

Asia-Pacific Open Golf Championship Diamond Cup Golf 2021

(Shortened Title: Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup)

THE CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

Championship Hosts: Asia-Pacific Golf Confederation (APGC)
Kansai Telecasting Corporation
Mitsubishi Corporation
Japan Golf Association (JGA)

Support: The Golf Tournament Promotion Association of Japan, Inc., Fuji Television Network Inc.,
Sagamihara Golf Club

Co-Management: Japan Golf Association (JGA), Japan Golf Tour Organization (JGTO)

Special Sanction: Asian Tour (AT)

Dates: May 13 (Thu)–16 (Sun), 2021

Venue: Sagamihara Golf Club, East Course
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1. RULES OF GOLF:

The Championship will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf (effective January 2019) as approved by R&A Rules Limited and in accordance with the Local Rules approved by the Championship Committee.

2. COMMITTEE'S DECISION:

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

3. RESTRICTION ON EQUIPMENT

- (1) List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.
- (2) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.
- (3) List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.
- (4) One Ball Rule: Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect.
- (5) Distance Measuring Device: Model Local Rule G-5 is in effect.

4. FORMAT AND SCHEDULE:

The starting field will be comprised of 144 competitors exempted by Championship Hosts.

May 13 (Thu) First Round (18-holes stroke play)

May 14 (Fri) Second Round (18-holes stroke play)

The 60 lowest scores* and anyone tying for 60th place over the first 36 holes will qualify for the 3rd and the 4th round.

*including amateur players.

May 15 (Sat) Third Round (18-holes stroke play)

May 16 (Sun) Fourth Round (18-holes stroke play)

In the event of play being either delayed or declared null and void for any round of the Championship, the Championship Committee will make every effort to complete 72 holes by Sunday. If conditions exist which make the completion of 72 holes impossible, the Championship may be shortened to 54 holes or 36 holes at the discretion of the Championship Committee. If not possible to complete 36 holes by Sunday, the Championship will be canceled.

※No replacement of the player(s) who proceed to 3rd and 4th round will be made, even if a player's score is modified under exception to Rule 3.3b(3) or a player becomes disqualified or is withdrawn after the players who are proceeding to the 3rd round have been officially announced and thereby the cut line for 60 lowest scores and any tying for 60th place has been changed.

Note: The competitors proceeding for the 3rd round has been officially announced" is when official rank table sheet has been posted on the information board or rank table sheet with cut-line has been posted on JGA website, whichever comes first.

5. DETERMINATION OF WINNER

In the event of a tie for the first place after 72 holes(54 or 36 holes, when shortened), there will be a hole by hole play-off over the hole(s) designated by the Championship Committee to decide the winner. If the play-off involves more than 2 players, those other than the winner will be deemed to have tied for 2nd place regardless of their scores in the play-off.

6. CLOSE OF COMPETITION

The competition is deemed to be closed when the Championship trophy has been presented to the winner.

7. ELIGIBILITY:

Exemption for the 2021 Asia-Pacific Open Golf Championship Diamond Cup Golf will be granted to the golfers who fall under the following categories:

【20 spots will be allocated under (1)~(3) below】

- (1) Players nominated by APGC (see Note 1)
- (2) Players nominated by JGA (see Note 1)

(3) The low amateur in the 2020 Japan Open Golf Championship (see Note 1)

[10 spots under (6) Asian Tour players by order of priority and 70 spots will be allocated under (4), (5), (7)~(26) below]

