



China Open International Woodball Championship 2017

Rules and Regulations

1. Steering Unit:

International Woodball Federation (IWbF)
Asian Woodball Federation (AWbF)
General Administration of Sport of China

2. Host:

Chinese Woodball Association (CWbA)
Chinese Leisure Sports Administrative Center

3. Supported by:

Heyuan municipal government

4. Date: 3—8 November 2017

5. Venue: Bavaria Manor, HeYuan, Guangdong, China

6. Types of Competition:

1) Stroke Competition:

- I. Singles: Men, Women, Veteran men and Veteran women
- II. Doubles: Mixed and Veteran mixed
- III. Teams: Men, Women, Veteran men and Veteran women

2) Fairway Competition:

- I. Singles: Men and Women

7. Competition Rules:

- 1) The Championship will be run in accordance with the latest 2016 IWbF enacted Woodball Rules with the details of the Rules to be explained at team leader meeting.
- 2) Only the IWbF certified Woodball Equipment shall be used in the championship. The certificated brands of equipment are subjected to be announced by IWbF annually.
- 3) Competition System:
 - I. Stroke Competition:

i. Singles Preliminary:

After players complete the preliminary competition of 24 fairways, the sum of strokes of each player will be the Preliminary score. The top 12 players will qualify for the Singles Final. When scores are tie, whoever has the most of the least stroke fairways among the last 12 fairways is the winner.

Accordingly, result shall be evaluated in the same manner.

ii. Singles Final:

The top 12 players from Singles Preliminary will be eligible to play in the Final, another 12-fairway round. The sum strokes of 36 fairways from the Singles Preliminary and Final will be added up for the eligibility of the winner. Any player who scores the least strokes is the winner.

iii. Doubles Preliminary:

a. Players take turns in striking the ball. Players whose names listed first on the score card should strike first on the first and appointed fairways, and the other players should strike second and take turns in striking the ball until gating. After completing the competition of 12 fairways, the sum of the strokes will be the Doubles Preliminary score.

b. Players take turns in striking the ball until gating. Player 1 from every pair (Pair A1, Pair B1, Pair C1) take turns to strike first from fairway 1 to fairway 3. Striking order of players on fairway 1 is Pair A1, Pair B1, Pair C1. Striking order of players on fairway 2 is Pair B1, Pair C1, Pair A1; moreover, striking order of players on fairway 3 is Pair C1, Pair A1, Pair B1. Continually, Player 2 from every pair (Pair A2, Pair B2, Pair C2) take turns to strike first from fairway 4 to fairway 6. Striking order of players on fairway 4 is Pair A2, Pair B2, Pair C2. Striking order of players on fairway 5 is Pair B2, Pair C2, Pair A2; moreover, striking order of players on fairway 6 is Pair C2, Pair A2, Pair B2. Accordingly, the Player 1 from every pair should take turns for the first shot for the next fairways.

iv. Doubles Final:

Top 12 pairs in the Doubles Preliminary will qualify for the Doubles Final of additional 12 fairways competition. The final score is the strokes sum of the 12 fairways of Preliminary and Final, the total 24 fairways. Any pair who scores the least strokes is the winner. Order of taking turns in striking is the same methods as in the Preliminary.

v. Teams:

Each team consists of 4 - 6 players, and the strokes sum in each round of the best 4 players of the Stroke Preliminary Competition will be counted as the team score. The team which has the least number of strokes is the winning team.

vi. Tie for Singles / Doubles / Teams Events:

a. For Singles Events / Doubles Events, in case there are 2 or more players/pairs secured the same strokes, whoever has the most of the least stroke fairways among the last 12 fairways is the winner.

Accordingly, result shall be evaluated in the same manner.

b. For Teams Events, in case 2 or more teams secure the same strokes, any team with player that has the least strokes is the winner. If there is still a tie, then any team with player that has the second least strokes is the winner. Accordingly, results shall be evaluated in the same manner. If the result is still the same, the Organizing Committee will construct alternate methods to decide the winner.

