



45th SARAWAK AMATEUR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
(YBhg. Datuk Amar James Wong Kim Min Challenge Trophy)

26th SARAWAK AMATEUR LADIES OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
(SGA Ladies Trophy)

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following Conditions, together with any additions or amendments as published by The Committee on the relevant entry form or at the golf course, will apply under Rule 33-1.

1. THE COMMITTEE

The 45th Sarawak Amateur Open Golf Championship and the 26th Sarawak Amateur Ladies Open Golf Championship is under the management of the Damai Golf & Country Club Tournament Committee. This Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship Conditions and the decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.

2. DATE & VENUE

The Sarawak Amateur Open and the Sarawak Amateur Ladies Open will be played on **25th – 27th April 2014** at Damai Golf & Country Club.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND HANDICAP

Entries are open to amateur golfers with a current NHS/USGA Handicap Index of **11.3** & below for men and Handicap Index **23.4** & below for ladies.

In the event that a player has more than one handicap then his/her lowest handicap shall be used for the Championship. It is the sole responsibility of the players to declare their lowest handicap. Failure to comply shall result in **disqualification** in the handicap/net event.

Entries are limited to:

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Ladies</u>
Damai Golf & Country Club	First 25 participants	First 3 participants
Kelab Golf Sarawak	First 20 participants	First 10 participants
Sarawak Club Golf Resort	First 5 participants	First 2 participants
Kelab Golf Miri	First 5 participants	First 2 participants
Kelab Golf Sibu	First 8 participants	First 2 participants
Kelab Golf Bintulu	First 8 participants	First 2 participants
Kelab Golf Penjara	First 3 participants	First 2 participants
SJGFA Golf Course	First 8 participants	First 2 participants
Eastwood Valley GCC	First 3 participants	First 2 participants
Other Clubs	First 5 participants	First 3 participants

4. FORMAT

The Championship will be decided by stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes for both Men and Ladies events. The Championship is Gross taking precedence over Net.

The Tournament Committee may cancel any round or rounds if they consider that the course is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible.

5. ENTRY FORM, ENTRANCE FEE

Players are required to pay an entrance fee of **RM250.00 (including buggy charges)**. There will be no refund for any cancellation after the closing date.

All entries will be subject to the approval of the Tournament Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving any reason for its decision.

6. CLOSING DATE

Thursday, 17th April 2014 at 1800 hrs.

7. DRAW

The draw for the competition shall be performed by the Tournament Committee on **23rd April 2014** and be posted on the **DGCC Notice Board at 12:00 pm** on the same day. This draw will be extended to all players through their respective clubs prior to the start of the competition.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to vary the draw and starting times at its absolute discretion.

7. QUALIFIERS

Men - The 36 lowest gross scores over the first 36 holes will qualify for the final round.

Ladies - The 12 lowest gross scores over the first 36 holes will qualify for the final round.

In the event of a tie for the last place of the qualifiers in both Men and Ladies events, the tie shall be decided by a count back system of matching score cards in the following order:

Last 18, 9, 6, 3 holes and finally the last hole.

If the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.

8. PRIZES

Men's Gross over 54 holes	-	12
Ladies' Gross over 54 holes	-	5
Men's Net over 36 holes	-	6
Ladies' Net over 36 holes	-	3
1 st & 2 nd Day prizes for the Men's event	-	1 Gross per day
	-	1 Net per day
1 st & 2 nd Day prizes for the Ladies' event	-	1 Gross per day
		1 Net per day

Qualifiers' prizes: 36 lowest Gross scores and tie for Men's category.

12 lowest Gross scores and tie for Ladies' category.

- Each competitor is eligible to win one prize only with the exception of novelty prizes. If he/she is in contention for a prize in both the Gross and Net events, he/she will be awarded the better of the two prizes in terms of value.
- Should there be a hole-in-one prize; the prize will be shared equally if there is more than one winner.

9. TIME OF STARTING (Note to Rule 6-3)

The specimen Condition (i.e. the five-minute condition) in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see page 143.

10. PACE OF PLAY (Note to Rule 6-7)

(a) Time Allowed:

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

Definition of Out of Position:

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "out of position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

(b) Procedure When Group is Out of Position:

1. If a decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a Rules Official. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "out of position" and are being timed.
2. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
 - on a par three hole;
 - an approach shot; and
 - a chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

If any player exceeds the time allocated, he shall be deemed to have had a "Bad Time".

3. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

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| 1 Bad Time: | Player will be warned by the official and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalized. |
| 2 Bad Times: | Penalty of One Stroke |
| 3 Bad Times: | Further Penalty of Two Strokes |
| 4 Bad Times: | Disqualification |

(c) Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round:

If a group is "out of position" more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalised if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

11. DECIDING TIES

In the event of a tie for the first place either in the Men or Ladies events, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue to play off, hole by hole until the winner is

decided by elimination. The sequence of holes for the play-off shall be determined by the Tournament Committee. The purpose of the play-off shall be to decide the **WINNER** only.

In the event of a tie for any other places, the tie shall be decided by a count back system of matching score cards in the following order:

- i. Last 18 holes;
- ii. 2nd last 18 holes;
- iii. Last 9, 6, 3 holes and finally the last hole.

If the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.

12. TRANSPORTATION

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see page 146.

13. CADDIES

Only caddies assigned by Damai Golf Course are allowed to carry during the competition.

Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred.

Maximum penalty: Four strokes.

14. ANTI-DOPING

Players are required to comply with and be bound by any Anti-Doping Policy that is established for the Championship in which they are competing.

15. SERIOUS BREACH OF ETIQUETTE

A penalty of **DISQUALIFICATION** under Rule 33-7 will be imposed if the Committee determines that a player has committed “serious breach of etiquette” as follows:-

- i. Use of hand phone or other means during a stipulated round to disturb or distract other players.
- ii. Verbal abuse of fellow competitors, officials or staff.
- iii. Other unbecoming conduct or behavior.

16. TEEING GROUNDS

Men shall play from the blue tee.

Ladies shall play from the red tee.

17. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION (Note to Rule 6-8b)

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see pages 144-145.

Note: A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by a prolonged note of a horn. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive short notes of a horn repeated. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of a horn, repeated.

18. PRACTICE (Rule 7-1)

The provisions of Rule 7-1b apply.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

Disqualification

Note: All recognised practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players for practice on any day of the competition.

19. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

A player's score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when he has left the recording office/area.

20. PRACTICE ROUND

All participants shall be permitted **one practice round either on Wednesday afternoon & Thursday morning 23rd & 24th April 2014**. The Course will be closed by 2:00PM. Participants are encouraged to book tee-off times at least a week in advance.

21. RESULTS OF CHAMPIONSHIP – COMPETITION CLOSED

When the Championship trophy is presented to the winner, the results of the Competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE