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JOHOR AMATEUR OPEN (Men & Ladies) GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2017
R & A World Amateur Golf Ranking Counting Event

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

The Johor Amateur Open (Men & Ladies) 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "the Championship") will be managed by a Committee appointed by Johor Golf Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") and whose decision in all matters will be final.

2. DATE/TIME/VENUE

The Championship will be played as follows:-

Date	:	**19th – 21st April 2017** **(Wednesday-Friday)**
Time	:	**7.30 a.m. or such other time decided by the Committee**
Venue	:	**Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club. Horizon Hills Nusajaya. Johor Bahru. Johor .Malaysia** **Tel: +6 07 232 3166 www. hhgcc.com.my**

3. FORMAT OF PLAY

3.1 The Championship will be decided by stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes each day, subject to the Committee's right in the event of circumstances which make playing of 54 holes impracticable, to cancel any round or rounds at its discretion. The 54 holes handicap event and shall run concurrently with the Championship.

3.2 There shall be a cut-off after 36 holes of play. Depending on the number of participants at the discretion of Organizing Committee, the top 50% leading players or ties in the Men's Championship or top 50 or ties of the leading players shall advance to the final in the Championship. The top 50% leading lady players or ties in the Ladies Championship or top 20 or ties of the leading lady players shall advance to the final in the Championship.

3.3 The field is limited to maximum 120 players only.

3.4 The winner of the Championship (Men & Ladies) shall be the player who returns the lowest gross score for three rounds. In the event of a tie or ties in the Championship to decide the first placing, the participants so tying shall as soon as possible play in a "sudden death" play-off hole by hole until a winner is decided by elimination. 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.

3.5 In the event of a tie or ties for other placing the tie will be decided on count back (OCB) over the last 18 holes followed by the 2nd 18 holes and the first 18 holes in that order. If the tie cannot be resolved in this manner it shall be decided by drawing lots.

3.6 In the event of a tie of any 18 holes event , the tie shall be decided on count back over the 2nd Nine and followed by the 1st Nine and over the last 6, 3 and the last hole in that order. If the tie cannot be decided by that manner then it shall be decided by drawing lots.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 The Championship is open to all male and female Amateur players who are:-

a. Amateur golfers in accordance with the rules of amateur status as approved by R & A Rules Limited.

b. Having a USGA Handicap Index of 15.4 (Handicap 18) and below for Men and a USGA Handicap Index of 20.2 (Handicap 24) and below for Ladies as at April 2017.

c. Members of a Club affiliated to Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) and/or countries which use similar USGA handicap indices.

4.2 **The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason**. The Committee may at its discretion accept participants without a USGA/NHS handicap but these participants will play in the gross event only.

5. RULES OF PLAY

All play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R & A Rules Limited and the Local Rules of Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club (HHGCC)

6. DISTANCE- MEASURING DEVICES

In this 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 (DMD) to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3."**

7. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The schedule of play shall be as follows:-

Monday	17th April 2017	:	Practice Round (7.30 am – 5.00 p.m.)
Tuesday	18th April 2017	:	Practice Round (1.30 p.m. -5.00 p.m.)
Wednesday	19th April 2017	:	7.30 a.m. – 1st Round for Men & Ladies.
Thursday	20th April 2017	:	7.30 a.m. – 2nd Round for Men & Ladies. (Cut-off for Men & Ladies)
Friday	21st April 2017	:	7.30 a.m. – Final Round

8. PRACTICE ROUND

Practice round is on Monday 17th April 2017 from 7.30 am onwards and on Tuesday 18th April 2017 from 1.30 p.m onwards . Last tee off time will be at 5.00 pm Green fees of RM 100.00 inclusive of twin sharing buggy per player to be paid directly to the Club. Caddie during the practice round is optional at RM 63.30 nett per caddies on twin sharing basis. Players must register directly with the Club five (5) days before the practice round.

All players must leave the course by 6.30 pm.

9. CADDIES (Optional)

The Committee will provide caddies for the Championship on the twin sharing basics. Player may use own caddy at own cost but is required to register with the Tournament Committee. Each player is only entitled to use one caddy only.

10. UNAUTHORISED TRANSPORTATION FOR PLAYERS

10.1 Players shall walk during play of a hole and MUST NOT ride on any form of transportation during play of hole unless otherwise authorized by the Committee.

10.2 Players may ride on a buggy between play of two holes ONLY for transportation from the putting green to the next teeing –ground (including transportation from the Club house to the next teeing ground)

10.3 Players may ride on a buggy in case of evacuation (during discontinuance of play and/or getting ready for resumption of play when permitted by the Committee)

10.4 Players' caddie may ride on a buggy at any time without restriction.

Penalty to player: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round-Four strokes.

Use of any unauthorized form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

11. PRACTICE RANGE

Limited number of driving range ball (at RM 12.00 per 100 balls) is available at HHGCC on the first come first serve basis. Chipping and putting facilities are available near the clubhouse area.

