



**26<sup>th</sup> Secretary-General's Cup**  
**Sunday, 16 July 2023**  
**Shotgun Start: 1:00pm**

The following conditions, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Organizing Committee (OC) at the host Club, will apply to this competition. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure he/she has read and complied with these Terms of Competition.

**1. GENERAL**

The 25th Secretary-General's Cup will be played at Orchid Country Club (OCC) on **Sunday, 16 July 2023** in accordance with the Rules of Golf currently adopted by the R&A, the United States Golf Association (USGA), and the Local Rules & Bye-Laws of OCC.

All complaints, protests and disputes shall be referred immediately to the Tournament Director (TD), whose decision shall be final.

**2. FORMAT OF PLAY**

The competition shall be played over one stipulated round of 18 holes and the scoring shall be based on Stableford points. All participants will play off 100% of his/her handicap.

All competitors must play without delay. Competitors who are out of contention for a hole should pick up their ball and proceed to the next hole instead of putting out.

On the green, a putt **within one putter length (minus the grip)** is considered a "**Gimme**" on the next stroke. Pick up your ball and **ADD one stroke** to your score for that hole.

**3. FIELD SIZE**

- a. The field will be limited to a maximum of 192 players for both Men and Women.
- b. In the event that the entries fall short or exceed the aforesaid numbers, the OC reserves the right to amend the eligibility requirements as they deem fit. In general, priority will be given to the players with the lowest Handicap Index.

**4. ELIGIBILITY**

The competition is open to any male or female golfers who satisfy the following requirements:

- Individual Golfing Gold Member
- Individual Golfing Silver Member
- Weekday Term Golf Member (WTGM)
- Union Member

Players are to form and compete in a team competition of 4 players.

- Must conform in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited; and
- Should possess a valid World Handicapping System Handicap Index (WHS HI) issued by a bona fide club within the stipulated HI range as at **1 June 2023** for the respective genders as follows:
  - WHS Handicap Index of 24.9 or lower (Men's Division)
  - WHS Handicap Index of 36.9 or lower (Ladies' Division)
- HI with Excessive Penalty Scores (EPS) may not be accepted.
- Competitors without any official HI shall play as social player for this competition.
- In the interest of fair play, the Organising Committee has invoked the additional rules:
  - The Club will only maintain one HI for its members and Affiliated members (Union) as per the rules of the World Handicapping System (WHS).
  - Players are responsible for the accuracy on the HI printed on their scorecard upon registration and prior to the commencement of the tournament.
  - If a player has his/her HI maintained at more than one Club, he/she shall play off the lower/lowest Handicap Index.
  - The Tournament Director (TD) has the discretion to disqualify a player from the tournament following consultation with the Handicap Chairman, if the competitor's HI does not reflect his/her true playing ability. This is after ascertaining the fact with the competitor, his/her flight mates and his/her Home Club.
- The OC reserved the right to accept, and/or limit entries and to adjust the Handicap range of each division. The OC reserves full discretion, at any time before or during the course of the Secretary-General's Cup, to disallow any competitor from participating in the tournament. The OC is not obliged to provide reasons for their decision in this regard. The decision of the OC on all matters shall be final.

## **5. ENTRIES & CLOSING DATE**

- Registration opens on **22 May 2023 (Monday) at 12:00pm** and will close on **11 June 2023 (Sunday) at 12:00pm**.
- Entries must be submitted through the official online entry form via Google Form for OCC members. Entries for Unions, must be submitted through the respective Unions.
- Golf pass for Union members will be waived for this competition.
- Duplicate names in two or multiple submissions are not allowed. Such submissions will be automatically voided. Players are reminded to

indicate the complete details accurately on the Google form for OCC members to ensure that their submissions will not be disqualified.

- e. Successful players of Union member category are required to complete the credit card authorization form provided by the Club.
- f. The draw and/or pairings are the sole discretion of the Tournament Director (TD) and will be sent to the successful players via email. Players are advised to check their email for confirmation of entries.
- g. The OC reserves the right to limit, accept or reject any entry without assigning any reason whatsoever. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OC.

## **6. FEES**

- a. The entry fees for all Club competitions shall be fixed by the Organising Committee.
- b. The entry fee includes entrance, green, buggy, lunch, dinner, goodie bag and prevailing GST.
- c. The entry fees are stated as follows:

Category	Gold	Silver	WTGM	Union
<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$70.20	\$91.80	\$113.40	\$102.60

- d. The entrance fee of \$37.80 (incl. GST) is chargeable and non-refundable unless valid or medical reasons with documentation proof are provided.