- (4) Winner of the Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup (2015-2019)
- (5) First 10 and anyone tying for 10th place in the 2019 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup
- (6) Top 10 Asian Tour players by order of priority (2021)
- (7) Winners of the Japan Golf Tour Order of Merit the last 5 years (2015-2019)
- (8) Past winners of
 - the Japan Golf Tour Championship (2015-2019)
 - the Japan Open Golf Championship (2015-2019)
 - the Japan PGA Championship (2015-2019).
- (9) Winners of the Golf Nippon Series JT Cup (2017-2019)
- (10) Winners of the JGTO Tour event (2018-2020)
- (11) First 65 in the 2019 Japan Golf Tour Final Money List (including International Majors)
- (12) Players having won 25 tournaments on Japan Golf Tour since 1973 – Life time exemption commencing from the following week of his 25th victory
- (13) Players selected by the Chairman of JGTO – Exemption to play in the particular tournament
- (14) The leader of Challenge Tournament Official Money Ranking – One (1)-year exemption for the following year.
- (15) Top qualifier of the 2020 JGTO New Qualifying Tournament.
- (16) Players with three (3) Challenge Tournament wins in a single year – Exemption to Tour Tournaments for the remainder of the year.
- (17) Winners of a Challenge Tournament – Exemption to Tour Tournaments designated by JGTO.
- (18) Players being exempt for U.S. PGA Tour or European Tour who have lost their eligibility under JGTO Tour Regulation Category (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (16) or (17).
- (19) Playing members of the Team Japan at World Cup of Golf or Japan-Korea Team Matches (excluding captain's pick and reserve members) – Two (2)-year exemption commencing from the following year.
- (20) Winners of multiple Tour Tournaments in a single year
- (21) Top 25 players on the Japan Golf Tour Official Career Money Ranking since 1973 (see JGTO Tour Regulation)
- (22) Players qualified for Special Medical Extension as provided in JGTO Tour Regulation Section 31
- (23) Top 19 players from the previous year's Challenge Tournament Official Money Ranking (see JGTO Tour Regulation)
- (24) Top 20 players from the 2020 JGTO New QT Ranking (see JGTO Tour Regulation)
- (25) Qualifiers from 2021 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup qualifying tournaments (2 sites)
- (26) Special Exemption by the host

Note 1: Competitor under (1)~(3) above will be eligible only if he remains amateur in the light of Amateur Status Rules by R&A/USGA.

8. PRIVATE CADDIES

A player may provide his own caddie provided the caddie will observe caddie regulation set forth separately. If so, he must fill in the predefined blank on application form. Private caddie application must be received **by no later than 5:00 P.M (JST) on Friday, May 7, 2021.**

- ① Amateur Players under (1)~(3) , (26) : to JGA
- ② Professional Players under (4)~(26): to each Tour Office

Late applications are not acceptable, regardless of the reason.

Change from one private caddie to another private caddie is acceptable at any time provided it is notice d to JGA/each Tour Office without delay.

9. ENTRIES:

Entrants must complete the official entry form and apply as follows:

- ① Entrants under the category of (1)~(3) and (26: amateur): **to JGA by Fax or Email.**
Japan Golf Association (JGA)
Kyobashi YS Bldg. 2F, 1-12-5, Kyobashi, Cyuo-ku, Tokyo 104-0031, JAPAN
Fax : +81(0)3-3566-0101 / Email: apoentry@jga.or.jp

Note: Entry by Telephone is not acceptable.

- ② Entrants under the category of (4), (5), (7)~(26: professional): **to JGTO by Telephone or Fax.**
Japan Golf Tour Organization (JGTO)
Akasaka Habitation Building 5F, 1-3-5 Akasaka Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-0052, JAPAN
Telephone : +81(0)3-3585-7081 / Fax : +81 (0)3-3585-8812
- ③ Entrants under the category of (6) **to Asian Tour.**

10. CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

- ① Entrants under the category of (1)~(3), (26:amateur) must apply to JGA **by 5:00 P.M (JST) on Monday, April 26,**

2021.

- ② Entrants under the category of (4), (5), (7)~(26: professional) must apply to JGTO **by 5:00 P.M (JST) on Monday, April 26, 2021**
- ③ Entrants under the category of (6) must apply to Asian Tour (see clause 9 above) **on Monday, April 12, 2021**
*Late applications are not acceptable and automatically rejected, regardless of the reason.

11. ENTRY FEE

¥33,000 (10% consumption tax included)

Entry fee must be paid in cash (JPY) at the on-site registration (see clause 12 for schedule of the registration), and will not be refunded in the event of withdrawal after the registration.

*For those who qualified from 2021 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup qualifying tournaments, there is no additional entry fee.

12. REGISTRATION

All competitors must register in person at the Registration Desk - located in the clubhouse at Ibaraki Country Club – on Monday, May 10 (6:30A.M.-5:00P.M.) on Tuesday, May 11 (6:30A.M.-5:00P.M.), or on Wednesday, May 12 (5:30A.M.-4:00P.M.). If unable to register in person, he must contact the Championship Office by 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 12. A competitor is deemed to have withdrawn from the Championship unless he register in person or contact the Championship office by 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 12.

