



## **OCC Quarterly Medal cum Members' Engagement Session**

**Sunday, 21 May 2023 (PM Shotgun)**

**Format of Play: Strokeplay**

### **TERMS OF COMPETITION**

The following Terms of Competition together with any additions or amendments as published by the Organizing Committee will apply to this competition.

#### **1. GENERAL**

- a) All Club competitions shall be played according to the following Terms of Competition.
- b) The Competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and with the Local Rules approved by the Organising Committee.
- c) It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that he/she has read and complied with the Terms of Competition.
- d) The Tournament Director's (TD) decision on all Club competitions is final.
- e) Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of Local Rule or Term of Competition is: Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes

#### **2. ELIGIBILITY**

- a) Players with an official WHS Handicap Index (HI) will be eligible to participate in Club competitions.
- b) If a player has his/her HI maintained at more than one Club, he/she shall play off the lower/lowest HI.
- c) It is the responsibility of the players to declare a correct handicap in all competitions. Players are to check and declare their HI upon registration and prior to the start of the competition. No alterations may be made to the scorecard after it has been returned to the Golf Office after the round.
- d) The Tournament Director (TD) has the discretion to disqualify a participant from the competition following consultation with the Handicap Chairman or Captain (in absence of Handicap Chairman) if the player's HI does not reflect his true playing ability. This is after ascertaining the fact with the player, his flight mates, and his Home Club.
- e) The Monthly Medal is open to the following categories of membership:
  - I. Individual Golfing Gold
  - II. Individual Golfing Silver
  - III. Weekday Term Golfing Member
  - IV. Affiliate Member (GCU/MGK)
- f) All entries will be subject to the Organizing Committee's approval, which reserves the right to accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving a reason for its decision.



- g) Players shall play off their current WHS HI as of the **1<sup>st</sup> of the month** of the competition.
- h) Handicap Index containing Excessive Penalty Scores (EPS) will not be accepted. Excessive Penalty Score is defined as more than 30% of a player's scoring records (i.e., 6 or more out of 20). A player who breaches any eligibility criteria will be disqualified.
- i) The HI range for the Club competitions shall be fixed by the Organizing Committee.
- j) The Organizing Committee/Tournament Director (TD) reserves the right to change the HI range of each division, depending on the number of players, after the closing date.
- k) Players must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.
- l) Players will compete in the following divisions according to the following HI range and the number of slots available for every category of membership:

Category	Division	Handicap Index	Tee	No. of slots for OCC Members	No. of slots for Affiliate Members
<b>Men</b>	A	11.4 & below	Blue	12	4
	B	11.5 – 16.0	Blue	16	8
	C	16.1 – 24.9	White	44	8
<b>Ladies</b>	A	18.4 & below	Red	8	4
	B	18.5 – 36.9	Red	20	4

- m) In the event of insufficient entries in any of the Divisions, the Organising Committee/Tournament Director (TD) reserves the right to combine or cancel any of such Divisions.
- n) After a player has submitted additional cards to make up a total of twenty 18-hole cards, or their equivalent in his/her scoring record, he/she shall then be entitled to play in the Club competitions.
- o) Players can choose to play in social or tournament flight.
- p) Medal players can form own flights based on division and handicap.
- q) Social players are not allowed to form flight or play with tournament players.

### 3. **ENTRY AND FEES**

- a) The entry fee for all Club competitions shall be fixed by the Organizing Committee.
- b) The fees are inclusive of prevailing 8% GST.

Category	Gold	Silver	WTGM	Affiliate
<b>Medal<sup>^</sup></b>	\$ 59.88	\$ 157.08	\$ 275.88	\$ 184.68
<b>Social<sup>^^</sup></b>	\$ 54.00	\$ 151.20	\$ 270.00	\$ 183.60

<sup>^</sup> Entrance, green, buggy, HIO, goodie bag, lunch, beer, tournament prizes, luck draw prizes, Rules



Workshop, prevailing GST. Ballsweep for Gold/Silver/WTGM.

^^ Entrance, green, buggy, goodie bag, lunch, beer, lucky draw prizes, Rules Workshop, prevailing GST.

- c) Any cancellation made after the draw/pairing list has been finalised and sent to the participants will be subject to the following fees unless valid or a medical reason with documentation proof provided:

Category	Gold	Silver	WTGM	Affiliate
Medal	\$ 59.88	\$ 157.08	\$ 275.88	\$ 184.68
Social	\$ 54.00	\$ 151.20	\$ 270.00	\$ 183.60

- d) A 'NO SHOW' penalty of \$907.20 (inclusive of prevailing GST) applies to all players (Gold, Silver, WTGM, Affiliate) who do not show up on the date of play unless due to valid or medical reasons with documentation proof.

