

# <u>12<sup>th</sup> WARREN-SEAGULL AMATEUR OPEN 2024</u> Date: 4 to 6 SEPTEMBER 2024

## **TERMS OF COMPETITION**

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

## 1. GENERAL

The 12<sup>th</sup> Warren-Seagull Amateur Open (hereinafter known as "Championship") will be played at the Warren Golf & Country Club from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and with the Local Rules approved by the OC.

## 2. <u>ELIGIBILITY</u>

The Championship is open to male & female golfers who satisfy the following requirements:

- a) Must conform in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited; and
- b) Should possess a valid WHS handicap index issued by a bona fide club within the stipulated range based on the revision as of 1 August 2024 for the respective genders as follows:
  - WHS Handicap Index of 9.0 or lower (for Men Division)
  - WHS Handicap Index of 12.0 or lower (for Women Division)
- c) Handicap index with Excessive Penalty Scores may not be accepted.
- d) All entries will be subject to the approval of the OC, which reserves the right to accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving a reason for its decision.

## 3. FORMAT OF PLAY

- a) The Championship will be decided by stroke play over three rounds of 18 holes.
- b) A cut will be made after 36 holes for the Top 60% of players (including tie/ties) of each division, who shall qualify for the final round on 6 September 2024.

Day 1 & 2 (AM)	Gross Stroke play – aggregate scores over 36-holes	
Day 3 Final Rd (AM)	Gross Stroke play (Top 60% players of each division, including ties)	

c) The Champion shall be the player with the lowest aggregate gross score over the three rounds or completed round(s) in the respective Divisions.

## 4. SIZE OF FIELD

- a. The field will be limited to a maximum of 120 players for both Men and Women.
- b. In the event of entries falling short or exceeding the aforesaid respective 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.

## 5. ENTRY

- a. The Entry Fee is **SGD250nett** (inclusive of green, buggy, admin fees and GST).
- b. Entries must be made on the official entry form duly endorsed by the Captain, General Manager or Golf Manager of the players' home club.
  (NOTE: If a player has his/her Handicap Index maintained at more than one Club, the official entry form must be endorsed by any of the aforesaid office where the handicap index is the lowest.)
- c. Entries must be accompanied with the full Entry Fee by bank transfer or PayNow to the following account:

Account name: Warren Golf & Country Club Bank account no. 020-002087-3 Bank name : DBS Bank Ltd Bank code : 7171 Branch code : 020 PayNow - UEN: S71SS0048G

\*Please indicate player's full name as bill reference

All entries together with the entry fee must reach the "Golf Department at No. 81 Choa Chu Kang Way, Singapore 688263" or email to <u>golf@warren.org.sg</u> not later than **Friday**, **2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024**. Proof of posting is not proof of receipt.

d. 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. WITHDRAWAL POLICY

a. Withdrawal or cancellation must be made before **Friday**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **August 2024**. Otherwise, there shall be no refund of entry fee.

## 7. <u>DRAW</u>

- a. The draw list for the first round will be prepared by the OC prior to start of the Championship.
- b. The draw for the second and final rounds will be based on the cumulative gross scores of the preceding round(s).

## 8. <u>TIME OF STARTING</u>

- a. Players shall start at the time and in the order as indicated in the draw list. No substitution of players and changes of starting times shall be permitted after the draw has been made.
- b. The OC reserves the right to change the draws and alter the starting times without giving any reason thereof.

#### 9. WINNERS & PRIZES

a. Individual Event

The following prizes will be awarded:

- I. <u>Men Division</u> The Champion The Runner-up Third Fourth Fifth
- II. <u>Women Division</u> The Champion The Runner-up Third
- III. <u>Daily Best Gross</u> Best Gross for both Men and Women (NOTE: The Champion and Runner-up will not be eligible for the Daily Best Gross in the final round.)
- IV. <u>Warren Best Amateur</u> This Award is only applicable to Warren members.
- b. The OC reserves the right to amend the number of prizes as listed depending on the total number of players in each of the respective Divisions.

#### 10. SUBMISSION OF SCORECARD

- a. Players should check their cards in the Recording Office and ensure that their scores are correct and to be signed by their marker. Any doubtful points should be settled with the OC before returning the scorecard.
- b. A player is deemed to have returned his scorecard once he has left the Recording Office or the demarcated area where it exists.

## 11. DECISION OF TIES

- a. Individual Event In the event of a tie or ties for the first place, the Champion shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off over the 18<sup>th</sup> hole only until a winner emerges. The purpose of the play-off is to decide the winner for the Championship only. In the event inclement weather or other reasons make the play-off impractical, the OC's decision to determine the Champion is final.
- b. All other ties will be decided by a count back in the following order:

- Last 9 holes  $(10^{th} to 18^{th});$
- Last 6 holes  $(13^{\text{th}} \text{ to } 18^{\text{th}})$ ;
- Last 3 holes  $(16^{th} to 18^{th})$ ; and
- Last hole  $(18^{\text{th}})$ .

If there is still a tie, the same count back will be applied using the scores for the  $2^{nd}$  round and, if necessary, the  $1^{st}$  round until a decision is reached.

## 12. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- a. In the event that the first round of the Championship cannot be completed, it shall be continued the next day prior to the commencement of the second round.
- b. In the event that the second round of the Championship cannot be completed, it shall be continued the next day prior to the commencement of the third round.
- c. In the event that the final round of the Championship cannot be completed, it shall be abandoned. The result of the Championship will then be based on the completed rounds.

#### 13. STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY

- a. Model Local Rule J-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
- b. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation and the resumption of play shall be signaled using the hosting club's warning system.
- c. All open practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the OC has declared them open. Players who practice on open practice areas will be asked to cease doing so; failure to comply may result in revocation of entry.

#### 14. PRACTICE BEFORE OR BETWEEN ROUNDS

a. Model Local Rule I-1.1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures in in effect.

#### 15. <u>USE OF CADDIE PROHIBITED</u>

a. Model Local Rule H-1.1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

## 16. LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS

- a. Model Local Rule G-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.
- b. An updated List of Equipment is available on The R&A's website (www.randa.org).

#### 17. GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS

a. Model Local Rule G-2 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

## 18. LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

a. Model Local Rule G-3 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

## 19. BUGGIES

a. Players will be provided with buggies throughout the Championship and are responsible for any damage to their buggies. Buggies must not be driven near to or onto the putting green.

Any misuse of buggies or repeated failure to heed instruction on the restriction of the movement of buggies may constitute as a serious breach of etiquette and may lead to Disqualification under Rule 1.2.

#### 20. INSURANCE

a. All players are required to have appropriate golfing insurance.

## 21. PACE OF PLAY POLICY (RULE 5-6b)

#### a. Time Allowed

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

#### b. Definition of Out of Position

The first group to start will be considered "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed.

Any following group will be considered out of position if it is more than the starting interval time behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

#### c. Procedure When Group is Out of Position

If a decision is taken to time the group, **each player** in the group will be subject to individual timing by a referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed.

The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- On a par 3 hole;
- Second shot on par 4's and par 5's;
- Third shot on par 5's; and
- From on or near the putting green of the hole being played.

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly. **NOTE:** In some circumstances, an individual player or a few within a group may be timed instead of the entire group.

#### d. Penalty for Breach of Condition

1 bad time - Player will be warned by the referee and told that if he/she has a further bad time he will be penalised

2 bad time	-	Penalty of One Stroke
3 bad time	-	Further Penalty of Two Strokes
4 bad time	-	Disqualification

## 22. DISPUTES OR DOUBTS AS TO CORRECT PROCEDURE

- a. If there is a doubt as to the correct procedures, players are to refer to the Tournament Rules Official. If a Tournament Rules Official is not immediately available, a player (having notified his marker) may elect to play two balls in accordance with Rule 20-1c and obtain a ruling at the conclusion of the round, prior to signing and the return of the score card.
- b. No spectators (including parents or accompanying officials) are to enter into any discussion on a matter under dispute.

#### 23. TOURNAMENT RULES OFFICIALS/REFEREE

a. The Tournament Rules Officials/Referee's decision on all matters pertaining to the Rules of Golf is final.

#### 24. COMPETITION CLOSED

a. When the prizes are presented to the winners, the results of the competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed.

#### 25. PRACTICE ROUND/RANGE BALLS

- a. The course is available to players for practice on Tuesday, 3 September 2024 (morning only from 7.15 AM to 9.07 AM). Players are required to book their practice round from Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 onwards via email at <u>golf@warren.org.sg</u>.
   Cut-off time for the practice round is 3.00pm.
- b. The fee for practice round shall be **SGD50nett** (inclusive of green, buggy, admin fees and GST) and is only applicable to the registered participants on the scheduled date.
- c. No multiple ball play shall be allowed during the practice round.
- d. The driving range will be opened at 6.30am during the Championship.
- e. For those players who wish to practice before the official practice round and/or after the closing date, may do so by paying fees of **SGD162.48nett** (**AM/PM**) (Inclusive of Green, Buggy and Admin Fee on weekdays except Weekends and Public Holidays). Booking can be done via email at <u>golf@warren.org.sg</u> after the closing date (subject to availability).

#### 26. PRIZE PRESENTATION LUNCHEON

a. All players are invited to a Prize Presentation Luncheon at the Club's premises immediately after the Final Round.

## 27. 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 be no shorter than mid-thigh (no jean 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 spikes shoes are compulsory.

## 28. INDEMNITY/LIABILITIES

a. Warren Golf & Country Club, the sponsors, the OC of the Championship, appointed officials and staff, will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants of the Championship may suffer as a result of their participation in this Championship.

## 29. SPECTATORS/ACCOMPANYING OFFICIALS/PARENTS

- a. Spectators/accompanying officials/parents must remain on the cart paths at all times. They must stay off the greens and out of the bunkers at all times. They are prohibited from using golf buggies.
- b. They should maintain a reasonable distance from the players to avoid the appearance that they are imparting advice or assisting the player in any way. They may approach a player for a moment to exchange clothing, food, or beverages, but should not have prolonged contact. Those found violating these policies may be asked to leave the course.

## **30. OFFICIAL HOTEL**

a. Official accommodation has been arranged at: Hotel Royal, 36 Newton Road Singapore 307964.
Website: <u>https://www.hotelroyal.com.sg</u>.
Reservation Hotline (65) 6426 0122 or (65) 9238 1117
Email eddie@hotelroyal.com.sg.

## **31. FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS**

a. Visitors to Singapore must hold valid travel documents with a minimum validity of 6 months. Please visit the website: <u>https://www.ica.gov.sg/</u> to check on visa requirement.

## 32. ENQUIRIES

a. If you have any query, please do not hesitate to contact our Golfing Department at:

GOLFING DEPARTMENT WARREN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB No. 81 Choa Chu Kang Way, Singapore 688263 Tel No: +65 65861 245 or Email: <u>golf@warren.org.sg</u>

## 33. AMENDMENTS TO CONDITIONS

a. The OC reserves the right to amend these Championship conditions.

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