

KELAB GOLF & DESA KELANTAN KELANTAN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB [KGCC]

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43RD KELANTAN AMATEUR OPEN 2017



CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

The 43rd Kelantan Amateur Open Golf Championship 2017 [KAO] (hereinafter referred to as the “Championship”) shall be managed by an Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as “The Committee”) appointed by Kelantan Golf And Country Club whose decision on all matters pertaining to the Championship and the interpretation of Tournament Rules And Conditions of play shall be final.

2. VENUE & DATES

The Tournament shall be played over the Championship Course at **KGCC - Kelantan Golf & Country Club**, Kg Kemumin, Jalan Pengkalan Chepa, 16100 Kota Bharu, Kelantan, Malaysia from 22nd [Saturday] to 24th [Monday] of July 2017.

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The schedule of play for both Male & Female shall be as follows:

- Practice : 21st July 2017 (Fri) : Registration & Free Practice Round [until 4 pm]
Round 1 : 22nd July 2017 (Sat) : KAO Championship [Men & Ladies], Special Medal, Senior Trophy
Round 2 : 23rd July 2017 (Sun) : KAO Championship [Men & Ladies], Special Medal, Senior Trophy
Cut off to 80 leading Gross and Net Competitors Ties
[30 KAO Gross, 30 KAO Net & 20 Special Net Medal]
Final Rd : 24th July 2017 (Mon) : KAO Championship [Men & Ladies], Special Medal,
VIP Invitational & Prize Presentation Luncheon

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

4.1 The KAO Championship for Men & Ladies

It 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.

There shall be cut-off after 36 holes of play. **A total of 30 gross and 30 Net leading players and ties** shall advance to the Final Round.

4.11 KAO Championship Event

The Competitor who returns the lowest aggregate Gross scores over all rounds played shall be declared ‘**The KAO Champion**’ and will be awarded the Championship Trophy.

4.12 KAO Championship Handicap Event

The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate Nett scores over all rounds played shall be declared ‘**The KAO Nett Champion**’.

4.2 Ancillary Events For Men Only

4.21 The KAO Special Medal Net Event

The event shall be played in conjunction with the Championship.

It 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.

There shall be cut-off after 36 holes of play. A total of **20 Net leading players** and ties shall advance to the Final Round.

The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate Nett scores over all rounds played shall be declared '**The KAO Special Medal Champion**'

4.22 KAO Bonus Senior Net Event [Age 55 on 22nd July 2017]

This is a bonus event and shall be played in conjunction with the Championship or the KAO Special Medal Net Event depending on his handicap.

It shall be decided by stroke play over 36 holes. The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate Nett scores over Round 1 & 2 shall be declared '**The KAO Senior Net Champion**'.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 The tournament is open to players who are **Amateur Golfers** in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status issued by the R&A Rules Ltd with a **Current Handicap**, or, Member of a Club affiliated to Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) with similar handicap indices as follows:

5.11 KAO Championship: Gross & Net

Men : USGA Index 12.5 [KGCC HC 14] & Below

Ladies : USGA Index 17.6 [KGCC HC 20] & Below

5.12 The KAO Special Medal: Net Event

Men Only: USGA Index 12.6 to 17.6 [KGCC HC 15 to 20]

5.13 KAO Bonus Senior Net Event [Age 55 on 22nd July 2017]

Men Only: USGA Index 17.6 [KGCC HC 20] and below.

The Seniors Trophy is a bonus event to KAO Championship and Special Medal.

His handicap will decide which of the latter two events he will be participating in.

5.2 Participants from Non NHS Clubs or without USGA Handicap may enter but would be eligible to win prizes in the Gross Championship Event only.

5.3 The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason.

6. ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

6.1 All entries are to be made on the Official Entry Form (photostat copy is accepted). The Closing Date [Entry Form and payment must reach KGCC] is **on 15th July, 2017, or, EARLIER if and when the number of applicants received by the Secretariat has reached the maximum field of 216** [including 16 Committee's Invitees], in which case the Committee will endeavor to notify applicants immediately thereafter that his or her application is unsuccessful and refund the Entry Fee.

6.2 **The Entry Fee** inclusive of 6% GST.

RM400 for Non KGCC Member.

RM350 for KGCC Member.

