



2024 Philippine Amateur Open Championship (Match Play)

Canlubang Golf & Country Club – North Course

June 18-22, 2024 (Tuesday to Saturday)



Organized and conducted by the National Golf Association of the Philippines

TERMS OF COMPETITION

GENERAL

The 2024 Philippine Amateur Open Championship (Match Play) will be played at the Canlubang Golf & Country Club, North Course from June 18-22, 2024 in accordance with the Rules of Golf (effective January 2024) as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and with the Local Rules approved by the OC.

ELIGIBILITY

Men's: only 60 men's will be accepted. In case there are more than 60 entries, the 60 with the lowest handicap index will be accepted. Participants must have a WHS handicap index of **8.0 and below**.

Ladies': only 35 ladies will be accepted. In case there are more than 35 entries, the 35 with the lowest handicap index will be accepted. Participants must have a WHS handicap index of **12.0 and below**.

The Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without giving any reason thereof.

FORMAT OF PLAY

The Championship is 36-holes stroke play qualifying and match play. The schedule and format of the tournament will be as follows:

June 18, 2024 (Tuesday)	- 1st Qualifying Round
June 19, 2024 (Wednesday)	- 2nd Qualifying Round

Only the top 16 men's and top 8 ladies will advance to the match play competition. Ties for the last slots for the match play competition will be resolved by sudden death play-off.

June 20, 2024 (Thursday) A.M.	Round of 16 (men) - 18 holes Quarter finals (ladies) - 18 holes
June 20, 2024 (Thursday) P.M.	Quarter finals (men) - 18 holes
June 21, 2024 (Friday) A.M.	Semi-finals (men) - 18 holes Semi-finals (ladies) - 18 holes
June 22, 2024 (Saturday) A.M.	Finals (men) - 36 holes Finals (ladies) - 36 holes Match for 3rd Place men's division (18 holes) Match for 3rd Place ladies' division (18 holes)

The handicap index reference will be May 15, 2024.

SIZE of the FIELD

- a. The field will be limited to a maximum of **60 MENS** and **35 LADIES**.
- 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.

ENTRY

- a. The Entry Fee shall be Php5,000.00 for Filipino citizens and Php6,000.00 for foreign citizens.
- b. Entries must be made via google form.
Google form link: bit.ly/2024_PhAmateurOpen
- c. Entries must be received not later than **May 29, 2024 – 5:00pm**
- d. 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 **June 10, 2024 (Monday) – 5:00pm** 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 June 11 or 13, 2024 provided they have registered and paid their entry fee.
- b. Additional practice rounds can be arranged at Canlubang Golf & Country Club, North Course and corresponding green fee is paid.
- c. For tee time reservation, please call:
Landline (DL): (049) 543-2670 Mobile: Ann – 09357821329 or Amy - 09262414537

TEES

- a. Men's Division will tee off from the **Championship Tees**
- b. Ladies' Division will tee off from the **White Tees**

DRAW/PAIRINGS

The Draw/Pairings for the First and Second Rounds will be made by the Organizing Committee before the start of the Championship.

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

The following prizes will be awarded:

I. Men's Division

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

II. Ladies Division

Champion, 1st Runner-up & 2nd 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. 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).

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.

GOLF CARTS

Motorized transportation of any kind is not allowed.

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. However an extra 10 seconds is allowed for the first player to play :
 - Tee shot on a par 3 hole.
 - Second shot on par 4's and par 5's.
 - From on or near the putting green at any hole.
- d. The timing will start when it is the player's turn to play and there is no interference or distraction.
- e. 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 breach of PLAYER CONDUCT.
 - ANY OF THE ABOVE SERIOUS BREACH of Conduct is subject to disqualification penalty.
- c. All the above applies to all parents and other spectators watching the players.

SPECTATORS/COACHES/PARENTS

- a. Spectators, coaches, and parents must always remain on the cart path. 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 30-yard distance from any of the players comprising the flight they are watching to avoid the impression that they are giving advice, assisting, or intervening in anyway.
- c. Bullying of any form will not be tolerated. They may only approach a player when they are handing them over drinks or snacks within the round.
- d. Those found to be violating these policies will be asked to leave the course.
- e. The committee reserves the right to apply stroke penalties to players whose spectators/coaches/parents are in violation of any terms of competition, or whose spectators/coaches/ exhibit any type on misconduct on the course.

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.