

Hélène et Henri



HONG KONG LADIES' OPEN AMATEUR & MID AMATEUR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

THE HONG KONG GOLF CLUB, FANLING

WEDNESDAY 3 – FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER 2007



CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

1. General

Helene et Henri Ladies' Open Amateur & Mid Amateur Open Golf Championships 2007 which will be the 32nd playing of the Hong Kong Ladies Open Amateur Golf Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, and the Local Rules as approved by the Tournament Committee. These Local Rules will be made available to players upon registration.

The Tournament Committee shall be appointed by the Hong Kong Golf Association and shall consist of:-

- (a) The Tournament Director
- (b) Hong Kong Golf Association Chairman of Rules (or his properly authorized deputy)
- (c) The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Golf Association

For the purposes of Rule 33-7 a quorum shall consist of the Tournament Director and any one of the other Tournament Committee Members.

2. Eligibility

The Championship is open to all lady golfers who:

- (a) are amateur in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews; and
- (b) are female in accordance with the Gender Policy referred to in the 2006 Lady Golfers Handbook issued by the Ladies Golf Union.
- (c) have a USGA handicap index or other handicap accepted by the Tournament Committee (Maximum USGA handicap index 16.0 : maximum course handicap 18 at the time of entry).

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HK LADIES' MID AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

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(25 years of age or over – on or before Wednesday 3rd October 2007)

The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving due reason. The Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries and modify the Championship in any way it deems desirable.

3. Tournament

The Championship shall be 54 holes Stroke Play over three rounds of 18 holes each. In the event of circumstances which make the playing of 54 holes impracticable, the Committee has the right to cancel any round at its discretion.

The field will be divided into following Divisions:

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The winner of the championship will be the player who has the lowest gross score for the competition from Division I.

Should any player in Division I fail to score less than 90 in the first round and is more than 10 strokes behind leader, then the player will be withdrawn from the championship.

Should any player in Division II fail to score less than 100 in the first round and is more than 10 strokes behind leading player in the Division II, then the player will be withdrawn from the championship.

There will be a cut after the second day's play for the final round. The number of players who will make the cut will be announced prior to the start of the competition and will be posted on the Tournament notice board.

After the cut has been made the Tournament Committee will publish starting times for round three as soon as possible.

There will be no consolation event for players not making the cut for the third round.

Decisions of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all concerned. The size and make-up of the field will be decided at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. If the number of entries received exceeds the available capacity of the field, places in the field will be decided based on handicap index with lower indices having priority.

Decision on Ties

In the event of a tie for either Championship, the players involved shall, as soon as possible after the announcement of the tie, participate in a play off, hole by hole, until the winner is decided by elimination ("sudden death").

The play off holes will be decided by the Tournament Director on the final day of the event.

All other ties shall be decided by a countback. The Countback procedure to be used will be:-

The winner of the countback will be the player having the lowest gross score over the last eighteen holes of the tournament. If the tying players have the same score for the last eighteen holes, the winner will be determined by the scores over the last nine, last six, last three, the last hole. If this system does not produce a winner, the result will be decided by the lowest gross score on holes 1-9 and then from 4-9 and 7-9 and finally hole 9. If a winner is still not determined, the result will be decided by the toss of a coin.

4. Draw

The draw for the first day will be available at Registration and on the HKGA website www.hkga.com
Starting times for the 2nd and final day will be based on prior scores.

5. Participation

The Tournament Committee may request any player to withdraw from the tournament at anytime.

The Tournament Committee may require a player to withdraw from the tournament if it is felt the player does not have a basic understanding of the Rules of Golf which includes etiquette, or the requisite golfing standard to continue in the event.

6. **Time of Starting**

Note: The player should report to the Starter on the relevant tee **ten minutes** before her starting time.

If the player arrives late at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes, to be added to the score on the first hole.

(Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.)

7. **Pace of Play** (Rule 6-7. Note 2)

Competitors will be notified of the time allowed for a round. The time will be broken down into timings for each individual hole.

Out of Position

The first group to start will be considered “Out of Position” if, at anytime during the round, the group’s cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes played.

Any following group will be considered out of position if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

If, during a round, a group has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played and has fallen behind the group in front of them it is liable to be warned and/or the players individually timed by an appointed Official. The appointed official does not have to warn the players before timing them.

The maximum time allowed for a shot is 40 seconds. However an extra 10 seconds is allowed for the first player to play:

- a) Tee shot on a par 3 hole.
- b) Second shot on par 4’s and par 5’s.
- c) From on or near the putting green at any hole. The timing will start when it is the player’s turn to play and there is no interference or distraction.

If whilst being timed, a player exceeds the time allowed on a shot she will be deemed to have “a bad time”.

Penalty for Breach of Condition

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| 1 bad time | - Player will be informed by an Official of her bad time. |
| 2 bad times | - One stroke. |
| 3 bad times | - Two additional strokes. |
| For subsequent offence | - Disqualification. |

A player whose group has been timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrived back in position in relation to the group in front or within its allotted time.

The committee may apply a penalty for undue delay (Rule 6-7) without prior warning to all players in a group that is seriously out of position at the end of the round.

8. **Return of Score Cards**

Competitors must ensure that they return their scorecard to the tournament office within 15 minutes of completing their round.

(Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification)

9. **Approved Balls**

Any ball which a player uses in the competition shall be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, except that “x-out” balls of a listed brand are allowed. *(Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification)*

10. **Caddies & Trolleys**

Golf carts may not be used. Trolleys are available for hire at HK\$20 per round. Caddies are available with charges as follows:

- Grade 1 (Red) HK\$275 per round
- Grade 2 (Blue) HK\$220 per round
- Grade 3 (Yellow) HK\$165 per round

A player may bring her own caddie provided he or she is not a professional golfer and not a parent of player.
(Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification)

11. **Distance Measuring Devices**

Distance measuring devices are not allowed to be used during the competition. (Rule 14-3 applies)
(Penalty for breach of rule : Disqualification)

12. **Mobile Telephones**

Mobile Telephones are not allowed to be used anywhere on the golf course
(Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification)

They are also not allowed to be used anywhere in the Golf Club.

13. **Entry Fee & Entry Closing Date**

The entry fee & closing date for entries is included in the Information for Competitors document. A player who has not paid the entry fee will not be permitted to play in the competition.

14. **Event Cancellation Policy**

If the Tournament has to be cancelled due to inclement weather or if the course is closed for any reason necessitating cancellation, the following policy regarding the refund of entry fees will apply and entries are only accepted on this basis.

If the event is cancelled prior to any play taking place, all entry fees will be refunded.
Once any play has commenced, no refund of entry fees will be made.

