

# 16<sup>th</sup> National Inter-School Golf Championship (TEAM)

5 April 2017

## Conditions of Competition

### 1) General

- a) The 16<sup>th</sup> National Inter-School Team Golf Championship will be held on 5 April 2017.
- b) The competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Ltd, the Singapore School Sports Council (SSSC) Rules and Regulations, and the Local Rules as approved 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 USGA 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 <sup>st</sup> Feb 2017)	Format
A	2 Jan 1997 – 31 Dec 1997 1 Jan 1998 – 31 Dec 1998 1 Jan 1999 – 31 Dec 1999 1 Jan 2000 – 31 Dec 2000 1 Jan 2001	Boys	18.0 and below	Stroke Play
		Girls	24.0 and below	
B	1 Jan 2000 – 31 Dec 2000 1 Jan 2001 – 31 Dec 2001 1 Jan 2002 – 31 Dec 2002 1 Jan 2003	Boys	18.0 and below	
		Girls	24.0 and below	
C	1 Jan 2003 – 31 Dec 2003 1 Jan 2004 – 31 Dec 2004 1 Jan 2005	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.
  - All students in the 'C' Division will not be able to opt to represent the school in the 'B' Division, in all individual and team sports/games from 2012.
- b) Eligibility for entry will be based on USGA handicap index as at **1<sup>st</sup> February 2017**. 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) Each Team shall comprise two (2) members with a valid USGA Handicap Index as stated above.
- b) Each school is allowed to enter **one team per division per gender only**.
- c) Schools are to register their students for the Individual Championship through the eRegistration Portal (<https://sssc.ereg.sg>). The relevant usernames and passwords for the eRegistration Portal have been emailed to your school so that you can start registration according to the timeline stipulated by the Organising Committees.
- d) Schools have to upload relevant handicap documents for golfers who are not registered with local clubs for verification.
- e) The closing date for the Team Championship for all division is:

<b>Division</b>	<b>Closing Date(s)</b>
B & C	20 February 2017, Monday
A	24 February 2017, Friday

## 5) Championship Format

- a) The competition shall be played over one round of 18 holes Stroke Play.
- b) The champion school in each division will be decided by the **total gross score of the two (2) team members over 18 holes.**

## 6) Times of Starting and Groups (Rule 6-3)

- a) Time of starting – The player must start at the time established by the committee 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** the stipulated tee-off time.

## 7) Decision of Ties

- a) 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 8) Prizes

- a) The number of prizes and plaques (for team championships only) to be awarded at the Zone and National Championship shall be as follows:
  - i. 3 teams - 2 team prizes
  - ii. 4 teams - 3 team prizes
  - iii. 5 or more teams - 4 team prizes
- b) 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.
- c) All prize winners are cordially invited to a Prize Presentation on **5 April 2017** immediately after the tournament.

## 9) Practice

- a) Schools are to register their players after the release of the draw list.
- b) Each participant is entitled to one practice round (dates are to be confirmed with golf course). All bookings are to be done through the respective schools who would liaise with the National Schools Golf Convenor. All bookings are on a first come first served basis and are subjected to availability of slots. Payment (amount to be confirmed) would be made to golf course on the day of practice. The golf course also reserves the right to amend any flight schedules.
- c) Application for practice rounds (in prescribed template) is to be emailed to Mr Javier Yon at **ssscgolf@gmail.com**. More details will be made known upon the release of the draw list.

## 10) 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 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 33-7.
- c) All competitors shall carry their own golf bags or use their own hand-drawn (not powered) trolleys.
- d) 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.
- e) A player is prohibited from using any forms of Distance Measuring Device (DMD) during the stipulated round.
- f) The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R & A. Penalty for breach of condition is disqualification.
- g) Only drivers which are **not** on the current list of non-conforming drivers may be used. Penalty for breach of condition is disqualification.
- h) Only tournament officials and personnel authorised by the committee will be allowed on the golf course and areas demarcated by the committee.

## 11) Use of Caddy Prohibited

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

## 12) 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 on the Official Notice Board. The Pace of Play Guidelines will be posted on the official Web site together with the Local Rules.

## 13) 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, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7. In this respect, the effect of a disqualification penalty applies to the team.
- b) The signal for suspending play due to a dangerous situation will be based on the siren system of the hosting club.
- c) In the event of inclement weather resulting in the ability of completing the round, it shall be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee to determine the winning team(s).

## 14) Transportation

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

## 15) Protest

- a) Any clarification relating to the rules of golf 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. A protest of \$150 plus GST will be charged. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will not be required. If it overruled, the protest fee of \$150 plus GST will be deducted from the protesting school's account, via IFAAS.
- c) The Championship Organizing Committee will meet to deliberate on the protest within **seven (7)** working days. The decision will then be made known in writing to the school concerned.

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

#### **16) 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 Zone/Main 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.
- c) Upon receiving the notice of appeal from the school, the appeal fee of \$300 plus GST will be deducted from the school's account via IFAAS.
- d) The Board of Appeal will deliberate on the appeal. The decision of the Board of Appeal shall be final. (**Please refer to Annex A**).

#### **17) Suspension**

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

- (a) the School
- (b) the Zone Council
- (c) the Schools Sport Council
- (d) the Singapore Golf Association

#### **18) Disqualification**

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

- a) fielding overage player
- b) fielding unregistered player
- c) fielding an ineligible player
- d) fielding player without a valid student pass
- e) fielding a non-bona-fide student
- f) team/player not accompanied by a teacher in charge
- g) 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.

