

# SGA INTER – AFFILIATED CLUB LEAGUE 2010

## CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

### 1. GENERAL

- a. The SGA Inter-Affiliated Club League is an annual event open to all SGA Affiliated Clubs. It consists of three Legs.
- b. The League will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Ltd and the prevailing Local Rules of the host club.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. All SGA Affiliated Clubs are eligible to field a team of 4 players in each Division. Players must be members of the club that they are representing. Players may represent only one club and will not be eligible to play for any other clubs (even if they are members of that club) once they represented a club in any legs.
- b. They must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as laid down by the R&A Rules Ltd and possess a valid USGA Handicap Index within the stipulated range in their respective Divisions.
- c. Clubs may field players with higher Handicap Index than that stipulated for the various Divisions. However, such players may not subsequently be able to play in a lower Division.
- d. A player whose Handicap Index has been adjusted during the duration of the League may continue to play in the same Division as he started with.

### 3. FORMAT OF PLAY

- a. The League will be a stroke play competition in three Divisions competing on gross scores. A team will consist of 4 players.
- b. Each club may participate in any or all of the Divisions and they are:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Handicap Index Range</u>
Premier	Up to 7.0
“ A ”	7.1 – 11.0
“ B ”	11.1 – 18.0

Note: Players' Handicap Index as at 1 January 2010 will be used to determine the Division that they are eligible to play in.

- c. Teams will play in all three Legs and their aggregate gross scores will determine their ranking. The Best Team in each Leg shall be the team with the lowest gross scores of their best 3 players.
- d. The Champion Team in each Division will be the team that returns the best total gross scores for the three or the number of Legs played. They will be invited to the 5<sup>th</sup> and Final Leg of the SGA Inter-Club League on Sunday 25 April 2010 at Orchid Golf Club.
- e. A disqualification of a player during a Leg will not result in the disqualification of the team, unless more than one player in that team has been disqualified in that Leg.
- f. A disqualification of a team in any Leg will not result in its disqualification from the remaining Legs of the League. However, that team will not be eligible for the Champion Team in that Division.

4. REGISTRATION

- a. Participating Clubs will register their players with the Hosting Club at least one week before the tournament date.

5. DECISION OF TIES

- a. In the event of tie/ties during a Leg, the tie will be decided using the score of the 4<sup>th</sup> player in the team. If there is still a tie, the Host count-back system will apply on the 4<sup>th</sup> player.
- b. In the event of tie/ties for the Division Champion, the winner shall be the team that has the lower score in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Leg.
- c. If there is still a tie, the winner shall be the team whose 4<sup>th</sup> player returns the lower score in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Leg.
- d. If a further tie exists, the 4<sup>th</sup> player's score from each preceding Leg will count, until the tie is broken.

6. INCLEMENT WEATHER

- a. In the event of inclement weather and a Leg cannot be fully completed within the constraints of the Hosting Club, the Leg will be abandoned.
- b. If a Leg is abandoned for any Divisions, the Champion Team shall be determined based on the number of Legs played.

7. DRAW

- a. The draw for each Leg will be at the discretion of the Hosting Club Tournament Committee.

8. STARTING TIMES

- a. Players shall start at the time and in the order indicated in the draw done by the Hosting Club Tournament Committee.
- b. Players must report to the starter at least 10 minutes before their tee-off time. If a player arrives at his starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole. If a player fails to appear at the starting tee within this period, he shall be disqualified.

9. PACE OF PLAY

- a. Rule 6-7 (Undue Delay; Slow Play) will be strictly enforced using the 'Group Pace of Play' system.
- b. The maximum time allowed for a round to be completed will be advised in a notice to players. Any group which is out of position and behind time will be warned and liable to be penalized. Times are noted at checkpoints on holes #4, #9, #13, and #18 and groups will be informed of their status at each point.
- c. Penalties will be assigned as follows:
- i. 1st missed checkpoint (hole #4 or #13) - warning
  - ii. 2nd missed checkpoint (hole #9 or #18) - 1 stroke penalty
  - iii. 3rd missed checkpoint (hole #4 or #13) -- second warning
  - iv. 4th missed checkpoint (hole #9 or #18) - additional 2 stroke penalty
- d. If a group played the first nine in time and was not subject to penalty, the following applies to their back nine play:
- i. 1st missed checkpoint (hole #4 or #13) – warning
  - ii. 2nd missed checkpoint (hole #9 or #18) – 1 stroke penalty.

- e. If a group has incurred penalties, a player(s) may request a review before signing their cards. If scorecards are returned and no review is requested then any penalties will automatically be applied. A review will be successful if there is evidence that the player was:
  - i. Delayed by the committee (an unusually long ruling or waiting for a Rules Official to attend);
  - ii. Delayed because of circumstances beyond control of the players;
  - iii. Delayed because of another player in the group.
- f. Review and application of the penalty will only occur in the scoring area, not during the stipulated round as discussion of the situation with the checkpoint official will only cause further delay to the round and will not be allowed.
- g. A player concerned about a non responsive (slow) player in his group who is delaying play should inform a Tournament Referee and he will monitor play of the group and take this into consideration should a review be requested following the stipulated round.
- h. All players should be ready to play when it is their turn and also to play out of turn in exceptional cases if it will assist in a ball search or whilst waiting for a Tournament Referee to attend. When in doubt, players should always play a provisional ball. This will be taken into account in cases where lost balls have caused undue delay (a provisional ball may result in a successful review).

10. 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 Referee. If a Tournament Referee is not immediately available, a player (having notified his marker) may elect to play two balls in accordance with Rule 3.3 and obtain a ruling at the conclusion of the round, prior to signing and the return of the score card.

11. DECISIONS

- a. The Tournament Referee's decision on all matters pertaining to the Rules of Golf is final.
- b. The decision of the Hosting Club Tournament Committee, once posted, is final and binding on all parties.

12. PRIZES

- a. Prizes will be awarded to the following:
  - i. Best Individual  
The player who returns the best gross score in the respective Divisions for each Leg.
  - ii. Best Team  
The team that return the lowest combined gross scores of their 3 best players in the respective Divisions for each Leg.
  - iii. Overall Champion  
The Champion Team in each Division will be the team that returns the best total gross scores for the three or the number of Legs played.

Note: Daily prizes will be presented at each Leg.

13. GOLF BALLS

- a. Balls must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A. Penalty for breach is DISQUALIFICATION.

14. DRIVING CLUBS

- a. Drivers must conform to the Rules of Golf and must not be on the current List of Non-Conforming Driver issued by R&A. Penalty for breach is DISQUALIFICATION.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOSTING CLUB**

1. The responsibilities of a Club hosting a Leg are:
  - i. Nominate a Tournament Director;
  - ii. Obtain the names of players from participating Clubs and organise draw list;
  - iii. Collate and send the results with name, Club and gross score to SGA and the participating Clubs on completion of each Leg.
  - iv. Provide and arrange facilities for SGA to host the Prize Presentation
2. The additional responsibilities of a Club hosting the Final Leg are;:
  - i. Assist in computing and determining the final results.