

21st National School Games Golf Championship (Individual/Team)

18 & 19 April 2022

Terms of the Competition

The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition, together with any additions or amendments published by the Tournament Committee at the golf course, will apply. For the full text of any Local Rule referenced below, please refer to the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2019. Unless otherwise stated, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the General Penalty.

1) General

- a) The 21st National School Games Golf Championship will be held on Monday, 18 April and on Tuesday, 19 April 2022. The competition is held at Laguna National Golf Resort Club, Masters Course.
- b) The competition shall be played in accordance with the Singapore School Sports Council (SSSC) Rules and Regulations, the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Ltd and the Local Rules as adopted by the Tournament Committee.

2) Eligibility

- a) All competitors must conform in all respect to the Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by the R & A Rules Ltd and possess a valid WHS Handicap Index from a bona fide club affiliated to a recognized national golf association within the stipulated range in their respective Divisions.

Division	Year of Birth	Gender	Handicap Index (as at 1 st Mar 2022)	Format
A	2 Jan 2002 – 31 Dec 2002 1 Jan 2003 – 31 Dec 2003 1 Jan 2004 – 31 Dec 2004 1 Jan 2005 – 31 Dec 2005 1 Jan 2006	Boys	18.0 and below	Modified Stroke Play
		Girls	24.0 and below	
B	1 Jan 2005 – 31 Dec 2005 1 Jan 2006 – 31 Dec 2006 1 Jan 2007 – 31 Dec 2007 1 Jan 2008	Boys	18.0 and below	
		Girls	24.0 and below	
C	1 Jan 2008 – 31 Dec 2008 1 Jan 2009 – 31 Dec 2009 1 Jan 2010	Boys	24.0 and below	
		Girls	30.0 and below	

Except for the following conditions:

- All students in the Junior Colleges and Centralised Institute must compete in the 'A' Division.
 - Year 1 – Year 4 students in the Integrated Programme (i.e. Through-Train Programme) and International Baccalaureate Programme will compete in their respective age group. Those in Year 5 (equivalent to JC 1) and Year 6 (equivalent to JC 2) must compete in the 'A' Division.
 - All students in Secondary Schools must compete in the 'B' or 'C' Division according to their year of birth.
 - All students in Secondary Schools not born in the stipulated year for 'B' or 'C' Division must compete in 'A' Division.
- b) Eligibility for entry will be based on USGA handicap index as at **1st March 2022**. Competitors may not take a voluntary cut in Handicap Index for this competition.
- c) The Organizing Committee reserves the right to accept, limit or reject entries and to adjust the handicap range of each division. The Committee decision in all matters will be final.

3) Insurance

- a) All competitors must possess a valid Golf Insurance Policy. Competitors without a current golfing insurance policy must purchase one from the golf course daily.

4) Registration

- a) All entries must be submitted through the Registration Module at <https://nsg.moe.edu.sg/nis/#!/login> on or before the stipulated closing date. This includes details of competitor(s) along with the necessary supporting documents.
- Baseline Safety Acknowledgement Form
 - Supporting documents for Special/Transfer case students
 - Relevant handicap documents for golfers who are not registered with local clubs
- b) Each team shall comprise two (2) members and each school is allowed to enter **one team per division per gender only**.
- c) The registration period for the Championship for all entries will commence on Friday, 4 March 2022. It will close on Friday, 1 April 2022.

5) Championship Format

- a) The Individual and Team Championship will be contested concurrently over the two rounds of 18 holes.
- b) For the **Individual Championship**, it shall be played over two (2) rounds of 18 holes in the form of Modified Stroke Play. The winners will be decided by the total gross score over 36 holes.
- c) For the **Team Championship**, it shall be played over two (2) rounds of 18 holes in the form of Modified Stroke Play. The winning teams in each division will be decided by the total gross score of the two (2) team members over 36 holes.

