



**Women's
Amateur**
ASIA PACIFIC

2021 TERMS OF CHAMPIONSHIP AND GENERAL INFORMATION FORM

1. Eligibility

The Championship shall be open to players who have Amateur Status in accordance with the current Amateur Status Rules of R&A Rules Limited.

Players must be of the female gender and have been female at birth or have had the female gender assigned. For the avoidance of doubt, The Championship Committee reserves the right to carry out a confidential case-by-case evaluation at any time either prior to or after the Championship if in its reasonable opinion such an evaluation is or becomes necessary. Any player in breach of this term may be disqualified.

All players are subject to the provisions of the International Golf Federation's Anti-Doping Policy. Details of the Policy, and the current List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the International Golf Federation's website (www.igfgolf.org). Players who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from The R&A or the IGF knowing that, should a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) be required this must be submitted to the IGF not later than 30 days before the start of the Championship.

2. Entries

The 2021 Women's Amateur Asia Pacific will have a maximum field of 90 female amateur players and only countries with players in the World Amateur Golf Rankings will be invited to participate. The field will be selected from Member Countries of the Asia Pacific Golf Confederation using the following criteria:

- 2.1 Category A – 6 players per country - Countries with at least 20 players in the WAGR or at least one player in the WAGR Top 100.
- 2.2 Category B – 4 players per country - Countries with 6 – 19 players in the WAGR.
- 2.3 Category C – 1 player per country - Countries with 1 – 5 players in the WAGR.
- 2.4 Category D – 4 players - The host country (UAE) will be invited to select four players.
- 2.5 Category E – 5 invited players - The Championship Committee will retain the right to invite an additional 5 players either from any country in the Asia Pacific region, including countries with or without WAGR players, provided that these players are able to compete at the appropriate level for the championship. The maximum handicap for such players will be 5.4.
- 2.6 The Championship Committee also reserves the right, at its discretion, to invite additional players, and/or withdraw an invitation if it is made aware of disciplinary matters or anti-doping sanctions concerning any player.

3. Championship Committee

- 3.1 The Championship Committee shall comprise representatives of the APGC and The R&A.
- 3.2 In the absence of the full Championship Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision and any decision so given shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Committee.
- 3.3 The Championship Committee shall have the sole management and control of the Championship with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the terms.
- 3.4 The Championship Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship shall be final aside from all Rules of Golf matters, in which case the Rules of Golf will apply.

4. Format

- 4.1 The Championship shall be played at the Abu Dhabi Golf Club, Abu Dhabi.
 - Round 1: Wednesday 10th November
 - Round 2: Thursday 11th November
 - Round 3: Friday 12th November
 - Round 4: Saturday 13th November

The winner shall be the **Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific Champion** and receive the Rae-Vadee T. Suwan Champion's Medal. The winner will also receive an invitation to compete in the following events provided they are an amateur at the time of and throughout the respective event:

2022 AIG Women's Open
2022 The Amundi Evian Championship
2022 Hana Bank Championship

The leading runner-up will receive a place in the Final Qualifying stage of the 2022 AIG Women's Open. Ties will be decided in favour of the highest ranked player on WAGR at the commencement of the tournament. The winner and runners-up must be an amateur at the time of participating in the AIG Women's British Open and The Amundi Evian Championship. The winner will also receive invitations to other professional and amateur championships which will be confirmed in due course.

