

**The Queen Sirikit Cup  
Asia-Pacific Ladies Invitational Golf Team Championship**

**RULES AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

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**1. NAME**

The name of the the Championship is "The Queen Sirikit Cup - Asia-Pacific Ladies Invitational Golf Team Championship" (hereinafter called "the Championship")

**2. OBJECTIVES**

2.1 To promote friendship and sportsmanship among lady golfers of participating countries.

2.2 To raise the standard of golf for amateur ladies.

**3. DATES**

The Championship shall be held from Wednesday to Friday.

**4. VENUE**

The Championship shall be held at the venue designated by the host country.

**5. MANAGEMENT**

The championship shall be managed by a Championship Committee appointed by the host country. The decision of the Championship Committee in all matters shall be final.

**6. ENTRY**

Invitations shall be extended to the following countries:

Australia, China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong-China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

New members may be admitted to join the championship, subject to approval of existing member countries.

After three consecutive years of absence, a member country shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the championship, and in the future will have to reapply for membership.

**7. TEAMS**

Each country shall be represented by a team of two or three players and a captain, all of whom shall be amateur golfers according to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A or United States Golf Association. The captain may either be one of the two or three players or a non-playing captain.

Each member of the team shall be a female at birth, citizen of the country she represents, or a resident who resided there for at least one year.

**8. CHAMPIONSHIP**

8.1 All play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the **R&A** and with the Local Rules approved by the Championship Committee.

- 8.2 **Format of Play** - The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes each, subject to the Championship Committee's right, in the event of the conditions or circumstances which make the playing of three rounds impractical, to cancel one round. In case of cancellation of any round due to weather condition, 36 holes can be held on the same day to make up for a minimum of 36 holes to be played. In each round, the total of the two lowest gross scores returned by the players in each team shall be the team's score for that round. The total of the team's gross scores for the three rounds shall be the team's score for the Championship. The team returning the lowest gross score for the Championship shall be the winner. The teams returning the next lowest gross scores for the Championship shall be the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up teams.
- 8.3 **Draws** - Starting times for the last day of the Championship shall be based on the team's standings and then the player's standings.
- 8.4 **Decision in case of ties for the 1st Place** - In the event of a tie or ties for the first place, the players in teams tying shall immediately continue to play off hole-by-hole until the winner is decided; the total of the two lowest scores being the team's score for each hole. In the event of there being more than two teams tying for the Championship, the teams first losing the play off hole-by-hole shall discontinue play. In the event of a tie resulting for second or subsequent places, such places shall be decided on a count back in accordance with the rule hereinafter provided. Draws for ties are to follow the last round's procedure.
- 8.5 **In case of ties for individual's first place**, the same procedure in 8.4 will apply to decide the winner.
- 8.6 **Count-back procedure for subsequent placings** - In the event of a tie for the second or subsequent places, the result shall be decided over the scores for the last 18 holes (the best two scores nominated by the team captain, counting for the team event). If the tie is still unresolved, the result shall be decided over the last nine holes, failing which the last six holes, failing which the last three holes. If the tie's then still unresolved, the result shall be decided over the last six holes of the first nine holes of the last round, failing which the last three holes of the first nine holes. If the tie then be still unresolved the result shall be decided by counting back hole-by-hole, starting with the last hole of the last 18 holes. Decision in case of ties for other individual or Daily Prizes, if any, should follow the foregoing basis.
- 8.7 **Disqualification** - Disqualification of a player in any round shall not disqualify the player from any other round unless the Championship Committee decides otherwise.
- 8.8 **Caddie** - Professional golfers are prohibited from caddying for players.
- 8.9 **Practice** - Unofficial practice rounds are not prohibited as long as no burden is placed on the Host Association.
- 8.10 **One Ball Rule** - During a stipulated round, the ball a player uses must be of the same brand and type as detailed by a single entry on the current list on conforming Balls.
- 8.11 **Conforming Driver Head** - The driver the competitor carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A Rules Limited.
- 8.12 **Substitution of Player** - No substitution of player can be made after the first round has begun.

8.13 **Non-playing Team captain** - Each Team may appoint one person who shall be authorized to give advice to the Team. The person appointed must be an amateur under the Rules of Amateur Status and is required to register with the Championship Committee.

8.14 **Slow Play & Pace of Play Guidelines**

The attention of all competitors is drawn to the pace of play condition (Rule 6-7). In the interest of fair play, the Championship Committee will not hesitate to impose the penalties as provided below. The maximum time for completion of any stroke, including strokes on the putting green is:

- 50 seconds for first player to play; and
- 40 seconds for second and subsequent players

Timing procedure will apply if a group is lagging behind and is "out of position". Definition of "out of position": When a group arrives at a teeing ground and there is a clear hole ahead, except at a par 5 when all the players in the preceding group are on the putting green.

