

JCKSC Easter Trophy 2023

The Jockey Club Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course – South Course Monday, 10 April 2023

Terms of the Competition

1. General

JCKSC Easter Trophy 2023 should be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Rules 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 and shall consist of:

- (a) The Tournament Director (or his properly authorized deputy); and
- (b) The JCKSC Head of Golf Operation (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 Rules Limited; and
- (b) have a HKGA handicap or other handicap accepted by the Tournament Committee **not exceeding 30.0**
Note: All handicap indices must be issued and updated on or after 10 October 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. Format

Each PAIR will be composed of 2 amateur golfers and the competition shall be 18 holes ‘Best Ball Stableford Points’ Competition playing from the tees as set out below, subject to the Committee’s right, in the event of circumstances which make the playing of 18 holes impracticable, to cancel any rounds at its discretion.

Men	Ladies and Juniors under 12
White Tee	Red Tee

Best Ball Stableford Points Competition

Each PAIR is required to record the best score for each hole only. For example: on one par 4, both player A and B (both 18 handicap) record a score of 4 (net 3 for 3 points) and 5 (net 4 for 2 points) respectively. The best score was 4 (net 3 for 3 points) and the PAIR record that score (4) on the scorecard for that hole. This method continues throughout all 18 holes.

Decisions on Ties

In the event of a tie for the Championship, 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 stableford points over 18-hole game. If the 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 last 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**

Each team should report to the Starter on the 1st tee **10 minutes before their starting time.**

If both members of the PAIR arrive at their starting point, ready to play, within five 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 two strokes, to be added to the score on the first hole.

Note: if a team member is late for the tee off time, provided one of the team members has already tee off on time, the partner may join the competition and their score would count on any hole which they commence play from the tee.

If both Team members arrive more than 5 minutes after their 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 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. **Golf Bag Carrier (Caddie) /Trolley**

Caddies are allowed. Player can reserve a Golf Bag Carrier (caddie) from the Hire Centre at (852) 2791-3341. The price of a Golf Bag Carrier (caddie) for 18-hole round is HK\$340. Should any player bring along his own caddie (must be over age 16), a Private Bag Carrier (PBC) Fee of HK\$60 will be charged payable at the reception counter. Golf Professionals and Family relatives 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.**

7. **Golf Carts**

- (a) The use of trolleys or golf carts will be permitted. However, player or caddie who wishes to drive a golf cart must provide their valid driving license at the Golf Carts Centre prior to issue of golf carts.
- (b) Players may appoint someone to drive the cart, the driver is considered to be the caddie of the player.
- (c) No more than two golf carts per flight.

8. **Distance Measuring Devices**

During a stipulated round, the use of a distance measuring device is allowed.

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play, the player is in breach of Rule 4.3.

- (a) Penalty for first breach: General Penalty*
- (b) Penalty for second breach: Disqualification*

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 & 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.