- 4.2 One round of 18 holes shall be played on each of the first two days for which one draw shall be made. The players returning the 50 lowest scores, and anyone tying for 50th place over the first 36 holes shall qualify for the final 36 holes over the last two days. For the final 36 holes, the pairings and starting times shall be determined in accordance with the qualifying scores, players with the lowest scores starting last.
- 4.3 In the event of a tie for the Championship after four rounds, the players who tie shall play a hole-by-hole play-off to determine the Champion. Terms of the play-off will be posted on the Championship notice board during the event and will be available on request.
- 5. Registration**
Players must register at the Westin Hotel between 14:00 and 19:00 on Monday 8th November or 07:00 and 11:00 on Tuesday 9th November. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship. Please note a separate Registration Form must be submitted at this time. The parent / guardian of a player aged under 18 years MUST also sign this form and give consent to the player's participation in the Championship. Players should also return the completed Photo and Video Consent form when registering for the Championship.
- 6. Practice**
Practice Rounds will be played on Monday 8th (pre-assigned times) and Tuesday 9th (Shotgun start) November. Pre-assigned tee times will be available at Player Registration.
- 7. Rules of Play**
The Championship shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee.
- 8. Driver Heads, Groove Specifications and Conforming Balls:**
Model Local Rules G-1, G-2 and G-3 in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf are in effect regarding Conforming Driver Heads, Groove and Punch Mark Specifications and Conforming Golf Balls.
Note: It is strongly recommended that any player in doubt as to whether their equipment conforms to these Local Rules consult with the Championship Committee. This should be done as far in advance of the Championship as possible. Conforming lists are available at: www.randa.org.
- 9. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)**
See separate memorandum to players for the pace of play policy.
- 10. Suspension of Play (Rule 5.7b)**
A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signalled by three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated. Resumption of play will be signalled by two short airhorn notes, repeated.
- 11. Transportation**
Model Local Rule G-6 from the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf is in effect.
- 12. Distance Measuring Devices**
Distance-Measuring Devices are allowed in accordance with Rule 4.3a(1) in the Rules of Golf.
- 13. Returning of Score Cards**
A player's card is deemed officially returned when the player has left the recording area.
- 14. Close of Competition**
The competition is deemed to have closed when the Trophy has been presented to the winner at the Trophy Presentation.
- 15. Behaviour**
All players and their guests at the Women's Amateur Asia Pacific are expected to be courteous and polite at all times to everyone involved in the Championship, including other players, officials, media, spectators and anyone else they come into contact with during the week. Players are expected to conform to the standards of player conduct provided in Rule 1.2a of the Rules of Golf. Please note that Rule 1.2a allows the Committee to disqualify any player who commits serious misconduct.

16. Caddie Information / Guidelines

Players are prohibited from using caddies during the tournament week. Pull trolleys will be provided to all players participating in the championship. A player is prohibited from having a caddie during a round. Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:

- i) The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which he is helped by a caddie.
- ii) If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.
- iii) A player having a caddie in breach of this Local Rule must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that he conforms with this Local Rule for the remainder of the round. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

17. Media

R&A Championships Limited seeks media coverage and publicity for the Women's Amateur Asia Pacific around and during the Championship via both the written press and via broadcast and audio-visual media. Each player by entering the Championship and by agreeing to these Terms assigns to R&A Championships Limited and its assignees and licensees the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, edit, exhibit and reproduce (and to authorise others to do so) in any and all media (whether Press, radio, television, internet or otherwise), whether now known or hereafter devised for commercial and/or other purposes from time to time and at their discretion, any and all pictures, coverage, recordings and any other reproductions of any description of the player made during or in connection with the Championship (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the player or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the player. The player also assigns the right to use and reproduce their name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised by R&A Championships Limited for the purpose of promoting the Championship and any subsequent Championships, without compensation for the player or the heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the player including in circumstances where it may include the logo of a third party or of a sponsor or patron of the Championship or any subsequent Championship or any other activities undertaken by R&A Championships Limited. Players shall be responsible for ensuring that their caddies (if applicable) will assign to R&A Championships Limited and its successors and licensees equivalent rights in relation to the caddie. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights, R&A Championships Limited and its assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with R&A Championships Limited to use the player's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in a way which constitutes the endorsement of a product or service, without first requiring such associated company to obtain the player's authorisation. R&A Championships Limited may also use any image of the player taken at the Championship to populate the relevant pages of the WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING™ website at www.wagr.com.

18. Authority

The Committee's objective is to complete the Championship as per the format outlined in these Terms of Competition. The Committee reserves the right to amend these Terms of Competition at any time before or during the Championship and/or cancel the Championship before or during play. The decision of the Committee is final in all matters.

**All Championship information including a list of accepted entries may be viewed at
www.randa.org**