**19) Tournament Rules Officials / Referee / Committee**

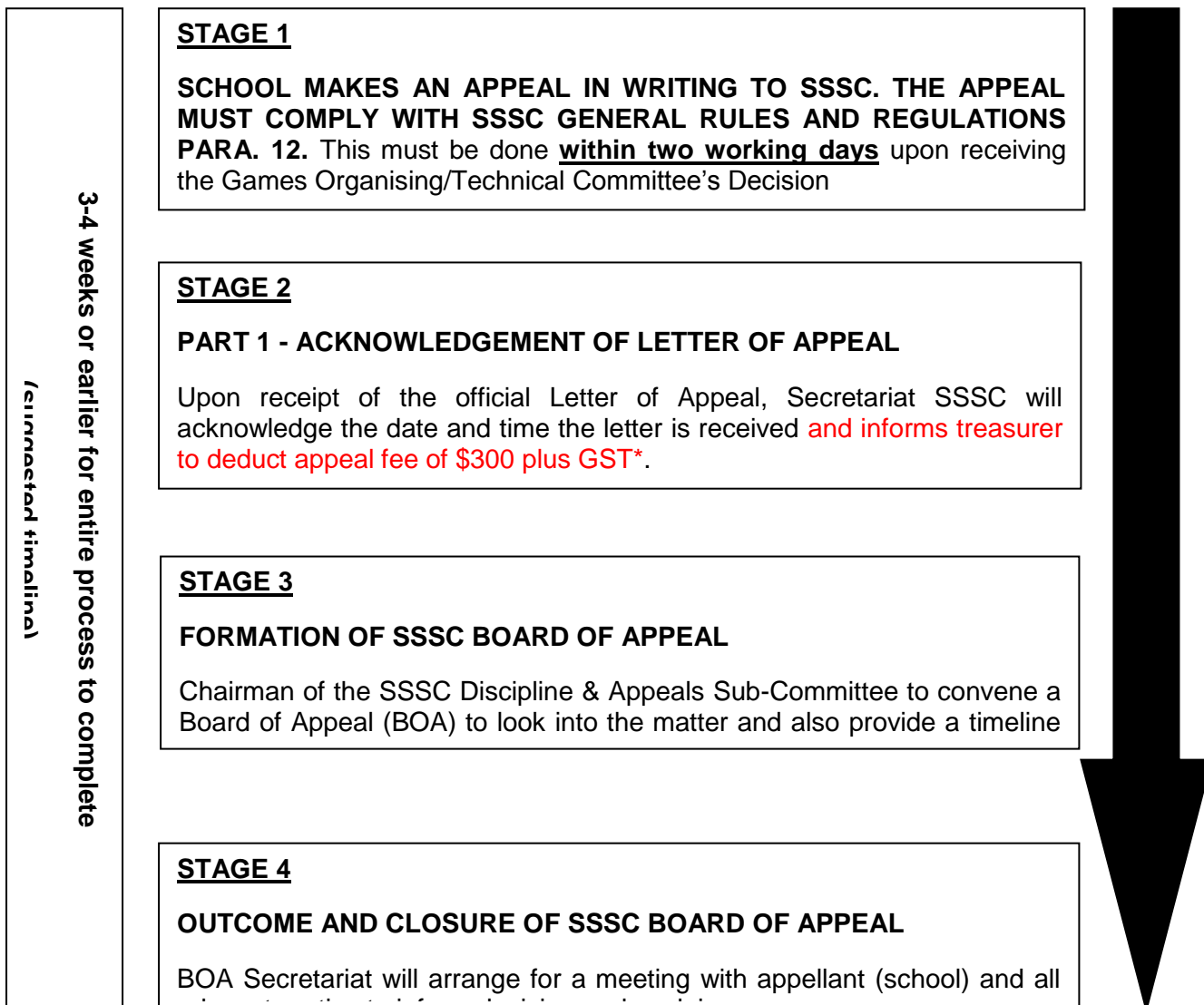
- a) The Tournament Rules Officials / Referee's decision on all matters pertaining to the Rules of Golf is final.
- b) The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship conditions and the decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.

**20) Teacher-in-charge of Team**

- a) Each participating team must be accompanied by a teacher who shall remain with the team throughout the duration of play. (Please refer to **Annex B** for the role of the teacher in charge)
- b) Teachers-in-charge 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 Competition Organizing Committee for appropriate action.

**END**

## **SSSC PROCEDURE FOR APPEALS** **WORKFLOW**



**As in accordance with the SSSC General Rules and Regulations under para.12, the decision of the Board of Appeal or the Standing Committee shall be absolute.**



ROLE OF THE TEACHER IN-CHARGE

The teacher in-charge will represent the school on all matters pertaining to the administration and organisation of the tournament. He/She will do the following:

- to ensure good attendance during practice
- to take follow-up actions on absenteeism of members
- to co-ordinate training sessions with the external instructor
- to monitor and take stock of sports equipment
- to attend meetings called by the game convenor
- to submit team list
- to be responsible for the accuracy of the players' particulars in the entry forms and ensure that the pupils are not placed in the wrong division.
- to liaise between the Organising Committee (convenor school) and the Principal (school)
- to check the fixtures and schedules
- to make transport arrangements for the teams
- to accompany the schools teams for all competitions
- to remain with the team throughout the duration of play
- to be responsible for the conduct and behaviour of the external instructor, players and supporters
- to represent the school in matters pertaining to appeals/protests (as required by the sport/game)
- to accompany pupils at disciplinary board meeting
- to ensure that the team is medically covered e.g. first aid kit