

**Now TV Presents 2020 JCKSC Masters**  
**The Jockey Club Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course – North Course**  
**Wednesday, 9 December 2020**

**Terms of Competition**

**1. General**

Now TV Presents 2020 JCKSC Masters 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 shall consist of:

- (a) The Tournament Director (or his properly authorized deputy).
- (b) The JCKSC Head of Golf Operations (or his properly authorized deputy).

**2. Eligibility**

The Championship is separated into 2 categories:

- (a) **Men’s Division** – Golfers who hold a current HKGA handicap or other handicap **not exceeding 30.4**
- (b) **Ladies and Juniors’ (under aged 12) Division** – Golfers who hold a current HKGA handicap or other handicap **not exceeding 36.4**

**(Note: All handicap indices must be updated on or after 9 June 2020)**

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.

Should it become necessary to limit the size of the field, the priority in each division will be given to players with lower handicaps.

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

**3. Tournament**

The championship shall be 18 holes stableford for Men’s Division and Ladies & Juniors under 12’s Division, subject to the Committee’s right, in the event of circumstances which make the playing of 18 holes impracticable, to cancel any round or number of holes at its discretion. Please note below, the tee options for all players.

Men	Ladies and Juniors under 12
White Tee	Red Tee

**Decisions on Ties**

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

The winner will be the player having the highest number of stableford points over eighteen holes. If the tying players have the same points for the eighteen holes, the winner will be determined by the points over the last nine, last six, last three, last hole, front nine last nine, last six, last three and last one. 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 1<sup>st</sup> tee **10 minutes before his/her starting time.**

If the player arrives at his/her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his/her 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 Limited.

*(Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification)*

7. **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

8. **Golf Bag Carriers (Caddy)/Trolley**

Caddies are allowed. Player can reserve a Golf Bag Carrier from the Hire Centre at 2791-3341 after the tee time schedule is officially publicized. Any golf bag carrier booking made in advance is **NOT** accepted. The price of Golf Bag Carrier for each 18-hole round is HK\$340. Should any player bring along his/her own caddy (must be over age 16), a Private Bag Carrier 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. **Mobile Telephones**

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

*(Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification)*

10. **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.

11. **Entry Fee & Entry Closing Date**

The entry fee and closing date for entries 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.