Timing will commence for each player when it is her turn to play and the way ahead is clear.

Definition of out of position

"out of position" occurs: (a) if a group, when it has reached a certain hole, has spent more than standard time (total of allocated time by the Time Par to reach to that hole), or (b) if a group (after 2<sup>nd</sup> group) is left behind more than one hole (a par-4 hole is standard) by the group ahead. When both (a) and (b) occur, the group is deemed to be "out of position".

<u>PENALTIES</u>	:	1 bad time	:	official warning
	:	2 bad times	:	1 stroke
	:	3 bad times	:	additional 2 strokes
	:	4 bad times	:	disqualification

8.15 Close of Competition - The competition is deemed to have closed when Chairman of Championship Committee has declared the result at the awarding ceremony.

8.16 Suspension of Play; Resumption of Play

- (1) Procedures must be taken in accordance with Rule 6 - 8 b, c, d for normal suspension of play. (Not dangerous situation such as lightning.)
- (2) When play is suspended by the Committee due to the dangerous weather situation (such as lightning), if the competitors 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 must not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, she must be disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving such penalty as provided in Rule 33 - 7.

**Penalty for Breach of this Condition: DISQUALIFICATION (Note to Rule 6-8b)**

- (3) Normal suspension of play: Several short, intermittent siren  
 Suspension for dangerous situation: One prolonged siren  
 Resumption of play: One prolonged siren

8.17 Time of Starting - The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf, Appendix I(c) 2 is in effect – see page 135.

8.18 Transportation - The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf, Appendix I(c) 9 is in effect – see page 138.

## 9. PRIZES

9.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the teams and players in the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams.

9.2 Individual prizes shall be awarded to the three best scores.

9.3 There shall be a Daily Prize for the best score on each day. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the host country. In case of ties for individual prizes, they shall be decided in the same manner as ties for team placing.

9.4 Mementos shall be awarded to the captains and players of all participating teams.

## 10. THE QUEEN SIRIKIT CUP

The original Queen Sirikit Cup is to be handed over at the Opening Ceremony to the host country by the captain or the representative of the host country in the foregoing year. The winning team shall receive a replica of the Queen Sirikit Cup. **The original Cup shall be kept by the Queen Sirikit Cup Secretariat in Thailand.** A symbolic prize shall be given to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams and players as well. (The replica of the Queen Sirikit Cup may be ordered through Thailand Ladies Golf Association).

## 11. PRE-QUEEN SIRIKIT CUP COMPETITION

A pre-Queen Sirikit Cup Competition in any format deemed suitable by the host country should be arranged for all team captains and guests.

## 12. EXPENSES

- a. The host country shall be responsible for the following expenses:
  - A. Prizes, replica cup & memento
  - B. Caddie & practice balls
  - C. Local transportation
  - D. Scheduled functions (Welcome Cocktails or Dinner / Captains' luncheon / Pre-Queen Sirikit Cup Tournament / Farewell Dinner)
- b. Each country shall be responsible for the traveling and food expenses of its own team, **while the 4-member team's accommodation is being subsidized by the R&A.**
- c. Each country shall pay an annual subscription fee of US\$150 to the Queen Sirikit Cup's Secretariat Fund, to subsidize the administrative expenses of the Championship. The Co-ordinator shall be responsible for the Secretariat's Fund received from member countries to cover her necessary travel, administrative expenses, individual winner's subsidy and advance on the cost of the replica. The Statement of account is to be reported at the Team Captains' Meeting yearly.

### **13. MEETING OF THE CAPTAINS**

A Meeting of the Team Captains of participating teams shall be held during each Championship at the place where the Championship is held. The host country shall nominate a person to chair this meeting in a non-voting capacity. In the event of an equality of votes, the Co-ordinator of the Queen Sirikit Cup shall have a casting vote. Minutes of each meeting shall be kept by the Co-ordinator of the Queen Sirikit Cup Championship, or in her absence, by some other person appointed by the meeting.

### **14. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to the Rules and Conditions may be made at the Team Captains' Meeting on a majority vote basis. The Co-ordinator of the Queen Sirikit Cup Championship shall have a casting vote, if necessary.

### **15. THE SECRETARIAT**

The Secretariat is managed by the Co-ordinator of the Queen Sirikit Cup Championship. The Co-ordinator shall be responsible for maintaining all records, correspondence **and website**, drawing up a Guideline handbook for the organizing country to follow, sending out the Agenda, updating the mailing addresses, keeping the Minutes of the Team Captains' meeting and maintaining the Secretariat's Fund.

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