

SSG-BICC INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP 2024
(A WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING EVENT)

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

The following terms of the competition, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Tournament Committee at the host club, will apply to this Championship.

1. GENERAL

- a. The SSG-BICC International Amateur Championship (hereinafter known as “Championship”) will be played at Batam Island Country Club from **23 June 2024 to 26 June 2024**. For this Championship, any reference to gender applies to all genders.

2. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

- a. The schedule of play shall be as follows:

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| • Sunday, 23 June 2024 | - | Practice Round |
| • Monday, 24 June 2024 | - | First Round |
| • Tuesday, 25 June 2024 | - | Second Round (Cut) |
| • Wednesday, 26 June 2024 | - | Final Round |

3. FORMAT OF PLAY

- a. The Championship will be decided by stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and in accordance with the Local Rules adopted by the Tournament Committee.
- b. There shall be a cut after 36 holes. The **top sixty (60) percent** of the field with the lowest aggregate gross score in the respective Divisions over the first 36 holes will qualify for the final round on **26 June 2024**. In the event of any cancellation of round due to inclement weather, the cut shall be based on completed round(s). Those who missed the cut may continue to play a non-competitive round at the same course.
- c. The Champion shall be the player with the lowest gross aggregate score over the three rounds or completed round(s).

4. FIELD SIZE

- a. The field will be limited to a maximum of **100** players.
- b. In the event where the entries fall short or exceed the aforesaid numbers, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend the eligibility requirements as they deem fit. In general, entries will be based on first-come-first-served.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- a. The Championship is open to any persons who are:
- i. Amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as promulgated by R&A Rules Limited and have met the following stipulated handicap index range as at **1 June 2024** for the respective Divisions:
- WHS Handicap Index of **18.0 or lower (for Men’s Division)**
 - WHS Handicap Index of **24.0 or lower (for Women’s Division)**
- ii. Participants who are aged 50 years or older as of 24 June 2023 will also qualify for the Men’s Seniors and Women’s Evergreen Division.
- iii. The handicap index of all entrants must be issued by a bona fide golf club that is affiliated to its national golf association.

6. **ENTRIES & CLOSING DATE**

- a. The Entry Fee and relevant Golf Packages are as indicated in the Entry Form.
- b. Entries must be made on the official entry form and be endorsed by the Secretary or Handicap Chairman of the players' home club, or can also be registered online at the SSG website (www.singaporegolfers.org).
(NOTE: If a player's handicap Index is maintained by more than one Club, the official entry form must be endorsed by the aforesaid office where the handicap index is the lowest.)
- c. An application for a player who is a minor (under the age of 18) upon the date of submission by a parent/guardian, list parent/guardian's name, phone number, and email address. The parent/guardian must agree to be bound by all terms and conditions on their behalf and on behalf of the minor player.
- d. By submitting an official entry form, registering online, or verbally committing to compete or any other means (e.g. sending the Entry Form by way of email), all players agree to abide by the prescribed terms and conditions and/or any other supplementary terms and/or conditions adopted by the Tournament Committee.
- e. Entries must be accompanied with the full Entry Fee in **SGD** and must reach the office of Society of Singapore Golfers at "**41 St Patrick's Road, #01-01 St Patrick's Loft' Singapore 424164**" **no later than 1 June 2024 before 12.00 pm** (Singapore Time). Proof of posting is not proof of receipt.
- f. Payment can be made either by one of the following modes: cheque, fund transfer, bank draft, money order, or telegraphic transfer. The Society's bank details are as follows:

Payee or Beneficiary Name: **Society of Singapore Golfers**

Bank Name: **DBS Bank Ltd Singapore**

Bank Code: **7171**

Branch Name: **Shenton Way**

Branch Code: **001**

Account Type: **DBS Current**

Beneficiary's Account Number: **001-900339-3**

DBS SWIFT Bank Identifier Code: **DBSSSGSG**

For **PayNow**, please use our UEN as follows: **T03SS0032H**.

- g. For payment by telegraphic transfer, please include **an additional of SGD 30.00** to the Entry Fee as a result of bank charges.
- h. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason whatsoever. Any acceptance of late entries shall be at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee.

7. **WITHDRAWAL/CANCELLATION**

- a. Any withdrawal or cancellation must be made **before 1 June 2024 before 12.00 pm** or otherwise there shall be no refund of entry fee after the aforesaid date.
- b. A SGD 50.00 service charge will be deducted from all refunds.

8. **INSURANCE**

- a. All players must be adequately covered with a golfer's insurance policy underwritten by a reputable insurance underwriter. Proof of insurance coverage must be submitted together with the entry form.

9. **WINNERS & PRIZES**

- a. The following prizes will be awarded:

Men's Division

The Champion

1st Runner-up

2nd Runner-up

Women's Division

The Champion

1st Runner-up

2nd Runner-up

Men's Seniors Division

The Champion

The Runner-up

Women's Evergreen Division

The Champion

The Runner-up

10. USE OF CADDIE

- a. The player may engage a caddie provided by the hosting club or to bring their own caddie subjected to Clause 10b.
- b. A player is prohibited from having any golf coach or teaching golf professional to serve as his or her caddie during the stipulated round.
- c. Penalty for breach of Clause 10b:
 - The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which he or she is helped by such a caddie.
 - If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.

