



SINGAPORE LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

19TH SLGA AMATEUR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 16-18 JANUARY 2007 AT SELETAR COUNTRY CLUB

CLOSING DATE : 16 December 2006

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1.0 General

The Singapore Ladies Golf Association 19th Amateur Open Golf Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, the USGA and the Local Rules as approved by the Tournament Committee. These Local Rules will be made available to players upon registration.

2.0 Eligibility / Qualifications

2.1 The **Championship** is open to all lady golfers who:

- (a) are amateurs in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and the USGA; and
- (b) have a valid USGA Handicap Index or other handicap accepted by the Tournament Committee (Maximum USGA Handicap Index 18.4) at the time of entry.

The **Team Event** : -

A team of 2 or 3 players may be fielded by each participating Club / Country. The best 2 gross scores out of 3 players will count for each day of play. In the event of a tie, the 3rd player's score will be taken into account.

(Note: Only competitors playing in the Individual Event can participate in the Team Event)

2.2 The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without having to assign any reason thereof. The Committee also reserves the right to limit the number of entries and modify the Championship in any way it deems appropriate.

3.0 Venue and Dates

The Championship will be played at Seletar Country Club from 16 – 18 January 2007.

4.0 **Tournament Proper**

Handicap Index for the tournament is **CURRENT** as at the day of play, namely 16 January 2007. Competitors belonging to more than one Club must play off their lowest handicap index. Competitors are responsible for their handicap.

The Championship shall be 54 holes Stroke Play over three rounds of 18 holes. (Lowest gross score over 54 holes to determine the Champion and Runner-up).

In case of a tie for the Overall Champion, there shall be a sudden death play off, hole by hole until a winner is decided. In the event of a tie for any other placing, the tie shall be decided by a count-back system, in the following order.

- (a) Last 18 holes
- (b) Last 9 holes
- (c) Last 6 holes
- (d) Last 3 holes
- (e) Last hole
- (f) 2nd 18 holes
- (g) 1st 18 holes

Decisions of the Tournament Committee shall be final and binding on all players.

5.0 **Participation**

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.

6.0 **Time of Starting** (Note to Rule 6-3a, Pages 135 – 136)

The following penalties shall be imposed at the Competition for late arrival at the starting tee:-

“If a player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after her starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification”.

7.0 **Pace of Play** (Note to Rule 6-7)

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a “first to play shot” or 40 seconds if it is a “second or third to play shot” she shall be deemed to have had a “bad time”.

The time allowed will be determined by the Tournament Director and will be published on the official notice board. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position.

Penalty for Breach of Condition

1 Bad Time	Verbal warning from Official
2 Bad Times	One stroke
3 Bad Times	Two additional strokes
4 Bad Times	Disqualification.

Players will not be advised that they are being timed. Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Official that it is the player's turn to play.

8.0 **Approved Golf Balls**

The ball the 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.

Penalty for Breach of Condition – Disqualification.

9.0 **Tournament Director**

Mrs Molly Toh – Tournament Director

10.0 **Inclement Weather**

In case of inclement weather, the Tournament Committee's decision will be final.

11.0 **Dress Code**

Proper golf attire. **Soft spikes** must be worn.

12.0 **Hole-in-One Prize**

One prize will be offered on Hole 2 and Hole 11. If there is more than one person scoring the hole-in-hole, the prize will be shared.

Novelty Prizes.

There will be a prize for Nearest the Pin on Hole 4 and Hole 15, on each day of play.

13.0 **Entrance Fee**

The entrance fee for the **Individual Event** is S\$260 per player (inclusive of buggy and 5% GST for buggy fees).

The entrance fee for the **Team Event** is S\$60 per team of two or three players. Team members must be from the same country.

Last minute entries of Overseas' competitors for the Team Event must pay cash upon registration. For Singapore competitors, this will be billed through their Club. Team entry fees of \$60 will be billed to the Team Captains.

Members of Golf Clubs in Singapore must enter by signing through their respective Clubs for entry fees to be debited to their Club accounts. Entries must be submitted on the enclosed Entry Form duly certified by the Club Manager/Club Captain of which the competitor is a member, to ensure the handicap index is correct.

All Overseas' entries must be sent with the entrance fee. Payment by Cashier's Order or Banker's Draft, in Singapore Dollars only, crossed and made payable to "The Singapore Ladies Golf Association", to reach the SLGA Amateur Open Secretariat Office, c/o 3 Dedap Place, Singapore 809502, on or before closing date 16 December 2006.

A current handicap certificate (or proof of handicap) must accompany each entry form. An updated handicap certification must be presented upon registration at the Tournament Office.