## **7. WITHDRAWAL/CANCELLATION**

- a. Any cancellation made after the draw/pairing list is finalised and sent to the participants will be subject to the following penalty fees:

Category	Gold	Silver	WTGM	Union
<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$70.20	\$91.80	\$113.40	\$102.60

- b. A “NO-SHOW” penalty of \$226.80nett (incl. GST) applies to all players (Gold/Silver/WTGM/Union) who do not show up or cancel on the date of play unless due to valid or medical reasons with documentation proof.

## **8. TIME OF STARTING**

- a. All players are advised to register at least 30 minutes before the commencement of the tournament.
- b. No substitution of players and changes of starting times shall be permitted after the draw has been made.

## **9. SCORECARDS**

- a. 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.

- b. If he/she returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand.
- c. A player is deemed to have returned his scorecard, and no further amendments may be made once he/she has left the returning area (scoring table) or the demarcated area where they exist.
- d. The scorecards must be submitted to Golf Office no later than 15 minutes after the completion of their round. No alteration may be made to a scorecard after submission.
- e. Players **must** submit their scorecards regardless of whether the competition round is completed or not.
- f. Penalty for the above local rule if breached is Disqualification.

## **10. 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.

## **11. TOURNAMENT PRIZES**

The winner of the SG Cup shall be determined by the results of the following 4 matches.

- a. OCC and LM will appoint an OCC Champion and an LM Champion who will square off in an off-the-stick match play competition.
  - Two (2) points for the winner
  - One (1) point for a draw
  - Zero (0) point for the loser
- b. For each course combination, namely Dendro/Vanda, Vanda/Aranda and Aranda/Dendro, the format of play will be based on individual Stableford points. The total of the best three Stableford points of OCC and LM players playing on each of these layouts will form the team score for that respective course combination. Two (2) points will be awarded to the winner, 1 point to each team in the event of a draw and 0 points for the losing team.
- c. The points from the above four matches will be added up and the SG Cup will be awarded to the team with the higher number of points.
- d. In the event of a draw after adding up the points from the four matches, the winner will be determined by a countback system as follows:
  - i. The result of the Champion's Match;
  - ii. The total score of the best individual scores at each layout by each team;
  - iii. The total score of the second best individual scores at each layout by each team;
  - iv. The total score of the third best individual scores at each layout by each team;
  - v. In the event of a tie after the i. to iv. are applied, the total score of the fourth best individual scores shall be utilised to determine the

SG Cup Winner. If there is a tie after this stage, the Committee should declare a tie for the Trophy.

**Example Chart:**

S/N	Vanda/Aranda		Aranda/Dendro		Dendro/Vanda		Total Points	
	OCC	LM	OCC	LM	OCC	LM	OCC	LM
1	42	39	41	39	42	43	125	121
2	38	39	41	39	41	40	120	118
3	35	38	40	38	39	39	114	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>354</b>
<b>Points Win</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

Orchid Country Club		NTUC	
OCC – Team Leader	1	LM – Team Leader	1
Team OCC	3	Team LM	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>

**Winning Team – Draw**

**12. 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:
  - i. If a group is behind its allocated time for play of a hole; or
  - ii. 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
  - iii. 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.**

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

- 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.
- 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.

**14. INCLEMENT WEATHER**

- 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.
- 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. For participants who have not teed off, the entrance fee is still chargeable and non-refundable.

Description	Fee
<b>Entrance Fee</b>	\$37.80 (incl. GST)

- 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. Players who violate this clause will be subject to cancellation penalty. Please refer to point 7 (a) & (b).
- 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.

**15. BUGGIES**

- Golf buggies used by golfers are permitted on fairways unless otherwise notified by the Golf Office. Golf buggies are not permitted on the putting greens/tee box/restricted areas 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.)
- Players shall use buggies throughout the competition.
- 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.

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

- a. During a competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a DMD (smartphone or PDA) that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3, for which the penalty is Disqualification.
- 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.

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

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

#### **18. WINNERS**

- a. Prizes will be awarded to the following
  - Team OCC
    - Winner & Runners-Up  
(Course Combination: Dendro – Vanda)
    - Winner & Runners-Up  
(Course Combination: Vanda – Aranda)
    - Winner & Runners-Up  
(Course Combination: Aranda – Dendro)
  - Team NTUC
    - Winner & Runners-Up  
(Course Combination: Dendro – Vanda)
    - Winner & Runners-Up  
(Course Combination: Vanda – Aranda)
    - Winner & Runners-Up  
(Course Combination: Aranda – Dendro)

#### **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).
- b. This dress code will be used in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the host 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 spike shoes are compulsory.

## **20. CONDUCT OF PLAYERS**

- a. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship always, 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.

**END**