

# 2014 Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament

## "Conditions of Play"

### **1. ENTRIES**

- 1.1 Entry fee of SR450.00 per entrant. **Deadline for receipt of application is at 2:00PM, Thursday, October 23, 2014. Entry fees shall be due upon notification that application has been accepted.**
- 1.2 Application must be completed on-line <http://www.arabiangolf.com/sait.html>
- 1.3 The field size will be determined based upon the number of applicants responding to this invitation and in accordance with RHGC's goal of securing participation from a wide number of different golf clubs in the region. Applicants are advised that the number of participants accepted per golf club may be limited based on the overall response. Applicants must provide a club certified handicap at the time of registration. Should an accepted entrant withdraw, alternates will be immediately notified. Entry fees will be refunded at the earliest opportunity to alternates who cannot be accommodated in the tournament.
- 1.4 The Committee reserves the right to limit and/or restrict the number of entrants from any one club or golf society. These limitations will be communicated to the respective Club Secretary after the deadline of October 23, 2014.

### **2. QUALIFICATIONS**

- 2.1 Open to professional and amateur Golfers who are current members of a Golf Club or Golf Society, as determined by the Club Tournament Committee.
- 2.2 A valid handicap certificate and/or letter from Club Secretary must be submitted to the Committee during registration. Clubs may submit a composite listing of handicaps for multiple entrants. Playing Handicaps will be limited to USGA Index of 9.9 or Congu Exact Handicap of 10.7. Congu Handicaps will be converted to Playing Handicaps as per USGA and EGA recommendations. **Players MUST play off their current handicap on the day of the competition.** Current handicaps must be presented to the Committee at time of registration.

### **3. RULES**

- 3.1 Play will be conducted according to the rules of the USGA, the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, the Saudi Aramco Golf Association (SAGA) Sec IV, and Rolling Hills Golf Club Local Rules. A copy of pertinent Section IV Administration rules in SAGA and RHGC Local Rules will be provided to each Competitor at Registration.

### **4. PLAY**

- 4.1 Stroke Play (from the Championship tees) over 36 holes on Friday November 7 & Saturday November 8, 2014.

- 4.2 The 40 Low Gross scores (plus ties) from Day-1 competition, will advance to the Day-2 Championship Round. The next 40 Low Gross scores (plus ties) who did not qualify for the Championship Round on Friday will advance to the 18 Hole Plate Competitions.
- 4.3 First day ties at the last position will be based on published count-back rules. In the Championship Competition, gross scores for both days will be totaled to determine the winner. The Plate Competition will be based on Saturday play only.
- 4.4 Assigned tee-times for Saturday's Championship and Plate Competitions will be first from highest gross score to lowest gross score.
- 4.5 All competitors will walk, either carrying their bag or pulling clubs in a trolley. Players who wish to use caddies are permitted to do so but are responsible for obtaining them. Player must ensure that their caddies adhere to customary golf club dress codes.

## **5. DECISIONS**

- 5.1 The decisions of the Tournament Committee on all matters of competition play shall be final. The Tournament Committee will include the Tournament Directors, appointees, as well as non-participating members of the RHGC Grounds and Rules Committee.

## **6. DRAW**

- 6.1 The draw for the First Round will be made by lot, except where possible, visitors, will be drawn with an RHGC Member. The draw will be posted the Rolling Hills Golf Clubhouse on Thursday November 6, 2014

## **7. STARTING**

- 7.1 Players shall report to Registration table 30 minutes before their assigned tee-time. Players are requested to present themselves to the Starter **15 minutes** before the start of play. Order of play will be governed by the Draw. The player must start at time designated by the Committee. Penalty may include disqualification.

## **8. PRACTICE**

- 8.1 All competitors may practice on the course on Thursday, November 6, 2014. No practice will be permitted on the competition course during the Tournament days of November 7 and 8. The driving range will be available free of charge to competitors on all three days.

## **9. TIES**

- 9.1 Players tied for first (1<sup>st</sup>) place will participate in a sudden death play-off starting at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Play will alternate between holes 18 and 9 until there is a winner.
- 9.2 Other ties will be decided by count back under USGA Rule 33-6, Stroke Play ©.

## **10. PRIZES**

- 10.1 The 49<sup>th</sup> Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament Champion will be the person returning the lowest gross score over 36 holes.

### **Championship Competition:**

36-Hole: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Low Gross

36-Hole: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net

Day-1: Low Gross and Low Net

Day-2: Low Gross and Low Net

### **Plate Competition**

18-Hole: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Gross

18 Hole: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net

Best Front & Best Back (Gross)

### **Skill Prizes**

Day 1 & 2: Longest Drive and Closest to Pin. Holes will be announced. Players are eligible to win only one time in each category.

**\*\*Additional sponsor's prizes and gifts may be announced as they materialize\*\***

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