All entries will be acknowledged. Acceptance of entries is on a first come first served basis.

Cancellations are accepted, but entry fees will not be refunded after the draw is made.

14.0 **Prizes**

No competitor may win more than one major prize.

The scoring for the Championship will be based on **GROSS SCORES** for the three days. There will be a prize for the Overall Champion and the 1st and 2nd Runner-ups.

The Championship will be divided into sub-groups depending on the number of entries. Prizes will be awarded to the Winner and Runner-up in each sub-group. Further prizes may be awarded depending on the number of entries.

There will be a daily Best Gross prize for each sub-group.

Team Event

Prizes will be awarded for Best Gross and Runner-up teams. The two best scores out of three will be counted each day. Should there be a tie for any position at the end of the tournament, the 3rd team member's score will be taken into account, and if there is still a tie, the second day's 3rd team member's score, and if there is still a tie, then the first day's 3rd team member's score. Competitors may enter one team only.

15.0 **Practice Rounds**

Practice round will be on Monday, 15 January 2007. For local competitors, please call Seletar Country Club (Tel 65-64860810) one week before to make your bookings. Slots will be reserved for overseas competitors, please contact the Hospitality Desk (Tel 65-64860810) upon arrival to confirm. Buggy fee of S\$21.00, inclusive of 5% GST, is chargeable.

The Driving Range is available at the Seletar Country Club. Opening hours are from 6.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m.

16.0 **Meals / Refreshments**

Payment for food and drinks at all Seletar Country Club F&B outlets is by cash or major credit cards.

17.0 **Weather**

The temperature in January during the day is humid at 29-33 degrees Celsius.

18.0 **Accommodation**

The official hotel for the event is **ORCHID LODGE** at Orchid Country Club.

Single \$110 + 5% GST (inclusive of breakfast)

Twin \$120 + 5% GST (inclusive of breakfast)

The Orchid Lodge is situated close to Seletar Country Club and transportation will be provided from the Lodge to the Club and vice versa. Please refer to the attached Room Reservation Form which must be completed and returned directly to the Lodge.

ORCHID LODGE

Orchid Country Club

1 Orchid Club Road

Singapore 769162

Fax Number : 65-67527147

Reservation Hotline : 65-67502100

Email : selena_ooi@orchidclub.com

Website : www.orchidclub.com

Reservations will be on a first come first served basis.

General Info: For those staying at the Orchid Lodge, there is also a Driving Range at Orchid Country Club.

19.0 **Travelling to ORCHID Lodge**

Taxis are conveniently available from Singapore Changi International Airport to the Orchid Lodge, Orchid Country Club. The fare is approximately S\$20.00 per trip.

The MRT is also available at the airport. Head towards North and alight at the Yishun MRT station. From the Yishun MRT station, take the free shuttle bus service to the Orchid Country Club, available from 8.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. daily.

20.0 **Registration / Information**

All **overseas** competitors must register at the Registration Desk at **Seletar Country Club**.

Monday 15 January 2007

7.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

All competitors for the practice round must also register at the Registration Desk.

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On Tournament proper days, competitors are requested to report to the Registration Desk 30 minutes before their tee-off times, to collect their scorecards and then proceed to their respective buggies.

21.0 **Draw**

The draw will be available at the Registration and SLGA website www.slga.org.sg

22.0 **General Information**

There will be no charge for range balls during Tournament proper i.e. 16th-18th January 2007, from 6.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

Storage of golf bags for overseas competitors is available at Seletar Country Club free of charge. All care will be taken, but the Club will not be responsible for any loss or damage. **Please do not leave any valuables in your golf bag.**

Breakfast will be served at the Terrace on 16th, 17th and 18th January 2007 from 6.30 a.m. – 9.00 a.m., courtesy of the Singapore Ladies Golf Association. All other meals and refreshments may be paid for by the competitor either in cash or by Visa or MasterCard Credit Cards.

23.0 **Welcome Reception**

There will be a Welcome Reception at the Emerald Suite, Orchid Country Club on 15 January 2007 at 6.00 p.m., hosted by SLGA. All Competitors are invited to attend.

24.0 **Farewell Lunch & Prize Giving**

All Competitors are invited to a Farewell Lunch and Prize Giving ceremony which will be held at the Function Room of Seletar Country Club on Thursday 18 January 2007, after close of play. ***To facilitate catering***, competitors are advised to indicate upon registration whether they will be attending the lunch. ***Dress code*** : Smart Casual / Uniform.

25.0 **Secretariat:**

SLGA Amateur Open Secretariat Office
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Hospitality Desk from 16-18 January 2007 – Tel : 64860810