



# 19<sup>TH</sup> LUZVIMIN GOLF INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

August 24 – 26, 2011

Negros Occidental Golf & Country Club (Marapara), Bacolod City

## I. RULES OF PLAY

The 19<sup>TH</sup> LUZVIMIN GOLF INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT will be governed by the 2008 – 2011 Rules of Golf according to the R & A and in conjunction with the USGA, WGAP, and the Local Rules of NOGCC. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to limit or refuse entries and to modify the tournament in any way it considers necessary. Its decision on all matters related to the tournament shall be final and executory.

## II. MANNER OF COMPETITION

54 - HOLE Molave Team Competition.

## III. ENTRIES

### 1. Eligible Teams

All teams must represent a Golf Club. A Golf club can only send 1 team.

### 2. Qualification of Team Members

Teams shall be composed of a maximum of seven (7) female players and a minimum of five (5), all of who must have the following qualifications:

- a) They must be an amateur bona fide member or recognized dependent of the Club they represent.
- b) They must be female at birth.
- c) The Club they represent must be a member in good standing of the WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES (WGAP).

### 3. Tournament Fee

PhP 3,500.00 for current WGAP members

PhP 3,500.00 for provincial members exclusive of WGAP membership dues, which are PhP 4,000.00 for the team/club.

### 4. Deadline for submission of entries is July 31, 2011.

## 5. Handicaps

WGAP's **JULY** handicap index will be used. For players without a WGAP handicap index the lowest handicap index of the last 3 months (May, June, July) will be used. If a player belongs to two or more clubs, the lowest handicap index will prevail. Violation of the above will be cause for disqualification.

The Handicap Committee reserves the right to evaluate the handicaps submitted by the players. Based on their performance of the previous year, if it is lower than the handicap submitted, the average of last year's performance will be used.

**Substitutions** should be made **on or before August 6, 2011**. Any substitution after the deadline should not affect the standing of the team. Should it have that effect, the substitution will not be accepted.

## 6. CLASSIFICATION OF TEAMS

- a. The Teams shall be classified into the following divisions:
  - i. Diamond Division (Championship Division)
  - ii. Ruby Division
  - iii. Pearl Division

The Team's handicap index will be based on the average of the five (5) lowest handicap indices. After determining the average handicap index of the team, the field will be divided as equally as possible into the three divisions.

- b. Teams playing for the first time or playing again after an absence of one year will be classified into the Diamond Division regardless of the teams' average handicap

## 7. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

- a. Format

The 19TH LUZVIMIN GOLF INVITATIONAL is a 54 hole team stroke play event using the Molave Point System. Each team can field a maximum of seven (7) players, with the best five (5) gross points counting towards the team total per day. (Minimum to form a team is five players).

- b. Pairings and Starting Times

Pairing sheets with the starting times of each team shall be prepared by the Pairings Committee. Based on the Pairing sheet, the Team Captains will assign their players specific starting times.

- i. First Round

Tee-off slots for the first round shall be given to the Team Captains during the Team Captain's Meeting.

- ii. Second Round

Tee-off slots for the second round shall be distributed to the Team Captains after their round of golf. Team Captains must submit the names of the players assigned to each starting time within an hour after the pairing sheets are released. Penalty for late submission is a 2-point deduction from the team's score for the round in question.

iii. Third Round

The third round pairings will be based on the team standing and at the **discretion** of the Tournament Committee.

c. Late to Tee-Off

Players are required to be on deck **fifteen minutes** prior to tee-off time. Players who arrive after their assigned tee time (late) will be disqualified, and will not be allowed to play, unless she arrives at her starting hole, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after her starting time, for which she will be allowed to tee off with a 2 - stroke penalty on the first hole.

d. Scoring

i. Returning Scores

Before starting to play, the players must exchange scorecards with the other players in their flight. After each hole, the marker must check the score with the competitor and record it. On completion of the round, the marker shall sign the card and hand it to the competitor. If more than one marker records the scores, each shall sign for the part for which she is responsible.

ii. Signing and Returning Card

After completion of the round, the competitor must check her score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. She shall ensure that the marker has signed the card, countersign the card herself and return it to the Committee as soon as possible. Penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification.

iii. Alteration of Card

No alteration may be made to a card after the competitor has returned it to the Committee.

iv. Wrong Score for hole

The **competitor is responsible** for the correctness of the score recorded (by her marker) for each hole on her card. If she returns a score for any hole, lower than actually taken, she shall be disqualified. If she returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand.

