fee.
- b. Additional practice rounds can be arranged at Valley Golf & Country Club and corresponding green fee is paid.
- c. For tee time reservation, please call Ms. Karen Keith Sian – 09270611730

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 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.) 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

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.

USE OF GOLF CARTS

Golf Carts will be allowed for the Mid-Am and Senior Division

Golf Carts are NOT allowed in Elite Amateur Division.

INSURANCE

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

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 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 Association of the Philippines (NGAP)

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