



KIDS GOLF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MALAYSIA 2012 (13 TO 18 YEARS)

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

MANAGEMENT

1. The KIDS GOLF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MALAYSIA 2012 (hereinafter referred to as the "Championship") shall be managed by a Tournament Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee") whose decision on all matters shall be final.

VENUE & DATE

2. The Tournament shall be played over the Palm and Bunga Raya Course of the Saujana Golf & Country Club, Subang, Selangor, Malaysia from 4th to 6th December 2012.

FORMAT OF PLAY

3. The Tournament shall be decided by stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes each, subject to the Committee's right in the event of circumstances which make the playing of 54 holes impracticable, to cancel any round or rounds at its discretion.

ELIGIBILITY

4. The Championship is open to **BOYS and GIRLS**

- 4.1 **Minimum 13 years and maximum 18 years** with birth dates between **4th December 1994** and **4th December 1999**, both dates inclusive.

- 4.2 The Categories of the Championship as follows:-

Boy

<u>Group</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Handicap limit</u>
G	13 - 14 yrs old	14 & below
H	15 - 16 yrs old	14 & below
I	17 - 18 yrs old	14 & below

Girl

<u>Group</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Handicap limit</u>
G	13 - 14 yrs old	18 & below
H	15 - 16 yrs old	18 & below
I	17 - 18 yrs old	18 & below

- 4.3 All local players with maximum USGA Handicap Index of 11.7 for Boys [CSR 140 Blue Tee], and 15.8 for Girls [CSR 132 Red Tee]. Players from invited countries without USGA Handicap Indexes must have a certified Club Handicap of 14 and below for Boys and 18 and below for Girls

HANDICAP TO BE USED IN COMPETITIONS

5. A player must use his USGA Handicap Index in effect on the date the Competition starts. A player belonging to more than one club and having different USGA handicap indexes at each club must use his lowest Handicap Index unless a valid explanation is acceptable to the Committee before commencement of play. Penalty for breach of Rule: Disqualification.

The Committee has the power to adjust a player's handicap prior to or during the Competition.

ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

6. All entries are **by invitation** and to be made on the Official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Office by **Wednesday, 31st October 2012**. The Organizing Committee will only accept up to **240 players** for the age **13 - 18 years old**.
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. The entrance fee of **USD \$100.00 for Malaysian & USD \$ 150.00 for non Malaysian must** accompany the entry form. This includes breakfast & lunch, green fees, caddy, buggy and insurance over 3 competition days. Entry form without the payment will **NOT be accepted**.

REGISTRATION

8. All competitors are required to register in person at the tournament secretariat latest by **1300 hr on 3rd December 2012**. Failure to do so may result in the competitor being withdrawn from the championship with no refund of any fees paid.

WITHDRAWAL

9. Withdrawal from tournament will not be entertained after **31st October 2012** and entry fees will not be refunded.

RULES OF PLAY

10. All play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Ltd and the Local Rules of Saujana Golf & Country Club as approved by the Tournament Committee

CADDIES

11. Each flight will be provided with 1 caddy with 1 buggy to carry 2 bags. Personal Caddies is encouraged.

SLOW PLAY: UNDUE DELAY

12. The Player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with the pace of play guidelines, which may be laid down by the Committee. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play

PACE OF PLAY

13. The Committee will determine the pace of play and will be displayed on the official notice board.
14. The following procedure only applies if a group is 'out of position'.

Definition of Out of Position

The first group to start will be considered 'out of position'; if at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes played.

Any following group will be considered 'out of position' if it is more than the starting time interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

Procedure When Group is Out of Position

1. If a group is 'out of position', a decision will be taken as to whether the group will be timed. In reaching such a decision, the Chief Referee or Rules Official will take account of any recent mitigating circumstances, e.g. a lengthy ruling or lost ball, unplayable ball, wrong ball etc., and how far the group is out of position. If there are any such circumstances, the group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

If the decision is taken to time the players, **each player** in the group will be subject to individual timing by the Chief Referee or Rules Official and will advise each player that they are 'out of position' and they are being timed.