11. DRAW

- a. The draw list for the first and second rounds will be made by the Tournament Committee prior to start of the Championship.
- b. The draw for the final round will be based on the cumulative gross scores of the preceding rounds.

12. TIME OF STARTING

- a. Players shall start at the time and in the order indicated in the draw. No substitution of players and changes of starting times shall be permitted after the draw has been made.
- b. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the draws and vary the starting times without giving any reason thereof.

13. PACE OF PLAY POLICY

a. Time Allowed

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

b. Definition of Out of Position

The first group to start will be considered "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 time 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.

c. Procedure When Group is Out of Position

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.

The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- on a par 3 hole;
- an approach shot; and
- a chip or putt.

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he 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 his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

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

NOTE: In some circumstances, an individual player or a few within a group may be timed instead of the entire group.

d. Penalty for Breach of Condition

1 bad time	-	Player will be warned by the referee and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalised
2 bad time	-	Penalty of One Stroke
3 bad time	-	Further Penalty of Two Strokes
4 bad time	-	Disqualification

e. 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 penalized if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

f. Random Timing Without Warning When Group Not Out of Position

In some circumstances, a group or an individual player may be timed without warning, including when a group is not out of position. In such cases of "random timing", the timing provisions and penalties set out in clause (c) above apply, except that a player will only be given a bad time if he exceeds 60 seconds to play a shot, with an extra 10 seconds given (i.e. 70 seconds in total) for the "first to play" shots referenced in (c) above.

14. SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION

- a. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation and the resumption of play shall be signaled using the host club's warning system. Penalty for breach of Rule 5.7b is Disqualification.
- b. All opened practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Tournament Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on opened practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in revocation of entry.

15. SUBMISSION OF SCORECARD

- a. Players should check their scores in the Recording Office and ensure that their scores are correct and be signed by their marker. Any doubtful points should be settled with the Tournament Committee before returning the scorecard.
- b. A player is deemed to have returned his scorecard once he has left the Recording Office.

16. DECISION OF TIES

- a. Individual Event - In the event of a tie or ties for the first place, the Champion shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off over the 18th hole only until a winner emerges. The purpose of the play-off is to decide the winner for the Championship only. In the event inclement weather or other reasons make the play-off impractical, the Tournament Committee's decision to determine the Champion is final.
- b. All other ties will be decided by a count back in the following order:
 - Last 18 holes;
 - Last 9 holes (i.e. 10 to 18);
 - Last 6 holes (i.e. 13 to 18);
 - Last 3 holes (i.e. 16 to 18); and
 - Last hole (i.e. 18th).
- c. If a tie still arises, the scores for the 2nd round and, if necessary, the 1st round will be treated in the same way until a decision is reached.

17. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- a. If the Tournament Committee considers that for any reason the course is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible, it may order a temporary suspension of play or declare play null and void and cancel all scores for the round in question. When a round is cancelled, all penalties incurred in that round are cancelled.

18. DISPUTES OR DOUBTS AS TO CORRECT PROCEDURE

- a. If there is a doubt as to the correct procedures, players are to refer to the Tournament Referee. If a Tournament Referee is not immediately available, a player (having notified his marker) may elect to play two balls in accordance with Rule 20.1c(3) and obtain a ruling at the conclusion of the round, prior to signing and the return of the score card.

19. TOURNAMENT RULES OFFICIALS/REFEREE

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

20. COMPETITION CLOSED

- a. When the prizes are presented to the winners, the results of the competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed.

21. CODE OF CONDUCT

- a. All players should practice good etiquette as detailed in Rule 1.2a.
- b. The following act(s) may be considered as serious misconduct in this Championship:
 - Deliberately causing serious damage to a putting green.
 - Disagreeing with the course setup and taking it on himself or herself to move tee-markers or boundary stakes.
 - Deliberately distracting other players while they are making strokes.
 - Deliberately not playing in accordance with the Rules and potentially gaining a significant advantage by doing so, despite incurring a penalty for a breach of the relevant Rule.
 - Repeatedly using vulgar or offensive language.
 - Any other actions that are considered by the Tournament Committee to be serious misconduct.
- c. Penalty for serious misconduct is Disqualification.

22. PRACTICE ROUND/RANGE BALLS

- a. The practice round is available to players for practice on **23 June 2024**. All available tee times are on first-come-first-served basis. Therefore, please make your booking with our Golfing Receptionist on your arrival date.
- b. No multiple ball play shall be allowed during the practice round.
- c. The driving range will be opened at 6.00 am during the Championship. Range balls are chargeable at the prevailing rate of the hosting club.

