



PAHANG AMATEUR OPEN 2017 **BERJAYA HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 The Pahang Amateur Open 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the Championship) shall be managed by an Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as "The Committee") whose decisions in all matters relating to the Championship shall be final.

2. VENUE AND DATE

- 2.1 The Championship will be played over the Championship Course at **Berjaya Hills Golf & Country Club** on **21st – 23rd September 2017** or any other course deemed fit by The Committee.

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

- 3.1 The schedule of play shall be as follows:

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| • Day 1, 20 th September 2017 (Wednesday) | Registration & Official Practice Round |
| • Day 2, 21 st September 2017 (Thursday) | First Round (Men & Ladies) |
| • Day 3, 22 nd September 2017 (Friday) | Second Round (Men & Ladies) |
| • Day 4, 23 rd September 2017 (Saturday) | Final Round (Men & Ladies)
Prize Presentation |

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

- 4.1 The tournament shall 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 the playing of 54 holes impracticable, to cancel any round or rounds at its discretion.
- 4.2 There shall be cut-off after 36 holes of play. The top 50% and ties from gross leading players and top 5 shall advance to the final round.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The Tournament is open to male & female players who are:

- Amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status (R&A Rules Limited)
- Men – USGA Handicap Index of 10.3 (Club Handicap of 12 and below) – Gross & Net
– USGA Handicap Index of 15.3 (Club Handicap of 18 and below) – Net only
- Women – USGA Handicap Index of 15.3 (Club Handicap of 18 and below) – Gross & Net
– USGA Handicap Index of 21.0 (Club Handicap of 24 and below) – Net only
- Member of a Club affiliated to Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) with similar handicap indices.

- 5.2 The 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 Committee's sole discretion but would be eligible to win prizes in the Gross category only.

6. ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

- 6.1 The entry fee for each player is **RM 395.00 (Malaysian) and USD 120.00 (Foreign)** per player. This fee is inclusive of green fees, buggy (on twin sharing basis), golf insurance, breakfast and lunch on competition days and goodies.
- 6.2 All entries are to be made on the official entry form and must reach the Tournament Secretariat Office as follows latest by **5.00 p.m. on 1st September 2017 (Friday)**.

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- 6.3 Entries must be accompanied with the full Entry Fee payable by cheque to **Berjaya Hills Berhad (MAYBANK BERHAD Account - 006137-003734)** (Please attach the payment slip together with the entry form upon submission with your name and HP number written at the back of the slip). 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.**
- 6.4 The field shall be limited to **120 competitors** on first come first serve basis. In the event that entries fall short or exceed the number, The Committee reserves the right to make amendments on the entry requirements without giving any reason whatsoever.

7. WITHDRAWAL

- 7.1 The entry fee will not be refunded if any competitors withdraw from the tournament and the withdrawal is made after **5.00 p.m. on 1st September 2017**.

8. REGISTRATION

- 8.1 All competitors are required to register in person or by telephone by **1.00 p.m. on 20th September 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

- 9.1 Rules of play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and the local Rules of the Championship as approved by The Committee.

10. PRACTICE ROUND

- 10.1 Official practice round is on **20th September 2017 (Wednesday)** from **7.15 am onwards**. All players must leave the golf course **by 4.00 pm**. Green fee is waived. Buggy fee is RM 50.00 nett per player on twin sharing basis and insurance of RM 3.00 nett per player.

11. **DRAWS & STARTING TIMES**

- 11.1 Player shall be in groups of three (3) or four (4) competitors at 8/10 minutes interval.
- 11.2 The Committee will decide the draw and the starting time for the first two rounds. The draw for the final round will be arranged according to the first 2 rounds scores; the lowest scores will tee off last from the first tee and the highest scores will tee off last from the tenth tee.
- 11.3 The draws and starting times shall be posted at the Tournament Notice Board. Such posting shall be considered sufficient enough notice for information and distribution.
- 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 rules 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. **PACE OF PLAY**

Time Allowed

- 12.1 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

- 12.2 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 the holes played.

