



WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION  
OF THE PHILIPPINES

## CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. GENERAL: All play shall be governed by the rules of golf as approved by the USGA, and the R & A, in conjunction with the Local Rules of Wack Wack Golf & Country Club.
2. ELIGIBILITY: The Championship is open to all lady golfers who:
  - a. Are amateur in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status of USGA and the R & A;
  - b. Are female at birth
  - c. Have a maximum USGA handicap index of 18 : or maximum converted course handicap of 20 as of December 2011. Lowest Handicap will prevail for Philippine Nationals.

The Tournament committee reserves the right to refuse any entry without assigning any reason, in which case the entry fee will be refunded. Entries will be limited to 90 participants.

3. DRAW: The Committee will draw Tee-off times. The first day's pairing and tee off times will be announced at the cocktail reception to be held at the the Wack Wack Clubhouse on January 10, 2012.

The committee in its absolute discretion, reserves the right to alter the draw if necessary.

4. FORMAT: The Championship will be decided by 54 holes stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes each to be played on January 11, 12, 13, 2012.

30% of the lowest handicaps and ties will automatically compete in the Open Championship division. In addition the 30% lowest scores over the first round of 18 holes and any tying for the last place of that percentage will also qualify to compete for the Open Championship division. The rest of the competitors will compete for the Intermediate Championship.

The size and make up of the Intermediate Championship will be decided at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

The winner of the Open championship division will be the player who has the lowest gross score in that division. Winners in the Intermediate Division (Class A and Class B respectively) will be the players with lowest gross score in their respective divisions.

In the event of a tie in the Open Champion and Intermediate Champions (Class A and B), the winner shall be decided by a sudden death play-off. If more than two (2) competitors are involved in the play-off, such play-off shall also decide the runner-up thereafter. The Tournament Director will decide the play off holes on the final day of the competition.

All other ties will be settled by comparing last 9 holes. Last 6 holes, last 3 holes and the last hole. If there is still a tie, drawing of lots as



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recommended by the R & A of Saint Andrews and the USGA will be used.

5. PARTICIPATION: The Tournament Committee may request any player to withdraw from the tournament if it is felt the player does not have a basic understanding of the Rules of Golf which includes etiquette, or the requisite golfing standard to continue in the event.
6. TIME OF STARTING: Rule 6-3. Note: The player should report to the Starter fifteen minutes before her starting time. If the player arrives late at tee, ready to play within five minutes after her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes, to be added to the score on the first hole. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.
7. PACE OF PLAY: Competitors will be notified of the time allowed for a round.
8. SCORECARDS: Competitors must ensure that they return their scorecard to the tournament office within 15 minutes of completing their round.
9. CADDIES: Rule 6-4. Only caddies of the Wack Wack may be used. A player shall at all times be liable for the actions of her caddie during play **of a stipulated round**.
- 10 TRANSPORTATION: Golf Carts are not allowed for the Open Championship Division. As the Open Championship Division will only be determined after the first round of the first day of play, all players must walk on the first day. On the subsequent rounds of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> day, the intermediate division (Class A and B) will be mandated to ride a cart during the stipulated round. Cart rental cost (2 players per cart) will be shouldered by the player and is not covered by the tournament fee.
11. BALL: Rule 5-1: Balls used by the player shall be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by R & A and USGA.
- 12 SPECIFICATION OF CLUBS: "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.
13. ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT: Use of Cell Phones and Beepers are not allowed on the course.
14. Distance Measuring Devices are not allowed during the stipulated round.
15. **The DECISIONS of the Competition Committee will, in all matters, be final.**

Note: Copies of the detailed Conditions 7, 10, 11, 12 and 14 and statements of penalties will be posted and available at the course. (or as an Appendix detail the Pace of Play Condition and penalties for breach of the Conditions 7, 10, 11, 12 & 14)