

57th Annual Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament

Rolling Hills Golf Club is pleased to announce the 57th edition of the Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament (SAIT)

The 57th Annual SAIT will be held at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia on November 19—21, 2022.

Selected professional and amateur golfers ages 16+ will be considered for entry into the field. Entrants must have a WHS Handicap Index of 14.9 or less. Players with a *WHS Handicap Index of 8.2* and below will be competing in the Championship Competition exclusively. Players with WHS Handicap Index of 8.3 and above will compete in the Plate Competition. A player with a WHS Handicap Index of 8.3 or above may opt to play in the Championship competition at the time of registration; however the player will compete for the Championship Competition exclusively.

The Entry Fee is SR 500 for SAGA Members, and SR 750 for non-SAGA Members. Entry Fees include a gift bag containing commemorative items as well as breakfast and lunch on November 19th and 20th. There is also an excellent range of trophies and prizes, details of which can be found in the Conditions of Play.

Event entries must be made <u>online</u> for Rolling Hills Golf Club Members. SAGA Members and other players may submit their entry via email to <u>RHGCTournaments@gmail.com</u>. Please ensure that you register no later than **November 16th**, **2022** (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 2022 SAIT Organizing Committee



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Program

Thursday, November 17th

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Rolling Hills Golf Club open for practice to all competitors.
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Registration – RHGC Proshop

Friday, November 18th

5:30 AM	Breakfast served, and driving range open for practice
7:00 AM	Tee-off 55th Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Lunch served in RHGC Clubhouse
5:00 PM	Friday Final Round pairings and announcements

Saturday, November 19st

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.

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^{*} Minor program time revisions may occur but these will be confirmed at Registration



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Conditions of Play

1. ENTRIES

Entry fee of SR 500 per entrant for SAGA Members, and SR 750per entrant for non-SAGA Members. Deadline for receipt of application is November 16th, 2022. Entry fees shall be due upon notification that application has been accepted. Failure to make payment prior to your tee time will result in disqualification.

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.

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 November 16, 2022.

2. QUALIFICATIONS

- 2.1 Open to professional and amateur golfers ages 16+ and 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. Players with a WHS Handicap Index of 8.2 (Playing Handicap of 10) and below will be competing in the Championship Competition exclusively. Players with a WHS Handicap Index of 8.3 (Playing Handicap of 11) and above will compete in the Plate Competition. A player with a WHS Handicap Index of 8.3 (Playing Handicap of 11) or above may opt to play in the Championship competition at the time of registration however, such player will compete for the Championship Competition exclusively. 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.



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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 are in effect with the exception of the following:
 - Local Rule 7 (Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball out of Bounds (E-5)) does not apply.
 - Local Rule 8 regarding ("Maximum Score" Stroke Play (Rule 21.2)) does not apply, all players must hole out to record a score or alternatively pick up and record a no score.

4. PLAY

- 4.1 Stroke Play over 36 holes on Friday November 18th and Saturday November 19th, 2022.
- 4.2 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
- 4.3 Assigned tee-times for Saturday's Championship and Plate Competitions will be first from highest gross score to lowest gross score.
- 4.4 The Championship Flight is a walking only event, all competitors in the can walk, either carrying their bag or pulling clubs in a trolley. All competitors in the Plate can ride in a cart or 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 17th, 2022.

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 **10 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



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8. PRACTICE

8.1 All competitors may practice on the course on Thursday, November 19th, 2022. In accordance with the rules of golf, no practice will be permitted on the competition course during the Tournament days of November 20th and 21st. 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 18th 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 57th Saudi Aramco Invitational Tournament Champion will be the person returning the lowest gross score over 36 holes.

<u>Championship 36 Hole Competition</u>: 1st Place Gross

2nd Place Gross 3rd Place Gross

Plate 36 Hole Competition: 1st Place Gross

1st Place Net

Skill Prizes: Day 1 & 2: Longest Drive and Closest to Pin. Holes to be announced.

<u>Note:</u> A maximum course handicap allowance of 15 will be applied for the purposes of determining the 1st Place Low Net Winner in the Plate Competition.

11. MEALS

11.1 Breakfast and lunch for the competitors on the 18th and 19st of November are included in the entry fees.