



16th National Primary Schools Golf Championship 2017

Individual and Team Events

Conditions of Competition

1) General

- a) The 16th National Primary School Golf Championships will be held at the Orchid Country Club (OCC) on 27 June 2017 Tuesday.
- b) The competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Ltd and the Singapore Primary School Sports Council (SPSSC) Rules and Regulations together with the Local Rules as approved by the Organising Committee (OC).

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 USGA Handicap Index from a bona fide club affiliated to a recognized national golf association within the stipulated range in their respective Divisions.

Division	Age (as at 1 st Jan 2017)	Year/Date of Birth	Handicap Index (as at 1 st April 2017)	Format
Boys	13 years and below	2 Jan 2004 to 1 Jan 2009 (* 1 Jan 2011, 1 Jan 2010 -	24.0 and below	Stroke Play
Girls	13 years and below	-- 31 Dec 2009, 2 Jan 2009 --- 31 Dec 2009)	36.0 and below	Stroke Play

* Please refer to clause 3.1.2 in the SPSSC Golf Rules & Regulations

- b) Eligibility for entry will be based on USGA handicap index as at **1st April 2017**. Competitors may not take a voluntary cut in Handicap Index for this competition.
- c) The OC reserves the right to accept, limit or reject entries and to adjust the handicap range of each division. The decision of the OC in all matters will be final.

3) Insurance

- a) All competitors must possess a valid Golf Insurance Policy **on day of competition**. Competitors without a current golfing insurance policy must purchase one from OCC on day of competition. Competitors without a valid Golf Insurance Policy would not be allowed on the golf course.

4) Entry

- a) Schools are required to log on to <https://spssc.ereq.sg> using the login details sent to the school earlier to register their players.
- b) e-Registration opens on **Monday 20 March 2017 to Thursday 13 April 2017**. Entries will be limited to a maximum of **80 players** at the discretion of the OC. If the entry is oversubscribed, places will be allocated by Division and by Handicap Index.
- c) All registration must be accompanied by the required documents* stated.
*(To print Handicap Index from: <https://chs.sga.org.sg/index.html#/handicapBook>)
- d) Each school is eligible to enter only one (1) team of two players in each of the following :

Boys Division
Girls Division
- e) No entries will be accepted after the closing date.

5) Format

- a) The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over a stipulated round of 18 holes.
- b) The player with the lowest gross score in each Division will be declared as the winner. As for the Team, the winner shall be the team with the lowest aggregate gross scores.

6) Teeing ground

- a) Boys will tee off from Red Tee Box with white tee markers.
- b) Girls will tee off from Red Tee Box with red tee markers.

7) Times of Starting

- a) Time of starting – The player must start at the time established by the OC and in the order indicated in the draw.
- b) No substitution of competitors and changes of starting times shall be permitted after the draw has been made.
- c) To avoid any penalty, competitors are advised to report to the starter at least **15 minutes before** their tee-off time.

8) Decision of Ties

- a) In the event of a tie for any position, winner will be determined by matching score cards on the basis of the best score for the last 9 holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, the winner will then be based on the scores in the following subsequent: last 6 holes, last 3 holes and finally the 18th hole. If there is a further tie, the same methodology shall be applied to the front nine. If the tie still remain unresolved, the result shall be decided by counting back hole-by-hole, starting with the last hole of the last 18 holes.

- b) For any tie or ties in team, the above will be applied using the best counting score of the team. If there is a further tie, the same shall be applied upon the second counting score.

9) Prizes

- a) All participants and parents are cordially invited to a prize presentation following the round. The prize presentation will be held immediately after the competition.
- b) Prizes will be awarded on the following basis :

The Championship:

Individual / Team Stroke Play: Prizes for 1st to 4th position (Boys & Girls)

Each player will be eligible for only 1 individual and/or team award.

10) Practice

- a) Official practice rounds are not organised by the OC. Players are required to arrange for their own practices at the golf course.

11) Dress Code, Conduct and Equipment

- 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 OC may impose sanctions for improper conduct on the course such as throwing clubs, abusing the course and swearing. Such behaviour or conduct constitutes as a serious breach of etiquette and the penalty for breach is disqualification under Rule 33-7.
- c) All competitors shall carry their own golf bags or use their own hand-drawn (not powered) trolleys. To avoid dehydration, players are strongly advised to bring water bottles / flasks for on course refreshment, water refill stations will be provided. Soft spike golf shoes are compulsory. Players are required to carry sand bottles.
- d) Only tournament officials and personnel authorised by the OC will be allowed on the golf course and areas demarcated by the OC.

12) Use of Mobile Phone

- a) A player is not allowed to use any electronic communication devices, such as mobile phone, during the stipulated round, except for emergency call. For breach of this condition, please refer to Rule 14-3.

13) Use of Caddy Prohibited

- a) A Player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of condition can be found on Page 157 in the current Rules of Golf.

14) Use of Distance Measuring Device (DMD) Prohibited

- a) Players must not use any DMD in any form during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach can be found on pages 81 to 82 of the current Rules of Golf.

15) 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/Information/SGAPaceofPlayPolicy/tabid/203/Default.aspx>

16) Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation

- a) When play is suspended by the OC for a dangerous situation, if the players in a group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the OC 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 OC has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7.
- 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 tournament may be abandoned at the discretion of the OC.
- d) In the event where the competition is called off before the start of the championship, there will be no replacement of the championship.

17) Transportation

- a) Players must not ride on any form of transportation during the stipulated round unless authorized by the OC. Penalty for breach of condition can be found on Pages 159 to 160 in the current Rules of Golf.

18) Protest

- a) Any clarification on points of laws/rules must be lodged immediately by the teacher-in-charge **only** to the Tournament Director. Any decision taken by the Tournament Director will be final.
- b) All protests shall be referred to the Championship Organizing Committee. The protest(s) must reach the Committee within **one (1)** working day following the game. The protest must be in writing and duly signed by the principal. All protests must also be accompanied by a protest fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00)
- c) The Championship Organizing Committee will meet to deliberate on the protest within **three (3)** working days. The decision will then be made known in writing to the school concerned.
- d) If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will not be required. If it is overruled, the protest fee of \$150 will be deducted from the protesting school's account, via IFAAS.

- e) In the event that the National and Zonal Championship Organizing Committees are involved in a protest, the affected school concerned will inform the SPSSC Secretary and shall not be involved in any further deliberations on the matter.

19) Appeal

- a) Upon the release/disclosure of the decision of the Championship Organizing Committee, **only** schools may appeal to the Council.
- b) Notice of appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Central Council within **two (2)** working days upon receiving the Championship Organizing Committee's Decision. The appeal must be in writing and duly signed by the principal and accompanied by an administrative appeal fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).
- c) Upon receiving the notice of appeal from the school, the appeal fee of \$300 shall be deducted from the school's account via IFAAS. Regardless of the outcome of the appeal, there will be no refund.
- d) The Board of Appeal will deliberate on the appeal. The decision of the Board of Appeal shall be final.

20) 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.

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