



**29<sup>TH</sup> SECRETARY-GENERAL'S CUP**  
SUNDAY, 19 JULY 2026 | SHOTGUN START 1:00 PM  
FORMAT OF PLAY: STABLEFORD

**1. TERMS OF COMPETITION**

- 1.1 The following Terms of Competition, together with any additional notices or amendments issued by the Organizing Committee at the host club, shall apply to participation in this event.
- 1.2 It is the responsibility of each competitor to review and adhere to these terms in their entirety.

**2. GENERAL**

- 2.1 The 29<sup>th</sup> Secretary-General's Cup shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A and the United States Golf Association (USGA), along with the Local Rules and Bye-Laws of Orchid Country Club.
- 2.2 All complaints, protests, or disputes must be submitted immediately to the Tournament Director.
- 2.3 The decision of the Tournament Director shall be final and binding.

**3. FORMAT OF PLAY**

- 3.1 The competition shall comprise one stipulated round of 18 holes and will be played using the Stableford scoring system.
- 3.2 All players shall compete using 100% of their respective Handicap Index.
- 3.3 To ensure pace of play, competitors who are out of contention for a hole are encouraged to pick up their ball and proceed to the next hole rather than completing the hole.
- 3.4 On the green, any putt within one putter length (excluding the grip) shall be treated as a "gimme." Players should pick up their ball and record one additional stroke for the hole.

**4. FIELD SIZE**

- 4.1 The maximum field size shall be limited to 216 players, including both men and women.



- 4.2 Should the number of entries fall short of or exceed the limit, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend eligibility criteria accordingly. In general, priority will be given to players with the lowest Handicap Index.

## 5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The tournament is open to male and female golfers who meet the following criteria:

Must be:

- 5.1.1 Individual Golfing Gold Member
- 5.1.2 Individual Golfing Silver Member
- 5.1.3 Weekday Term Golf Member (WTGM)
- 5.1.4 NTUC Union Member

- 5.2 All players must:

- 5.2.1 Adhere to the Rules of Amateur Status as defined by R&A Rules Limited.
- 5.2.2 Hold a valid World Handicap System Handicap Index issued by a recognized golf club or golf association.

- 5.3 The Handicap Index must fall within the following limits as of **1 June 2026**:

- 5.3.1 Men: 24.9 or lower
- 5.3.2 Ladies: 36.9 or lower

- 5.4 Entries with Excessive Penalty Scores may not be accepted.

- 5.5 Players without a valid World Handicap System Handicap Index will be permitted to participate as social (non-competitive) players.

- 5.6 In the interest of fair play, the following additional provisions shall apply:

- 5.6.1 Each member and NTUC Union member may maintain only one official Handicap Index, as per World Handicap System regulations.
- 5.6.2 Players are responsible for verifying the accuracy of the Handicap Index printed on their scorecard at registration and prior to the start of the round.
- 5.6.3 In the event a player holds Handicap Indexes at multiple clubs, the lowest Index must be used for the competition.
- 5.6.4 The Tournament Director, in consultation with the Handicap Chairman, reserves the right to disqualify any competitor whose Handicap Index does not accurately reflect their true playing ability, based on verification with the player, their flight mates, and their Home Club.

- 5.7 The Organizing Committee reserves the right to accept or reject entries, adjust Handicap Index limits, and disqualify participants at any stage of the event. The Committee is not obligated to provide reasons for such decisions, and all decisions shall be final.



## 6. ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

- 6.1 Registration will open on **Monday, 1 June 2026 at 12:00 PM** and will close on **Sunday, 14 June 2026 at 12:00 PM**.
- 6.2 Entries must be submitted via the official online entry form (Google Form) for OCC members.
- 6.3 NTUC Union members must submit their entries through their respective Unions.
- 6.4 The golf pass requirement will be waived for NTUC Union members participating in this competition.
- 6.5 Duplicate entries or entries containing the same registrant's name across multiple submissions are strictly prohibited and will be voided. All registrants are responsible for ensuring that the information submitted via the OCC and NTUC e-registration forms is complete and accurate to avoid disqualification.
- 6.6 **Registrants must regularly check their email for updates and refrain from making changes after submission of entries. For any changes or withdrawal, please notify OCC (for OCC Members) or NTUC Admin at NTUCAdmin\_dept@ntuc.org.sg (for Union Members). Cancellations made after the final draw or pairing list has been disseminated will incur penalty fees, and a "No-Show" penalty will apply to participants who fail to attend the tournament. Applicable fees are set out in Clauses 8.1 and 8.2.**
- 6.7 The tournament draw and/or pairings will be determined solely at the discretion of the Tournament Director and will be communicated to successful applicants via email.
- 6.8 Successful NTUC Union participants will receive a payment link from OCC to complete the tournament entry fee payment via internet banking.
- 6.9 If payment of the entry fee is not received at least one week before the tournament date, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to replace the player(s).
- 6.10 The Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit, accept, or reject any entry without providing justification. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Committee.
- 6.11 Personal Data Protection Act (PDPA)
  - 6.11.1 By submitting an entry for the tournament, participants consent to the collection, use, disclosure, and processing of their personal data by the Organizing Committee, OCC, NTUC, and their appointed representatives for purposes related to the administration and conduct of the tournament, including registration, handicap verification, event communications, publication of results, photography, media coverage,



and prize administration. Participants also consent to the use of photographs and videos taken during the event for promotional and publicity purposes.

6.11.2 Personal data collected will be handled in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Singapore Personal Data Protection Act 2012 and the respective data protection policies of OCC and NTUC.

## 7. TOURNAMENT FEES

7.1 Entry fees for the tournament are determined by the Organizing Committee.

7.2 The entry fee includes green fee, buggy, lunch, dinner, event polo tee, and prevailing GST.

Category	Golfing Gold	Golfing Silver	Weekday Term	NTUC Union
<b>Entry Fee (nett)</b>	\$ 74.12	\$ 95.92	\$ 117.72	\$ 106.82

7.3 An entrance fee of \$38.15 nett will be charged and is non-refundable, except in cases of valid medical or other extenuating circumstances, which must be supported by official documentation.

## 8. CANCELLATION AND NO-SHOW

8.1 Cancellations made after the draw or pairing list has been finalized and disseminated to participants will incur the following penalty fees:

Category	Golfing Gold	Golfing Silver	Weekday Term	NTUC Union
<b>Cancellation Fee (nett)</b>	\$ 74.12	\$ 95.92	\$ 117.72	\$ 106.82

8.2 A “No-Show” penalty of \$341.17 nett will apply to all participants (Gold, Silver, WTGM, and Union) who fail to attend the tournament without prior notice, unless a valid or medical reason is provided with supporting documentation.

## 9. TIME OF STARTING

9.1 All participants are advised to register at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled tee time.

9.2 No substitutions or changes to starting times will be allowed after the draw has been finalized.



## **10. SCORECARDS**

- 10.1 Players are required to verify and sign their scorecards at the scoring area (returning table). Any discrepancies should be clarified with the Tournament Director before submission.
- 10.2 If a higher score is recorded than what was actually taken, the recorded score shall stand.
- 10.3 A scorecard is considered officially returned once the player has exited the scoring area or designated zone. No further amendments will be accepted thereafter.
- 10.4 Scorecards must be submitted to the Golf Office within 15 minutes of completing the round.
- 10.5 Scorecards must be submitted regardless of whether the round was completed.
- 10.6 Failure to adhere to these rules may result in disqualification.

## **11. GOLFERS' INSURANCE**

- 11.1 All participants are required to have valid golf insurance coverage.
- 11.2 Players shall be held personally liable for any accidents or damage caused to themselves or third parties during the course of the competition.

## **12. TOURNAMENT PRIZES**

- 12.1 The winner of the Secretary-General's Cup shall be determined based on the outcomes of the following four match formats:
  - 12.1.1 Champions' Match  
OCC and NTUC will each nominate one representative to compete in a head-to-head match play format (off-the-stick). The result will be scored as follows: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss.
  - 12.1.2 Course Combinations  
Three course combinations will be played: Dendro/Vanda, Vanda/Aranda, and Aranda/Dendro, using the individual Stableford format. For each combination, the top Stableford scores from OCC and NTUC players will count toward their team's total. Scoring is as follows: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, and 0 points for a loss.
- 12.2 The points from the four matches (one Champions' Match and three Course Combination matches) will be totaled.
- 12.3 The Secretary-General's Cup will be awarded to the Team with the highest total points.



12.4 In the event of a tie in total points, the winner shall be determined using the following countback method, in order:

- 12.4.1 Result of the Champions' Match
- 12.4.2 Total of the best individual scores across all course combinations
- 12.4.3 Total of the second-best individual scores across all course combinations
- 12.4.4 Total of the third-best individual scores across all course combinations
- 12.4.5 If still tied, the fourth-best individual scores will be compared
- 12.4.6 If a tie persists after all of the above, the competition will be declared a draw.

