



Pride of the North

49TH KEDAH AMATEUR OPEN
&
51ST MALAYSIAN AMATEUR CLOSED 2017
27TH – 29TH JULY 2017

DARULAMAN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

The **49th Kedah Amateur Open & 51st Malaysian Amateur Closed 2017** (hereinafter referred to as the Championship) shall be managed by a Tournament Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) whose decisions in all matters relating to the Championship shall be final.

2. VENUE AND DATE

The Championship will be played over the Championship Course of **Darulaman Golf & Country Club, Jitra Kedah** or such other courses as the Committee may decide, from **Thursday 27th till Saturday 29th July 2017**.

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY (MEN & LADIES)

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

Wednesday 26th July 2017	0730hr 1600hr	Registration and Practice Round (AM/PM) - All players must leave the course by 4.00 pm -
Thursday 27th July 2017	0730hr	1st Round of Championship (Men/Ladies) - AM
Friday 28th July 2017	0730hr	2 nd Round of Championship (Men / Ladies) - AM - <i>Cut Off after 36 holes - 50% and tie</i>
Saturday 29th July 2017	0730hr 1430 hr	Final Round of Championship (Men / Ladies) - AM Prize Presentation cum Closing

4. ELIGIBILITY

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

4.1 KEDAH AMATEUR OPEN

4.1.1 The Tournament is open to Male & Female players who are:

- (a) Amateur Golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.
- (b) Having a maximum USGA Handicap Index of **12.0 for Men (club Handicap 14 and below)** and **17.5 for Ladies (club handicap 20 and below)** which must be current at the time of entry.
- (c) Member of a Club affiliated to Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) with similar handicap indices.

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

Players without a USGA Handicap Index issued by the MGA/NHS are not eligible to participate.

Players from non NHS Clubs may participate subject to The Tournament Committee's sole discretion but would be eligible to win prizes in the Gross category only.

4.2 51st MALAYSIAN AMATEUR CLOSED

4.2.1 The Tournament is open to Male & Female players who are:

- (a) Amateur Golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.
- (b) Having a maximum USGA Handicap Index of **8.7 for Men (club Handicap 10 and below)** and **13.5 for Ladies (club handicap 15 and below)** which must be current at the time of entry.
- (c) Member of a Club affiliated to Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) with similar handicap indices.

4.2.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason. Players without a USGA Handicap Index issued by the MGA/NHS are not eligible to participate. Players from non NHS Clubs may participate subject to The Tournament Committee's sole discretion but would be eligible to win prizes in the Gross category only.

5. FORMAT OF PLAY

MALE

The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over three (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 a cut-off after 36 holes of play, whereby the players with the best scores and ties, shall play in final rounds.**

Championship Event

- It shall be decided by stroke play over 54 holes.
- The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate **GROSS** score at the end of the Championship.

Net 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.

FEMALE

The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over three (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 a cut-off after 36 holes of play, whereby the players with the best scores and ties, shall play in final rounds.**

Championship Event

- It shall be decided by stroke play over 54 holes.
- The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate **GROSS** score at the end of the Championship.

Net 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.

6. PRIZES - KEDAH AMATEUR OPEN

MEN

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

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| a) Championship Event (Gross) | - 1 st to 15 th placing |
| b) Daily medals | - Daily best gross (3prizes) |
| c) Best Net | - 1 st to 10 th placing |

LADIES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

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| d) Championship Event (Gross) | - 1 st to 5 th placing |
| e) Daily medals | - Daily best gross |
| f) Best Net Overall | - 1 st to 3 rd placing |

Note:

- **Number of prizes may be changed depending on the final entries.**
- Prizes shall not be given in cash.

7. PRIZES – 51st MALAYSIAN AMATEUR CLOSED

MEN

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

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| g) Championship Event (Gross) | - 1 st to 15 th placing |
| h) Daily medals | - Daily best gross |
| i) Best Net Overall | - 1 prizes |

LADIES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

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| j) Championship Event (Gross) | - 1 st to 7 th placing |
| k) Daily medals | - Daily best gross |
| l) Best Net Overall | - 1 prizes |

Note:

- Number of prizes may be changed depending on the final entries.
- Prizes shall not be given in cash.

8. ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

- a. Entry fee of **RM350.00** per person for Kedah Amateur Open or 51st Malaysian Amateur Closed and **RM450.00** per person for both event it is **covers all breakfast and lunches for 3 days of the competition with 1 practice round green fees, and the use of a one (1) buggy (Twin Sharing), Daily Golf Insurance, Course Guide book and Goodies for the whole duration of the tournament. The buggy shall carry the golf clubs and other equipment of all the players in the same match. Practice round buggies will be charged accordingly.** No refunds will be entertained if withdrawal from the competition is made after the closing date.
- b. All entries are to be made on the Official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Office by Friday, **20th July 2017 (1:00 pm)** :

DARULAMAN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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- c. Entries are to be submitted on the prescribed form, accompanied by the relevant fees and duly certified by the competitor's Club Captain or Secretary or Club Manager.
- e. Cheque / bank drafts are to be made payable to **'BDB DARULAMAN GOLF BERHAD'**. Entry forms without payments will **not** be accepted. However, those unable to register within the stipulated times, must inform the Tournament Director / Organizing Committee.
- f. Entrance fee can be banked into : **AFFIN ISLAMIC BANK Account No. 106670003108** (attach your bank-in slip together with the 'Entry Form').

9. WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal from the Championship will not be entertained after **20th July 2017** and there will not be any refunds of the entry fees made.

10. 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", these Conditions of Competitions and any additional Conditions of Competitions together with the Local Rules established by the Tournament Committee for the Competitions will apply.

11. LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS (P.141 - 142)

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: 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, he 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). This list is also available in the Tournament Office.

12. LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS (P.142)

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**

13. DRAWS & STARTING TIMES

- a. The Tournament Committee will make the draws and the starting times for the first and second rounds and will be posted at the Clubhouse and the Official Hotel. Such posting will be considered sufficient notice for information and distribution. The draw for subsequent rounds will be arranged 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.
- b. The player shall start at the time laid down by the Tournament Committee. In the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, 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 instead of disqualification. Penalty for lateness beyond 5 minutes is **DISQUALIFICATION**.

14. 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 Appendix Part C-5 on pages 144-145.

Note: Suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by a prolonged note of a horn. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive short notes of a horn, repeated. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of a horn, repeated.

15. BUGGY & CADDY

- 15.1 Buggies are provided for all players on twin sharing basis. 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.
- 15.2 No Caddy will be provided for this Championship and players are not allowed to bring their own caddy.

16. PACE OF PLAY (NOTE TO RULE 6-7)

a) Time Allowed:

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

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 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.

b) Procedure When Group is Out of Position

1. If the decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a Rules Official. Each player in the group will be advised that they are “out of position” and are being timed.
2. The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
 - On the tee box;
 - On the subsequent shots; and
 - On the putting green.

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.

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.

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:

1 bad time	Player will be warned by the Rules Official 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

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.

17. DECISION OF TIES

In the event of a tie for the overall **CHAMPION for both Men and Ladies**, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue in a hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is decided by elimination. The Tournament Committee shall determine the sequence of holes for the play-off.

In the event of a tie for any other placing for both Men and Ladies, the tie shall be decided by a count-back system of matching scorecards in the following order:

- a. Last 18 holes
- b. Last 9 holes
- b. Last 6 holes
- c. Last 3 holes
- d. And finally the last hole (18th hole)

Note: Where there is more than one (1) point start, it is considered that the last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes and the last hole is considered to be holes for 10 – 18, 13 – 18, 16 – 18, and the 18th hole.

18. 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 The R&A via the Tournament Office.

19. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

A player may obtain distance information by using devices that MEASURES DISTANCE only. If, during stipulated round, a player user a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14 – 3, for which the penalty as per below, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

Penalty for Breach:-

First Breach : Two stroke penalty
For Subsequent Breach : DISQUALIFICATION

20. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

A player's scorecard is deemed officially returned to the Committee when he has left the recording office/area.

21. RESULT OF CHAMPIONSHIP – COMPETITION CLOSED

When the results of the competition are posted on the tournament notice board. The results of the competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed.

22. ETIQUETTE, BEHAVIOUR ON THE COURSE

All players should practice good etiquette as detailed out in Section I of the Rules of Golf.

Serious Breach of Etiquette

The following are 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 / staff.
- iii. Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitor.
- iv. Any other 'breaches of etiquette' not listed above but are deemed to be serious by the Committee.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:
DISQUALIFICATION**

23. INDEMNITY / LIABILITIES

In signing the Entry Form, participants in this Championship shall indemnify and not hold liable, MGA, 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 may suffer as a result of the participation in this Championship.

24. RULE OF AMATEUR STATUS

RULE 3 - Prizes

An amateur golfer must not play golf for prize cash money or its equivalent in a match, competition or exhibition.

3-2. Prize Limits

An amateur golfer must not accept a prize or prize voucher of retails values in excess of RM3500 or equivalent. Exception Hole-In-One prizes under rules amateur status 3-2b.

25. DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINTS

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

26. DECISIONS

If the Committee has appointed a referee, his/her decision is final (Rule 34-2). In the absence of a referee, any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules shall be referred to the Tournament Committee, whose decision shall be final (Rule 34-3).