6) Maximum Score

- a) The Committee has adopted Maximum Score as the form of Modified Stroke Play in this competition.
- b) The Maximum Score for a hole is double par plus one stroke (i.e. 7 for Par 3, 9 for Par 4, 11 for Par 5).
- c) A player's score for a hole is based on the player's number of strokes (incl strokes made and penalty strokes), except that the player will get only the Maximum Score even if the actual score exceed the maximum.
- d) A player who does not hole out under the rules for any reason gets the Maximum Score for the hole.
- e) The hole is completed when the player holes out, chooses not to do so or when the score has reached maximum.
- f) To help pace of play, players are encouraged to stop playing a hole when the score has reached maximum.
- g) A player shall fill the score card as Maximum Score for any hole that meets the situations described in points 6d or 6e.
- h) Maximum Score cannot be applied to players who do not complete the stipulated round.

7) Times of Starting and Groups

- a) Time of starting – The player must start at the time established by the committee and in the order indicated in the draw.
- b) To avoid any penalty, competitors are advised to report to the starter at least **10 minutes before** the stipulated tee-off time.

8) Decision of Ties

- a) For **Individual Championship**, in the event of a tie or ties, the winners will be based on the best score for the 18 holes, or the last 9 holes (10 – 18), 6 holes (13 – 18), 3 holes (16 – 18) or the 18th hole. If there is still a tie, then the last 6 holes (4 – 9), 3 holes (1 – 3) and the 9th hole will be considered in turn.
- b) For **Team Championship**, in the event of a tie for any position, the winning team will be determined by matching scorecards on the basis of the team best score for the last 9 holes. If the tying team have the same score for the last nine, the winning team will then be based on the team score for the last 6 holes, last 3 holes and finally the 18th hole. If the tie's then still unresolved, the result shall be decided over the last nine holes of the first nine of the last round, failing which the last six holes, the last three holes and finally the 9th hole. If the tie then be still unresolved, the result shall be decided by counting back team best score hole-by-hole, starting with the last hole of the last 18 holes.

9) Prizes

- a) For **Individual Championship**, prizes will be awarded to Top 4 positions for Best Gross for each division only.
- b) For Team Championship, the number of prizes and plaques (for team championships only) to be awarded shall be as follows:
 - i. 3 teams - 2 team prizes
 - ii. 4 teams - 3 team prizes
 - iii. 5 or more teams - 4 team prizes
- c) Please note that there must be a minimum of three (3) registered teams from three (3) different schools before a team Championship can be organised.
- d) The prize ceremony will be conducted at school level.

10) Practice

- a) There will be no practice round organised for all participating golfers.

11) Dress Code, Conduct and Others

- a) All competitors must be appropriately attired. T-shirts must be collared with the **school's crest / logo prominently displayed** (printed or embroidered) for identification of their schools. Any team who fails to comply with the dress code rule will **not** be allowed to participate. Boy's shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- b) The Committee may impose sanctions for improper conduct on the course such as throwing clubs, abusing the course and swearing. Smoking is prohibited. The penalty is disqualification under Rule 1-2a.

- c) Players are strongly advised to bring water bottles / flasks for on course refreshment, water refill stations are available at the golf course.
- d) Soft spike golf shoes are compulsory.
- e) Players are required to carry sand bottles and to repair any divots or ball marks.
- f) Only tournament officials and personnel authorised by the committee will be allowed on the golf course and areas demarcated by the committee.

12) List of Conforming Driver Heads

- a) The Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule is Disqualification.
- b) An updated List of Conforming Clubs is available on www.randa.org.

13) List of Conforming Golf Balls

- a) The Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for breach of the Local Rule is disqualification.
- b) An updated List of Conforming Balls is available on www.randa.org.

14) Transportation & Use of Trolley

- a) During a round, a player must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee.
- b) A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorised to ride on motorised transportation.
- c) All players shall carry their own golf bags or use their own hand-drawn (not powered) trolleys during the stipulated round.
- d) Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

15) Use of Caddie Prohibited

- a) Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player must not have a caddie during the round.
- b) Penalty for Breach of Local Rules: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which he or she is helped by a caddie. If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.

16) Pace of Play

- a) SGA Group Pace of Play Policy will be strictly enforced. Details can be obtained from the following link: <http://www.sga.org.sg/sga-pace-of-play-policy/>
- b) Players will be advised of the allotted time of the stipulated round and on a hole by hole basis and it will be provided via email to the participating schools.

16) Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation

- a) When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified under Rule 5.7b.
- b) The signal for suspending play due to a dangerous situation will be based on the siren system of the hosting club.
- c) In case of inclement weather resulting in the inability to complete a round, the competition / event will be abandoned at the discretion on the Committee.

17) Returning of Score Card

- a) A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player has physically stepped out and left the recording office/demarcated area.

18) Results of Championship – Competition Closed

- a) After Tournament Director has signed off the overall result sheet, the competition is closed.

19) Protest

- a) Any clarification on points of laws/rules must be lodged immediately by the Team Manager (TM) only to the Tournament Director. Any decision taken by the Tournament Director will be final.
- b) All protests shall be referred to the NSGOC. The protest(s) must reach the Committee within one (1) working day following the match to which it relates unless stipulated otherwise in the respective sport's rules. The protest must be in writing and duly signed by the principal. A protest fee of \$150 to be paid by school (within 30 days from notification of outcome) if the protest is overruled.
- c) The NSGOC will deliberate on the protest within five (5) working days. The decision will then be made known in writing to the school concerned.
- d) When there is any conflict of interest, the school(s) involved will not sit in the committee considering the protest.

20) Appeal

- a) Upon the release/disclosure of the decision of the Championship Organising Committee, only schools may appeal to the Council.
- b) Notice of appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Zonal / Main Council within two (2) working days upon receiving the NSGOC's decision. The appeal must be in writing and duly signed by the Principal or via email sent by the Principal.
- c) An appeal fee of \$300 to be paid by school (within 30 days from notification of outcome) if the appeal is overruled.
- d) The Board of Appeal will deliberate on the appeal. The decision of the Board of Appeal shall be final.

21) Suspension

A player suspended by any one of the following bodies is barred from participating in this Championship for the period of suspension:

- (i) the School
- (ii) the Zone Council
- (iii) the Schools Sport Council
- (iv) the Singapore Golf Association

22) Disqualification

A school will be disqualified if it commits any of the following:

- (i) fielding overage player
- (ii) fielding unregistered player
- (iii) fielding an ineligible player
- (iv) fielding player without a valid student pass
- (v) fielding a non-bona-fide student
- (vi) team/player not accompanied by a teacher in charge
- (vii) team/player which caused a game/match to be abandoned

All results involving the team which has been disqualified will be considered null and void.

23) Tournament Rules Officials / Referee / Committee

- a) The Tournament Rules Officials / Referee's decision on all matters pertaining to the Rules of Golf is final.
- b) The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship conditions and the decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.

24) Team Manager

- a) Each participating team must be accompanied by a TM who shall remain with the team throughout the duration of play.
- b) The TM shall be a teacher or School Adult Representative (SAR) appointed by the participating school.
- c) The TM must check and comply with the hosting school's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and communicate all the information to all stakeholders associated with the participating school.
- d) TMs are expected to conduct themselves with decorum during competitions.
- e) TMs are not allowed to interfere with the final decision taken by the referee/umpire/judge on points of laws/rules after clarification has been sought. If such interference results in disruption of any match/game, a report shall be made by the Convenor and the matter brought to the attention of the NSGOC for appropriate action.

25) Breach of Code Of Conduct By Competitors / TMs / Officials / Coaches

- a) A Disciplinary Panel comprising members of the NSGOC will be formed to investigate the breach, presided by a Principal, who is the Chairman of the Discipline and Recognition Sub-Committee. The Panel may co-opt members outside the NSGOC, including personnel from the national sports association, to provide technical advice.
- b) Any athlete, coach, official, or spectator found guilty of aggressive behaviour through a fight / assault at the NSG, shall be expelled from the NSG, and be banned from it, for the calendar year of the NSG. This shall also apply to all fights / assaults traced to an NSG competition, either immediately, before, during or after the competition.
- c) An appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Panel may be submitted by the school (for competitor(s), coaches, and TM) and/or the official, to the Council, whose decision shall be final.

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