

WARREN-FORD AMATEUR OPEN 2012
(A WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING EVENT)
WARREN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
25 – 27 JULY 2012 (AM)

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following conditions, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Organising Committee at the host club, will apply under Rule 33-1 to this Championship.

1. GENERAL

- a. The Warren-Ford Amateur Open will be played at the Warren Golf & Country Club from 25 to 27 July 2012 in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and with the Local Rules approved by the Organising Committee.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. Entries are open to amateur golfers with a USGA Handicap Index of 8.4 or lower for men and 8.7 or lower for ladies, as at 1 June 2012.
- b. All entries will be subject to the approval of the Organising Committee (OC) which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision.
- c. Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.

3. TOURNAMENT FORMAT OF PLAY

- a. The Championship will be decided by stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes. A cut will be made after 36 holes for the top 60 players (including tie/ties for the 60th placing) who shall qualify for the final round.
 - 24 July 2012 (am) : Registration and Practice
 - 25 July 2012 (am) : First Round
 - 26 July 2012 (am) : Second Round and top 60 leading players & ties for men's division.
 - 27 July 2012 (am) : Final Round / Prize Presentation
- b. The Champion shall be the player with the lowest gross aggregate score over the three rounds.
- c. There will be no cut off for the ladies' division.

4. SIZE OF FIELD

- a. The field will be limited to a maximum of 100 for men and 24 for ladies. If the entries received exceed this limit, entries will be accepted based on the applicants with the lowest Handicap Index.
- b. The OC also reserves the right to refuse any entry without assigning any reason for such refusal. The decisions of the OC as to the acceptance or refusal of any entry shall be final.

5. ENTRY

- a. The entry fee is S\$180.00 (inclusive of green & buggy fee for the entire round including the practice round) and must be submitted at the time of entry. Cheques must be made payable to "Warren Golf & Country Club". Participants who are members of WGCC or Singapore Golf Clubs may have their entry fee debited through their Home Club. There will be no refund of entry fee after the closing date.
- b. Entries must be on the official entry form duly endorsed by the Captain, General Manager or Golf Manager of the players' home club. If a player has his Handicap Index maintained at more than one Club, he shall play off the lower/lowest Handicap Index.
- c. Entries must be submitted to Warren Golf & Country Club, No. 81 Choa Chu Kang Way, Singapore 688263. Proof of posting is not proof of receipt.
- d. The OC reserves the right to limit, accept or reject entries.

6. CLOSING DATE

- a. The closing date is Friday 6 July 2012. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OC.

7. DRAW

- a. The draw list for the first and second rounds will be made by the OC prior to start of the Championship.
- b. The draw for the final round will be based on the cumulative gross scores of the preceding rounds.

8. TIME OF STARTING

- a. Players shall start at the time and in the order indicated in the draw. No substitution of players and changes of starting times shall be permitted after the draw has been made.
- b. The OC reserves the right to fix and/or alter the starting times.

9. SUBMISSION OF SCORECARD

- a. Players should check their cards in the returning area (scoring table) and ensure that they are correct and signed. Any doubtful points should be settled with the OC before returning the scorecard.
- b. A player is deemed to have returned his scorecard and no further amendments may be made once he has left the returning area (scoring table) or the demarcated area where they exist.

10. DECISION OF TIES

- a. Stroke Play – In the event of a tie, the following count back system shall apply.
- b. 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 from Hole no. 18 then Hole no. 1 and so on. The purpose of the play-off is to decide the Champion only. In the event inclement weather or other reasons make the play-off impractical, the Organising Committee's decision to determine the Champion is final.
- c. All other ties will be decided on the lowest score for the last 18 holes (or the last 9 or 6 or 3 or 1 hole). If a tie still arises, the scores for the 2nd round and, if necessary, the 1st round will be treated in the same way until a decision is reached.

11. SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION (NOTE TO RULE 6-8b)

- a. When play is suspended by the OC for a dangerous situation, players must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the OC has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7.
- b. All practice areas that are in open areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the OC has declared them open.
- c. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation and the resumption of play shall be signaled using the host club's warning system.

12. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- a. In the event that the first round of the Championship cannot be completed, it shall be continued the next day prior to the commencement of the second round.
- b. In the event that the second round of the Championship cannot be completed, it shall be continued the next day prior to the commencement of the third round.

- c. In the event that the final round of the Championship cannot be completed, it shall be abandoned. The result of the Championship will then be based on the completed rounds.

13. CADDIES

- a. The use of caddies in this Championship is prohibited.

14. BUGGIES

- a. Players shall use buggies throughout the Championship and are responsible for any damage to their buggies. Buggies must not be driven up on to the putting green. Serious breach of this etiquette, the misuse of buggies or repeated failure to heed instruction on the restriction of the movement of buggies, may result in a disqualification.
- b. A buggy is part of the player's equipment.
- c. When one buggy is shared by two players, the buggy and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved except that when the buggy is being moved by one of the players, the buggy and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of that player.
- d. Use of a buggy by anyone other than the player or players using it is prohibited. Any player allowing unauthorized use of his buggy is subject to penalty as follows:
 - i. Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round; four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.
 - ii. Any unauthorized use of the buggy shall be discontinued immediately upon discovering that the breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player shall be disqualified.

15. PACE OF PLAY

- a. Rule 6-7 (Undue Delay; Slow Play) will be strictly enforced using the 'Group Pace of Play' system. See separate memorandum to players for the Pace of Play guidelines

16. DISPUTES OR DOUBTS AS TO CORRECT PROCEDURE

- a. If there is a doubt as to the correct procedures, players are to refer to the Tournament Rules Official. If a Tournament Rules Official is not immediately available, a player (having notified his marker) may elect to play two balls in accordance with Rule 3.3 and obtain a ruling at the conclusion of the round, prior to signing and the return of the score card.
- b. No spectators (including parents or accompanying officials) are to enter into any discussion on a matter under dispute.

17. TOURNAMENT RULES OFFICIALS/REFEREE

- a. The Tournament Rules Officials/Referee's decision on all matters pertaining to the Rules of Golf is final.

18. INSURANCE

- a. All players are required to have appropriate golfing insurance. Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted together with the entry form.

19. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE

- a. Players must not use any distance measuring device in any form during the stipulated round. Use of any such Distance Measuring Device will be a breach of Rule 14-3. Penalty for breach is DISQUALIFICATION.

20. LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

- a. The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A.
- b. Penalty for breach is DISQUALIFICATION.

21. LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEAD

- a. Any driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A.
- b. Penalty for carrying, but not making stroke with, club in breach of condition is two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round is 4 strokes.
- c. Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his fellow competitor immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.
- d. Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of condition is DISQUALIFICATION.

22. PRIZES

The following prizes will be awarded:

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| a. <u>Men's Division</u> | b. <u>Ladies' Division</u> |
| The Champion | The Champion |
| The 1 st Runner-Up | The Runner up |
| The 2 nd Runner-Up | Daily Best Gross |
| The 3 rd Runner-Up | |
| The 4 th Runner-Up | |
| Daily Best Gross | |

The Champion and the Runner-Up are not eligible for the Best Gross prize in the final round.

23. PRACTICE

The course is available to players for practice on Tuesday 24 July 2012 (morning only). Please make your booking from Tuesday 17 July 2012 onwards with our Golfing Receptionists at Tel: 65861 240 / 277.

- a. No multiple ball play shall be allowed during the practice round.
- b. Players are not allowed to practise on the course after their round on any day of the Championship.
- c. The driving range will be opened at 6.30am during the Championship. Range balls are chargeable at S\$3 per 50 balls.

24. PRIZE PRESENTATION LUNCHEON

- a. All players are invited to a Prize Presentation Luncheon on 27 July 2012 at the Club's premises immediately after the Final Round.

25. DRESS CODE

- a. Players must be properly attired on the golf course. Blue jeans, designer jeans, round neck T-shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Golf shirts must be worn and shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh (no jean shorts).
- b. This dress code will be used in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the host club. A player violating this dress code will not be permitted to start the tournament. A violation of this dress code by a player during the stipulated round must be rectified without undue delay or the player will not be allowed to continue play.
- c. Soft spikes shoes are compulsory.

26. CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

- a. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be.
- b. Any action contrary to the spirit of the game such as abusive language, throwing of clubs, or other disruptive behavior, will not be tolerated and may result in a player not being able to continue in this competition.
- c. The use of mobile phones (except in an emergency) and smoking are not allowed on the course.

27. SPECTATORS/ACCOMPANYING OFFICIALS/PARENTS

- a. Spectators/accompanying officials/parents must remain on the cart paths at all times. They must stay off the greens and out of the bunkers at all times. They are prohibited from using golf buggies.

- b. They should maintain a reasonable distance from the players to avoid the appearance that they are imparting advice or assisting the player in any way. They may approach a player for a moment to exchange clothing, food, or beverages, but should not have prolonged contact.
- c. Those found violating these policies may be asked to leave the course.

28. OFFICIAL HOTEL

- a. Official accommodation has been arranged at Orchid Lodge, Orchid Country Club, 1 Orchid Club Road, Singapore 769162, Tel: (65) 6755 9811; Fax: (65) 6755 8874; Website: www.orchidclub.com. Daily room rate is S\$200.00++ for single / twin occupancy without breakfast. Price quoted is subject to prevailing GST.

29. FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS

- a. Visitors to Singapore must hold valid travel documents with a minimum validity of 6 months. Please visit the website: <http://app.ica.gov.sg> to check on visa requirement.

30. AMENDMENTS TO CONDITIONS

- a. The OC reserves the right to amend these Championship conditions.

MEMORANDUM ON PACE OF PLAY

Notice to Players

Group Pace of Play Policy

1. The maximum time allowed for the round will be decided by the Tournament Committee. The hole by hole allotted time is provided on the Official Notice Board in the Notice to Competitors.
2. The WGCC's Pace of Play policy leaves the responsibility for maintaining the pace of play where it belongs, with the player. The first group in the field should play efficient golf. The following groups should keep up with the group in front of them.
3. There will be time-keepers present on the 4th, 9th, 13th and 18th holes with whom players can check on their pace.
4. The first group in the field must complete play at the 9th hole and 18th hole no later than the time established by the Tournament Committee. Subsequent groups are held to the same standard. If they are unable to meet the prescribed standard due to slow play ahead of them they will be considered to have met the standard if they complete play at a 9th hole and 18th hole within 14 minutes of the group ahead of them. A group is considered to have completed the play of a hole when all players in the group have holed out and the flagstick is replaced in the hole.
5. Subsequent groups, other than the lead group, which are OUT OF POSITION (behind the allotted time AND more than 14 minutes behind the preceding group) after finishing the 9th or 18th hole will be liable to Pace of Play penalty for every player in the group.
6. Pace of play penalty will be added to the score on the 9th or 18th hole. The tournament officials or Rules officials will notify players officially on this. No advice will be issued to players with this Pace of Play policy at the intermediate checkpoints but officials will endeavor to do so at check points on the 4th and 13th hole advising that the group may be liable to slow play penalty at the 9th or 18th hole.

OUT OF POSITION

7. First Group Only: If the lead group is behind its expected time after completing the intermediate check point, the group may be advised that they are liable to a penalty if they fail to complete the first nine holes in their expected time.
8. If they pass the second intermediate check point, behind their expected time, the group may be advised that they are liable to penalty if they do not complete the round within their expected time. If they have had a penalty on the first nine holes and again fail to complete the round of eighteen holes within their expected time,

two strokes penalty will be added to their score on the finishing hole. A group may appeal in the scoring area before submitting their scorecards.

9. Subsequent Groups: If any subsequent group completes the intermediate checkpoint behind its expected time AND more than 14 minutes behind the preceding group, the group may be advised they are liable to a penalty if they fail to complete the first nine behind their expected time AND are more than 14 minutes behind the group in front of them.
10. If they pass the second intermediate check point behind their expected time AND are more than 14 minutes behind the group in front, they may be advised that they are liable to slow play penalty if they do not complete the round within their expected time AND are more than 14 minutes behind the group in front.
11. If they have had a penalty on the first nine holes and again fail to complete the round of eighteen holes within their expected time AND are more than 14 minutes behind the group in front when they complete the round, two strokes penalty will be added to their score on the finishing hole. A group may appeal in the scoring area before submitting their scorecards.
12. Note: Players will be advised that they are behind on their pace of play and may be liable to penalties should they fail to meet the expected time when they complete the nine holes or complete the round. Penalties on the 9th or 18th hole may be assessed even if no advice have been given to the group at the intermediate checkpoints. A group that receives a penalty on the first nine holes is not absolved from penalty if the group completes the second nine holes in position and on time.
13. In the notice to players, the allotted time on a hole by hole basis will be provided on the Official Notice Board. These times are adjusted based on the difficulty of the course and the ability of the field. They include time to search for lost balls and deal with other common occurrences encountered during play. A normal speed of play should result in completing play before the time indicated. If a group falls behind, they are expected to play efficient golf and make up the lost time. This might mean playing ready golf or continuous putting, which are both allowed in stroke play.
14. It is the PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITY to know their group's position relative to the published Pace of Play and to ensure they play within the published limits. Failure to play within the Pace of Play guidelines will result in a Pace of Play penalty unless players appeal and the Committee upholds their appeal.
15. A player concerned about a slow player(s) in his group should first speak with the player(s) and encourage them to play more efficiently. Then, the concerned player may, before or after penalties are assessed, ask to have the group monitored. The individual player does not have to be identified; the request just needs to be made. At some point during the stipulated round, the group will be

monitored. If a player is identified as holding up the pace of the group, penalties may be applied to that player and rescinded from the others.

16. Appeal Process

- a. Pace of Play penalties may be appealed to the Committee and must be made before scorecards are signed and returned. In order for an appeal to be considered, there must have been an action by the Committee, a circumstance beyond the player's control, or some similar occurrence that contributed to the delay, such as an action by an individual member of the group.
- b. If a group receives a penalty for exceeding the pace of play for each nine, both penalties may be appealed, however, each appeal must be made and handled separately. Each appeal may result in a one step reduction of a penalty (i.e., three strokes to one stroke then one stroke to no penalty, but not three strokes to no penalty).

17. Penalties for Breach of Pace of Play Policy

- a. 1st Breach of the Pace of Play Policy - One Stroke Penalty;
- b. 2nd Breach of the Pace of Play Policy - Two Strokes Penalty.
- c. The maximum penalty per round of 18 holes is 3 Strokes.