



## **51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SAUDI ARAMCO INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT November 4 - 5, 2016**

The Saudi Aramco Golf Association (SAGA) is pleased to announce the 51<sup>st</sup> edition of the Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament (SAIT). The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual SAIT will be held at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia on November 4-5, 2016.

Selected professional and amateur golfers will be considered for entry into the field. Playing Handicaps will be limited to USGA Handicap Index of 9.9 or CONGU Exact Handicap of 10.7. Based on the cutline, we are estimating that the top 40 low gross scores (plus ties) from Day 1 will advance to the Day 2 Championship Competition. The remaining qualified players from Day 1 will advance to the Day 2 Plate Competition.

The Entry Fee is SR 700 for SAGA Members, and SR 1,000 for non-SAGA Members. Entry Fees include a gift bag containing commemorative items, as well as breakfast and lunch on November 4 and 5. There is also an excellent range of trophies and prizes, details of which can be found in the Conditions of Play.

The Conditions of Play and (tentative) Schedule of Events are attached. Event entries can only be made [On-Line](#) (no paper or other entries permitted). Please ensure that you register on-line no later than **October 13, 2016** (see Conditions of Play for more details on registration). Shortly thereafter, your invitation to play will be confirmed, at which time your entry fee will be due and payable in order to secure your spot in the field.

We look forward to what promises to be a memorable event.

The Saudi Aramco Golf Association and  
The 2016 SAIT Organizing Committee



## **51<sup>st</sup> Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament – Program\***

### **Thursday, November 3**

8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Rolling Hills Golf Club open for practice to all competitors.
12:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Registration – RHGC Clubhouse
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Players Meeting at RHGC Clubhouse (shwarmas served)

### **Friday, November 4**

5:30 AM	Breakfast served, and driving range open for practice
6:30 AM	Tee-off 51 <sup>st</sup> Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Buffet lunch served in RHGC Clubhouse
5:00 PM	Friday Final Round pairings and announcements
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Reception/snacks served outside the RHGC Clubhouse

### **Saturday, November 5**

5:30 AM	Breakfast served, and driving range open for practice
7:00 AM	Tee-off (hole #1) for Championship Round
7:00 AM	Tee-off (hole #10) for Plate Competition
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Buffet lunch served in RHGC Clubhouse
3:00 PM	Awards Presentation – RHGC Clubhouse.

\* Minor program time revisions may occur but these will be confirmed at Registration.



## 2016 Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament “Conditions of Play”

### **1. ENTRIES**

- 1.1 Entry fee of SR 700 per entrant for SAGA Members, and 1,000 per entrant for non-SAGA Members. **Deadline for receipt of application is October 14, 2016. Entry fees shall be due upon notification that application has been accepted.**
- 1.2 Application must be completed on-line <http://www.arabiangolf.com/>  
(Contact us at [SAITGOLFTournament@gmail.com](mailto:SAITGOLFTournament@gmail.com))
- 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 SAIT Tournament Committee (“Committee”) reserves the right to limit and/or restrict the number of entrants from any one golf club, federation or society. These limitations will be communicated to the respective club representative after the deadline of October 21, 2016.

### **2. QUALIFICATIONS**

- 2.1 Open to professional and amateur golfers who are current members of a golf club, federation or society, as determined by the Committee.
- 2.2 A valid handicap certificate and/or letter from club officer or authorized representative 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 over 36 holes on Friday November 4 & Saturday November 5, 2015.
- 4.2 Based on the cutline, we estimate that the 40 Low Gross scores (plus ties) from Day 1 competition, will advance to the Day 2 Championship Round. The remaining qualified players will advance to the Plate Competition.
- 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. In the Plate Competition, gross scores for both days will be totaled to determine the winner.
- 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 arranging them. Players must ensure that their caddies adhere to golf etiquette and customary golf club dress codes.

### **5. DECISIONS**

- 5.1 The decisions of the Committee on all matters of competition play shall be final.

## **6. DRAW**

- 6.1 The draw for the First Round will be made by lot, except where possible, visitors will be paired with an RHGC Member. The draw will be posted at the Rolling Hills Golf Clubhouse on Thursday, November 3, 2016.

## **7. STARTING**

- 7.1 Players shall report to the 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. Penalties may be imposed for violation of this rule, including disqualification.

## **8. PRACTICE**

- 8.1 All competitors may practice on the course on Thursday, November 3, 2016. In accordance with the rules of golf, no practice will be permitted on the competition course during the Tournament days of November 4 and 5. The driving range will be available free of charge to all competitors throughout the Tournament.

## **9. TIES**

- 9.1 Players tied for first place in the Championship competition only 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 51<sup>st</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>

**Plate Competition:** 36-Hole: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>

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