RM250 for Senior Golfers [Age 55 on 22nd July 2017].

Entry Fee covers Hi-Tea, Breakfast, Lunches and shared Buggy for the 3 Competition days excluding Caddy Fees.

- 6.3 Goodies will be handed out to all Competitors during Registration before 1:00pm on Friday, 21st July 2017.
- 6.4 Entries **must** be accompanied by the Entry Fee payable by cheque or money order made out to the **Kelantan Golf and Country Club** or by Internet Banking or ATM Cash-Deposit. The KGCC Bank Account Number is **CIMB 8006844421**.
- 6.5 Those unable to register within the stipulated times may be accepted at the discretion of The Committee. Entry forms without the accompanying payment will NOT be accepted.
- 6.6 The field shall be limited to 216 competitors only. In the event that entries fall short or exceed the number, the Committee reserves the right to make amends without giving any reason.

7. **WITHDRAWAL**

The Entry Fee will not be refunded if any Competitor withdraws from the tournament after the **15th of July 2017**.

8. **REGISTRATION**

All competitors are required to register in person or by telephone by **1.00 PM on Friday, July 21st, 2017**. Failure to do so may result in the competitor being withdrawn from the Championship with no refund of any fees paid.

9. **RULES OF PLAY**

The Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Ltd and their interpretations as contained in the “Decisions on the Rules of Golf”, the Conditions of Competition and the Local Rules established by the Rules Committee for the Competitions will apply.

10. **OFFICIAL PRACTICE ROUND**

Free Practice Round is on Friday, 21st of July 2017 from 7:30 onwards. All players must leave the golf course by 4.00 pm. Green fee is waived. Buggy fee is RM74.00 Net per buggy for non-members of KGCC inclusive of 6% GST on twin sharing basis. Caddy fee is RM60.00 plus optional tip.

11. **DRAWS AND STARTING TIMES**

- 11.1: Play shall be in groups of 3 or 4 competitors.
- 11.2: The Committee shall decide the Draw and Starting Times for the first two rounds. The Draw for the final round will be arranged in accordance to the scores, i.e., the lowest gross scores will tee off last from the front nine and the highest tee off last on the back nine.
- 11.3: The Draws and the Starting Times of groups will be posted on the Tournament Notice Board. Such posting shall be deemed as sufficient notice for information and distribution given to players.
- 11.4: The player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee. If a player arrives at his starting point ready to play within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time shall be two strokes at the starting hole (Rule 6.3a). Otherwise the penalty for breach of this rule shall be **DISQUALIFICATION**.
“Exception: Where the Committee determines that exceptional circumstances have prevented a player from starting on time, there is no penalty.”
- 11.5: The Committee reserves the right to change the draws and vary the starting times without giving any reason thereof.

12. RULE 6-7: PACE OF PLAY

12.1 Ready Golf

“Ready Golf” Philosophy is adopted. A player should play when he is ready to play.

Players have to act sensibly to ensure that playing out of turn does not endanger other players.

Examples of “ready golf” in action include:

- Hitting a shot when safe to do so if a player farther away faces a challenging shot and is taking time to assess their options
- Shorter hitters playing first from the tee or fairway if longer hitters have to wait
- Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honour is delayed in being ready to play
- Hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball
- Putting out even if it means standing close to someone else’s line
- Hitting a shot if a person who has just played from a greenside bunker is still farthest from the hole but is delayed due to raking the bunker
- When a player’s ball has gone over the back of a green, any player closer to the hole but chipping from the front of the green should play while the other player is having to walk to their ball and assess their shot
- Marking scores upon immediate arrival at the next tee, except that the first player to tee off marks their card immediately after teeing off

The attention of all competitors is drawn to Rule 6-7 regarding **Undue Delay**. In the interest of fair play the Committee has established Pace of Play Conditions and will not hesitate to impose the penalties provided by that Condition.

12.2 Time Allowed

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The time allotted for the completion of 18 holes is 4 hours 30 minutes.

Pace Of Play - Time Allowed							
START @ HOLE NO. 1				START @ HOLE NO. 10			
H	PAR	MINS	CUM	H	PAR	MINS	CUM
1	4	0:15	0:15	10	4	0:15	0:15
2	3	0:12	0:27	11	5	0:18	0:33
3	5	0:17	0:44	12	3	0:13	0:46
4	4	0:15	0:59	13	4	0:15	1:01
5	4	0:15	1:14	14	5	0:17	1:18
6	3	0:12	1:26	15	4	0:15	1:33
7	5	0:18	1:44	16	4	0:15	1:48
8	4	0:15	1:59	17	3	0:12	2:00
9	4	0:15	2:14	18	4	0:15	2:15
CO	36	0:01	2:15	CO	36	0:01	2:16
10	4	0:15	2:30	1	4	0:15	2:31
11	5	0:18	2:48	2	5	0:12	2:43
12	3	0:13	3:01	3	4	0:17	3:00
13	4	0:15	3:16	4	3	0:15	3:15
14	5	0:17	3:33	5	5	0:15	3:30
15	3	0:15	3:48	6	4	0:12	3:42
16	4	0:15	4:03	7	4	0:18	4:00
17	4	0:12	4:15	8	3	0:15	4:15
18	4	0:15	4:30	9	4	0:15	4:30
	72	4:30	4:30		72	4:30	4:30
Total Time to complete 18 Holes: 4 Hrs 30 Minutes							

12.3 **Definition of Out of Position:**

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to 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 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 the holes completed.

12.4 **Group Notification and Procedure When Group Is Out Of Position**

Groups **may** be notified when they are out of position and given an opportunity to regain their position. If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes a group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain their position in a reasonable time within two holes of play.

If a group fails to regain its position, they will be notified and subject to being timed. If the decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a Referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are "*out of position*" and are being timed.

12.5 **Timing**

12.51 In the absence of mitigating circumstances, any 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 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, third or fourth to play shot", he is deemed to have had a "bad time".

12.52 The timing will start when a player has reached his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

12.53 On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move 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.

12.54 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.

12.55 In some circumstances, an individual player or more than one player within a group may be timed instead of the entire whole group.

12.56 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.

12.6 **Pace Of Play Penalties**

1 bad time : Player will be warned by the Referee and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalized.

2 bad times : Penalty of one stroke

3 bad times : Further penalty of two strokes

4 bad times : Disqualification

12.7 **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. A player will not be penalized if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

13. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION** (Note to Rule 6-8b)

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see page 158.

When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is **Disqualified**, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7.

The signal for suspending and resuming play is as follows.

Discontinue Play Immediately : One prolonged note of siren.

Discontinue Play : Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

Resume Play : Two short notes of siren, repeated.

When play has been suspended, players must ride on buggies to return to the Club house for further announcements.

14. **AUTHORIZED TRANSPORTATION AND CADDY**

14.1: Buggies are provided for all players on twin sharing basis and must be used during a stipulated round unless otherwise exempted by the Committee.

14.2: A buggy is part of the player's equipment. When a buggy is shared by two players, the buggy and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved except that when the buggy is being moved by one of the players, the buggy and everything in it is deemed to be the equipment of that player.

14.3 Use of Caddy is optional. Local Caddy Fee is RM60.00 + Optional Tip

Due to limited number of local caddies, players are advised to bring their own Caddy and must register with the Committee during Registration. Caddies who are Professionals registered with PGAM or have obtained PGM Tour Cards are **Not** allowed to caddy.

Penalty for Breach of use of Professional Caddy is Disqualification.

15. **APPROVED EQUIPMENT**

15.1: **List of Conforming 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

15.2: **List of Conforming Driver Heads**

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 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).

Penalty for making stroke with Club in Breach of Condition – Disqualification

16. **PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES [Note 2 to Rule 7-2]: Page 159.**

Between the play of two holes, a **player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played and must not test the surface of the surface of the putting green of the hole last played by rolling a ball.**

Penalty for Breach of Condition –Two Strokes at the next hole, except that in the case of the last hole of the round, the player incurs penalty for that hole.

Note: All designated practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players for practice on any day of the competition.

17. **SCORECARDS**

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.

18. **DECISION ON TIES AND ON-COUNT BACK (OCB)**

18.1: In the event of a tie for only the Winner of The Championship, all players tying shall proceed to a hole by hole sudden-death playoff on Hole 18 repeated if necessary until a winner is determined.

