



CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

The 34th Malaysian Ladies Amateur Open Championship (34th MLAO) shall be managed by a Tournament Committee (hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee') appointed by the Malaysian Ladies Golf Association. The decisions of the Committee on all matters shall be final.

2. VENUE AND DATES

The Championship shall be played from May 3rd to 5th 2017 at Glenmarie Golf & Country Club ("GGCC"), Valley Course with a Course Rating of 74.5 and Slope Rating of 130 or any such course as the Committee may decide.

3. RULES OF PLAY

All play shall be in accordance with the current Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Limited, the Decisions on the Rules of Golf, these Conditions of Competition and any Local Rules as approved by the Committee.

4. APPROVED BALLS

Only golf balls named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by R & A Rules Limited may be used. Penalty for breach of condition – Disqualification

5. CONFORMING DRIVING CLUBS

Any driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A.

Exception: A driver with a club head that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition.

***PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION:** Stroke Play - two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes.

***Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his marker or fellow-competitor immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, she is disqualified.**

PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: DISQUALIFICATION

An updated List of Conforming Driver Heads is available on the R&A website (www.randa.org). This list is also available in the Tournament Office.



6. ELIGIBILITY

The Championship is open to all female players who:

- i) are amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited;
- ii) have a USGA Handicap Index of not more than 21.2 as at March 1st 2017.
(However, USGA Handicap Index as of April 1st 2017 shall take precedence for the Handicap events. Any confirmed and registered player with a handicap higher than USGA Handicap Index of 21.2 as of April 1st 2017 shall be assigned a maximum course handicap of 24).

No voluntary handicap reduction will be accepted. Competitors MUST enclose a copy of National Handicap System (NHS) card OR handicap certification from their home club together with the entry form.

The Committee reserves the right to accept late entries or refuse any entry at its absolute discretion without assigning any reason for the refusal.

7. COMMITTEE'S POWER TO ADJUST HANDICAPS

The Committee may adjust the player's handicap prior to or during the competition.

8. ENTRY FEES, CLOSING DATE AND REGISTRATION

a) INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

MALGA Members	RM 650 per player
Foreign Participation & Non MALGA Member	USD 280 per player

b) TEAM COMPETITION

MALGA Members	RM 150 per team
Foreign Team & Non MALGA	USD 40 per team

All crossed cheques / bank drafts shall be made payable to "MALAYSIAN LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION" and MUST accompany the entry form. There will be no refund on the entry fee if withdrawal is made after the closing date.

Please send remittance to the Association's bank account detailed as follows and furnish us with a copy of the bank transaction for our filing and tracing purposes:-

Payable to	:	MALAYSIAN LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION
Name of Bank	:	Malayan Banking Berhad
Bank Address	:	Ground Floor, 92, Jalan Tun H.S. Lee, 50000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Account No	:	5140 3923 4279
Int Swift Code	:	MBBEMYKL

Closing Date : All entries with full payment MUST REACH the MALGA Secretariat on or before **April 3rd 2017**.

9. PRACTICE ROUNDS AND CLOSURE OF THE COURSE

Designated practice rounds shall be on May 2nd 2017 from 7:15 am onwards. Registered players are entitled to one free practice round inclusive of a twin-sharing buggy. Tee-times are to be booked via MALGA. The course shall be closed to all players at 4.00 pm on May 2nd 2017.



10. FORMAT OF PLAY

Individual Gross Events of all Divisions shall be decided by Stroke Play over 3 rounds of 18 holes each (54 holes) while all Nett Events and the Team Competition shall be decided by Stroke Play over 2 rounds of 18 holes each (36 holes). In the event that it becomes impracticable to complete the number of stipulated rounds, the Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of stipulated rounds at its discretion.

11. COMPETITIONS

A player may register for only one division.

i. INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

A) GROSS EVENT

Division 1 - Open Championship Division (USGA Index : 8.2 and below)

D.Y.M.M Tunku Ampuan Negeri Sembilan Trophy

Mode : Stroke Play (gross) over 54 holes

Division 2 - Handicap 10 to 18 (USGA Index : 8.3 to 16.0)

Y.A.M Tunku Tun Maimunah Trophy

Mode : Stroke Play (gross) over 54 holes

Division 3 - Handicap 19 to 24 (USGA Handicap Index : 16.1 to 21.2)

Datin Maria Musa Trophy

Mode : Stroke Play (gross) over 54 holes

SENIOR DIVISION - 50 years of age and above, as at May 1st 2017

Mode : Stroke Play (gross) over 54 holes

Note : Upon completion of 36 holes for the above Gross Event, the committee will decide the cut-off to proceed to the final round.

B) NETT EVENT

Division 1 – Handicap 9 and below (USGA Index : 8.2 and below)

Mode : Stroke Play (nett) over 36 holes

Division 2 - Handicap 10 to 18 (USGA Index : 8.3 to 16.0)

Mode : Stroke Play (nett) over 36 holes

Division 3 - Handicap 19 to 24 (USGA Handicap Index : 16.1 to 21.2)

Mode : Stroke Play (nett) over 36 holes

C) SENIOR DIVISION - 50 years of age and above, as at May 1st 2017

- Handicap 24 & below (USGA Handicap Index : 21.2 & below) Mode : Stroke Play (nett) over 36 holes



ii. TEAM COMPETITION

Mode: Stroke Play (gross) over 36 holes

The team shall consist of two or three competitors from the same country and belonging to the same division. The combined two best gross scores for the day of the team members shall be the team's score. Competitors must register for the individual competition before entering the team competition. All teams must be registered by May 2nd 2017.

This team event is subject to a minimum of three (3) entries per division.

12. DECISION ON TIES

INDIVIDUAL

In the event of a tie for the first place in the Open Division, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue in a play-off until the winner is decided by elimination. The Committee shall determine the sequence and number of holes for the play-off.

In the event of a tie for any other placing, the tie shall be decided by a count-back system of matching scorecards in the following order:

i.	Last 18 holes
ii.	2 nd Last 18 holes
iii.	Last 9 holes (Holes 10-18)
iv.	Last 6 holes (Holes 13-18)
v.	Last 3 holes (Holes 16-18)
vi.	And finally the last hole (Hole 18)

In handicapped events, the net score will be used for matching. In any case, if the tie remains unresolved, it shall be decided by lot.

TEAM

Ties shall be decided on count-back based on Team scores as detailed above. The Team Score, total scores of the two competitors whose score shall count for the team for the round, will be used for the count-back.

13. PRIZES

Gross and Nett prizes will be awarded for every Division in the Individual Competition. The minimum number of prizes will be as follows:

1st to 3rd placing gross scores over 54 holes

1st to 3rd placing nett scores over 36 holes

Daily best gross score

Daily best nett score

A competitor shall be entitled to win only one gross or one nett prize. In all cases, gross scores will take precedence over nett scores.

The Committee may increase the number of prizes depending on the entries of each division.

14. TIMES OF STARTING (see Rule 6-3)

The draws of starting times / groups will be made by the Committee and competitors shall start at the times laid down by the Committee.



15. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION (see Rule 6-8)

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf on pages 158-159 is in effect.

Note: A prolonged note of a horn/siren will signal the immediate suspension of play for a dangerous situation for which all play MUST stop immediately. Three consecutive short notes of a horn/siren will signal all other suspensions. In either case, two short notes of a horn/siren, will signal resumption of play.

16. PACE OF PLAY

The attention of all competitors is drawn to Rule 6-7 regarding undue delay. In the interest of fair play, the Committee will establish the Pace of Play Condition and will not hesitate to impose the penalties as provided by that Condition.

Pace of Play Conditions

Details for the above will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to the start of the Championship. Players are advised to read and adhere to these conditions.

17. PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES

A player must not play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played. If a practice stroke is played on or near the putting green of the hole last played, the player incurs a penalty of two strokes at the next hole, except that in the case of the last hole of the round, she incurs the penalty at that hole. This prohibition includes rolling a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

18. ADVICE (see Rule 8)

As the Championship has both Individual and Team Competitions and players are eligible in both Competitions, players must not ask for or receive any advice from any person/s, including Team Managers or Coaches, during a stipulated round.

19. BUGGY/CADDIE

Division 1: Players are to walk at all times during the Championship and caddies will drive the buggies with the golf bags.

Divisions 2, 3 & Senior: Players shall be permitted to ride on the buggy. A caddie will be provided on a twin-sharing basis.

A player shall not engage any person other than a registered caddie to assist her during play. Penalty: Disqualification

20. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE

Use of distance measuring devices is permitted during the competition. A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (eg. elevation changes, wind speed, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

Penalty for first breach: 2 Stroke Penalty, Subsequent breach: Disqualification

21. UNAUTHORISED TRANSPORTATION

Division 1 players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

Stroke Play - Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred. Maximum penalty per round: Four strokes.

In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. Use of any unauthorized form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.



22. ETIQUETTE

All players should practice good etiquette as detailed out in Section 1 of the Rules of Golf. The overriding principle is that consideration should be shown to others on the course at all times. The following may be considered “serious breaches of etiquette” for this competition:-

- i) Usage of hand phone during play to the annoyance and distraction of other players.
- ii) Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitors.
- iii) Verbal abuse of fellow competitors / officials/ staff.

Note: Any other ‘breach of etiquette’ not listed above will be dealt with by the Committee on an individual basis.

Penalty for a Serious Breach of Etiquette : DISQUALIFICATION

23. SCORE CARDS

Score Cards must be submitted as soon as possible on completion of the round. A scorecard is deemed to be submitted the moment the competitor has completely left the scoring area.

24. RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION – COMPETITION CLOSED

The Championship shall be deemed to have closed when the Championship Trophy has been presented to the winner.

25. INDEMINITY/LIABILITIES

MALGA, The Sponsor, The Organizers, The Committee or management of Glenmarie Golf & Country Club, will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants of the Championship may suffer as a result of their participation in this tournament.

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