It is suggested that any erasures on the scorecard must first be clarified with the Tournament Committee before submitting the scorecard.

v. Molave Points

The following Molave points shall be awarded by the Committee in relation to the player's score at each hole:

Double Bogey	1 pt
Bogey	2 pts
Par	3 pts
Birdie	4 pts
Eagle	5 pts
Hole In One	6 pts
Double Eagle	7 pts

A double eagle occurs when a par 5 is holed in 2 strokes. The team's score for the day shall be the total of the 5 highest scores after the day's round. The team's final score will be the total of the 3 days team score.

e. Slow Play

USGA Rule 6-7: UNDUE DELAY; SLOW PLAY (Repeated Offense)

The player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any Pace of Play Guidelines which may be laid down by the Committee. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play. Penalty for breach of rule: Match play – Loss of Hole; Stroke play – two strokes.

A player who fails to score a double bogey or has zero point in a hole is enjoined to pick up her ball, to speed up play. Subsequent failure is considered an element of undue delay under Rule 6–7. Thus, the player's score shall be adjusted by deducting two (2) points from the total points scored on the day.

f. Players Responsibilities

Each player is responsible for knowing the conditions under which the competition is to be played. She is also expected to follow the etiquette guidelines as outlined in the rules of golf, on the manner in which the game of golf must be played. The overriding principle is that consideration must be shown to others on the course at all times. If a player consistently disregards these guidelines during a round or over a period of time, the committee may take disciplinary action against the offending player. In the case of a serious breach of Etiquette, the Committee may disqualify a player under Rule 33-7.

g. Prizes

i. Division Team Champions

An award will be given to the teams with the highest number of points in each division after three rounds of competition. The Division Team Runner-up will also receive an award.

ii. Individual Champions

Awards will be given to the Champions of each of the following divisions:

Over-all

Championship

Class A

Class B

Class C

h. Breaking Ties

Ties for any position in either team or individual competition shall be settled by matching of the 5 players who counted, in the following order:

- i. number of eagles
- ii. number of birdies
- iii. number of pars
- iv. last 18 holes
- v. last 9 holes
- vi. last 6 holes
- vii. last 3 holes
- viii. last hole

VI. LOCAL WGAP RULES

1. Preferred Lie

If course conditions during the event warrant the use of preferred lies, an announcement will be placed at the starters table instructing players on the following procedure for preferred lies:

"A ball lying on a closely mown area through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within six inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it was placed, it must be replaced. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one (1) stroke.

**Note:** "Closely mown area" means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes

## 2. EMBEDDED BALL

Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lies but no nearer the hole.

A player may not take relief if the ball is embedded in sand or it is clearly unreasonable for her to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

Match Play – Loss of hole; Stroke Play – Two strokes

## 3. STONES IN BUNKERS

Stones in Bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

## 4. FIRE ANT HILLS

Fire ant hills are to be considered as Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1 applies).

A player may not take relief if it is clearly unreasonable to make a stroke because of use of an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.

## 5. FRENCH DRAINS

French drains are Ground Under repair (Rule 25-1 applies)

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

Match Play – Loss of hole; Stroke Play – Two strokes

## 6. EDGING GROOVES

If a ball lies on an edging groove around a putting green the player may, without penalty, lift the ball, clean it and place it out of the groove in the nearest position to where it lay which is not nearer the hole.

## 7. BALL DEFLECTED BY OVERHEAD POWER LINES

If a ball strikes an overhead power line, the stroke is canceled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played.

Penalty for Breach Of Local Rule:

Match Play – Loss of hole; Stroke Play – Two strokes

## 8. TRANSPORTATION

When one cart is shared by two or more players, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved, except that, when the cart is being moved by one of the players, the cart and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment

of that player.

