



20th – 23rd JUNE 2019
KELAB GOLF SARAWAK



TERMS OF COMPETITION

The following Terms of Competition, together with any additions or amendments published by the Tournament Committee (hereinafter called the Committee) at the Golf Course will apply to the **117th Malaysian Amateur Open Golf Championship 2019 – Men and Ladies**. The decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.

1. VENUE AND DATE

The Championship will be played at **Matang and Santubong course for Men and, Siol and Demak Course for Ladies, at Kelab Golf Sarawak, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia** from **Thursday, 20th June to Sunday, 23rd June 2019**.

2. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

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| i) Tuesday | (18 th June) | Registration and Practice Round (AM/PM) |
| ii) Wednesday | (19 th June) | Registration and Practice Round
(Players must leave course at 4:00 PM)
Opening Ceremony – 7.00 pm |
| iii) Thursday | (20 th June) | Round 1 (AM/PM) |
| iv) Friday | (21 st June) | Round 2 (AM/PM) |
| v) Saturday | (22 nd June) | Round 3 (AM) |
| vi) Sunday | (23 rd June) | Round 4 (AM) followed by prize presentation |

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 MEN

The Championship is open to all **male** golfers who are Amateur in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited,

- With a valid USGA Handicap Index of not more than **7.3** at the time of submission of entry. (Certification of the Player's current Handicap Index **MUST** be presented upon registration). Participants from non-NHS Clubs and overseas with a maximum Handicap of **8** and below may enter but must present certification upon registration. The field will be limited to **140 Men** players.

3.2 LADIES

The Championship is open to all **female** golfers who are Amateur in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited,

- With a valid USGA Handicap Index of not more than **10.3** at the time of submission of entry. (Certification of the Player's current Handicap Index MUST be presented upon registration). Participants from non-NHS Clubs and overseas with a maximum Handicap of **12** and below may enter but must present certification upon registration. The field will be limited to **80 Ladies** players.

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

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over **four (4) rounds of 18 holes. There will be a cut after 36 holes and the field will be reduced to the top 70 plus ties for Men and the top 40 plus ties for Ladies.**

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

Championship Event

- It shall be decided by stroke play over **72 holes**.
- The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate **GROSS** score.

Handicap Event

- The event shall be played in conjunction with the Championship.
- It shall be decided by stroke play over **36 holes (first two rounds before cut-off)**.
- The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest **NET** score over 36 holes.

5. INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

Each country may enter one team of two competitors who should be citizens or permanent residents of that country. The **COMBINED GROSS SCORES** of the team members for the **first two rounds shall be the team score**.

A penalty of disqualification for a breach of the Rules of golf or the Terms of Competition shall apply to the round where the breach occurred, unless the Committee determines otherwise.

6. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

MEN

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|-------------------------------|---|
| a) Championship Event (Gross) | - 1 st to 20 th placing |
| b) Handicap Event (Net) | - 1 st to 3 rd placing |
| c) International Team Event | - 1 st to 3 rd placing |
| d) Daily medals | - One best gross |

LADIES

- a) Championship Event (Gross) - 1st to 10th placing
 - b) Handicap Event (Net) - 1st to 3rd placing
 - c) International team event - 1st to 3rd placing
 - d) Daily medals - One best gross
- A competitor may win one overall prize only with Gross event taking precedence over Net event.
 - A competitor may win one daily prize only.
 - **The Committee reserves the right to vary the number of prizes at its absolute discretion.**

7. ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

- a. Entry fee: **RM 400.00 (Malaysians) or USD 150.00 (Foreigners) per person (inclusive of welcome dinner, breakfast, lunches, goodies and access to two (2) practice rounds.)**
- b. All entries must reach the following on or before **1st June 2019:**

MALAYSIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

14, Jalan 4/76C, Desa Pandan,

55100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Tel: +603-9283 7300 Fax: +603-9282 9300

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- c. Entries are to be submitted using the prescribed form, accompanied by the relevant fees and duly certified by the competitor's Club Captain or Secretary or Club Manager.
- d. Entry forms without payments will **not** be accepted. However, those unable to register within the stipulated times, must inform the Tournament Director / Committee.
- e. Entry fees in the form of Cheques /bank drafts are to be made payable to **'Persatuan Golf Malaysia'** or be banked into its account at **Maybank Berhad, Desa Pandan Branch, A/C No: 564548112540 (attach your bank-in slip together with the 'Entry Form')** **Swift Code No: MBBEMYKL (for Telegraphic Transfer). Please include the bank commission.**
- f. All entries will be subject to the approval of the Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving any reason for its decision.

8. WITHDRAWAL

Entry Fees will not be refunded if withdrawal is made after **3rd June 2019.**

9. **CONFORMING CLUBS – Rule 4.1**

In making a stroke, a player must use a club that conforms to the requirements in the Equipment Rules.

“Performance characteristics” means any part of the club that affects how it performs in making a stroke, such as its grip, shaft, clubhead or lie or loft (including lie or loft of an adjustable club).

**PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF TERM:
DISQUALIFICATION**

10. **CONFORMING GOLF BALLS – Rule 4.2a**

In making a stroke, a player must use a ball that conforms to the requirements in the Equipment Rules.

Deliberately Altered Ball Must Not Be Played. A player must not make a stroke at a ball whose performance characteristics have been deliberately altered, such as by scuffing or heating the ball or by applying any substance (other than in cleaning it).

