

KIA MOTORS

The 32nd Korea Women's Open Golf Championship

June 14th – 17th 2018, Bear's Best CheongNa Golf Club

CONDITIONS

1. Eligibility

Players in the following categories are eligible for the tournament. Exemption under categories reserved for amateurs will be granted only to players who are currently amateurs, unless otherwise indicated.

- 1) Winners of the Korea Women's Open Golf Championship for the Last 10 years (2008-2017)
- 2) Winners of the KLPGA Championship for the last 5 years (2013-2017)
- 3) From the 2018 official KLPGA tour qualification list, the top 100 leaders
- 4) From the 2018 official KLPGA tour money list, the top 70 money leaders
- 5) Leading 5 players from Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings as of 30th May 2018 (capped at 200th position)
- 6) From the 2017 Korea Women's Open Golf Championship, the 20 lowest scorers and anyone tying for 20th Place
- 7) From the 2017 official KLPGA Champions tour money list, the top 5 money leaders
- 8) Current Korean national team players
- 9) The 3 lowest scorers of the 2017 Korea Women's Amateur Golf Championship
- 10) Winner of the 2017 Hosim Cup Amateur Golf Championship
- 11) Winner of the 2017 Songam Cup Amateur Golf Championship
- 12) Winner of the 2017 Maekyung Amateur Golf Championship
- 13) Winner of the 2017 Bear Creek Cup Amateur Golf Championship
- 14) Winner of the 2017 KB Financial Group Cup Amateur Golf Championship
- 15) Winner of the 2017 National Sports Festival
- 16) Leading 10 players from the Qualifying
- 17) Special exemptions as selected by the organizing committee

※ The starting field will be 144 players. Residual positions will be allocated to 2018 KLPGA Tour Championship winners as of 14th June 2018. If there are still residual positions, they will be allocated to players in the order of the Qualifying result. Categories 6~9 are only applicable when the entrant concerned is still an amateur on 14 June 2018.

2. Schedule

The championship shall be decided by stroke play over four rounds of 18 holes. In the event any round of a tournament shall be rained out or cannot be held for whatever reason, prizes advertised shall be distributed if at least two rounds(36 holes) of the tournament is completed.

Thursday, June 14 First round, 18 holes

Friday, June 15 Second round, 18 holes

The starting field will be 144 competitors. The 60 lowest scorers over the first 36 holes and any tying for 60th place and the 3 lowest amateur scorers will qualify for the 3rd and the final round.

Saturday, June 16 Third round, 18 holes

Sunday, June 17 Final round, 18 holes

The Competitor with the lowest aggregate over the 72 holes will be declared the winner. In the event of tie, after four rounds, the winner will be decided by a hole by hole play-off. Play-off will be played at the 18th hole repeatedly.

In the event of a tie for amateurs, the tie shall be decided by method of matching scorecards in the following order.

- a) **Last 9 holes-Last 6 holes-Last 3 holes-18 hole in Final round**
- b) **In the same way Day 3-2-1**

3. Entries: Form, Fee, Closing Date

- 1) Entrants, including exempt players shall apply on KGA forms.
- 2) Entry fee (KRW 150,000 for professional, KRW 50,000 for amateur) shall be paid to KGA. Refund for the entry fee will be made as below;
 - a) 2 weeks in advance; full amount of entry fee
 - b) 1 week in advance; KRW 80,000 for professional / KRW 30,000 for amateur
 - c) 3 days in advance; KRW 40,000 for professional / KRW 20,000 for amateur
 - d) 2 days or less; no refund
- 3) **Entry Form must reach KGA from 24th May to 30th May, 4 PM.**
- 4) All entries shall be subject to the approval of the organizing committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision, which shall be final.

4. Rules of Golf

Play will be governed by “The Rules of Golf” as approved by the R&A, local rules by the Tournament Committee.

5. Golf Ball (One-Ball Rule), Driver Heads

1) Conforming Golf Ball :

The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A.

※ PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION : DISQUALIFICATION

- One Ball Condition :

During a stipulated round, the balls a player plays must be of the same brand and model as detailed by a single entry on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls.

※ PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION : TWO STROKES FOR EACH HOLE AT WHICH ANY BREACH OCCURRED ; MAXIMUM PENALTY PER ROUND – FOUR STROKES.

2) Conforming Driver Heads :

Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A.

※ PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

- PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION : TWO STROKES FOR EACH HOLE AT WHICH ANY BREACH OCCURRED ; MAXIMUM PENALTY PER ROUND – FOUR STROKES.
- PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION : DISQUALIFICATION

3) Grooves :




The player's clubs must conform to the groove specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010(on the current list of conforming grooves issued by R&A).

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- PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION : DISQUALIFICATION

6. Suspension of Play

Suspension and resumption of play in accordance with Rule 6-8 will be signaled by siren as follows;

- Discontinue play (immediately):  (One prolonged note of siren)
- Discontinue play :  (Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated)
- Resume play :  (Two short notes of siren, repeated)

7. Pace of Play

The player must play without undue delay (Rule 6-7). See separate sheet of "Pace of Play"

8. Official Practice Round

Privileges for official practice round at the Bear's Best CheongNa Golf club is extended to players in the championship on Wednesday, 13th June 2018. All players should book the tee time through the KGA.

9. Transportation

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Championship Committee.

Players are allowed to ride on a shuttle cart provided only between;

The Clubhouse → 1st hole teeing ground

9th hole putting green → 10th hole teeing ground

14th hole putting green → 15th hole teeing ground

16th hole putting green → 17th hole teeing ground

18th hole putting green → 1st hole teeing ground

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10. Personal Appearance

Players must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming.

11. Publicity and Promotion ; Broadcasting

The KGA may arrange for (i) promotion of the Championship, for radio, internet and television broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship or excerpts thereof in any and all media throughout the world, whether now known or hereafter developed, and (ii) the design, manufacture and sale of merchandise which commemorates or memorializes the Championship, throughout the world. By this application, the player consents to the use by the KGA, or persons authorized by the KGA, of her name, likeness, voice and references to her and photographs and other images of her and her play connected with her appearance in the Championship, or any portion(s) thereof, in connection with such media promotion, broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship and design, manufacture and sale of commemorative merchandise.

12. Prizes

- 1) Championship Cup will be awarded to the winner. Trophy will be awarded to the low amateur.
In case of an amateur winning the championship, both will be awarded
- 2) The total amount of prize money is KRW 1,000,000,000 and the winner will receive KRW 250,000,000. Prize money will be awarded to professional players only.
- 3) If a professional player withdraws or gets disqualified after making the cut to the 3rd round, she will receive the lowest prize money according to the prize money list.

CHAMPION BENEFITS

The champion will receive an exemption into the LPGA 2019 KIA CLASSIC.

SPECIAL AWARDS

PRIZE & AWARDS		REMARKS
HOLE IN ONE	3 rd – K7 7 th – Stinger 12 th – Stinger 17 th – K9	First player during tournament
STINGER CHALLENGE	Stinger	3 birdies in a row – first player during tournament
COURSE RECORD	KRW 3,000,000	The lowest scorer during tournament
DAILY BEST SCORE	AKG N90Q Headphone	

※ If an amateur player wins 1) Stinger Challenge, 2) Course record, 3) Daily best score, a prize permitted within the Rules of Amateur Status will be awarded.

13. Conditions and Schedules

The Championship Committee reserves the right to amend the conditions and schedules and the decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.

14. Others

Please contact us if you have any inquiries as below.

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