

'EAST SIDE' Friendly Golf Society

SOCIETY RULES & PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS
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1. APPLICATION OF RULES – GENERAL

The 'East Side' Friendly Golf Society will observe the rules of the Pattaya Sports Club in addition to its own Society Rules which follow. The Pattaya Sports Club Rules are published and updated on their website.

2. 'EAST SIDE' FRIENDLY GOLF SOCIETY RULES

2.1 HANDICAPS

All society members will be encouraged to take up personal membership of the PSC for handicap accreditation, and to take advantage of member's negotiated green fees. All PSC members' results from completed scorecards handed in by players in competitive group events will be advised to the PSC – who will post results to the USGA system - and revise handicap listings on a weekly basis.

Where a member or guest has both PSC and any other group membership, with differing handicaps, players should note that for East Side competition purposes – see also SPECIAL NOTE below - their lowest handicap from whatever source should always be applied.

SPECIAL NOTE: With effect from 7th September 2009 – it has been agreed that East Side Friendly Golf Society will apply for East Side_Group competitive play – a maximum handicap of 28 for men and 36 for ladies.

It should be noted that this limitation will have no effect on individual members USGA handicaps that will continue to be updated by the PSC to be used for play with other groups not observing similar handicap limit arrangements.

2.2 'ON THE DAY – FOR THE DAY' COURSE HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS

It has been agreed that the 'East Side' Friendly Golf Society – that primarily exists to provide social activity for limited membership group WILL NOT ADOPT the 'On the day – for day' system of course handicap adjustments recently introduced for PSC Tournament purposes – also taken up by some other groups

2.3 GUESTS

Whilst the 'East Side' Friendly Golf Society will welcome invited 'occasional' guests who are not PSC members - **AS A GENERAL RULE** - only those able to show evidence of a current handicap – vouched for by supporters with whom they have regularly played - will be eligible to compete for Stableford, Medal, or other 'handicap influenced' competition prizes. Guests unable to meet this requirement, may however - on payment of a 50% Competition Fee - compete for 'technical'

prizes only, or play on a non-competing basis. The 'East Side' Golf Society will not set out to bolster support by inviting guest participants - other than those recommended by regular supporters.

3 PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS

3.1 TEE TIMES

All playing groups are required to be on tee and ready for tee-off in accordance with the days Order of Play, and any group not ready to take up its scheduled slot allocation will be moved to the 'back of the queue'.

3.2 SLOW PLAY

To ensure the enjoyment of the day for all, the following guidance for avoidance of slow play should be observed.

1. In each playing group, the lowest handicapped player will be 'notionally' responsible for keeping the group up with play ahead.
2. In every instance where a wayward tee-shot ball may be lost or out of bounds, a **provisional ball** should immediately be declared and played.
3. Where a **lost ball** is not found within the five minute time allowed - and a following group is waiting - consideration should always be given to waving them through - to avoid major hold-ups in play.
4. Similarly, any group falling a **clear hole behind the group in front**, should 'wave through' any waiting following group.
5. Except - as an East Side 'concession' - where a 'Longest Putt' prize is on offer - players in a Stableford competition should always - if a following group is in sight - **pick up their ball without 'holing' out**, if a point cannot be won.

3.3 DROP ZONES AND 'GIMME'S'

With effect from May 2012 - a revision of PSC Local Rules provides that subject to application of the normal one stroke penalty - OPTIONAL use may be made of the Drop Zone on Hole 1 at Green Valley - Hole A1 at Laem Chabang - and Hole 14 at Pleasant Valley - with all previous arrangements for the use of Drop Zones withdrawn.

In Stableford play where points may be won, 'gimme's must not be offered or taken, with all players 'holing out', or automatically forfeiting any points scoring opportunity.

3.4 SCORECARDS

Caddies are not allowed to score and all players must exchange scorecards one with another for recording the gross number of strokes at each hole. Cards must be signed by both player and marker attesting to the accuracy of this gross strokes record.

Whilst Stableford points should also be shown, it is the responsibility of the organiser for the day to ensure that current handicaps are properly applied - and

disqualification prescribed for inaccurate reporting, will not apply - where honest mistakes are made by player or marker - in Stableford point calculations.

3.5 WEATHER ABANDONMENT

In the event of a storm involving thunder, lightning and heavy rain, players are advised to seek appropriate shelter at a rest stop for their own safety.

When this occurs and the storm persists for at least thirty minutes, the competition organiser for the day – with whom sheltering groups should if possible make contact - will seek a majority view (see also Note 1 below) as to whether the game should be abandoned with competition fees refunded – or continue following a further sheltered wait.

This arrangement to apply only where rain is accompanied by thunder and lightning – with players normally expected to seek temporary shelter and 'play through' in ordinary wet conditions.

NOTES

1. Where safe contact cannot be maintained - and players opt return to the clubhouse - the competition will nonetheless be deemed to stand (with prizes awarded) - if 50% or more players complete their round of 18 holes.
2. Where a game is abandoned at an early stage - the organiser will attempt to secure 'rain checks' from the club concerned - although due to differing policies at venues, this cannot be guaranteed.

3.6 'BACK NINES' AND '18th' HOLES

Where a game is played at a course with more than 18 holes – i.e. with three or more separate 'nines' – and all players starting from the same first tee - the second 'nine' played will always be regarded as the 'back nine' for any countback purposes. Similarly – however numbered - the last hole played will be regarded as the '18th' for any competition purposes.

Where a game is organised with players playing in two groups from different first tees – the organiser for the day will decide - which of the two nines to be played will be regarded as the back nine for that day's competition, and which hole will be regarded as the '18th' - and THIS DECISION WILL BE PRE-ADVISED!

3.7 GAME FORMATS

Whilst our normal game format will be Stableford – a concurrent Matchplay Championship will be arranged annually.

We will also arrange a yearly pre-Christmas 'Invitational Tournament' and presentation dinner - for 'qualifying' key supporters - plus special 'Match days' in early April and September - and occasional two or three day 'away' events where different game formats may be proposed.

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