#### **4. FORMAT OF PLAY**

- The competition will be decided by Stroke Play or Stableford format over 18 holes, depending on the format of play for the month.
- The Winner shall be the player with the Overall Best Gross for Stroke Play, or the player with the highest Stableford points.
- No "gimme putts" are allowed in all Club competitions.
- In the event of a tie or ties, the OCC count back system shall apply. Please refer to point 9 for Decision of Ties.

#### **5. REGISTRATION**

- Registration opens on **8 May 2023 (Monday) from 12pm** and closes on **14 May 2023 (Sunday) at 12pm**.
- Entries must be submitted through the official online entry form via Google form.
- Golf pass for Affiliate Members will be waived for participating in the competition.
- Successful players of Affiliate Members category are required to fill up the credit card authorization form provided by the Club.
- Balloting is conducted when the number of registrants exceeds the number of slots available as stated in point 2 (l).
- A player is not allowed to play in the morning session if he/she wishes to participate in Club Events which are held in the afternoon. Please refer to point 3 (c) for the cancellation fees.
- The draw and/or pairings are at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director (TD) and will be sent to the successful players within 72 hours after the closing date via email. Players are advised to check their email for confirmation of entries.

#### **6. TIME OF STARTING**

- All players are advised to register at least 20 minutes before their starting time.
- All players are advised to report to the Starter 10 minutes before their starting time.



- c) Players shall start at the time and in the order indicated in the draw.
- d) If the player arrives at his starting point ready to play within 5 minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in Match Play or two strokes at the first hole in Stroke Play. The penalty for lateness beyond 5 minutes is Disqualification.
- e) No substitution of players and changes of starting times shall be permitted after the draw has been made.
- f) The Organizing Committee/Tournament Director (TD) reserves the right to fix and/or alter the starting times. Players should start at (and not before or after) your starting time. Please Refer to the R&A Rule (5.3A)

## **7. SCORECARDS**

- a) No exchange of scorecards. Players are responsible for their own scorecards. Marker shall confirm the player's score after every hole.
- b) Players should check their cards in the returning area (scoring table) and ensure that they are correct and signed. Any doubtful points should be settled with the Tournament Director (TD) before returning the scorecard.
- c) If he/she returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he/she shall be disqualified. If he/she returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand.
- d) A player is deemed to have returned his scorecard, and no further amendments may be made once he has left the returning area (scoring table) or the demarcated area where they exist.
- e) The scorecards must be submitted to Golf Office no later than 15 minutes after completion of their round. No alteration may be made on a scorecard after submission.
- f) Players **must** submit their scorecards regardless of whether the competition round is completed or not.
- g) Penalty for the above local rule if breached is Disqualification.

## **8. INSURANCE**

- a) All players are required to have Golf Insurance.
- b) Players will be held responsible for any accidents and damages to self or third parties during the competition.

## **9. DECISION OF TIES**

- a) In the event of a tie or ties, the OCC countback system shall apply as stated below:
  - Last 9 Holes
  - Last 6 Holes
  - Last 3 Holes
- b) Hole-by-hole scores starting from hole 18 to the preceding holes.



## **10. PACE OF PLAY**

- a) The OCC Pace of Play Guideline is in effect at all Club Competitions. The attention of all players is drawn to Rule 5.6 regarding slow play and undue delay. The Tournament Director (TD) will not hesitate to impose a penalty under this rule.
- b) Rule 5.6b (Prompt Pace of Play) will be strictly enforced. All Players shall play without undue delay and in accordance with the allocated time for play as indicated on the timing cards in the buggy and/or any other pace of play guidelines, which may be laid down by the Organizing Committee/Tournament Director (TD). Any Marshal or Organizing Committee or Tournament Director (TD) may issue an initial advisory warning for slow play in the following circumstances which are adjudged as slow play:
  - If a group is behind its allocated time for play of a hole; or
  - If the group in front has the same number of Players or more than in the slow play group, any group falling one hole behind of the group in front AND also behind its allocated time for play of a hole; or
  - If the group in front has fewer than the number of Players than in the slow play group, any group falling a hole and a half behind of the group in front AND also behind its allocated time for play of a hole.

Thereafter, if the group continues to be slow and fails to close the gap, the following penalty for breach of the local rule shall apply:

Stroke Play / Stableford

- First breach : Verbal Warning
- Second breach: One penalty stroke
- Third breach : General penalty in addition to the penalty for the second breach
- Fourth breach : Disqualification

**GENERALLY, YOU CAN NEVER BE ADJUDGED FOR SLOW PLAY IF YOU KEEP UP WITH THE GROUP IN FRONT.**

## **11. SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION (Rule 5.7b)**

- a) A suspension of play for a dangerous situation and the resumption of play shall be signalled using the Club's warning system. The penalty for breach of Rule 5.7b is Disqualification.
- b) All practice areas that are in open areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Tournament Director (TD) has declared them open.

