



TERMS OF COMPETITION

The World Amateur Golfers Championship (WAGC) world final and World Amateur Golfers Invitational (WAGI) tournament are played over 4 days and over 4 different golf courses. Each day is played over 18 holes.

The format of play is stroke play, with handicap adjustments after each day. All players are to compete in their respective handicap groups. Winning is based on lowest nett scores.

1) VENUE AND DATE

The WAGC world final will be played at the following Golf Courses in Phuket from November 4th – 11th, 2023.

- (a) Laguna Golf Phuket,
- (b) Red Mountain Golf Club,
- (c) Blue Canyon Country Club (Lakes Course), and
- (d) Aquella Golf Country Club

2) SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

Day & Date	Golf Courses	Schedule
Sunday & Monday 5 th & 6 th November, 2023	All 4 golf courses	Practice Round
7 th November, 2023 Tuesday	All 4 golf courses	Round 1
8 th November, 2023 Wednesday	All 4 golf courses	Round 2
9 th November, 2023 Thursday	All 4 golf courses	Round 3
10 th November, 2023 Friday	All 4 golf courses	Round 4 & Prize Giving

3) ELIGIBILITY

All participants are qualified through their national finals of the respective countries.

Player's age must be 16 years and above as of January 1st, 2023. For those players who are under 18 as of this date, he or she must be accompanied by an adult whose age is 21 and above as of this date.

4) TEEING AREAS

All **Men** shall play from the **WHITE** teeing areas.

All **Ladies** shall play from the **RED** teeing areas.



5) DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICE (Rule 4.3)

During a round, a player may obtain distance-only information by using an electronic distance-measuring device (DMD). However, the DMD must not be measuring elevation changes or recommending line of play or club selection based on the location of the player’s ball. The use of any GPS-based mobile application which can access information that might assist him in his play (eg. shot distance, club selection etc), it would be a breach of Rule 4.3. Such application includes, but not limited to, Arccos.

Penalty for breach of Rule 4.3:

- First breach: General Penalty
- Second breach: **DISQUALIFICATION**

6) CONFORMING CLUBS (Rule 4.1a)

In making a stroke, a player must use a club that conforms to the requirements in the Equipment Rules.

Penalty for making stroke in breach of Rule 4.1a: **DISQUALIFICATION**

7) CONFORMING GOLF BALLS (Rule 4.2a)

In making each stroke, a player must use a ball that conforms to the requirements in the Equipment Rules.

Penalty for making stoke in breach of Rule 4.2a: **DISQUALIFICATION**

8) DRAWS AND STARTING TIMES

(a) The tournament committee shall decide the starting time and groupings and reserve the absolute right to alter the schedule of play as deemed fit.

(b) The draws will be posted at the notice board and WAGC Mobile Apps

(c) Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is **DISQUALIFICATION**.

9) ORDER OF COURSE

	RED	BLUE	GREEN	YELLOW
Day 1	AQUELLA GCC	RED MOUNTAIN	BLUE CANYON	LAGUNA GOLF
Day 2	LAGUNA GOLF	AQUELLA GCC	RED MOUNTAIN	BLUE CANYON
Day 3	BLUE CANYON	LAGUNA GOLF	AQUELLA GCC	RED MOUNTAIN
Day 4	RED MOUNTAIN	BLUE CANYON	LAGUNA GOLF	AQUELLA GCC



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10) FORMAT OF PLAY

The competition shall be decided by stroke play over four (4) rounds of 18 holes, subject to the terms on daily handicap adjustments and maximum score. There is no cut-off.

Players in both the **WAGC** and the **WAGI** compete for individual titles within each **handicap group** as well as a team title.

The **WAGC** Team Competition combines the best four scores (**out of five**) per day from the national team whereas the **WAGI** counts the combined total score of both team members.

11) HANDICAP DOCUMENTATION

All partners/ team managers/captains are to supply WAGC admin with a signed document listing their five championship players and their respective handicaps. This signed document must be countersigned by a representative of the home country amateur golf union. This document must be sent to WAGC admin (admin@worldgolfers.com and copied to shoban@delta-world.com) prior to competing.

IMPORTANT:

In countries where the handicap is expressed in decimal point, it will be rounded up (eg. 3.5 to 4) or rounded down (eg. 5.3 to 5) to the nearest whole number.

In countries where the handicap is based on the World Handicap System (WHS), the handicap index would be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number, which would then be the player's handicap.

The handicap so determined is applicable to all the 4 golf courses for the Championship and the Invitational, unless it is adjusted as per clause 13 below.

Players without complete handicap documentation would be required to start play at handicap 0 (zero).

12) HANDICAP GROUPS

The Championship is played in five handicap groups and the Invitational in six handicap groups, each played separately:

Championship	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	
Invitational	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Group	A	B	C	D	E	F
Handicaps	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	25 to 30*
*Applicable to Invitational tournament only. Handicap exceeding 30 will be capped at 30.						

All WAGC players compete in the handicap-group they qualified into and most of them will play with their handicaps submitted in the entry form, with the following exceptions:



- Players entering the world final with higher handicaps than the group they qualified into will play with the highest handicap of their initial group.
- Players entering the world final with lower handicaps than the group they qualified into will play with their current handicaps, even though it is lower than their initial group.

NOTE: ALL PLAYERS SHALL REMAIN IN THE SAME GROUP THEY STARTED, IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY SUBSEQUENT HANDICAP ADJUSTMENT.

13) DAILY HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS

There will be daily adjustments of the player's handicap (up or down) based on his or her **nett score** for the day. For example, if your handicap is 0 and your gross score on a par 72 course is between 77 to 79, your nett score would be between 77 to 79, then your handicap for the next round would be 1.

Another example, if your handicap is 5 and your gross score on a par 72 course is between 77 to 81, your nett score would be between 72 to 76, then your handicap for the next round would remain as 5.

The handicap adjustment would be based on the table below:

85	>	3	84	>	3	83	>	3
80	84	2	79	83	2	78	82	2
77	79	1	76	78	1	75	77	1
72	76	0	71	75	0	70	74	0
70	71	-1	69	70	-1	68	69	-1
67	69	-3	66	68	-3	65	67	-3
65	66	-4	64	65	-4	63	64	-4
63	64	-5	62	63	-5	61	62	-5
61	62	-6	60	61	-6	59	60	-6
59	60	-7	58	59	-7	57	58	-7
	Par 72			Par 71			Par 70	


14) MAXIMUM SCORE

The maximum score that a player can post on any hole during the tournament is par +4.

In other words, if you are four over par on any hole, you shall pick up the ball and write the **maximum score** as shown: Par 3 = 7 strokes, Par 4 = 8 strokes and Par 5 = 9 strokes.

In the event on players withdrawal during a round, a maximum score will be imposed on their remaining holes.

In the event on players disqualification, a maximum score will be imposed on all the holes for that round.

15) PRIZES

The team/player with the **lowest combined nett scores** over all the eligible rounds will be the Champion.

WAGC / WAGI team event	a) Champion	b)1 st runner-up	c)2 nd runner-up
WAGC Individual group A, B, C, D, E	a) Champion	b)1 st runner-up	c)2 nd runner-up
WAGI Individual group A, B, C, D, E, F	a) Champion	b)1 st runner-up	c)2 nd runner-up

16) DECISION ON TIES

In the event of a tie, the winner shall be decided On Count-Back (OCB) in the following order:

- (a) Best nett score in **Laguna Golf Phuket**,
- (b) Best nett score in **Red Mountain Golf Club**,
- (c) Best nett score in **Blue Canyon Country Club (Lakes Course)**,
- (d) Best nett score in **Aquilla Golf & Country Club**,
- (e) If there is still a tie, then OCB will be based on combined handicaps of team (for team event) and individual handicap (for individual groups). Lowest handicap(s) takes precedence.
- (f) If there is still a tie, then the winner will be decided by lot (toss of coin)

17) DECISIONS AND DISPUTES

- (a) The decision of a Rules official is final.
- (b) Any dispute or doubtful point on the rules of golf shall be referred to the Tournament Committee, as soon as possible on completion of the round and in any case not later than 15 minutes after completing the round.



18) STANDARDS OF PLAYER CONDUCT

The following are considered serious breach of Standards of Player Conduct (Rule 1.2)”

- i. Deliberately moving tee-markers
- ii. Deliberately distracting other players while they are making a stroke.
- iii. Use of hand phone which cause annoyance to other players.
- iv. Verbal abuse to other players, officials or staff.
- v. Any other breaches not listed above but are deemed to be serious by the Committee.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THIS LOCAL RULE:

First breach	- 1 stroke penalty
Second breach	- 2 strokes penalty
Third breach	- DISQUALIFICATION

19) RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

A player’s scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when he/she has left the recording area with both feet.

20) TRANSPORTATION

All players shall drive/ride on buggies which shall be confined to buggy path only, unless authorised by the management of the golf club otherwise. Buggies will be allocated on a twin- sharing basis. All players must adhere to the regulations imposed by the golf clubs with regards to the usage of buggy.

21) PLAY READY GOLF

Avoid slow play by playing **ready golf**. Ready golf does not mean rushing. If you are ready to play and it is safe to do so without distracting another player, please play your shot.

22) DISQUALIFICATION DURING A ROUND

- (a) If a player is DISQUALIFIED during a round, a maximum score will be applied to each hole.
- (b) The player may compete in subsequent rounds.

23) AMATEUR STATUS

- (a) An amateur golfer must not accept a prize (other than a symbolic prize) or prize voucher of retail value in excess of £700 (RM3,700) or the equivalent, or such a lesser figure as may be decided by the Governing Body. This limit applies to the total prizes or prize vouchers received by an amateur golfer in any one competition or series of competitions, excluding any hole-in-one prize (see Rule 3).
- (b) The limits prescribed in Rule 3 do not apply to a prize for a hole-in-one. An amateur golfer may accept a prize in excess of the limit set in Rule 3, including a cash prize for a hole-in-one made while playing a round of golf. Such a prize may be accepted in addition to any other prize won in the same competition.



(c) **NO CASH prizes are allowed** and a prize voucher may not be a monetary award. A prize voucher is a voucher, gift certificate, gift card or the like for the purchase of goods or services from a Pro shop, golf club or other retail outlets.

NOTE: The onus of receiving a prize or prizes that exceed the prescribed limits lies with the participant. The committee and its sponsors shall not be liable for any action on players for any breach of Rules pertaining to Amateur Status.

24) ANTI-DOPING

Players must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a player show evidence of use of drug for non-therapeutic purposes, the Committee may require the player to undergo a drug test. Any player infringing this term may be disqualified. Players who are on medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the The R&A Rules Limited via the Tournament Office.

25) INDEMNITY/LIABILITIES

The Sponsors/Organizers, The Tournament Committee, the Golf Clubs and their staff will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants may suffer as a result of their participation in this tournament.

26) SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION (Rule 5.7)

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

Immediate Stop: One prolonged note of the siren and **MUST** stop play immediately.

Penalty for breach: **DISQUALIFICATION**

Normal Stop: Three consecutive notes of the siren.

Resume Play: Two short notes of siren.

When play is stopped in a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.

27) INCLEMENT WEATHER

(a) The Tournament Committee reserves the right to suspend, abandon play or cancel a round if inclement weather makes it such that it is impractical to continue with the game.

(b) If a **ROUND** of 18-hole on any given day at any of the tournament venue is **CANCELLED** due to whatever reasons (eg. inclement weather or darkness), there will be no tournament results for that **ROUND**, regardless of the number of players who are able to complete their round earlier in the day at that venue.

(c) A round is deemed cancelled if any player is unable to complete their round within the same day. Any holes not completed will **NOT** be continued on the following day.

(d) If a round is cancelled on any of the tournament venue, any completed rounds on the same day at other venues will be deemed as cancelled.

(e) There will be no tournament results for that particular day at all tournament venues, if a round is cancelled at any of the venue.



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28) CAPTURE AND USE OF IMAGES

Participants may be filmed and photographed during the Championship.

By signing the entry form, participant agrees to be filmed, photographed, televised or otherwise recorded during the Championship, and that captured or recorded image, together with the name, may be used in any content, format and through any media or technology whether now existing or created in the future, by the organizing committee, and third parties authorized by the organizing committee during or after the Championship, in perpetuity in relation to the celebration and promotion of the game of golf in a non-commercial manner.

29) COMPETITION CLOSED

The Championship is deemed closed as soon as the first of the prizes has been presented.

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