II. Fairway Competition:

i. Singles:

The Organizing Committee should determine the order of play by drawing lots. Each group consists of 2 players and will play from the appointed fairway to next fairways.

ii. Striking Order:

In Fairway Competitions, no matter if the ball stops on the gate area or fairway, the player/pair with ball which stops further from the gate shall hit first.

iii. Tie for Fairway Events:

When fairways competition ended in a tie after completing 12 fairways competition, players/pairs will play sudden death and compete from the appointed fairway to the next, whoever first wins the fairway is the winner, and the competition is finished.

4) Scores Record:

I. Players in the same group will take turns to score for each other, and this method shall be applied to all events unless stated otherwise. The Organizing Committee will only appoint referees to patrol between fairways.

II. In events listed below, the Organizing Committee will appoint referees to carry out the scoring duty:

i. Stroke Competition Finals

ii. Fairway Competition Champion Final Matches

5) The Organizing Committee reserves the right to change the competition program according to the actual situation in the competition. There is no right for each team to bring up any opinion.

8. Prizes:

1) Prizes will be determined based on the number of registered participants.

I. 8 players/teams will be awarded when 9 or more players/teams registered.

II. (N-1) players/teams will be awarded when 8 or less players/teams registered

III. The top 3 of Singles and Doubles events will be awarded certificates, medals and prizes.

IV. The top 3 of Teams events will be awarded certificates, trophies, and prizes.

V. **The total bonus is 4,000USD.**

2) Gate-in-One: (The prizes will be shared with Asian University Woodball Championship)

I. Applicable to the Singles Preliminary of Singles Stroke Competition, whoever hits the ball through the gate (1 gate appointed by the Organizing Committee, 1 Gate-in-One prizes) by 1 stroke will be awarded medal and cash award of USD 500. If there is more than 1 winner, the prizes will be shared equally with all winners.

II. Gate-in-One will not be applied for Singles Final.

3) International Tour Championship Ranking:

I. Singles Stroke Competition excluded Veteran Singles, the top 30 male and female players will receive points calculated based on the rules of the International Tour Woodball Championship, and the points will be accumulated with other winning points.

II. Singles Fairway Competition (single elimination), points shall be secured when at least 8 players participate in the event. The points calculated based on the rules of the International Tour Woodball Championship.

9. Entry:

1) Female players are not allowed to register in males' events, and vice versa.

2) Players are born before 3 November 1957 allowed to register Veteran Event.

3) Please submit the Registratio Form, Participation Form, Registration Fee, Participation Fee, and photos of participants to the Organizing Committee before entry deadline.

4) Entry Deadline: **13 October 2017**

10. Transportation:

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation among Shenzhen International Airport (SZX) and Guangzhou International Airport (CAN), Athlete's Village in Bavaria Manor, upon arrival and departure of the delegations and local transportation during the

Championship, as well as escort when necessary. The airport-city shuttle provided by the Organizing Committee will be 2 trips for each country. Additional fare will be required for extra trips.

11. Delegation's Flag:

For the purpose of opening and closing ceremonies, participating delegations are requested to present 2 flags officially registered with the IWbF.

12. Financial Conditions:

1)Registration Fee: USD 10 per participant (including all team staff).

2)Sanction Fee: USD 5 per player for Asian Woodball Federation.

3) Participation Fee:

I. Stroke Competition:

i. USD 20 per participant for Singles Competition.

ii. USD 30 per pair for Doubles Competition.

iii.USD 30 per team. (Every team member should have also registered Singles Stroke Competition)

II. Fairway Competition:

i. USD 20 per participant for Singles Competition.

4) Accommodation and Local Transportation Fee:

i. USD 60 per person per night.

ii. Request of a single room, the accommodation fee will be doubled of above listed price per person per night.

iii. Organizing Committee will not be responsible for extra accommodation and transportation expenses for any extending of staying in Heyuan City before or after the competition.

13. Arbitration

1) Any protest or appeal should be brought up officially within 30 minutes after each game.

2) Appeal letter shall be signed by the team leader and submitted to the Organizing Committee with a USD100 arbitration fee.

3) Upon receiving the appeal letter, Organizing Committee will arrange the Protest Committee Meeting to resolve the dispute in accordance with the Woodball Rules and regulations within 30 minutes. Should there be any unclear matter; Protest Committee decision will be final. Arbitration fee will be returned if the appeal is accepted; otherwise arbitration fee will be forfeited.

14. Organizing Committee

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