

The Jockey Club Kau Sai Chau International Amateur Open

The Jockey Club Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course – North Course
13 - 15 November 2020 (Fri - Sun)

Terms of the Competition

1. General

The Jockey Club Kau Sai Chau International Amateur Open will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Ltd and USGA 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 Jockey Club Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course and the Hong Kong Golf Association and shall consist of:

- (a) The Tournament Director (or his properly authorized deputy).
- (b) The JCKSC Head of Golf Operations (or his properly authorized deputy).
- (c) The Hong Kong Golf Association Representative.

2. Eligibility

The Championship is open to all golfers who:

- (a) Must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by R&A Rules Ltd; and
- (b) Have a USGA handicap index or other handicap (issued and updated on or after 13 May 2020) accepted by the Tournament Committee as follows:

Male: Max. handicap 14 or WHS handicap index 14.4

All entries will be subject to the approval of the Tournament Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision. The Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries and modify the Championship in any way it deems desirable.

The Committee reserves the right to limit the size of the field. If the numbers of entries reserved exceed the available capacity of the course, places in the field will be decided based upon handicap index with lower indices having priority.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to disqualify any player making a false statement on his entry form.

3. Tournament

The Championship will be decided by **stroke play** over three [3] rounds of eighteen [18] holes each, subject to the Committee's right, in the event of circumstances which make the playing of fifty four [54] holes impracticable, to cancel any rounds or holes at its discretion.

Any player failing to score less than hundred [100] in the first and second round(s) will be withdrawn from the Championship. Please note, there will be **NO** final round cut.

Decisions on Ties

In the event of a tie for the Championship, the players tying 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 will be decided by a count back. The count back procedure to be used will be:

The winner will be the player having the lowest gross score over the last eighteen [18] holes on the scorecard. If the tying players have the same score for the last eighteen [18] holes, the winner will be determined by the scores over the last nine [9], last six [6], last three [3], last hole, front nine last nine [9], last six [6], last three [3] and last one [1]. If this system does not produce a winner, the winner shall be decided by the toss of a coin.

4. Time of Starting

A player should report to the Starter on the 1st tee **10 minutes before his starting time.**

If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 5.3a, 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: Disqualification)

5. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)

All players must play without unreasonable delay. Players are expected to maintain the pace of play as allotted on the scorecard (Time Par). In the absence of mitigating circumstances, any group exceeding the Time Par and, in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position, may be warned and advised to pick up its pace. Individual players in the group contributing to the group's slow play may be subject to penalty.

The individual players in a group that has been warned that it is out of position may be timed. A player whose turn it is to play shall play his stroke within 40 seconds of the point in time when he has reached his ball in play. The starting of the 40-second timing interval shall be in the sole discretion of the Rules Official.

Out of Position

Any following group will be considered out of position if it (a) is taking more time than the Time Par to play AND (b) arrives at the tee of a par 3 hole and the hole is clear, OR fails to clear the tee of a par 4 hole before the preceding group clears the putting green, OR arrives at the teeing ground of a par 5 hole when the preceding group has already reached the putting green.

Penalty for breach of Rule 5.6a:

- (a) First breach: One stroke penalty
- (b) Second breach: General penalty
- (c) Third breach: Disqualification

The committee may apply a penalty of undue delay without prior warning to a group that is seriously out of position at the end of the round.

6. Approved Balls

All competitors must play a ball named on the current list of conforming golf balls issued periodically by the R&A Rules Ltd. A list will be available at the R&A Rules Ltd website: www.randa.org

(Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification)

7. Conforming Driver Heads

It is the responsibility of all players to ensure that their driver is listed on the R&A Rules Ltd list of Conforming Driver Heads. The Tournament Committee reserve the right to inspect any driver at any time during the tournament. For details, please visit the R&A Rules Ltd website at www.randa.org

(Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of condition: Disqualification.)

8. Golf Bag Carrier (Caddy)/Trolley

Caddies are allowed. Player can reserve a Golf Bag Carrier (caddy) from the Hire Centre at (852) 2791-3341 only after the tee time schedule is officially publicized. The price of a Golf Bag Carrier (caddy) for 18-hole round is HK\$340. Should any player bring along his own caddy (must be over age 16), a Private Bag Carrier (PBC) Fee of HK\$60 will be charged payable at the reception counter. Golf Professionals are **NOT** allowed to be the private bag carriers.

Trolleys are available **at no charge**. Powered golf trolley is HK\$70 each and can be rented from the Hire Centre. **Private trolleys are not allowed.**

9. Distance Measuring Devices

Distance measuring devices are allowed but players cannot measure elevation changes and cannot interpret distance or directional information.

Penalty for breach of Rule 4.3:

- (a) First breach: General penalty
- (b) Second breach: Disqualification

10. Mobile Telephones

Mobile telephones are not allowed to be used anywhere on the golf course.

(Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification)

11. 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.

12. Entry Fee & Entry Closing Date

The entry fee and the entries closing date are 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.

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