Player may not make a registration without a negative test result of Covid-19 by the testing designated by the host. The host may extend the duration of registration if testing result has been pending by the closing time. If he fails to take a designated test, his eligibility will be forfeited.

13. AWARD

Winner: Diamond Cup, Asia-Pacific Open Cup

Low Amateur: Diamond Cup, Asia-Pacific Open Silver Plate

14. PURSE

Total purse of ¥100,000,000 (consumption tax excluded) will be allocated to professionals according to their places in the final rankings of the Championship. Any prize money that would have been won by an amateur will be allocated to a professional in the next place, and all subsequent prize moneys will be replaced accordingly.

Rank	Prize	Rank	Prize	Rank	Prize	Rank	Prize
1	20,000,000	16	1,100,000	31	660,000	46	510,000
2	11,000,000	17	1,050,000	32	650,000	47	500,000
3	7,700,000	18	1,000,000	33	640,000	48	490,000
4	5,000,000	19	950,000	34	630,000	49	480,000
5	4,200,000	20	900,000	35	620,000	50	470,000
6	3,500,000	21	870,000	36	610,000	51	460,000
7	3,000,000	22	840,000	37	600,000	52	450,000
8	2,600,000	23	820,000	38	590,000	53	440,000
9	2,200,000	24	800,000	39	580,000	54	430,000
10	1,900,000	25	780,000	40	570,000	55	420,000
11	1,750,000	26	760,000	41	560,000	56	410,000
12	1,580,000	27	740,000	42	550,000	57	400,000
13	1,370,000	28	720,000	43	540,000	58	390,000
14	1,260,000	29	700,000	44	530,000	59	380,000
15	1,180,000	30	680,000	45	520,000	60	370,000

(JPY)

Note 1: Players who have completed 72 holes and finished beyond 60th place will equally share ¥1,800,000, maximum ¥360,000 each.

Note 2: Players who have been eliminated after played first 36 holes and who have proceeded to 3rd round but have not completed 72 holes (including who is disqualified in the 3rd or the 4th round) will equally share ¥1,800,000, maximum ¥21,420 each.

Note 3: In the event of the Championship being shortened or canceled due to inclement weather or adverse conditions, prize money will be allocated as follows:

- (1) Completing 54 holes: 75% of total amount of prize money will be allocated to professionals who completed 54 holes.
- (2) Completing 36 holes: 50% of total amount of prize money will be allocated to professionals who completed 36 holes and finished in first 60 and anyone tying for 60th place.
- (3) Completing 18 holes (canceled): 25% of total amount of prize money will be allocated equally to professionals who completed 18 holes
- (4) Not completing 18 holes (canceled): 25% of total amount of prize money will be allocated equally to all professionals who registered at the Championship site.

15. SUBSTITUTIONS AND ALTERNATES

In case there is a vacancy due to withdrawal, from

- ① Under category (1)~(3) of clause 7
It will be filled up by the player(s) from each category **by 5:00PM(JST) on Monday, April 26, 2021**
- ② Under category (6) of clause 7 If not filled the quota, the spot(s) will be transferred to JGTO.
It will be filled up by the player(s) from category (6) Asian Tour **by 5:00PM(JST) on Monday, April 12, 2021**
If not filled the quota, the spot(s) will be transferred to JGTO.
- ③ Under category (4), (5), (7)~(24) of clause 7
It will be filled up by the player(s) by order of JGTO priority **by 5:00PM(JST) on Monday, April 26, 2021**
- ④ Under category (25) of clause 7
It will be filled up from the qualifying site concerned **by 5:00PM(JST) on Monday, April 26, 2021**
No filling up from the qualifying site concerned **on and after 5:00PM(JST) on Monday, April 26, 2021**
- ⑤ It will be filled up by the player(s) by order of JGTO priority **on and after 5:00PM(JST) on Monday, April 26, 2021**

Note: On-site waiting is only available for those who were selected by JGA based on "On-site Waiting-Policy". The player concerned will be contacted from JGA.

16. DESIGNATED PRACTICE ROUNDS

Practice round is available on Monday, May 10, on Tuesday May 11, and on Wednesday, May 12. Designated alternate players are permitted to have a practice round provided he is contacted by JGA in advance.

