

# TERMS OF COMPETITION

## THE 27TH STA. ELENA CUP

FEBRUARY 25 TO MARCH 2, 2025



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The Sta. Elena Cup is an exclusivetournament where a bonafide Sta. Elena Golf Club member can invite a non-member to form a team.

Eligible Guests:

1. Must be a dues paying member of another golf club, either local or international.
2. Must be a registered dependent (23 years old or younger) of a Sta. Elena Golf club member with the following partners:
  - a. Parent Member
  - b. Grandfather/Grandmother, provided that the dependent is declared under the grandparent member.
  - c. Sibling member, provided that the sibling member does not have any declared dependents
3. Must have an amateur status.

Dependents, as classified by other golf clubs ( a spouse or a junior dependent ) are not eligible to participate.

Tournament Committee has the right to request for Membership Certification from Guest. If the partner is deemed ineligible, the team is disqualified from winning any trophy awards.

## **MANNER OF PLAY**

The tournament shall be a 36-hole modified Stableford competition among two-man teams, each composed of a Sta. Elena member and their guest/partner.

1st and 2nd Nines—Makiling Course.

## **STABLEFORD POINTS**

The following Stableford points corresponding to the player's net scores will be computed by the Committee:

Double Bogey	0	Bogey	1
Par	2	Birdie	3
Eagle	4	Double Eagle	5
Triple Eagle	6		
(natural eagle with two stroke)			
Natural Hole-in-One	7		

## **RULES OF PLAY**

The 2025 Rules of Golf of the R & A and the United States Golf Association shall govern play and where applicable, by the following tournament rules and Local Rules of Sta. Elena Golf Club.

**MEASURING DEVICE:** Use of distance measuring devices for distance purposes only are permitted during the tournament. (4- 3a).

**GOLF BALLS:** Only golf balls which are on the current list of conforming golf balls issued by the USGA and R & A shall be used. Penalty for breach is disqualification. Changing of Golf balls (i.e., Putting ball) on the green is not allowed. (4-2).

**DRIVING CLUBS:** "The 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 R&A Rules Limited. **PENALTY FOR MAKING A STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF**

**RULE 4-1 4:2:** Disqualification.

**PUTTER:** - (4:1) Conforming equipment.

## **PACE OF PLAY**

Rule 5.6b PROMPT PACE OF PLAY: A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace. Each Player should recognize that his or her pace of play is likely to affect how long it will take other players to play their rounds, including both those in the player's own group and those in following groups. Players are encouraged to allow faster group to play through.

### **STA ELENA GOLF CLUB UPDATED LOCAL RULE ON PACE OF PLAY:**

Players must play without undue delay. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front

Any group who has an OPEN HOLE and has been reported by the flight behind and/or the golf course marshal and is delaying the group behind, even if they are within the time par, must invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group.

Definition of an Open Hole: One Clear Hole. Group in front are not playing from tee to green of the next hole

## **SIZE OF FIELD**

At least 350++ teams will be accepted on a raffle draw system. The field will be divided into three divisions - Class A, B, C. The Sta. Elena member's handicap will determine the team's Division.

Class A will be composed of +/- 115 Sta. Elena members with the lowest handicaps in the field.

Class B will be +/- 115 members with second lowest handicaps.

Class C will be +/- 115 members with the third lowest.

The classifications will only be made after all the 350++ slots are filled.

Members wishing to join after all the slots are taken will be placed on the waiting list.

## **HANDICAP RULE**

The Sta. Elena member shall use his February 15, 2025 handicap index or Tournament Handicap, whichever is lower.

The guest/partner-whether a Filipino, a foreigner, a resident or non-resident-must use their lowest WHS February 15, 2025 handicap index in any club of which they are a member: If foreigner must use his golf club/national handicapindex based on WHShandicapping system. A guest/partner who cannot submit an official handicap index membership certificate will have to play "0" (zero) handicap. Please email the handicap index certification to [staelenacup@gmail.com](mailto:staelenacup@gmail.com).