**13. PACE OF PLAY**

- 13.1 The OCC Pace of Play Guidelines apply to all Club Competitions. Players are reminded of Rule 5.6 regarding slow play and undue delay. The Tournament Director reserves the right to enforce penalties in accordance with this rule.
- 13.2 Rule 5.6b – Prompt Pace of Play will be strictly enforced. All players must play without undue delay and within the time allotted set forth by the Organizing Committee or Tournament Director.
- 13.3 A Marshal, Organizing Committee Member, or the Tournament Director may issue an initial advisory warning for slow play under any of the following conditions:
  - 13.3.1 The group is behind its allotted pace for a hole.
  - 13.3.2 The group is one hole behind the group in front (which has the same number or more players) and is also behind its allotted pace.
  - 13.3.3 The group is a hole and a half behind the group in front (which has fewer players) and is also behind its allotted pace.
- 13.4 If a group fails to improve its pace following a warning, the following penalties will apply:

	<b>First Breach</b>	<b>Second Breach</b>	<b>Third Breach</b>	<b>Fourth Breach</b>
<b>Offence</b>	Verbal Warning	+1 Penalty Stroke	General Penalty	Disqualification

13.5 You will not be penalised for slow play if your group keeps pace with the group in front.

**14. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO DANGEROUS SITUATIONS (Rule 5.7b)**

- 14.1 Suspension and resumption of play due to dangerous weather will be signaled via the Club's warning system. Breach of Rule 5.7b will result in disqualification.
- 14.2 All open-air practice areas will be closed during such suspensions and will remain closed until the Tournament Director has announced they are safe to reopen.



## 15. INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- 15.1 The Tournament Director has full authority to decide whether course conditions warrant abandonment or resumption of play. This decision is final.
- 15.2 In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather after a player has teed off, the full competition fee will still apply. For players who have not teed off, the entry fee remains chargeable and non-refundable. **Entry Fee: \$38.15 (including 9% GST).**
- 15.3 Players are not allowed to withdraw from the competition due to weather or other external factors unless the competition is officially abandoned by the Tournament Director. Unauthorized withdrawals are subject to cancellation penalties. Refer to Section 8.1 & 8.2 for further details.
- 15.4 If fewer than 50% of flights complete their rounds due to inclement weather, the competition will be declared abandoned. All scores will be nullified and treated as social play.

## 16. GOLF BUGGIES

- 16.1 Buggies may be used on fairways unless otherwise advised by the Golf Office. Buggies are strictly prohibited on greens, tee boxes, or within restricted/demarcated areas. Violations may result in disciplinary action by the Greens Committee or Club Management.
- 16.2 All players are required to use buggies during competition.
- 16.3 A maximum of two juniors (under 18 years) are allowed per flight. In accordance with Club policy, juniors are not permitted to drive buggies. The Tournament Director may make exceptions or alternative arrangements at their discretion.

## 17. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (DMDs)

- 17.1 Players may use DMDs that only measure distance. Use of devices that measure or evaluate other playing conditions (e.g., slope, wind, temperature) is a breach of Rule 4.3 and will result in disqualification.
- 17.2 Penalties for breach of Rule 4.3:

Offence	First Breach	Second Breach	Third Breach
	-1 point from total round score	Additional -2 points deduction	Disqualification



## 18. CONFORMING CLUBS AND BALLS

- 18.1 Players must use equipment that conforms with Rule 4 of The R&A Rules of Golf. Refer to the official list of approved clubs and balls.

## 19. WINNERS AND PRIZES

Course	Dendro/Vanda	Vanda/Aranda	Aranda/Dendro
OCC	Winner, Runner-Up	Winner, Runner-Up	Winner, Runner-Up
NTUC	Winner, Runner-Up	Winner, Runner-Up	Winner, Runner-Up

## 20. DRESS CODE

- 20.1 Proper golf attire is required. The following are prohibited:
- 20.1.1 Jeans (including designer or denim)
  - 20.1.2 Round-neck T-shirts or tank tops
  - 20.1.3 Shorts above mid-thigh
- 20.2 Collared golf shirts must be worn at all times on the course.
- 20.3 Host Club-specific dress codes may also apply. Violations must be rectified immediately. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from play.
- 20.4 Soft-spike shoes are mandatory.

## 21. PLAYER CONDUCT

- 21.1 Players must maintain high standards of behaviour, respect, and sportsmanship, regardless of the level of competition.
- 21.2 Any misconduct, including abusive language, club-throwing, or unsportsmanlike conduct, may result in removal from the competition.

## 22. DISCLAIMER & TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AUTHORITY

- 22.1 The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend these Terms of Competition at any time.
- 22.2 A Tournament Director will be appointed to oversee the event and make all final decisions regarding tournament outcomes.
- 22.3 All appeals, rules questions, or disputes must be submitted to the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director's decision is final. No disputes will be entertained once results are announced.