## **12. INCLEMENT WEATHER**

- a) The Tournament Director's (TD) determination of the playability of the course due to inclement weather and the decision taken to abandon or resume play for the day is FINAL.
- b) Should the competition be cancelled by the Tournament Director (TD) due to inclement weather after participants have teed off, the participants will be charged the full fees.
- c) For participants who have not teed off, the entrance fee and Pot of Gold for Hole-In-One are still chargeable and non-refundable.



Description	Fee (inclusive of prevailing GST)
Entrance Fee	\$21.60
Pot of Gold for Hole-In-One^	\$1.08

<sup>^</sup> Applicable to Tournament flights only

- c) In the event of inclement weather or any other causes, no players are allowed to withdraw their names from the event unless the competition was abandoned by the Tournament Director (TD). Players who violate this clause will be subject to cancellation penalty. Please refer to point 3 (c) & (e).
- d) In the event of inclement weather or any other causes resulting in less than 50% completed flights based on the total playing field, the competition will be deemed abandoned and the scores for the round will be voided and be treated as social play scores.

### **13. BUGGIES**

- a) Golf buggies used by golfers are permitted on fairways unless otherwise notified by Golf Office. Golf buggies are not permitted on the putting greens/tee box/restricted area or areas proximate to the putting greens/tee box/restricted areas as demarcated by stakes/ropes. (The Greens Committee/The Management reserves all rights to discipline a player for failure to abide by the aforementioned.)
- b) Players shall use buggies throughout the competition.
- c) Maximum of two juniors in a flight\*.

\*(Under the Club policy, golfers below 18 years old are not allowed to drive the buggy). As for the above scenario, the Tournament Director (TD) has all the rights to arrange as they deem fit.

### **14. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE (DMD)**

- a) During a competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a Distance Measuring Device (DMD). If during a stipulated round, a player uses a DMD to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3.
- b) If the player is in breach of Rule 4.3, for which the penalty is as follows:
  - Penalty for first breach: Deduction of one point from the total points scored for the round.
  - Penalty for second breach: Deduction of a further two points from the total points scored for the round.
  - Penalty for third breach: Disqualification.

### **15. LIST OF CONFORMING CLUBS AND GOLF BALL**

Please refer to The Rules of Golf 2019 (The R&A) page 28 to 32, Rule 4.



## 16. WINNERS AND PRIZES (BASED ON PER DIVISION)

- a) There shall be prizes awarded for the following per Division:

Number of Players per Division	Prizes
9 players or more	<u>Stroke Play</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall Best Gross Winner</li> <li>• Best Nett Winner</li> <li>• Runner-Up Nett</li> </ul> <u>Stableford</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winner</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-up</li> </ul>
8 players or less	<u>Stroke Play</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall Best Gross Winner</li> <li>• Best Nett Winner</li> </ul> <u>Stableford</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winner</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up</li> </ul>

- b) Winners will be notified of the collection of prizes at a given schedule.

## 17. HOLE-IN-ONE

In the event of inclement weather (or any other causes) that the competition is abandoned, players will not be eligible to claim the Hole-In-One or Pot of Gold (POG) prize.

## 18. MAXIMUM SCORE

- a) The Organizing Committee has adopted Maximum Score as the form of play in this competition to help improve the pace of play.
- b) Players are encouraged to stop playing a hole when their score has reached the maximum score for the hole. The maximum score for each hole played is limited to a **net double bogey** – which is equal to Par of the hole + 2 strokes (double bogey) + any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on that hole based on their Course Handicap.

For example, a player with a Course Handicap of 12 is entitled to one additional stroke on holes allocated with stroke index 1 through 12 on the scorecard. On a par 4 hole, with a Stroke Index of 10, the player's maximum score would be 4 (par) + 2 (double bogey) + 1 (stroke received) = 7.

Maximum Score for:

Par 3: (3 + 2 strokes) + any handicap strokes



Par 4: (4 + 2 strokes) + any handicap strokes

Par 5: (5 + 2 strokes) + any handicap strokes

#### **19. 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 not be shorter than mid-thigh (no denim shorts). Please adhere to OCC dress code.
- b) This dress code will be used in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the 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.

#### **20. CONDUCT OF PLAYERS**

- a) All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be.
- b) Any action contrary to the spirit of the game, such as abusive language, throwing of clubs, or other disruptive behaviours, will not be tolerated and may result in a player not continuing in this competition.

#### **21. DISCLAIMER AND APPOINTMENT OF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR (TD)**

- a) The Organizing Committee reserves the right to revise the Terms of Competition as and when deemed necessary.
- b) The Organizing Committee shall appoint a Tournament Director (TD) to oversee the event and approve the outcome of the tournament.
- c) Any doubtful points on rule, appeals or disputes related to competition shall be referred to the appointed Tournament Director (TD) whose decisions shall be final. No disputes on score shall be entertained after the results have been announced.

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