

JCKSC New Year Pairs Trophy 2023

The Jockey Club Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course – North Course
Sunday, 8 January 2023

Terms of Competition

1. General

JCKSC New Year Pairs Trophy 2023 will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Limited and the United States Golf Association 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 open to PAIRS composing of 2 golfers who:

- (a) Must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews; and
- (b) Have a HKGA handicap index or other handicap accepted by the Tournament Committee not exceeding 30.0

Note: All handicap indices must be updated on or after 8 July 2022

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 a ballot may be necessary and priority will be given to PAIRS with lower combined handicaps.

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

3. Tournament

Each PAIR compose of 2 amateur golfers and the competition shall be 18 holes 'Combined Stableford' playing from the tees as set out below, subject to the Committee's right, to reduce the number of holes at its discretion.

Men	Ladies and Juniors (U12)
White Tee	Red Tee

Decisions on Ties

In the event of a tie, the winning team will be decided by a count back. The count back procedure to be used will be:

The winner will be the PAIR having the highest number of stableford points over the 18-hole game. If tying PAIRS have the same score, the winning PAIR will be determined by the scores over the last nine, last six, last three, last hole, front nine first nine, last six, last three and last one. If this system does not produce a winning PAIR, then 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/her starting time.**

If the PAIR arrives at the starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after the starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 5.3, the penalty for failure to start on time is deduct two points from the player's total points for the round.

Note: If the PAIR arrives more than 5 minutes after the starting time: 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 - The penalty for undue delay of play shall be:

(a) First breach: One stroke

(b) Second breach: Two strokes

(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. Golf Bag Carrier (Caddie) /Trolley

Players can reserve Golf Bag Carriers from the Hire Centre at 2791 3341 only after the tee time schedule is officially publicized. The fee of a Golf Bag Carrier for 18-hole round is HK\$340. Should any player bring along their own caddies (must be aged 16 or above), 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**. Electric trolley is HK\$70 each and can be hired from the Hire Centre. **Private trolleys are not allowed.**

7. Distance Measuring Devices

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

Penalty for breach of Rule 4.3:

(a) First breach: Two strokes

(b) Second breach: Disqualification

8. Mobile Telephones

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

Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification

9. 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.

10. Entry Fee & Entries Closing Date

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