



August 12 to 14, 2014

## **CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

### **1. MANAGEMENT**

The 31<sup>st</sup> Malaysian Ladies Amateur Open Championship 2014 (31<sup>st</sup> 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 August 12 to 14, 2014 at Sungai Long Golf & Country Club ("SLGCC"), with a Course Rating of 70.3 and Slope Rating of 129, 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](http://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 **16.2 as at June 1, 2014.**  
(However, USGA Handicap Index as of August 1, 2014 shall take precedence for the Handicap events. Any confirmed and registered player with a handicap higher than USGA Handicap Index of 16.2 as of August 1, 2014 shall be assigned a maximum course handicap of 18).

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 750 per player  
Foreign Participation & Others USD 350 per player
- b) TEAM COMPETITION  
Local team & Foreign team RM 150 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 : Wisma Hangsam Branch, No 1, Jalan Hang Lekir, 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 **July 1, 2014 by 12:00 noon**

## 9. PRACTICE ROUNDS AND CLOSURE OF THE COURSE

Designated practice rounds shall be on August 11, 2014 from 7:15 am onwards. Registered players are entitled to one free practice round inclusive of a twin-sharing buggy.

The course shall be closed to all players at 4.00 pm on August 11, 2014.

## 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.

### COMPETITIONS

#### 1. INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

##### A) GROSS EVENT

Division 1 - Open Championship Division

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

Mode : Stroke Play (gross) over 54 holes

Division 2 - Handicap 7 to 12 (USGA Index : 5.7 to 10.9)

**Y.A.M Tunku Tun Maimunah Trophy**

Mode : Stroke Play (gross) over 54 holes

Division 3 - Handicap 13 to 18 (USGA Handicap Index : 11.0 to 16.2)

**Datin Maria Musa Trophy**

Mode : Stroke Play (gross) over 54 holes

**Note :** Upon completion of 36 holes for the above Gross Events, The Committee shall decide the cut-off for Divisions 2 & 3 to proceed to the final round. There will be no cut-off for the Division 1.

##### B) NETT EVENT

Division 1 – Handicap 6 and below (USGA Index : 5.6 and below)

Mode : Stroke Play (nett) over 36 holes

Division 2 - Handicap 7 to 12 (USGA Handicap Index : 5.7 to 10.9)

Mode : Stroke Play (nett) over 36 holes

Division 3 - Handicap 13 to 18 (USGA Handicap Index: 11 to 16.2)

Mode : Stroke Play (nett) over 36 holes

#### 2. 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 August 11, 2014.

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

**Mrs. Mary Williams Trophy**

Division 1 - Handicap 6 and below (USGA Handicap Index 5.6 and below)

Division 2 - Handicap 7 to 12 (USGA Handicap Index : 5.7 to 10.9)

Division 3 - handicap 13 to 18 (USGA Handicap below Index: 11 to 16.2)

### **3. 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<sup>nd</sup> Last 18 holes (for Gross Events only);
- iii. Last 9 holes;
- iv. Last 6 holes;
- v. Last 3 holes;
- vi. And finally the last hole.

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.

### **4. PRIZES**

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> placing gross scores over 54 holes
- 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> placing nett scores over 36 holes
- Daily best gross

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.

### **5. TIMES OF STARTING**

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

In the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33.7, if a competitor arrives at the starting point ready to play within five (5) minutes after her starting time, penalty for failure to start on time shall be two (2) penalty strokes instead of disqualification. Penalty for lateness beyond 5 minutes is disqualification.

### **6. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION**

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf on pages 140-141 is in effect.

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

## **7. PACE OF PLAY**

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

### **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.

## **8. 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.

## **9. ADVICE (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.

## **10. CADDY**

All Division 1 players are to walk during the Championship and caddies will be provided. A player shall not engage any person other than a registered caddy to assist her during play. Penalty: Disqualification.

Division 2 & 3 players shall use the buggy and a caddy will also be provided on a twin-sharing basis.

## **11. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE**

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only.

If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (eg gradient, wind speed, temperature etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

## **12. 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.

### **13. ETIQUETTE**

All players should practise 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**

### **14. 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 leaves the scoring area.

### **15. RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION – COMPETITION CLOSED**

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

### **16. INDEMINITY/LIABILITIES**

MALGA, The Sponsor, The Organizers, The Committee or management of SLGCC, 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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