

Sembawang Country Club

Terms of Competition CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1. **GENERAL.** The game will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and Local Rules of Sembawang Country Club.
2. **ELIGIBILITY.** This event is open to all Members and their golfing family members who are of amateur status, in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as promulgated by R&A Rules Limited with a valid USGA Handicap Index (HI). All players must possess a valid USGA Handicap Index of not more than 36.4 for men and 40.4 for ladies as of 1st June 2024.

The Club Championship will be held on:

- i. 22 June, Saturday (AM)
- ii. 23 June, Sunday (AM)
- iii. 29 June, Saturday (AM)
- iv. 29 June, Saturday (PM) standby session

*Refer to point 9 for resumption of play.

The closing date for the registration will be 11 June 2024

4. **ENTRY FEE.** The following charges will apply (subject to GST)
 - \$120 for Continuing Members
 - \$200 for Restricted Members

Charges are inclusive of golfing fees (3rounds) and lunch or dinner. No refund, partial or full, is permitted should any participants fail to turn up for any of their game/s or for being disqualified from the competition.

5. **FORMAT OF PLAY.**
 - a. The Club Championship is based on Strokeplay.
 - b. All participants shall play off their Handicap Index as at the 1st round and thereafter throughout the competition. The Divisions for Men and Ladies based on Handicap Index as shown below.

STROKEPLAY Format

Division	Men	Ladies
A	0 – 10.2	0 – 40.4
B	10.3 – 36.4	

- c. Each division will require a minimum number of 8 players in order for the above divisions to proceed. In the event that there are lesser than 8 players for any of the divisions, the organising committee will take alignment to the SCC Handicap Allocation Table to equally reassign the divisions accordingly (players may refer to their score card on the day of play).
 - d. Players may not take a voluntary cut in their Handicap Index. Maximum Course Handicap will be 24 for Men and 36 for Ladies.
 - e. All players shall tee off from their respective competition tee boxes as indicated by the competition tee markers ('Gold SCC tee Markers' paired with 'black tees' for men and 'Red SCC tee markers' paired with 'Red tees' for ladies).
 - f. All players must conform to all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by the R&A Rules Limited and possess a valid USGA Handicap Index within the stipulated range in their respective divisions.
5. **WITHDRAWAL/ CANCELLATION.** Any withdrawal or cancellation must be made before the draw list is published. There will be no refund of entry fee after the aforesaid date without a medical reason (medical certificate required). There will also be no refund, partial or full, should any participants fail to turn up.
6. **TIME OF STARTING**
- a. All players must start at the time and order indicated in the draw. No substitution of players and changes of starting times shall be permitted after the draw has been published.
 - b. If any player arrives at his starting point (ready to play) within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.
7. **PRIZES.**
- a. The following prizes will be awarded:

Overall:
Men
 - Best Gross (Club Champion)
 - 1st Gross runner-up
 - 2nd Gross runner-up

- Best Nett (A Division)
- 1st Nett runner-up (A Division)
- 2nd Nett runner-up (A Division)

- Best Nett (B Division)
- 1st Nett runner-up (B Division)
- 2nd Nett runner-up (B Division)

Ladies

- Best Gross (Club Champion)
- 1st Gross runner-up
- 2nd Gross runner-up

- Best Nett (Ladies Division)
- 1st Nett runner-up (Ladies Division)
- 2nd Nett runner-up (Ladies Division)

Daily:

- Best Gross (Men A, B and Ladies Div)
- 1st Gross runner-up (Men A, B and Ladies Div)
- Best Nett (Men A, B and Ladies Div)
- 1st Nett runner-up (Men A, B and Ladies Div)

- b. Club Champions will be invited to join the Club's Inter-club League Team for year 2025.
- c. Club Championship results may be used for Club's Inter-club League Team selection for year 2025.

8. **DRAW.**

- a. Forming flights for Sembawang Club Championship is **not** allowed.
- b. The draw will be conducted after the closing date and will be made available online in the Members portal.

9. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION OR INCLEMENT WEATHER.**

- a. Suspension of play for a dangerous situation (haze, heavy downpour, poor light conditions, etc.) or due to inclement weather will be signaled using SCC's warning siren.
- b. In the event when a suspension of play occurs, resulting in the inability for the competition to continue, the Club may apply the following options:

Scenarios	22 June	23 June	29 June	29 June PM (standby session)	Championship Results will be based on	Remarks
3 rounds not affected	R1	R2	R3 /LP	-	R1 + R2 +R3	-
Unable to complete round on 22 June	X	R1	R2	R3 / DP	R1 + R2 +R3	Activate Standby PM session 29 June. Stipulated Round on 22 June will be cancelled and replayed on 23 June.
Unable to complete round on 23 June	R1	X	R2	R3/DP	R1 + R2 +R3	Activate Standby PM session 29 June. Stipulated Round on 23 June will be cancelled and replayed on 29 June (AM)
Unable to complete 29 June (AM)	R1	R2	X/LP	-	R1 + R2	Cancel the stipulated round on 29 June (AM) and declare the leader based on the previous rounds.
Unable to complete on 29 June (PM)	X	R1	R2	X / DP	R1+R2	Cancel the stipulated round on 29 June (PM) and declare the leader based on the previous rounds.
	R1	X	R2	X / DP	R1+R2	
	X	X	R1	X/DP	R1	
Unable to complete all rounds including standby day	X	X	X	X /D	No rounds	Championship will be cancelled.

Legend

X: unable to complete, L: Lunch, D: Dinner, P: Prize Presentation

- c. Crossover cut-off time will be at 12:30 for AM session and daily Sunset for PM session, Singapore time. The end of game will be signaled by SCC's warning siren and/or by Marshals buggy warning siren, golfer must stop play and return to the Club house immediately.

- d. When the NEA 1-hour PM 2.5 concentration reading goes beyond 251, all outdoor activities will be suspended.
- e. All practice areas that are in open areas shall be closed during suspension of play until the Club has declared them open.
- f. No rainchecks will be given in the event of a suspension due to the above-mentioned situations.

10. **SUBMISSION OF SCORECARD / CLOSURE OF COMPETITION.**

- a. Players should check their cards prior to submission (at the scoring table or designated area) and ensure that their scores are correct, signed and counter-signed by their marker. Any doubtful points should be resolved with the Club immediately before returning the scorecard.
- b. A player is deemed to have returned the scorecard and no further amendments are to be made upon submission of the score card at the designated area.
- c. The competition is officially closed and the result is final, when the result is placed on the noticeboards or when the result is announced during the prize presentation, whichever is earlier.

11. **DECISION OF TIES.**

- a. In the event of a tie or ties for Overall Winner, the Champion shall be decided by a sudden-death play-off. The play-off shall be repeated at hole 1 until a winner emerges. The purpose of the play-off is to decide the winner for the Championship only. In the event of inclement weather or other reasons to make the play-off impractical, the OC's decision to determine the Champion is final.
- b. In the event of inclement weather, a minimum of 18 holes for the championship needs to be completed by the entire field.
- c. All other ties will be decided by a count back in the following order:
 - Last 9 holes
 - Last 6 holes
 - Last 3 holes, and
 - Hole by hole starting from the back 9

12. **CODE OF CONDUCT.**

- a. The following are some behaviors that are unacceptable during a round of golf (not exhaustive):

- Failure to care for the course, for example not repairing pitch marks and not filling divots.
- Unacceptable language.
- Being disrespectful of other players, referees or marshals.
- Disregarding the pace of play.

b. Any serious violation of code of conduct may result in a disqualification from the competition.

13. **BUGGIES**

a. Players must use buggies throughout the competition.

14. **AMENDMENTS TO TERMS OF COMPETITION.**

a. The Club reserves the right to amend the Terms of Competition under exceptional circumstances.

b. If circumstances such as bad weather affect the number of holes that can be played in the time available, Terms of Competition may be altered to accommodate the circumstances. Similarly, if those circumstances mean the planned format cannot be accommodated in the time available, the format of the competition may be changed.

Organising Committee

Tournament Director – Christine Maestri
SGA Referee – Shawn Wong

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Procedure When Group is Out of Position

1. Marshals/referee will monitor pace of play and decide whether a group that is "out of position" should be timed. An assessment of whether there are any recent mitigating circumstances, for example, a lengthy ruling, lost ball, unplayable ball, etc. will be made. If a decision is made by the referee to time the players, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing and players will be advised that they are "out of position" and they are being timed. In exceptional circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.
2. The maximum time allocated per stroke is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play: a tee shot. The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is their turn to play and they are able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments on the line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. Timings will be taken from the moment it is decided by the referee that it is the player's turn to play and they are able to play without interference or distraction. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

- Penalty for first bad time: Verbal warning.
- Penalty for second bad time: One penalty stroke.
- Penalty for third bad time: General Penalty applied in addition to the penalty for the second bad time.
- Penalty for fourth bad time: Disqualification.