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF TERM:
DISQUALIFICATION**

11. **DRAWS & STARTING TIMES**

The Committee will make the draws and the starting times for the first two rounds and will be posted at the Clubhouse. Such posting will be considered to be sufficient notice to the players. The draw for subsequent rounds will be done according to the scores; the lowest scores will tee off last from the first tee and the highest scores will tee off last from the tenth tee. The Committee reserves the right to vary the starting times at its absolute discretion, before tee-off time.

12. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION (RULE 5.7)**

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

Immediate Stop/Dangerous Situation	: ONE PROLONGED NOTE OF A SIREN
Normal Non-Dangerous Situation	: THREE CONSECUTIVE NOTES OF A SIREN
Resume Play	: TWO CONSECUTIVE NOTES OF A SIREN

When play is stopped in a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE 5.7: DISQUALIFICATION

13. **TRANSPORTATION AND CADDIE**

During a round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized by the Rules Committee. (A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorized.)

There is no restriction as to who may be a caddie for the player.

Due to shortage of caddies, players are advised to bring their own caddie or trolley otherwise they must carry their own bag.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THIS LOCAL RULE:

General penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between holes applies to the next hole.

14. PACE OF PLAY (RULE 5.6b(3))

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and, in the case of second or subsequent groups, Out of Position.

From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play' approach shot (including par 3 tee shot), chip or putt, or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or 'second or third to play shot', he is deemed to have a bad time.

The time allowed will be determined by the Chief Referee and will be published on the notice board. The first group and any group after a starter's gap will 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 "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 completed.

A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

Penalty for Breach of Pace of Play Policy:

- 1 bad time - Verbal Warning from Referee
- 2 bad times - 1 stroke penalty
- 3 bad times - 2 strokes penalty
- 4 bad times - Disqualification

Notes:

- (1) Players will be advised that they are being timed.
- (2) Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Referee that it is the player's turn to play.
- (3) In some circumstances, an individual or two players within a group of three, may be timed rather than the entire group.

15. DECIDING TIES

15.1 INDIVIDUAL EVENT

In the event of a tie for the first place in both events, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off to determine the winner. In the event of a tie for any other placings, the tie will be decided by a count-back system of matching score cards in the following order:

- a. Last 18 holes
- b. 2nd Last 18 holes
- c. 3rd Last 18 Holes
- d. Last 9 holes
- e. Last 6 holes
- f. Last 3 holes
- g. And finally the last hole
- h. If the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.

15.2 TEAM EVENT

In the event of a tie in the team event, the tie shall be decided by a count-back system of matching scorecards of the player with the lower score in the following order:

- a. Last 18 holes
- b. 1st 18 holes
- c. Last 9 holes
- d. Last 6 holes
- e. Last 3 holes
- f. And finally the last hole

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

Note: The last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes and the last hole are holes 10 – 18, 13 – 18, 16 – 18, and the 18th hole.

16. AMATEUR STATUS

18.1 An amateur golfer must not accept a prize (other than a symbolic prize) or prize voucher of retail value in excess of £500 (RM3,500) or the equivalent, or such a lesser figure as may be decided by the Governing Body. This limit applies to the total prizes or prize vouchers received by an amateur golfer in any one competition or series of competitions, excluding any hole-in-one prize (see Rule 3.2b).

18.2 The limits prescribed in Rule 3.2a do not apply to a prize for a hole-in-one. An amateur golfer may accept a prize in excess of the limit set in Rule 3-2, including a cash prize for a hole-in-one made while playing a round of golf. Such a prize may be accepted in addition to any other prize won in the same competition.

18.3 **NO CASH prizes are allowed**, a prize voucher may not be a monetary award. A prize voucher is a voucher, gift certificate, gift card or the like approved by the MGA in charge of competition for the purchase of goods or services from a Pro shop, golf club or other retail outlets.

NOTE: The onus of receiving a prize or prizes that exceed the prescribed limits lies with the participant. The committee and its sponsors shall not be liable for any action on players for any breach of Rules pertaining to Amateur Status.

17. ANTI-DOPPING

Players must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a player show evidence of use of drug for non-therapeutic purposes, the Committee may require the player to undergo a drug test. Any player infringing this Term may be disqualified. Players who are on medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from The R&A via the Tournament Office.

18. STANDARDS OF PLAYER CONDUCT

The following are considered serious breach of Standards of Player Conduct (Rule 1.2):

- i. Damaging Club property including putting green.
- ii. Deliberately moving tee-markers.
- iii. Deliberately distracting other players while they are making strokes.
- iv. Throwing a club towards another player or spectator.
- v. Using vulgar or offensive language.
- vi. Any other breaches not listed above but are deemed to be serious by the Committee.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THIS LOCAL RULE:

First breach : 1 stroke penalty
Second breach : 2 strokes penalty
Third breach : Disqualification

19. INDEMNITY / LIABILITIES

In signing the Entry Form, participants in this Championship shall indemnify and not hold liable MGA, SGA, the Sponsors, the Organizers or the Host Club for any loss or damages to their equipment or personal belongings or harm or any form of injuries that the participants of the Championship may suffer as a result of the participation in this Championship.

20. DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINTS / APPEAL COMMITTEE

Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules shall be referred to the Committee as soon as possible on completion of the round and in any case not later than 15 minutes after completing the round.

21. DECISIONS

If the Committee has appointed a Referee, his/her decision is final (Rule 20.2a). In the absence of a Referee, any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules shall be referred to the Committee, whose decision shall be final (Rule 20.2b).

22. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when he/she has left the recording area with both feet.

23. RESULT OF CHAMPIONSHIP – COMPETITION CLOSED

When the Championship Trophy is presented to the winner (both Men and Ladies), the results of the competition are officially announced, and the competition is closed.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE