



QUEEN SIRIKIT CUP
Asia-Pacific Amateur Ladies Golf Team Championship
Terms of Championship
(Revised: February 2024)



1. NAME, AFFILIATION, SLOGAN & THEME SONG

- 1.1 The name of the Championship is to be known as "The Queen Sirikit Cup - Asia-Pacific Amateur Ladies Golf Team Championship" (hereinafter called "the Championship"). As from the 38th Queen Sirikit Cup in 2016, the Championship is **affiliated into the Asia-Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC) as its annual ladies' team event.**
- 1.2 The original Queen Sirikit Cup shall be kept by the Queen Sirikit Secretariat in Thailand. The replica can be ordered through Thailand Ladies Golf Association. At the Opening Ceremony, the original Cup is to be handed over to the host country by the Captain or the representative of the host country in the foregoing year.
- 1.3 The slogan "**Where Legends Are Born**", created at the 34th Championship in Singapore, was adopted as an official slogan to be used in all future Queen Sirikit Cup Championships.
- 1.4 The tournament's theme song, "**The Women's Spirit**", composed at the 10th Anniversary of the Championship in Thailand, is to be played at all Queen Sirikit Cup's ceremonies & functions.

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 Tuesday to Friday, on the dates to be confirmed by the host country.

4. HOSTING & VENUE

Member countries are to take turn in hosting the Queen Sirikit Cup. The championship shall be held at the venue designated by the host country. In the event that no member country can play host in any year, the championship will go back to Thailand to take such turn.

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, Myanmar, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

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 After three consecutive years of absence, a member country shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the championship, and in the future will have to reapply for membership.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 current Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited. The captain may either be one of the two or three players or a non-playing captain.

Each player of the team shall be a female at birth, citizen of the country she represents, or a resident who has resided there for at least one year and hold the single handicap index.

8. CHAMPIONSHIP

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

8.2 Format of Play

The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over four 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 four 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 four 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 1st and 2nd runner-up teams.

8.3 Draws

Starting times for the third and fourth round 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

The following procedure to be adopted in the event of a tie for 1st place:

If two or more teams tie for the championship, the order of finishing will be decided as follows:

- a. Firstly, by taking into account the non-counting score for the 4th round
- b. If still tied, the non-counting score for the 3rd round
- c. If still tied, the non-counting score for the 2nd round
- d. If still tied, the non-counting score for the 1st round
- e. If still tied – joint winners will be declared

If less than 3 rounds are completed, (a) above does not apply. If less than 2 rounds are completed, (a) and (b) above do not apply. In any of the above situations, a team returning a non-counting score will always achieve a better position than a team that does not return a non-counting score (e.g., due to disqualification, withdrawal due to illness or injury, or a team that only has two players).

In the case of ties for 2nd or 3rd place, duplicate medals will be awarded.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

To be decided by way of a play-off for 1st place only.

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 Ties for individual's first place is to be decided by way of a play-off for 1st place only.

8.6 **Count-back procedure for subsequent placings**

In the event of a tie for the second and third place, 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 **Driver Heads, Groove Specifications and Conforming Balls:**

Model Local Rules G-1, G-2 and G-3 in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads, Groove and Punch Mark Specifications and Conforming Golf Balls.

Note: It is strongly recommended that any player in doubt as to whether their equipment conforms to these Local Rules consult with the Championship Committee. This should be done as far in advance of the Championship as possible.

Conforming lists are available at: www.randa.org.

8.11 **Substitution of Player**

No substitution of player can be made after the first round has begun.

8.12 **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.

8.13 **Pace of Play (Rule 5.6) - The Pace of Play Policy will be strictly applied.**

(a) Time Allowed:

Each hole will be given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes shall be decided by the committee. See separate memorandum to players for the pace of play policy.

Definition of Out of Position:

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes played. Any following group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

Note: In making a decision on whether to time a "following group" that is out of position, leniency may be shown to a group that has not exceeded the time allotted for the number of holes completed.

(b) Procedure When Group is Out of Position:

1. If a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed.

2. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
- on a par three hole;
 - an approach shot; and
 - a chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach her ball, it is her turn to play and she is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace her ball, repair damage and move loose impediments on her line of play. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball and aligning the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

3. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Note: In some circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

1	Bad Time	Player will be warned by the referee and told that if she has a further bad time she will be penalised
2	Bad Times	One Penalty Stroke
3	Bad Times	Additional two penalty strokes
4	Bad Times	Disqualification

(c) Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round:

If a group is "out of position" more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if she has a second bad time before being advised of her earlier bad time.

8.14 Close of Competition

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

8.15 Suspension of Play; Resumption of Play (Rule 5.7b)

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signalled by three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated. Resumption of play will be signalled by two short airhorn notes, repeated.

Note: When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

8.16 Transportation

Model Local Rule G-6 from the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf is in effect.

During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.

8.17 **Distance-Measuring Devices are allowed in accordance with Rule 4.3a(1) in the Rules of Golf. Yardage book is to be made available to all players by the Organising Committee.**

9. **PRIZES**

- 9.1 Prizes shall be awarded to the teams and players in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd teams. The winning team shall receive a replica of the Queen Sirikit Cup, while symbolic prizes shall be given to the 2nd and 3rd teams and players.
- 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. **EXPENSES**

- a. The host country shall be responsible for the following expenses:
 - (1) Prizes, replica cup & memento
 - (2) Caddie & practice balls
 - (3) Local transportation
 - (4) Scheduled functions (Welcome Cocktails or Dinner / Captains' luncheon / Farewell Dinner)
- b. Each country shall be responsible for the traveling, meal and accommodation expenses of its own team.
- c. **Subscription Fee** - Each country shall pay an annual subscription fee of US\$250 to the Queen Sirikit Cup's Secretariat Fund, to subsidize the administrative expenses of the Championship and website's maintenance. The Secretary-General shall be responsible for the Secretariat's Fund received from member countries to cover her necessary travel, accommodation, administrative expenses and advance on the cost of the replica. The Statement of account is to be reported at the Team Captains' Meeting yearly.

11. 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 Secretary-General of the Queen Sirikit Cup shall have a casting vote. Minutes of each meeting shall be kept by the Secretary-General of the Queen Sirikit Cup Championship, or in her absence, by some other person appointed by the meeting.

12. AMENDMENTS

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

13. THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat is managed by the Secretary-General of the Queen Sirikit Cup Championship, who 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 membership's mailing addresses, keeping the Minutes of the Team Captains' meeting, maintaining the Secretariat's Fund and coordinating with the Royal Palace on related formalities.

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