OCC Christmas Day Golf 2026
Sunday, 20 December 2026 (Shotgun Start, 1:00PM)
Format of Play: System 36 (Stableford)

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 World Handicapping System Handicap Index (WHS HI) will be eligible to participate in Club events and 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:
    - Individual Golfing Gold
    - Individual Golfing Silver
    - Weekday Term Golfing Member (WTGM)
    - Corporate Union/MGK (Affiliate)
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) The Divisions and/or HI range shall be fixed by the Organizing Committee.
h) The Organizing Committee/Tournament Director (TD) reserves the right to change the divisions and/or HI range, depending on the number of players, after the closing date.
i) Players must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.

j) Players shall compete in the following divisions according to the following Handicap Index range:
   - Men: WHS HI of 24.9 or lower
   - Ladies: WHS HI of 36.9 or lower

k) 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.

3. ENTRY AND FEES

a) The entry fee for all Club competitions shall be fixed by the Organizing Committee.
b) The entry fee includes entrance, green, buggy, lunch, dinner and prevailing 9% GST.

Category	Gold	Silver	Affiliate	WTGM
Entry Fee	$ 80.00	$ 178.00	$ 234.00	$ 298.00

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	Affiliate	WTGM
Entry Fee	$ 80.00	$ 178.00	$234.00	$ 298.00

d) The entrance fee (incl. GST) is chargeable and non-refundable unless valid or medical reasons with documentation proof is provided.
e) A 'NO SHOW' penalty of $341.17 nett applies to each player (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

a) The competition will be played over one stipulated round of 18 holes and the scoring shall be based on Stableford points using the System 36 computation.
b) The maximum field size will be determined by the Organising Committee.
c) 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

a) Registration opens on **16 November 2026 (Monday) at 12pm** and closes on **22 November 2026 (Sunday) at 12pm.**
b) Entries must be submitted through the official online entry form via Google form.
c) Golf pass for Affiliate Members will be waived for participating in the competition.
d) Balloting is conducted when the number of registrants exceeds the number of slots available as stated in point 2 (l).

e) 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.
f) The draw and/or pairings are at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director (TD) and will be sent to the successful players after the closing date via email. Players are advised to check their email for confirmation of entries.

6. TIME OF STARTING

a) All players are advised to register at least 20 minutes before the shotgun start.
b) Players shall start at the time and in the order indicated in the draw.
c) 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**.
d) No substitution of players and changes of starting times shall be permitted after the draw has been made.
e) 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) Players must exchange the scorecards with the flight mates prior to tee off.
b) Player's score card must be validated by the marker(s) before submission. The marker(s) shall confirm the player's score after every hole.
c) 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.
d) 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.
e) 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.
f) 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.
g) Players **must** submit their scorecards regardless of whether the competition round is completed or not.
h) 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
   - Hole-by-hole scores starting from the Back 9

10. INSURANCE

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 is still chargeable and non-refundable.

d) 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) & (d).

e) 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 DRIVER HEAD & GOLF BALLS

a) List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.

b) List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.

16. GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATION

Groove and Punch Mark Specification: Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.

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 prize.

18. 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.

19. 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.

20. 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.

21. PERSONAL DATA PROTECTION ACT (PDPA)

a) By submitting an entry for the tournament, participants consent to the collection, use, disclosure, and processing of their personal data by OCC and its 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.
b) Personal data collected will be handled in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Singapore Personal Data Protection Act 2012 and OCC's prevailing data protection policies.

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