23. PRIZE PRESENTATION LUNCH

- a. All players are invited to a Prize Presentation Lunch on **26 June 2024** at the Club's premises immediately after the Final Round.

24. DRESS CODE

- a. Players must be properly attired on the golf course. Blue jeans, designer jeans, round neck T-shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Golf shirts must be worn and shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh (no jean shorts).
- b. This dress code will be used in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the host club. A player violating this dress code will not be permitted to start the tournament. A violation of this dress code by a player during the stipulated round must be rectified without undue delay or the player will not be allowed to continue play.
- c. Soft spikes shoes are compulsory.

25. PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION; BROADCASTING

- a. I understand that the Society of Singapore Golfers or its designees, may record, film, photograph, or otherwise capture my likeness, image, voice, biography, references to me, my quoted statements, and my play in the Championship (the foregoing, together with my name, my "Appearance"). In consideration of the opportunity to participate in the Championship, by submitting this Application, I grant (and/or have the authority to grant to the Society of Singapore Golfers in the case of a parent/guardian of a minor or other authorized representative submitting the Application on my behalf) to the Society of Singapore Golfers and its licensees, successors and assignees, the perpetual, transferable, assignable, worldwide, royalty-free, irrevocable right to use my Appearance, in whole or in part, in all manner (including exhibition, distribution, reproduction, publication, display, broadcast, transmission or otherwise), and media now known or hereafter invented or discovered, and for any purpose whatsoever. The rights granted herein include, without limitation, the right to use the Appearance, or portions thereof, in promotion of the Championship and future championships through any foregoing means of distribution, as well as in the design, manufacture and distribution of merchandise related to the Championship or other championships, that include elements of my Appearance. The Society of Singapore Golfers is not obligated to use my Appearance in any matter, and materials embodying any aspect of my Appearance do not need be submitted to me for approval. I release and discharge the Society of Singapore Golfers, its licensees, successors and assignees from any claims arising from use of my Appearance, including claims for misrepresentation of me, my character, or my person by any means.
- b. As between the Society of Singapore Golfers and me, the Society of Singapore Golfers shall own all right, title and interest, including the copyright(s), in and to any works created by the Society of Singapore Golfers, its licensees, successors and assignees, that include all or a portion of my Appearance. This grant shall be binding on my heirs, executors, administrators and assignees, and the successors and assignees of the Society of Singapore Golfers. I hereby waive all privacy, publicity, defamation, libel, and proprietary rights relating to the Appearance as used by the Society of Singapore Golfers in conjunction with these terms.

26. INDEMNITY/LIABILITIES

- a. Society of Singapore Golfers, Batam Island Country Club, the sponsors, the Tournament Committee of the Championship, appointed officials and staff, will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants of the Championship may suffer as a result of their participation in this Championship.

27. SPECTATORS/ACCOMPANYING OFFICIALS/PARENTS

- a. Spectators/accompanying officials/parents must remain on the cart paths at all times. They must stay off the greens and out of the bunkers at all times. They may rent a buggy from the hosting club at their own expense.
- b. They should maintain a reasonable distance from the players to avoid the appearance that they are imparting advice or assisting the player in any way. They may approach a player for a moment to exchange clothing, food, or beverages, but should not have prolonged contact.
- c. No spectators (including parents or accompanying officials) are to enter into any discussion on a matter under dispute.
- d. Those found violating these policies may be asked to leave the course.

28. OFFICIAL HOTEL

- a. Please refer to the Entry Form for details.

29. FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS

- a. Visitors to Batam, Indonesia must hold valid travel documents with a minimum validity of 6 months.
- b. Countries/passports that do not require for short visit: <https://molina.imigrasi.go.id/>.
- c. Countries not listed will have to apply for Visa at the Indonesian Embassy located in their country.

30. ENQUIRIES

- a. If you have any query, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

SINGAPORE GOLFERS SOCIETY

Address: 41 St Patrick's Road, #01-01 St Patrick's Loft, Singapore 424164

Email: admin@singaporegolfers.org

Website: <https://www.singaporegolfers.org>

31. AMENDMENTS TO CONDITIONS

- a. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship conditions and the decision of the Tournament Committee will, in all matters, be final.

32. FORCE MAJEURE

- a. No party shall be liable for any failure to perform its obligations under this Agreement if the failure results from a Force Majeure Event (defined below), provided always that whenever possible, the affected party will resume that obligation as soon as the Force Majeure Event occasioning the failure ceases or abates.
- b. For the purposes of this Agreement, a "Force Majeure Event" is an event which is a circumstance or event beyond the reasonable control of a party which affects the general public in that party's country or in the territory, and which results in the party being unable to observe or perform on time an obligation under this Agreement. Such circumstance or event shall include industrial action or labour disputes, civil unrest, war or threat of war, criminal or terrorist acts, government action or regulation, telecommunication or utility failures, power outages, fire, explosion, natural physical disasters, epidemic, quarantine restrictions, and general failure of public transport.

33. GOVERNING LAW & JURISDICTION

- a. These terms and conditions shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the law of Singapore.