12. STARTING TIME

Play shall commence at 7.30 a.m. each day or such other time as decided by the Committee. Competitors are required to report to the starter at least 10 minutes before starting time.

13. SLOW PLAY

The attention of all competitors is drawn to the Rules of Golf on undue delay. In the interest of fair play the Committee will not hesitate to impose the penalties provided by the rules.

14. APPROVED BALLS AND CLUBHEADS

12.1 GOLF BALLS

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

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: DISQUALIFICATION

12.2 CLUBHEADS

Any driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft, which 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:

Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).

If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during the play of the next hole, and the penalty must applied accordingly.
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, he shall be disqualified.

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

15. DISPUTED AND DOUBTFUL POINT

Any dispute or doubtful points on the Rules shall be referred to the Committee as soon as possible on completion of the round.

16. ETIQUETTE

Serious Breach of Etiquette

The following may be considered "Serious Breach of Etiquette" for this competition:-

(i) Hand-Phone Rings/Use of Hand-Phone During Play (except when making emergency calls and/or calling for a ruling);
(ii) Verbal Abuse of Fellow Competitor/Official/Staff;
(iii) Intentionally distracting or Offending Fellow Competitor;

NOTE: Any other "Breaches of Etiquette" not listed above will be dealt with by the Committee on an Individual Basis.

PENALTY : DISQUALIFICATION at the discretion of the Committee

17. SCORECARDS

15.1 All competitors must submit their respective scorecard duly signed and counter signed by his/her 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.

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

18. INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SUSPENSION OF PLAY

The Committee will make every effort to ensure that the Championship is completed in its entirety. However, the Committee reserves the right to suspend, abandon and/or cancel play of a round as necessary if weather-related circumstances require such action. In the event the course is unplayable or there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible, the Committee may cancel the round in question and its decision shall be final.

19. DECISIONS

19.1 If a referee has been appointed by the Committee, his decision shall be final (Rule 34-2)

19.2 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 34-3).

20. DRUGS

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 Condition 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.

21. ENTRY FEES

The entrance fee for this Championship will be RM450.00 which includes the green fee, twin sharing caddie/ buggy, goodie bag, breakfast for 3 days, and prize presentation lunch on the final day.

All entries must be made on the prescribed Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Secretariat of the Championship by **Tuesday 11th April 2017 at 12.00 noon on the first come first serve basis.**

The entry fee must accompany the Entry Form. Late entries and entries not accompanied by entry fee will not be entertained.

22. FOOD & BEVERAGE

Daily breakfast will be provided on the tournament day. Lunches shall be on the participants' own expense except for the prize presentation lunch on the 21st April 2017.

23. DRESS CODE

Participants are required to observe the dress code of HHGCC and the rules and regulations of the Club. Collared T-shirt and turtle neck are allowed.

Dress Code for Prize Presentation Ceremony – Smart Casual

Shorts, Bermudas, slippers and round neck t-shirts are not allowed during the prize presentation.

24. PRIZES

MEN

Prizes will be awarded as follows:-

(a)	Championship Event (Gross)	-	1st to 10th placing
(b)	Handicap Event (Nett)	-	1st to 5th placing

Note 1: Number of prizes may be changed depending on the number of entries

LADIES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:-

(a)	Championship Event (Gross)	-	1st to 5th placing
(b)	Handicap Event (Nett)	-	1st to 3rd placing

Note 1: Number of prizes may be changed depending on the number of entries.

A competitor in the both Men & Ladies category shall be entitled to win only one gross or nett prize. The gross event takes priority over the nett event. In all cases gross score will take precedence over nett score in determining the prizes.

25. COMPETITION CLOSED

The Championship shall be deemed to have closed when prizes have been awarded to the winners.

26. AMATEUR STATUS

24.1 An amateur golfer must not accept a prize (other than a symbolic prize) or prize voucher of retail value in excess of £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).

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.

27. INDEMNITY/LIABILITIES

Johor Golf Association, the sponsors, the Committee of Johor Golf Association, The Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club and their staffs 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 Championship.

28. ACCOMMODATION NEARBY HHGCC

1- Hotel Granada. jalan Indah 15/2 , Taman Bukit Indah .Johor Bahru.Johor Tel + 60 7 2318885
2- Pariss Hotel .38 jalan Bestari 7/2 , Taman Nusa Bestari Tel +60 232 8250
3- Legoland Hotel Malaysia. No.1, Jalan Medini utara 3, Bandar Medini Iskandar Malaysia. Nusajaya. Tel +60 597 8888

29. GENERAL

(i) All players are deemed to have read, understood and agreed to abide by the rules and conditions of the Championship upon their entries being accepted by the Committee.

(ii) The Committee reserves the right to alter or add to these rules & conditions without prior notice

(iii) All winners and participants are required to be present at the prize presentation ceremony to receive their prizes.

(iv) Lunch and prize presentation will be held on **Friday 21st April 2017 at appx. 1.30** p.m. at Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club. Dress Code – Smart Casual.

30. ENQUIRIES

Should there be any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the Tournament Secretariat Office at:-

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TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE