

**Sembawang Country Club**  
**Stableford Format**

**Terms of Competition**

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). A player whose handicap index has excessive penalty score will not be eligible to participate (30% and above).
3. **ENTRY.** Registration shall commence within one month from the date of play and closes two weeks prior to the date of play.
4. **FORMAT OF PLAY**
  - a. This is an 18 holes competition for both Men and Ladies.
  - b. Monthly medals will be based on a time-sheet start.
  - c. Based on the handicap allocation, there will be four divisions for the Men and three divisions for the ladies.

**STABLEFORD Format**

Division	Men (Max Course Handicap 24)	Ladies (Max Course Handicap 36)
A	0 – 12.3	0 – 16.8
B	12.4 – 16.4	16.9 – 21.1
C	16.5 – 21.4	21.2 – 54.0
D	21.5 – 54.0	

- d. 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 organizing 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).
  - e. All players shall tee off from their respective competition tee boxes as indicated by the competition tee markers (Gold SCC tee Markers for men and Red SCC tee markers 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. **FEES.** All fees as stated below are subjected to GST.
  - a. Continuing members           \$ 45.00
  - b. Restricted members           \$ 78.00
6. **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 failed to turn up.
7. **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;
8. **PRIZES.**
  - a. Prizes shall be awarded to the top two winners in in the respective divisions.
  - b. All monthly winners will be qualified and invited to participate in the Annual Gold Medal.
9. **HOLE IN ONE CONTEST PRIZES.**

For a Hole-in-One on Hole #18, the prize will be a Dining Voucher worth \$300 at Eastern House Seafood.



Hole-in-One Terms and Conditions:

- a. In the event of more than one golfer achieving a hole-in-one during a round, golfers will share the prize allocated.
- b. All clubs or equipment used to achieve the feat must conform to USGA specifications.
- c. The Hole-In-One must be achieved during a complete round of 18 holes.
- d. Any competitor who is currently in breach of the Amateur Status shall not be eligible to win the Hole-In-One prize.
- e. Any competitor who is disqualified during a round in breach of the Golf Rules shall not be eligible to win the Hole-In-One prize.
- f. Hole in One shall be observed and verified by the club official.

10. **DRAW.**

- a. All members will be able to form their own flights of mixed gender. Individual sign-ups will be paired accordingly and may not necessarily be within the same division bracket.
- b. The draw will be conducted after the closing date at the discretion of the Club.
- a. The results of the draw will be made available online in the Members portal.

11. **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 at any time declare the play abandoned, based on the following guiding principles:
  - (i) Players teeing off from different 9;
  - (ii) Insufficient time for completion of round based on last flight's position;
  - (iii) Less than 50% of the field has completed the round.
- c. The competition will be deemed completed if 50% or more of the players for each division<sup>i</sup> have completed play, and the results will be based on the scores returned **(withdrawals are counted as scores returned)**.
- d. Cut-off will be based on daily sunset, Singapore time. The end of game will be signaled by SCC's warning siren, golfer must stop play and return to the Club house immediately.
- e. When the NEA 1-hour PM 2.5 concentration reading goes beyond 251, all outdoor activities will be suspended.
- f. All **practice areas that are in open areas** shall be closed during suspension of play until the Club has declared them open.
- g. No rainchecks will be given in the event of a suspension due to the above-mentioned situations.

12. **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 notice boards or when the result is announced during the prize presentation, whichever is earlier.

13. **DECISION OF TIES.** In the event of a tie(s) for the first place, the results shall be determined based on the Club's count-back system, in the following order:

- a. Last 9 holes
- b. Last 6 holes
- c. Last 3 holes
- d. Hole-by-hole starting from Hole-18 (or last common hole played – in exceptional cases).

14. **CODE OF CONDUCT.**

- a. The following are some behaviors that are unacceptable during a round of golf (not exhaustive):
  - (i) Failure to care for the course, for example not repairing pitch marks and not filling divots.



- (ii) Unacceptable language.
- (iii) Being disrespectful of other players, referees or marshals.
- (iv) Disregarding the pace of play.

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

15. **PACE OF PLAY**

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 the completion of 18 holes will be available at the buggy.

b. Definition of out of position: the first group will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allotted for the number of holes completed. 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.

c. The maximum time allocated per stroke is 40 seconds. 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.

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

**Penalty for Breach Rule:**

First bad time: Verbal warning

Second bad time: One penalty stroke

Third bad time: Two penalty strokes applied in addition to the penalty for the second bad time

Fourth bad time: Disqualification

16. **BUGGIES**

a. Players must use buggies throughout the competition.

17. **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*

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