

2014 SGA INTER-ASSOCIATE MEMBERS' LEAGUE
CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

GENERAL

1. The SGA Inter-Associate Members' League (IAML) is a team event open to all SGA Associate Members.
2. It shall 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.
3. All SGA Associate Members are eligible to field a team in any or all of the 5 Divisions. They are "A", "B" and "C" Divisions, with "A" being the highest and "C" the lowest, "D" and "Ladies".
4. The classification of the Divisions are as follows:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Handicap Index Range</u>
"A"	11.0 and below
"B "	11.1 – 18.0
"C "	18.1 and above
"D"	Open
"Ladies"	Open

Note: Players' Handicap Index as at 1st March 2014 shall be used to determine the Division that they are eligible to play in.

5. The classification of the "D" Division will be based on the age of players and they must be 50 years or older as at 1st January 2014.

ELIGIBILITY

6. Players must be members of the Associate Member and have their Handicap Index maintained by the Associate Member that they are representing. Players with Handicap Index maintained elsewhere will not be eligible to represent the Associate Member, even if they are members of that Associate Member.
7. Players may represent only one Associate Member and are not eligible to play for any other Associate Members (even if they are members of that Associate Member) once they have represented an Associate Member in any Leg at the start of the season.
8. 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.

9. Associate Members may field players with higher Handicap Index than that stipulated for the various Divisions. However, such players are not eligible to play in a lower Division subsequently. Players who have played in the "D" Division will also not be eligible to play in the other Divisions.

10. 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.

FORMAT OF PLAY

11. The League will be a stroke play competition based on gross scores and shall be played over 5 Legs.

12. A team shall consist of at least 3 players and not exceeding 4 in each of the following Divisions: "A", "B", "C" and "D". The "Ladies" Division shall consist of a minimum of 2 players and a maximum of 4 players.

13. The Best Team in each Leg will be the team with the lowest aggregate gross scores of the best 3 players in each Division. As for the "Ladies" Division, the Best Team in each Leg shall be the team with the lowest aggregate gross scores of the best 2 players.

14. The Champion Team in each Division will be the team that returns the lowest aggregate gross scores for the five or the number of Legs played.

15. 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; except for the Ladies Division.

16. 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.

REGISTRATION

17. Participating Associate Members should register their players with the hosting Associate Member at least one week before the tournament date.

DECISION OF TIES

18. In the event of tie/ties during a Leg, the tie will be decided using the score of the 3rd player in the team. If there is still a tie, the Host count-back system will apply on the 3rd player. The "Ladies" Division will be based on the 2nd player's score. If there is still a tie, the Host count-back system will apply on the 2nd player.

19. In the event of tie/ties for the Division Champion, the winner shall be the team that has the lowest aggregate gross scores in the 5th Leg or it will be based on the immediate previous leg if the 5th Leg was abandoned.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

20. 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.

21. If a Leg is abandoned for any Divisions, the Champion Team shall be determined based on the number of Legs played.

DRAW

22. The draw for each Leg will be at the discretion of the hosting Associate in consultation with their appointed Tournament Director.

STARTING TIMES

23. Players shall start at the time and in the order as indicated in the draw. No substitution of players and changes of starting times shall be permitted after the draw has been made without the approval of the Tournament Director.

PACE OF PLAY

24. Rule 6-7 (Undue Delay; Slow Play) will be enforced using the 'Group Pace of Play' system. See separate memorandum to players for the Pace of Play guidelines.

DECISIONS

25. The Tournament Referee's decision on all matters pertaining to the Rules of Golf is final.

26. The decision of the Tournament Director, once posted, is final and binding on all parties.

PRIZES

27. Prizes will be awarded to the following:

- a. Best Individual
The player who returns the best gross score in the respective Divisions in each Leg.
- b. Best Team
The team that return the lowest aggregate gross scores of the 3 best players in the respective Divisions in each Leg. The Ladies Division will be based on 2 best players in each Leg.
- c. Overall Champion
The Champion Team in each Division will be the team that returns the best total gross scores for the five or the number of Legs played.

Note: The Best Individual and Team prizes will be presented in each Leg. The overall Champion from each Division will receive their prizes at the SGA Inter-Club League prize presentation cum dinner. Representatives from participating Members may also be invited to the dinner.

INSURANCE

27. All players are required to have appropriate golfing insurance.

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

28. The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see page 138.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS

29. The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 137 – 138.

AMENDMENTS TO CONDITIONS

30. The Tournament Director reserves the right to amend these conditions.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOSTING ASSOCIATE MEMBER

1. The responsibilities of an Associate Member hosting a Leg are:
 - a. Nominate a Tournament Director;
 - b. Obtain the names of players from participating Associate Members and organise draw list;
 - c. Collate and send the results with name, Associate Member and gross score to SGA and the participating Clubs on completion of each Leg;
 - d. Provide and arrange facilities for SGA to host the Prize Presentation; and
 - e. Assist in computing and determining the final results.