Procedure When Group Is Out Of Position

- 12.3. 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.
- 12.4 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
- 12.5 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 putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replaced 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

- 12.6 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 OF 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.	
	STROKEPLAY	MATCH PLAY
2 bad times	Penalty of one stroke	Loss of Hole
3 bad times	Further penalty of two strokes	Final Warning
4 bad times	Disqualification	Disqualification

- 12.7 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 applications 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. **AUTHORIZED / UNAUTHORIZED TRANSPORTATION AND CADDY**

- 13.1 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.

- 13.2 Caddies are not provided and The Committee will announce if any change.

14. **APPROVED EQUIPMENT**

Golf Balls

- 14.1 Only golf balls named on current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A Rules Limited may be used.

Conforming Driver Heads

- 14.2 Any driver the player carries must have club head, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. A driver with a club-head that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition. Refer to Rule 4-1 for penalties.

Clubheads

- 14.3 Appendix II, 5a of the Rules of Golf states that "The material and construction of or any treatment to the pace or the club head shall not have the effect at impact of a spring (test on file) or impact significantly more spin to the ball than a standard steel face, or have any other effect which would unduly influence the movement of the ball. **PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION**"

15. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE**

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 SCORE CARDS**

16. **SCORE CARDS**

16.1 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.

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

17. **PRIZES**

Gross Champion

17.1 The competitor who returns the lowest aggregate gross scores over 54 holes or less shall be declared "The Champion" and will be awarded with the Championship Trophy.

Net Champion

17.2 The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate nett scores over 54 holes or less.

17.3 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

For Men (Championship Category)

1st to 12th placing gross scores over 54 holes or less

1st to 5th placing net scores over 54 holes or less

Daily 1 (one) best Gross and best Net score.

For Ladies (Championship Category)

1st to 6th placing gross scores over 54 holes or less

1st to 3rd placing net scores over 54 holes or less

Daily 1 (one) best Gross and best Net score.

NOTE: A competitor shall be entitled to win only one gross or net prize. In all cases, the gross score will take precedence over net score in determining the prizes. A competitor may win only one daily prize. Number of prizes may be changed depending on the final entries.

18. **COMPETITION CLOSED**

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

19. **TIES**

19.1 In the event of a tie for Gross category the first place, the winner shall be decided by a sudden death playoff on the 18th hole. If the winner still cannot be decided, the sudden death playoff will continue back to the 18th hole until the winner is decided by elimination. The purpose of the play-off is to decide the **WINNER** for the **championship** only.

19.2 In the event of a tie for any other places, the tie shall be decided by a count-back on the score card in the following order:

Last 18 holes.
Last 9 holes.
Last 6 holes.
Last 3 holes and finally last hole.

If the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.

20. **AMATEUR STATUS**

- 20.1 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. 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).
- 20.2 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.
- 20.3 **NO CASH prizes are allowed**, a prize voucher may not be a monetary award. A prize voucher is a voucher, gift certificate, 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.

21. **DECISIONS**

- 21.1 If a referee has been appointed by the Committee, his/her decision shall be final. (Rule 34-2).
- 21.2 In the absence of a referee, any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules must be forwarded to The Committee, whose decisions shall be final (Rule 34-3).

22. **DISPUTES AND APPEAL**

- 22.1 Any disputes that arise during the tournament must be put forward to the Appeal Committee as soon as practicable upon completion of a round and in any event it shall not be later than 15 minutes after completion of the said round.
- 22.2 A penalty of disqualification may in exceptional cases be waived, modified or imposed by the Appeal Committee.

23. **ETIQUETTE**

- 23.1 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

- 23.2 The following may be considered "serious breach of etiquette" for this competition:
- (a) Usage of hand phone during the competitions rounds.
 - (b) Verbal abuse of fellow competitor/official/staff.

- (c) Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitors.
- (d) Consuming alcoholic drinks during play.

PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION

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

Exception: Players may use hand phone in case of buggy breakdown or injury/illness of players.

24. **DRUGS**

24.1 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.

25. **INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SUSPENSION OF PLAY**

25.1 The Committee will make every effort to complete the event in its entirety. However, The Committee reserves the right to suspend or abandon play as and when necessary if weather-related circumstances require such action. The Committee will inform all competitors accordingly.

26. **INDEMINITY/ LIABILITIES**

26.1 MGA, the Sponsors, The Committee, the Club 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.

27. **ENQUIRIES**

27.1 Should there be queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Tournament Secretariat Office as follows:

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