The handicap committee reserves the right to:

- Change the handicap of each participant prior to the tournament.
- Check the handicap of the winning teams
- Disqualify a team who has been found to have violated handicap rules. (Rule 1.2A/1)

Maximum handicap for Sta. Elena member: 36

Maximum handicap for guest: Men:18 & Ladies: 24

## **HANDICAP ADJUSTMENT**

Participants who have been placed in the past Sta. Elena Cup as Winners in any division may be subject to handicap adjustments. The participant's handicap to be used will be from either the February 15, 2025 handicap or from any of the adjusted handicap (based on actual Sta. Elena Golf Club tournament scores) of the last Six (6) months, whichever is lower. The adjustment will be implemented to all participating members and guest. Middle & Forward tee slope rating maybe adjusted based on the USGA rating adjustment for unrated tees for all minimum yardage of par 3's.

## **Course Handicap and Playing Handicap**

Q. When players compete from different tees, do we have to make any adjustments?

A. Since a Course Handicap™ represents the number of strokes received to play to par, an adjustment is only necessary if players are competing from tees with different pars.

When par is different, the player(s) competing from the tees with the higher par simply add the difference in par to their Playing Handicap(s)™. (Rule 6.2b, Rules of Handicapping).

### **TEEING GROUND ASSIGNMENTS**

REGULAR (Blue) TEES - MEN'S

(Men 54 yrs. old and below & DEPENDENTS (15 to 23 yrs. old).

MIDDLE (White) TEES - SENIORS

(Men 55 yrs. old and up)

DEPENDENTS

(Boys 14 yrs. Old and Below).

FORWARD (Red) TEES - LADIES AND DEPENDENTS (Girls).

### **WINNERS**

Trophies will be given to the following winners:

TEAM:

Over-all Champion

Over-all Best

Gross CLASS A, B and C Champion

Runner ups

## **INDIVIDUAL WINNERS:**

Round One Highest Gross Points

Round Two Highest Gross Points

Round One Highest Net Points

Round Two Highest Net Points

Over-all Best Gross Points

Over-all Best Net Points

## **TIES**

Ties: Net Winners shall be resolved by the following order:

1. Most number of Net Eagles (Albatross / Hole in One)
2. Most number of Net Birdies
3. Most number of Net Pars
4. Player's 2nd round points
5. Player's 1st round points
6. Toss Coin

Ties: Gross Winners shall be resolved by the following order:

1. Most number of Gross Eagles (Albatross / Hole in One)
2. Most number of Gross Birdies
3. Most number of Gross Pars
4. Player's 2nd round points
5. Player's 1st round points
6. Toss Coin

## **REGISTRATION FEE**

A Registration fee of Php 19,800.00 per team entitles the team to the following;

1. Tournament Participation and 27th Sta. Elena Cup Token.
2. Unlimited Practice Rounds on specified dates, accompanied by a member partner (conditions apply).
3. Breakfast, Lunch, and Merienda Buffet.
4. Pre-Tournament Cocktails will be held on February 22, 2025 (Saturday) at 5:30 pm.
5. Awards night participation for four (4) persons (participants plus their spouse or guest). Additional guests will be charged P3500 for dinner and must be confirmed 5 days in advance. Please fill out the RSVP to confirm.
6. Exclusive Tournament Raffle for participants only, presence is required to win both major and minor prizes.
7. Fees will be included in the Member's November 2024 Statement of Account.

## **WITHDRAWALS & CANCELLATIONS**

Cancellations must be made in writing to the Tournament Committee or email at [staelenacup@gmail.com](mailto:staelenacup@gmail.com) and must be received before December 31, 2024. The Tournament Committee will allow cancellations after deadline with penalty charge of P3,500.00 per team.

## **TEE-OFF TIMES**

Flights will be assigned to specific tees and play will start simultaneously from all tees. Sound of Horn will signal the start of the play.

There will be two shotgun starting times each day. The morning group will begin at 6:30 a.m., while the afternoon group will begin at 12:15 p.m.



<b>If your first round is on</b>	<b>If your second round is on</b>
Tuesday morning	Friday afternoon
Tuesday afternoon	Friday morning
Wednesday morning	Saturday afternoon
Wednesday afternoon	Saturday morning
Thursday morning	Sunday afternoon
Thursday afternoon	Sunday morning

Teams are required to register at least 30 minutes before the starting time and report to their designated starting tees 10 minutes before starting time.