MEMORANDUM ON PACE OF PLAY
Notice to Players

Group Pace of Play Policy (Stroke Play Only)

1. The maximum time allowed for the round shall be decided by the Tournament Committee. The hole by hole allotted time is provided on the Official Notice Board and/or in the Notice to Competitors.
2. The Singapore Golf Association Group Pace of Play policy leaves the responsibility for maintaining the pace of play where it belongs, with the players. The first group in the field should play efficient golf. The following group should keep up with the group in front of them.
3. There will be time-keepers present on the 4th, 9th, 13th and 18th hole with whom players can check on their pace.
4. The first group in the field must complete play at the 9th hole and 18th hole no later than the time established by the Tournament Committee. Subsequent groups are held to the same standard. If they are unable to meet the prescribed standard due to slow play ahead of them they will be considered to have met the standard if they complete play at the 9th hole and 18th hole within the time established by the Committee and/or any mitigating circumstances that may have held them back. A group is considered to have completed the play of a hole when all players in the group have holed out and the flagstick is replaced in the holes.
5. Subsequent groups, other than the lead group, will be deemed to be OUT OF POSITION when the group is behind on their allotted time. Upon completing the 9th or 18th hole everyone in the group, are liable to a pace of play penalty assessed to them if the group is behind their allotted time and no mitigating circumstances exist. Pace of play penalties are to be added to the score on the 9th or 18th hole. The tournament officials or rules officials will notify players officially on this if a penalty is assessed. No notice or warnings are required to be given to players with this pace of policy at the intermediate checkpoints but officials will endeavor to do so at check points on the 4th and 13th hole advising that the group may be liable to slow play penalty at the 9th or 18th hole.

Out of Position

6. If the lead group is behind its expected time after completing the intermediate check point, the group may be advised that they are liable to a penalty if they fail to complete the first nine holes in their expected time.
7. If they pass the second intermediate check point, behind their expected time, the group may be advised that they are liable to penalty if they do not complete the round within their expected time. If they have had a penalty on the first nine holes and again fail to complete the round of eighteen holes within their expected time, a two stroke penalty will be added to their score on the finishing hole. A group may appeal in the scoring area before submitting their scorecards.
8. If any subsequent group completes the intermediate checkpoint behind its expected time the group is liable to a penalty if they fail to complete the first nine on their expected time.
9. If they pass the second intermediate check point, behind their expected time they are liable to a slow play penalty if they do not complete the round within their expected time. If they have had a penalty on the first nine holes and again fail to complete the round of eighteen holes within their expected time, a two stroke penalty shall be added to their score on the finishing hole. A group may appeal in the scoring area before submitting their scorecards.

Note: Officials would attempt to inform players that they are behind on their pace of play and may be liable to penalties should they fail to meet the expected time when they complete the nine holes or complete the round. However, penalties on the 9th or 18th hole may be assessed even if no notice or warnings have been given to the group at the intermediate checkpoints. A group that receives a penalty on the first nine holes is not absolved from penalty unless an appeal is made and the tournament committee upholds the appeal.

10. In the Note to Players, the allotted time on a hole by hole basis will be provided on the Official Notice Board. These times are adjusted based on the difficulty of the course and the ability of the field. They include time to search for lost balls and deal with other common occurrences encountered during play. A normal speed of play should result in completing play before the time indicated. If a group falls behind, they are expected to play efficient golf and make up the lost time. This might mean playing ready golf i.e. playing out of turn, which is allowed in stroke play.

11. It is the PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITY to know their group's position relative to the published Pace of Play and to ensure they play within the published limits. Failure to play within the Pace of Play guidelines will result in a Pace of Play penalty unless players appeal and the Committee upholds their appeal.
12. A player concerned about a slow player(s) in his group should first speak with the player(s) and encourage them to play more efficiently. Then, the concerned player may, before or after penalties are assessed, ask to have the group monitored. The individual player does not have to be identified; the request just needs to be made. At some point during the stipulated round, the group will be monitored. If a player is identified as holding up the pace of the group, penalties may be applied to that player and rescinded from the others.

Appeal Process

13. Pace of Play penalties may be appealed to the Committee and must be made before scorecards are signed and returned. In order for an appeal to be considered, there must have been an action by the Committee e.g. waiting for a rules official to arrive for a ruling, a circumstance beyond the player's control, or some similar occurrence that contributed to the delay, such as an action by an individual member of the group. If a group receives a penalty for exceeding the pace of play for each nine, both penalties may be appealed, however, each appeal must be made and handled separately. Each appeal may result in a one-step reduction of a penalty (i.e., three strokes to one stroke then one stroke to no penalty, but not three strokes to no penalty).

Penalties for Breach of Pace of Play Policy

14. 1st Breach of the Pace of Play Policy – One Stroke Penalty.
15. 2nd Breach of the Pace of Play Policy – Two Stroke Penalty.
16. The maximum penalty per round of 18 holes is 3 Strokes.