18.2: In the event of a tie for any other placings, the tie shall be decided by a count back on the scorecard in the following order:-

- [1] Last 18 holes [2] Last 9 holes [3] Last 6 holes
 [4] Last 3 holes [5] And finally the last hole

Note: Where there is more than one point start, it is considered that the last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes and the last hole are referred to holes 10–18, 13–18, 16–18, and the 18th hole respectively.

In the Net Event, the net score will be used for matching. In any case, if the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.

-0.4 - 0.4	0
0.5 - 1.2	1
1.3 - 2.1	2
2.2 - 3.0	3
3.1 - 3.8	4
3.9 - 4.7	5
4.8 - 5.6	6
5.7 - 6.4	7
6.5 - 7.3	8
7.4 - 8.1	9
8.2 - 9.0	10
9.1 - 9.9	11
10.0 - 10.7	12
10.8 - 11.6	13
11.7 - 12.5	14
12.6 - 13.3	15
13.4 - 14.2	16
14.3 - 15.0	17
15.1 - 15.9	18
16.0 - 16.8	19
16.9 - 17.6	20

19. HANDICAP TO BE USED IN THIS COMPETITION

19.1: Current and Lowest USGA Handicap Index [H/I]

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.

19.2: Committee’s Power to Adjust Handicaps

A player’s handicap may be adjusted by the Committee prior to or during the competition as provided under Section 8-4 of the USGA Handicap System Manual.

20. 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.

Serious Breach of Etiquette

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

- i. Usage of hand phone during a round to the annoyance and distractions of other players.
- ii. Verbal abuse of fellow competitor, official or staff.
- iii. Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitor.
- iv. Abuse of clubs or causing damage to the course or club property.
- v. Consuming alcoholic drinks during play.

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

Penalty: Verbal Warning and Disqualification

21. DRUGS

Players must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a player show evidence of use of a 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 MGA via the Tournament Office.

22. INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Committee will endeavor to complete the event in its entirety. It reserves the right to suspend or abandon play or round under inclement weather related circumstances. The Committee then will decide on the tournament. It is 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.

23. AMATEUR STATUS

23.1 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, MGA. 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).

- 23.2 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.
- 23.3 No Cash prizes are allowed, a prize voucher may not be a monetary award. A prize voucher is a voucher, a gift certificate, a 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.

24. **DECISIONS, DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINTS**

- 24.1: The decision of a Referee is final (Rule 34-2) unless the Rules Official agrees to refer the matter to the Rules Committee for a second opinion.
- 24.2: A player with any dispute or doubtful points on the Rules of Golf may invoke Rule 3-3 to play a second ball but **MUST** report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning his scorecard. If he doesn't do so [report to the Committee] he is Disqualified.
- 24.3: Any disputes or doubtful points must be lodged in writing to the Tournament Director as soon as practicable upon completion of a round and in any event it should not be later than 15 minutes after completion of the said.

25. **PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:-

- a) KAO Championship - Best Gross Scores : 15 for Men and 5 Ladies
- b) KAO Championship Net - Best Net Scores : 15 for Men and 5 Ladies
- c) Special Medal Net - Best Net Scores : 15 for Men
- d) Senior Golfer Trophy - 4 Best Net scores over Rd1 & Rd2 for Men only
- e) Daily Medals - Best Gross Score for Rd 1, Rd 2 & Rd 3 for Men only
- f) Daily Best Net - Best Net Score for Rd 1, Rd 2 & Rd 3 for Men only
- g) Novelties - NTP, NCL, LD

Note:

A competitor shall be entitled to win only one Gross or Nett prize. The placing shall take precedence in determining whether the player wins the Gross or the Net prize and the Gross prize takes priority over the Net prize in the event it is the same placing. A competitor may win only one daily medal prize throughout the Championship. Number of prizes may be changed depending on the total number of entries.

The Committee has absolute right to change the combination of number of prizes allocated for Male and Female depending on the number of Female players participating in the KAO.

26. **COMPETITION CLOSED**

When the KAO Championship Trophy is presented to the winner, the results of the competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed.

27. **INDEMNITY / LIABILITIES**

Malaysian Golf Association, the Sponsors, the Committee, KGCC and their staff 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.

28. **ENQUIRIES**

Enquiries can be made to The Tournament Secretariat at
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