#### 9. DRESS CODE

All players are obliged to follow and observe the proper dress code. No jogging pants, tight pants, biking shorts, leggings, denim pants, tube tops, plunging necklines, see through shirts or blouses are permitted. Shorts must not be more than seven (7) inches above the kneecap. The committee has the discretion to prohibit a player from playing if she is not properly dressed.

#### 10. USE OF GOLF CARTS

- a. Only players 55 yrs.old and above can rent a golf cart, at their own expense
- b. Penalties for the unauthorized use of golf carts:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense (1<sup>st</sup> hole) – 2 strokes
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense (2<sup>nd</sup> hole) – 2 strokes
  - Total – 4 maximum stroke-penalty
  - Continued use – DISQUALIFICATION

#### 11. USE OF UMBRELLA GIRL/BOY

- a.No umbrella boy/girl is allowed.  
Penalties for breach of rule:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> offense (1<sup>st</sup> hole) – 2 strokes
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense (2<sup>nd</sup> hole) – 2 strokes
  - Total – 4 maximum stroke-penalty
  - Continued use – DISQUALIFICATION

#### 12. USE OF CELLULAR PHONES

- a.Phones must be kept on silent mode at all times. Use of cellular phones is allowed for text messaging only and must not cause undue delay. If a player is observed to be causing undue delay due to continued use of the cellular phone for text messaging, penalties will be applied based on USGA Rule 6-7: UNDUE DELAY; SLOW PLAY. Ringing Phones and voice calls will be considered a serious breach of golf etiquette.  
The host club as well as the players must inform their caddies to turn off their cellular phones.  
Protests, if any, must be done in writing and addressed to the WGAP Board.

#### 13. PROTECTION FROM LIGHTNING

According to the Appendix IV of the USGA rules, all players and caddies must be informed about and are urged to take every precaution to protect them from lightning, as there have been many deaths and injuries from lightning on golf courses. Under USGA Rules 6-8 and 33-2d players have the right to stop play if they think lightning threatens them, even though the Committee may not have authorized it by signal.

Things to remember: put down your golf clubs and, if in an open area, crouch. If your skin tingles or your hair stands on end – an indication that lightning is about to strike – drop to your knees and bend forward. Do not lie flat on the ground.

## 14. SPECIFICATIONS OF CLUBS AND BALLS

### a. CLUBS

1. "Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA."

Exception: A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition.

2. Penalty for carrying, but not making stroke with, club or clubs in breach of condition:

Stroke play — Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round — Four strokes.

3. Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his opponent in match play or his *marker* or a *fellow-competitor* in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.

Penalty for making stroke with club in breach of condition: Disqualification.

### b. BALLS

"The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the United States Golf Association.

Penalty for breach of condition: Disqualification."

## VII. NOGCC LOCAL RULES

### 1. Course Boundary & Margins

The course is bounded by white stakes, barbed wire and CHB fences.

Water Hazards are bounded by yellow stakes. Lateral water hazards are bounded by red stakes.

### 2. Dropping Zone

Ball drop areas are provided in areas in which balls may be dropped when it is not feasible with Rule 24-2b (immovable) Rule 25-1b or Rule 25-1c (Ground under repair), Rule 26-1 (Water and Lateral water hazards) or Rule 28 (Ball unplayable). (This option does not limit player from playing where the original ball was last played.)

Drop areas are provided in Holes #1,3,5,8,9,16 & 17.

Drop area is provided for balls that enter the hazard parallel to the greens between the two large red stakes to the right of the green.

Ground under repair- All grounds under repair are marked by black and white stakes or

white lines

3. Obstructions

All stakes defining the margin of water hazards and ground under repair, etc., are immovable obstructions. If a ball lies outside the hazard and interference exists, the ball may be lifted and dropped without penalty.

4. Loose Impediments

Mushroom growing on the putting green are to be treated as loose impediments.

Worm castings are considered loose impediments.

5. There is no relief on young trees unless otherwise marked.

6. Cart pathways are grounds under repair: Nearest relief from carpath, not nearer the hole.