### **LATE TEE-OFFS**

If a player is late, play will start without him/her. Player will not be disqualified but will not get any points on the holes missed. Player will be allowed to join assigned group on the tee of the next hole to be played.

### **SPECIAL GROUND RULE**

Upon reaching the greens of all par 3's, players must mark their balls and allow the following flight to hit their tee shots.

NO GIMME PUTT RULE (Rule 3-2 Failure to hole out. Breach of this rule is: Disqualification), except for the pick-up rule on page 16.

## **RULE ON PICK-UP**

Mandatory pick up on net double bogey. A ball shall be considered a “pick-up” if:

- It is picked up by hand:
- It is hit by a club with intention of moving it away from the line of play: and
- If the player verbally declared his intention of picking up.

## **CHANGING PARTNERS**

A member may change their guest/partner at any time prior to the first day starting time, as long as the new guest/partner meets the eligibility of a guest and handicap requirements. Please see rule re practice rounds for the new guest.

## **SCORING**

Each team shall serve as “marker” of the players in the other team within the same flight. The marker shall be responsible for recording the gross scores of the Players. Both team members must sign their scorecards after making sure that their marker has signed the cards.

Players are reminded to:

- Check their hole-by-hole score for accuracy.
- Settle any doubtful points with the marker or the Rules Committee.
- Make sure that the marker has signed the score card.
- Countersign the score card.
- Return the score card to the Committee within 30mins. of completing the round, otherwise will be considered as “no score”.

A rules referee will be assigned during the tournament. In the event, no referee is available, the tournament committee will call any NGAP Rules official to refer the rule inquiry.

## **COMPLIMENTARY PRACTICE ROUND**

- Each guest shall be entitled to UNLIMITED FREE PRACTICE ROUNDS, provided he/she is accompanied by a member on weekday (dates specified) and with tee time reservation.
  - Unlimited Free Practice rounds on the following weekdays:
    - February 11-14, 2025 (Tuesday to Friday)
- One (1) FREE PRACTICE ROUND on weekend (Saturday or Sunday) after 10:00 am only on days specified. Must be accompanied by a member and tee time reservations is required.
- One (1) Practice round on weekend(Saturday or Sunday)on these dates:
  - February 15 (Saturday) or February 16 (Sunday) = One (1) practice round only.
  - February 22 (Saturday) = One (1) practice round only. Shotgun Tee Time will be announced for practice game.
- In the event that a member cancels his participation in the tournament after their partner has availed of the FREE practice round, the member will be charged the appropriate green fee charges (Php 4,500.00 on weekdays and Php 6,500.00 / Php 5,500.00 on weekends).

Likewise, if a member changes their partner and avails of a practice round, the member will also be charged the appropriate green fee rates.

Last tee time for Sunday, February 23 will be at 12:00NN. The Club will close at 5pm.

The Golf Club is closed on February 24, 2025 (Monday).

## **CADDIE FEE**

Minimum caddie fee per 18-hole round is P800.00. Please pay your caddie directly.

Any extra amount will be considered tip.

## **GOLF CART**

To ensure a faster pace of play, all participants are required to use a golf cart, to ensure a faster pace of play.

You may settle your golf cart bill at the reception by signing or paying in cash.

## **RULE ON HOLE-IN-ONE**

There will be a prize for a Hole-in-One on designated par 3's during each day of tournament. In the event that there is more than one Hole-in-One winner on a specific hole during the tournament, the value of the prize shall be shared among the winners

Example: Player makes Hole-in-One on Wednesday on specific hole and another player makes a Hole-in-One on Sunday on that same hole; they share the prize specific to that hole. (There is only 1 prize)

The winners will pay any tax due to the government on the prize.

Professional Golfers will not be eligible to win Hole-in-One prizes.

## **RULES COMMITTEE**

Rules inquiries must be directed to the Rules Committee, whose decisions are deemed final.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to modify tournament rules and prizes before the start of the Tournament. Any changes will be posted at the Lobby on each day of the tournament.

The Organizing Committee has the right to confirm and check with the guest's home golf club of their membership status and handicap. Moreover, the Committee mandates the use of golf carts for all players to speed up play.

