

SGA INTER-CLUB LEAGUE 2014CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION1. GENERAL

- a. The SGA Inter-Club League (ICL) is a match play event without handicap allowances for each division. It is open to all SGA Ordinary Members. All Ordinary Members participating in the ICL shall play a match against each other round robin.
- b. The ICL shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Ltd and the Local Rules of the hosting Ordinary Member.
- c. The ICL will be played in five (5) Divisions. They are the "Premier", "A", "B", with "Premier" being the highest and "B" the lowest; "Ladies" and "Senior".
- d. The classification of the Divisions are as follows:
  - i. "Premier" Division - HI up to 7.0
  - ii. "A" Division - HI between 7.1 to 11.0
  - iii. "B" Division - HI between 11.1 to 18.0
  - iv. "Ladies" Division
    1. Two "A" players - HI up to 11.0
    2. Four "B" players - HI between 11.1 to 18.0
  - v. "Senior" Division - No limit on HI  
- Must be 55 years or older as at 1 Jan 2014

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. All SGA Ordinary Members are eligible to field a team of 4 players in each Division except the Ladies Division where there will be 6 players. Players must be members of the Ordinary Member that they are representing. Players may represent only one Ordinary Member and are not eligible to play for any other Ordinary Members (even if they are members of that Ordinary Member) once they have represented an Ordinary Member in any Leg at the start of this season.
- b. They must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by the R&A Rules Ltd and possess a valid USGA Handicap Index within the stipulated range in their respective Divisions. A player whose Handicap Index has Excessive Penalty Scores will not be eligible to participate.
- c. A player's eligibility to play in the various Divisions will be based on the lowest Handicap Index that he has held over the last six months as at 1 Jan 14.

- d. Ordinary Members may field players with higher Handicap Index than that stipulated for the various Divisions. However, such players are not eligible to play in a lower Division subsequently. Players who have played in the "Senior" Division will also not be eligible to play in the other Divisions.
- e. A player whose Handicap Index has been adjusted during the duration of the ICL may continue to play in the same Division that he/she started with.
- f. A player who breaches any eligibility criteria will be disqualified.

### 3. FORMAT OF PLAY

- a. The ICL will be a round robin match play without handicap allowances. It shall consist of the number of Legs required for each team to play against each other and shall all be played at a neutral course.
- b. Each Ordinary Member may field a team comprising 22 players with 4 players each in the "Premier", "A", "B", "Senior" and 6 players in the "Ladies" Divisions.
- c. In each Division, except the "Ladies" Division, there will be two Singles matches and one Four Ball match. In the "Ladies" Division, there will be three Four Ball matches. There will be a total of fifteen (15) matches to be played in each Leg.
- d. One point (1) will be awarded to the winner of a match and zero (0) point to the loser. If a match ends in a draw, both sides will get half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) point each. The winner of a Leg shall be the team that has amassed a total of 8 points or more.
- e. The winner of a Leg will get three (3) points and the loser zero (0) points. If a Leg ends in a draw, both teams will get one (1) point each.
- f. The Overall Champion will be the team that has the highest total points amassed from the total number of wins from the 12 Legs.
- g. The Division Champions will be determined by the total points achieved in the various Divisions from the matches in the 12 Legs. The teams with the most points shall be declared the respective Division Champions.

### 4. DECISION OF TIES

- a. Overall Champion In the event of tie/ties for the Overall Champion and or any overall position, the winner shall be the team that has the most number of points amassed from the matches in the 12 Legs. If a tie still arises, the winner shall be the team that won the Leg played between the tying teams. If the tie is not broken, the results of "Premier" Division scores will be used and if necessary, the "A", "B", "Senior" and "Ladies" Divisions shall be used to break the tie.
- b. Division Champions In the event of tie/ties for the Division Champions and or any division positions, the winner shall be the team that has won

the most Legs. If a tie still arises, the winner shall be the team that won the Leg played between the tying teams. If the tie is not broken, the results of the Overall scores will be used and the winner shall be the team that is ranked higher based on the count back system to determine the overall ranking.

#### 5. TIME OF STARTING

- a. Players shall start at the time and in the order indicated in the draw. This will be decided upon submission of the team members by the Team Captain as provided in paragraph 2 of the Administrative Instructions.
- b. In the event that the match pairing of a team is not submitted to the Tournament Director (TD) on time the team shall be disqualified for the match.
- c. In the event that both teams have not submitted the match pairings on time, the TD shall consider the team matches halved. No substitution of players and changes of starting times shall be permitted once the draw has been made.

#### 6. SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION (NOTE TO RULE 6-8b)

- a. When play is suspended by the TD for a dangerous situation, players must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the TD 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.

#### 7. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- a. In the event that inclement weather does not permit the completion of all the matches, the results of completed matches will stand and incomplete matches will be treated as halved.
- b. The Tournament Director's determination of the playability of the course due to inclement weather and the decision taken to terminate or resume play for the day is final.

#### 8. CADDIES/BUGGIES

- a. No caddies are allowed.
- b. All players must use the buggies that are provided.

#### 9. LOCAL RULES

- a. The Local Rules of the hosting Ordinary Member will apply.

#### 10. TOURNAMENT REFEREE

- a. The tournament referee's decision on all matters pertaining to the Rules of Golf is final.

- b. The decision of the Tournament Director, once posted, is final and binding on all parties.
- c. If a side in a match is disqualified under the Rules of Golf, the disqualification applies only to the specific side in the match and not to the whole team in the respective Division.

