**Porsche Challenge 2019**

**1. Tournament Guidelines**

1.1 Tournaments will be carried out basing upon rules from the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and The United States Golf Association. Local rules will also be applied.

1.2 Single Round of golf over 18 holes with a shotgun start.

**2. Mixed Gender Tournament**

Men group: Tee-off from the blue tee

Ladies group: Tee-off from the red tee

**3.** **Scoring Calculation**

3.1 Stableford scoring will be adopted for deriving category winners in the tournament.

Scoring in Stableford competitions is made by points awarded in relation to a fixed score

(net par) at each hole as the followings:

More than one over PAR fixed score or no score returned: 0

1 over PAR fixed score: 1

Equal to PAR Fixed score: 2

1 under PAR fixed score: 3

2 under PAR fixed score: 4

3 under PAR fixed score: 5

4 under PAR fixed score: 6

3.2 Tournament handicaps of golfers will be derived using **New New Peoria** Handicap system.

**New New Peoria Regulation**

**New New Peoria Handicap** = [Gross score of 12 holes (after randomly removing scores from 6 holes) x 1.5 – 72 (level par score of 18 holes)] x 80%.

When calculating the **New New Peoria** handicap，The tournament committee has established a ruling for maximum strokes allowed per hole as follows:

Par 3: Maximum Stroke – 5

Par 4: Maximum Stroke – 7

Par 5: Maximum Stroke – 9

Note:

Tournament handicaps derived for players below 0 will be rounded off to 0. Tournament handicaps derived for players above 36 will be rounded off to 36. This is to facilitate derivation of Stableford points.

1. **Prize Category**

**4.1 Regular Prizes**

Gross Champion (mixed class）

Net Category Champion (mixed class）

Net Category 1st Runner-up (mixed class）

Net Category 2nd Runner-up (mixed class）

No repeats for Gross Category Awards and Net Category Awards. In the situation of same ranking in Gross Category and Net Category, the award falls to Gross Category, in the situation of different ranking in Gross Category and Net Category, the awards fall to the better ranking Category.

* 1. **Novelty Prizes**

Longest Drive (for Men and Ladies)

Best Approach (mixed class)

Porsche Club Golf Award (mixed class, exclusively for Porsche Club’s members)

Novelty Prize winners can also win Regular Prize.

* 1. **Award Regulation**

4.3.1 Longest Drive, Best Approach, Men group: Tee-off from the blue tee, Ladies group: Tee-off from the red tee

4.3.2 Longest Drive: Tee shot that ends up furthest from the respective tees and within the fairway will be deemed the winner. Separate awards for Men’s and Ladies.

4.3.3 Best Approach: The golfer whose ball lands on the green and closest to the hole after the first shot will be deemed the winner. If more than one player's first stroke drives the ball into the hole, the first player who hits the ball into the hole wins.

4.3.4 Porsche Club Golf Award: The winner will be derived based upon the gross score of the beginning three holes and the ending three holes minus the standard par of the six holes, the lower gross score to win. A lucky draw to be conducted in the situation a tie.

**Tournament Regulations**

1. **The Criteria**
   1. Only invited players can attend the Porsche Challenge, the headcount is not transferable.
   2. Professional golfers or golf coaches are allowed to participate. But are not eligible to win any prizes.

5.3 Porsche Challenge 2019 will be carried out basing upon rules from the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and The United States Golf Association. Local rules will also be applied.

* 1. Participants will have to hole out on every green (No OK Balls are allowed) or participants will be disqualified. This rule will not apply in application to the rule of “Maximum Strokes per Hole” which addresses the maximum strokes allowed at each hole in the interest of maintaining a proper pace of play.
  2. All flight pairings and caddie arrangements will be organized by the organizing committee.
  3. Groupings will be finalized 2 days prior to the tournament. Changes to flight or caddie arrangements on the day of the tournament will not be entertained and participants who do so on their own will be disqualified.