17. TELEVISION COVERAGE

Kansai Telecasting Corporation, nationwide broadcast by Fuji Television affiliates.

18. CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

The Championship Name Tag

19. PRIVACY POLICY:

By entering the Championship, each competitor assigns to the Tournament Hosts the right to use and disclose his personal information contained in "the 2021 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup Entry Form" and "the 2021 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup Competitors Profile", for the purposes provided below.

- (1) To examine his eligibility for the 2021 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup.
- (2) To carry out necessary activities in relation to holding and operating the Championship. This includes, but not limited to,
 - ① sending him documents related to the Championship (e.g. pairings, etc.),
 - ② disclosing his name, date of birth, status whether professional or amateur, affiliation (e.g. club, company, or school and grade), result of the Championship, and other information, to those who involved in the Championship (including the Media).
- (3) To store his personal information and result of the Championship, and to disclose the items listed in (2)-② above when necessity arises after the Championship.

20 PORTRAIT RIGHTS

The Tournament Hosts arrange publicity of the Championship in the Media and by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and other promotional activities. By entering the Championship, each competitor assigns to the Tournament Hosts the right to make, use, exhibit and reproduce in any way now known or hereafter devised (and to authorize others to do so), motion pictures, still pictures, live taped television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of the competitor made in connection with the Championship (including pre- and post-tournament activities on the Championship site), without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns of the competitor. A competitor's name, voice, likeness and biographical material may be used and reproduced in any way now known or hereafter devised by the Tournament Hosts for the purpose of promoting the Championship, without compensation for the competitor or the heirs, devisees, executors, administrators or assigns of the competitor.

21 ADDITIONAL PRIVILEGES:

Low Amateur: Exemption for

- 2021 Japan Open Golf Championship
- 2021 Japan Amateur Golf Championship

Winner: Exemption for

- 2021 The Open (The Royal St. George's G.C.)
- 2021 Japan Open Golf Championship
- Japan Golf Tour for the remainder of the calendar year and 2 years following the end of the calendar year.
- Asian Tour (if non-AT player) for the remainder of the calendar year and his prize money (excluding the prize money of 2021 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup) will be counted for Asian Tour Order of Merit of the calendar year provided he plays at least two-thirds of whole AT tour events of the calendar year.

First 5 competitors (*): Exemption for

- 2021 Japan Open Golf Championship proper

(*)In the event of a tie for 5th place in the 2021 Asia-Pacific Open Diamond Cup, the last qualifying place for 2021 Japan Open Golf Championship will be decided on the basis of best score of the last round. If the tying players have the same score for the

last round, Matching Score Cards method is used for the last round (see Official Guide to the Rules of Golf). In case of still tying, please see "on-site information board" notifying how to decide the last qualifying spot after Matching Score Cards. There is no filling up even if first 5 players are exempted otherwise.

Note 1: Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the Championship Committee. The Championship Committee deems a player to be an improper entrant if he falls into any of the followings (but not limited to). He is found out to be;

- ① a person who is a gangster member, who has not spent more than 5 years since he disaffiliated it, who is a semi-constitute member of a gangster, who is a member of a gangster relevant company, a corporate extortionist, a blackguard of social activism, an intellectual crime syndicate, or anything similar organization.
- ② a person who, in person or using a third party, conducted/made a violent claim, undue claim beyond legal liability, threatening language or violence behavior with respect to the transactions, tarnishment or business interference by spread of rumor or fraudulent means/power, or anything similar misconduct.

Note 2: Golf shoes that might cause serious damage to the putting green may be prohibited by the Championship Committee.

Note 3: Bear in mind that amateur entrants must be "amateur" in the light of Amateur Status Rules. He must confirm his amateur status when apply. Please refer to the detailed information of Amateur Status Rules on R&A website (www.randa.org).

Note 4: JGA Ethics regulation has been revised after a special board meeting on 13 December 2016 and object person has been expanded to players, caddies, and support staffs who join JGA competitions. We recommend to access JGA website and read its ethical code carefully so that you would behave yourself.

* In the event of a dispute arising as to the meaning of any provision in the championship conditions above, it shall be interpreted according to the Japanese language edition of the championship conditions.