#### 11. INSURANCE

- a. All players are required to have appropriate golfing insurance.

#### 12. LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEAD

- a. The Specimen Condition of Competition contained in page 137 of the Rules of Golf applies.

#### 13. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE

- a. 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 that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

#### 14. PACE OF PLAY

- a. The pace of play and maximum time allowed for the round will be decided by the Tournament Director and will be made available prior to play.
- b. The penalty for breach of pace of play is:
  - i. First offence - Loss of hole;
  - ii. Second offence - Loss of hole;
  - iii. For subsequent offence - Disqualification.

#### 15. PRIZES

- a. Prizes will be awarded to the Overall Champion, the 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up.
- b. Prizes will also be awarded to the Division Champions and 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up:
  - i. "Premier" Division
  - ii. "A" Division
  - iii. "B" Division
  - iv. "Senior" Division
  - v. "Ladies" Division

## ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. GENERAL

- a. These administrative instructions do not form part of the Conditions of Competitions. They are given to facilitate the administration of the tournament.

### 2. SUBMISSION OF PLAYERS' NAMES

- a. Team Captains or a representative of the team shall submit the names of their players on the prescribed form to the Tournament Director, not later than two hours before the commencement of the first match for Legs played in the afternoon.
- b. If a Leg is played in the morning, the names must be submitted by 4 pm the day before. If due to medical reasons or other compassionate grounds, a player may be substituted not later than 30 minutes before the first match morning tee off time.
- c. Team Captains may, if they wish, submit these names to the Tournament Director up to one week before the date of the Leg. Names so submitted may be changed so long as the requirements in 1a & b are met.
- d. The names that have been submitted must be kept confidential by the host and may be revealed only 2 hours before the start of the first match.

### 3. ORDER OF PLAY

- a. The order of the play for the 1<sup>st</sup> Leg shall be played according to this order "Premier", "A", "B", "Senior" and "Ladies" Divisions. Thereafter, the order of play for subsequent Legs shall be rotated and the sequence will be pre-determined and given to all Ordinary Members.
- b. Single matches shall be played in their respective flights (two balls) first followed by the Four Ball matches. Players in single matches should be given their own buggy.
- c. Double barrel starts will be used with matches teeing off simultaneously on both nines.
- d. Single matches shall have priority over social players and should be allowed to play through.
- e. Players shall stop playing once the outcome of the match has been determined.

### 4. REPORTING TIME

- a. Players shall report to the starter at least 10 minutes before their tee-off time to facilitate administration.

### 5. SUBMISSION OF SCORES FOR HANDICAP PURPOSES

- a. Under the USGA Handicap System, Sect 5-1c - Scores in all Forms of Competition, scores in both match play and stroke play must be posted for

handicap purpose. This includes scores made in match play, in multi-ball, or in team competitions in which players have not completed one or more holes or in which players are requested to pick up when out of contention on a hole.

- b. All players are advised to submit their scores to their home clubs at the end of each match. Players' home clubs are to note that these scores will not be considered T-Scores and penalty scores will apply for non-submission of scores within the prescribed time limit in the SGA Handicap Policy.

## 6. DUTIES OF HOSTING ORDINARY MEMBER

- a. Hosting Ordinary Member shall:
  - i. Nominate a Tournament Director;
  - ii. Appoint a referee, if its staff is suitably qualified;
  - iii. Obtain the names of players from participating Ordinary Members;
  - iv. Provide range balls to players for warm-up;
  - v. Provide a buggy to the non-playing Team Captain of participating teams;
  - vi. Collate and send the results according to the prescribed form to SGA, Hon Sec SLGA and all Ordinary Members on completion of each Leg.
  - vii. Arrange F&B as follows:
    - 1. Provide a meal to players before tee-off;
    - 2. Provide a \$10 coupon to each player for refreshment and snacks during the match;
    - 3. Provide a \$12 coupon to each player for makan kechil after the match. The \$12 coupon may be used individually or collectively by players to pay for the makan kechil. SGA will reimburse each Ordinary Member a total of \$3,168 plus GST (\$12 x 44 players x 6 Legs).

## 7. SINGAPORE GOLF ASSOCIATION

- a. Collate all results received from all hosting Ordinary Members and update all Ordinary Members on final results after each Leg.
- b. Host a dinner cum prize giving ceremony after full completion of the ICL.

## 8. ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY NOTE ON USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE (DMD)

- a. The use of any DMD must be limited to measuring distance only. Features that would render use of the device contrary to the Conditions of Competition include, but are not limited to:
  - i. the gauging or measuring of slope;
  - ii. the gauging or measuring of other conditions that might affect play (e.g. wind speed or direction, or other climate-based information such as temperature, humidity, etc.);
  - iii. recommendations that might assist the player in making a stroke or in his play (e.g. club selection, type of shot to be played, green reading or any other advice related matter); or

- iv. calculating the effective distance between two points based on slope or other conditions affecting shot distance.
- b. Such non-conforming features render use of the device contrary to the Rules, irrespective of whether or not:
  - i. the features can be switched off or disengaged; and
  - ii. the features are switched off or disengaged.
- c. A multi-functional device, such as a smartphone or PDA, may be used as a distance measuring device provided it contains a distance measuring application that meets all of the above limitations (i.e. it must measure distance only). In addition, when the distance measuring application is being used, there must be no other features or applications installed on the device that, if used, would be in breach of the Rules, whether or not they are actually used.