1. **Scoring**
   1. All participants will be required to exchange scorecards before the commencement of the tournament. Cards will be exchanged in the manner as follows: Player A scores for Player B, Player B scores for Player C, Player C scores for Player D, Player D scores for Player A. All score cards will have to be signed by both the player and the scorer prior to submission to the referee.
   2. Participants need to submit their completed and signed scorecards to the referee upon returning to the clubhouse. All scores are deemed final upon submission. Unsigned scorecards will result in disqualification.
   3. Tournament results are deemed final once displayed on the score board.
2. **Punctuality**
   1. Participants must be punctual and must arrive early in order to play at the tournament. Participants who arrive late at the tee will be allowed to play in the tournament only upon approval of the referee. **Scores of these participants will not count towards their tournament ranking.**
3. **Pace of Play**
   1. The referee will provide on-course supervision to ensure smooth pace of play. Warnings will be issued to flights or individuals who are deemed to be playing at a pace that is too slow. Participants issued a warning by the referee will have to speed up play accordingly. If participants do not adhere to the issued warnings, referees may time players accordingly. If participants take longer than 40 seconds to strike a ball, they will be deemed to have committed slow play once.
   2. Penalty for Slow Play

Committing Slow Play Once – Participant will be issued a warning

Committing Slow Play Twice – 1 Stroke Penalty

Committing Slow Play Thrice – 2 Stroke Penalty

Committing Slow Play Four Times – Disqualification

* 1. Timing will commence when it is participant’s turn to play.

1. **Maximum Strokes Per Hole**

9.1 In the interest of ensuring smooth pace of play, the tournament committee has established a ruling for maximum strokes allowed per hole as follows:

**Par 3**: Maximum Stroke – 7

After 7 strokes, the player must pick up the ball and move on.

**Par 4**: Maximum Stroke – 9

After 9 strokes, the player must pick up the ball and move on.

**Par 5**: Maximum Stroke – 11

After 11 strokes, the player must pick up the ball and move on.

**Note: Participant must stop playing and pick up the ball, move to the next hole immediately, once he reaches the maximum stroke limit and has not holed out. The score of this hole calculated as the maximum stroke score of the hole.**

1. **Inclement Weather and Termination of Play**
   1. In the occurrence of inclement weather (heavy rain, lightning and thunderstorms) the referee may deem conditions unfit for play and all participants will have to stop play as follows:

**In between holes:** Participants will be required to stop play immediately and will be allowed to resume play upon notification by referees.

**During play at a particular hole:** Participants may choose to stop play immediately or upon completion of hole.

* 1. The indication for termination of tournament play due to dangerous conditions will be a single long blow of the horn.

10.3 Indication for termination of play due to other circumstances:

Stop Play: 3 continuous long blows of the horn.

Resume Play: 2 short blows of the horn.

10.4 if all participants complete 9 holes, an aggregate of gross stableford scores of 9 holes will be used to arrive at winners of the following category:

Champion, 1st Runner-Up, 2nd Runner-Up

No other novelty prize will be awarded with exception of the Best Approach who directly hit into the hole on his/her first stroke.

10.5 In the event of a tie: The participant with the highest of stableford scores over 9 holes will be the winner. In the event of a tie, the winner will be derived based upon the gross scores of individual holes, counting back from Hole 9. The participant with the lower gross strokes will be the winner. If the score still the same, the winner will be selected via lucky draw.

10.6 If all participants have not completed 9 holes due to inclement weather, tournament may be postponed to a later day or winners may be determined via lucky draw. This is at the discretion of the tournament director.

1. **Resolution of Conflicts**
   1. If disputes arise due to ruling, golfers will need to raise this instantly or no later than 15 minutes upon completion of tournament (counting from time of return of the last golfer participating in tournament) with referees onsite. Complaints made pertaining to ruling upon announcement of results and prize presentation will not be entertained.

11.2 All judgment and ruling made by the referee on-site are final. In the event that all referees are not readily accessible on-site, golfers may raise questions regarding tournament ruling or disputes to members of the organizing committee instantly. Judgment made by the tournament organizing committee will be final.

1. **In the Event of a Tie**

12.1 Gross Champion: Participants with the lowest gross score will be the winner. In the event of a tie, the participant with a lower gross score derived from results of the back 9 (holes 10 to18) will be the winner If a tie persists, winners will be derived based upon the gross scores of individual holes, counting back from Hole 18. If a tie still persists, winner will be derived based upon lucky draw performed by tournament director in front of the referee, witnessed by the person-in-charge from the Porsche Centre.

* 1. Net Stableford Prize Category: Based upon tournament handicaps derived by **New New Peoria**, participants with the lowest net score will be the winner. In the event of a tie, the participant with a lower net score derived from results of the back 9 (holes 10 to18) will be the winner. If a tie persists, winners will be derived based upon the net scores of individual holes, counting back from Hole 18. The participant with a lower net score will be the winner. If a tie still persists, winner will be derived based upon lucky draw performed by tournament director in front of the referee, witnessed by the person-in-charge from the Porsche Centre.