2. The maximum time allocated per shot is **45 seconds**. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
 - a) On a par 3 hole;
 - b) An approach shot; and
 - c) A chip or putt.

Timing will start when a player has reached his ball, he has had a few seconds to select his club and he is able to play without interference. Time spent determining the yardage will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, he is allowed a few seconds to repair ball marks and clear 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 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 either back in position in relation to the preceding group or within the allocated time for the holes played.

Penalty for breach of Condition:-

- (i) One bad time - Warning from Rules Official and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalized.
- (ii) Two bad times - Penalty of one stroke.
- (iii) Three bad times - Further penalty of two strokes.
- (iv) Four bad times - Disqualification.

Note: The Committee reserves the right, at any time, to time a group when the Committee deems necessary. Players should also be aware that the Committee may access a “bad time” to a player in a group which is out of position if the player makes no effort to help his group to get back in position. An example of this is when the player delay play between shots.

Procedure When Again Out of Position During the 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.

UNAUTHORIZED TRANSPORTATION

15. **Players shall walk at all times and must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless permitted and authorized to ride by the Tournament Committee.**

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

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

Maximum penalty: 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.

TRANSPORTATION

16. The Buggy provided is only for the use of transportation of equipments of the players and shall be operated by the Caddy and no one else.

CONFORMING BALL (NOTE TO RULE 5-1)

17. The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls by the R&A.

PENALTY OF BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification

CONFORMING DRIVING CLUBS

18. 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 exempted 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/her marker or fellow-competitor immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he/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).

RESTRICTIONS

19. **No coaching is allowed during the tournament.** For this purpose, spectators including parents and coaches are informed to cooperate and to keep distance of minimum 25 meters from the players during tournament play, and must not give instructions or disturb the players. An offender will be given two (2) warnings by the Course Marshals or Officials, and for subsequent offence, he/she may be removed from the course.

SCORECARDS

25. All **competitors must submit** their respective scorecard duly signed and counter signed by his marker as soon as possible after the completion of each round and in any event it **shall not be later than 10 minutes after the completion of each round.**

A scorecard is deemed to be submitted the moment the competitor leaves the scoring area.

TIES

26. a). In the event of a tie for 1st place, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue to play off, from Hole 18 of the Palm Course or Bunga Raya Course, Saujana Golf & Country Resort, repeatedly until a winner is decided. The purpose of the play-off shall be to decide the **CHAMPION** only. In the event of inclement weather or for whatever reason to prevent the play-off, the Committee's decision to determine the winner is final.
- b). In the event of a tie for any other place, the tie shall be decided by a count back in the following order:-
- i. Last 18 holes
 - ii. 2nd 18 holes
 - iii. Last 9 holes
 - iv. Last 6 holes
 - v. Last 3 holes
 - vi. And finally the last hole
- If the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.*

PRIZES

27. **Top five** on every each category.

RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION - COMPETITION CLOSED

28. The Championship shall be deemed to have closed when the trophy/prizes has been presented to the winner.

REFEREE'S DECISION FINAL

29. The Decision made by a referee **shall be final.** (Rule 34-2)

ETIQUETTE

30. **Serious Breach of Etiquette**

The following may be considered "serious breaches of etiquette" for this competition:-

- i. Usage of hand phone during play to the annoyance and distractions of other players.
- ii. Verbal abuse of fellow competitor / official / staff.
- iii. Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitor.
- iv. Improper conduct such as swearing and throwing of golf clubs.

Note: Any other 'breaches of etiquette' not listed above will be dealt with by the Committee on individual basis.

Penalty for a Serious Breach Of Etiquette: Disqualification

INDEMNITY/LIABILITIES

31. MGA, The Committee, The Sponsor, The Organizers or the Club will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants of the tournament may suffer as a result of their participation in this tournament.

- **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** -