



49th Bahrain Open Golf Championship

Conditions of Play



The (49th) Bahrain Open Golf Championship will be played at the Awali Golf Course, by courtesy of the Bahrain Petroleum Company B.S.C. (closed).

The Championship will be contested over 36 holes, the first 18 to be played on Friday 9th March 2012 and the final 18 holes on Saturday 10th March 2012.

1. ENTRIES

- 1.1. All entries will be made on the official entry form provided or via the website form, and must be received no later than **Saturday 25th February 2012**. Further official entry forms can be found on the Awali Golf Club website www.awaligolfclub.com
- 1.2. All Bahrain based players are required to attach a photocopy of their CPR to their entry form.
- 1.3. The Open(s) Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entrants. If the Committee so decides, the field will be reduced by ballot, beginning with the highest playing handicaps on the closing date for entries. Clubs will be informed of any such rejections as soon as possible.
- 1.4. In the event that a competitor withdraws from the competition, that players Club may replace them with any player rejected as a result of the ballot, provided that this is done before close of registration on their allocated registration day.

2. QUALIFICATIONS

- 2.1. The (49th) Bahrain Open Golf Championship is open to both Professional and Amateur players.
- 2.2. A player's certified playing handicap must not exceed **12** on the closing date for entries, **Saturday 25th February 2012**.

3. RULES

- 3.1. The Championship will be played in accordance with the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and the standing rules of Awali Golf Club.
- 3.2. The local rules of Awali Golf Club are included in your entry pack and also printed on the competition scorecards. Any additional or temporary local rules that come into force at the time of the Championship will be clearly defined and posted within the Clubhouse.



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- 3.3. A Championship Committee approved artificial grass mat, may be used, but only on the fairway, or teeing ground, of the hole in play.
 - 3.3.1. In accordance with Awali Golf Club local rules only 12-inch diameter round mats are permitted.
 - 3.3.2. Mats may be backed but no protuberances are allowed on the backing.
 - 3.3.3. Approved mats are available at Awali Golf Club.
- 3.4. Competitors are required to wear smooth soled shoes on the course, summer spikes, heavily ribbed or patterned soles are not permitted.
- 3.5. In the event of a suspension of play, Competitors should halt without completing the hole in play, in order to protect the putting greens.

4. PLAY

Stroke play over 36 holes. Play will be in 3-ball format unless otherwise decided by the Championship Committee. On all matters of competition play, the decision of the referees appointed by the Championship Committee is final.

5. DRAW

- 5.1. The draw for the first 18 holes will be made by lottery except that visitors will, where possible, be drawn with a member of Awali Golf Club.
- 5.2. The draw for the second day of play will be seeded. The Championship Committee reserves the right to decide the order of play, depending on numbers involved. The order will be decided on the first day's scores, highest teeing off first, lowest last.

6. REGISTRATION

All Bahrain based competitors are required to register at the Clubhouse on **Wednesday 7th March 2012** between **16.00** and **19.00 hrs**. All overseas competitors are required to register at the Clubhouse on **Thursday 8th March 2012** between **15.00** and **18.00 hrs**. Anyone unable to attend by close of registration on their respective day must, in the first instance inform the Championship Committee before their expected arrival in order to maintain a place in the draw. Players from overseas who will not be in the Clubhouse at the time of the draw are requested to leave a contact telephone number with the registration officials.

7. STARTING TIMES

Starting times will be decided by the Championship Committee and will be displayed in the Clubhouse at **19.00 hrs** on **Thursday 8th March 2012**. All players must report to the starter at least **15** minutes prior to their starting time. The Championship Committee retains the right to disqualify any player not present when their name is called.



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8. PRACTICE

All competitors may practice on the Awali Golf Course from **1230 hrs Thursday 8th March 2012** observing normal etiquette. This facility is not extended to non-competitors. Practice will not be permitted on Awali Golf Course during **Friday 9th** or **Saturday 10th March 2012**.

9. PRIZES

The 49th Bahrain Open Champion will be the competitor with the lowest gross score over the 36 holes of Championship play. The Open Champion will receive the Bahrain Open Trophy (to be retained at Awali Golf Club) and a replica of the Trophy to keep.

There are 10 prizes and these will be awarded to the individuals with the best 10 combined scores, over 36 holes. Professional Competitors are eligible to win cash prizes.

Nett prizes which will be awarded to the individuals with the best nett day 1, best nett day 2 and best nett overall.

Prizes will also be awarded for the best gross on the first and second days, outside of the main prizes.

A hole in one prize may be awarded to any amateur competitor achieving a 'Hole in One' on the 6th hole.

10. TIES

In the event of a tie for first place after 36 holes, the Championship will be decided by a sudden death play off on the 18th hole. This will be repeated until a Champion is determined. Other ties will be decided by count back on the last 18, last 9, last 6, last 3, last 2, or last hole as necessary.

11. AMENDMENTS

The Awali Golf Club Championship Committee reserves the right to amend these conditions as necessary. A copy of these conditions of play and other information about the Bahrain Open Golf Championship are available on the Awali Golf Club website www.awaligolfclub.com