



# SPORTEXCEL NATIONAL PREMIER ELITE GRAND FINAL & MALAYSIAN JUNIOR CLOSED 2017

## Tournament Rules & Conditions

### MANAGEMENT

1. The **SportExcel National Elite Grand Final & MALAYSIAN JUNIOR CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP** (hereinafter referred to as the Championship) shall be managed by an Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as "The Committee") appointed by MGA and whose decision on all matters shall be final.

### VENUE

2. The Championship will be played at the Championship Course at Bukit Kemuning Golf & Country Resort on 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 or any other course deemed fit by The Committee.

### RULES OF PLAY

3. All play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Ltd and the Local Rules approved by the Tournament Committee

### FORMAT OF PLAY

4. The Tournament shall be decided by stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes, 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.

### TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

5. The schedule of play shall be as follows:

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2017	0730hr -1600hr	Registration and Practice Round (PM) Players must leave course at 4.00 pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	0730hr	1st Round of Championship (Boys/Girls)- AM
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	0730hr	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round of Championship (Boys/Girls)– AM
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	0730hr 1430 hr	Final Round of Championship (Boys/Girls)- AM Prize Presentation cum Closing

## **ELIGIBILITY**

6. The Championship is by invitation for **BOYS** and **GIRLS** who are qualified in SportExcel Elite Grand Final and for Malaysian Junior Closed is Open to Malaysian **Junior Citizens Only**.
- i) Born in between 2004 to 1999 (13 to 18 years of age)
  - ii) With a maximum USGA Handicap 14 **Index of 13.1** at Slope Rating **125** for Boys and Handicap 24 **Index 22.3** at Slope Rating **124** for Girls.
  - iii) Two categories for **Malaysian Junior Closed** for the Boys and Girls :-
    - **A group Boys & Girls age 15 - 18**
    - **B group Boys & Girls age 13 - 14**
  - iv) Categories on SportExcel Junior Premier Elite

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PREMIER-ELITE CIRCUIT HANDICAP</u>
<b>BA</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>15 - 18 years</b>	<b>12 &amp; below</b>
<b>BB</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>13 – 14 years</b>	<b>15 &amp; below</b>
<b>BC / BD</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>12 years &amp; below</b>	<b>18 &amp; below</b>
<b>GA</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>15 - 18 years</b>	<b>15 &amp; below</b>
<b>GB</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>13 – 14 years</b>	<b>18 &amp; below</b>
<b>GC / GD</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>12 years &amp; below</b>	<b>21 &amp; below</b>

## **HANDICAP TO BE USED IN COMPETITIONS**

7. 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.  
**Penalty for breach of Rule: Disqualification.**

## **ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE**

8. **All entries will be based on age and handicap** and to be made on the Official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Office by 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017.
9. i. The entrance fee of **RM 260.00 nett** must accompany the entry form. This includes **dinner on 1st day & lunch on 2nd & 3rd day**, Buggy and Caddy over 3 competition days. Cheques are to be made payable to **'YAYASAN KECEMERLANGAN SUKAN MALAYSIA'**. Entry forms without the payment will **NOT** be accepted.
- ii. 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.

## **BUGGY & CADDIES**

10. **The Committee may prohibit the use of caddies.** Players are not obliged to use a caddie if they do not want to. Parents, relatives or friends may be permitted or restricted to act as caddies accordingly.
11. Generally, Junior Golfers 12 years & below shall be allowed to use caddies unless otherwise stated under respective Conditions of Competition.
12. Restrictions, where applicable shall be made known by the Committee
13. The Committee may **alter the rule on use of buggies** where necessary.

## **WITHDRAWAL**

14. Withdrawal from tournament will not be entertained after closing date 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 and entry fees will not be refunded.

## **DRAWS AND STARTING TIMES**

15. Play shall be in groups of **four (4)**. The Tournament Committee will make the draws. The draw for the **final round** 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.
16. 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 five minutes is disqualification.

## **SLOW PLAY: UNDUE DELAY**

17. The Player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with the pace of play guidelines, which may be laid down by the Tournament Committee. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play.

## **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 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.
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.

## **SCORECARDS**

- 18.1 Each Junior Golfer shall be assigned a “Marker” (Rule 6-6) to record the score of another Junior Golfer in the same flight. The marker shall be responsible for recording the Junior Golfer’s correct score after each hole.

SportExcel requires each Junior Golfer to ascertain and record the scores of every other Junior Golfer in the same flight before teeing off on the next teeing ground.

- 18.2 After completion of each round the Junior Golfer shall :-

18.2.1 Check his hole by hole score for accuracy.

18.2.2 Settle any doubtful points with The Committee.

18.2.3 Ensure that his marker has signed his card **IN FRONT OF THE SCORER.**

18.2.4 Countersign his own card **IN FRONT OF THE SCORER.**

18.2.5 The Junior Golfer shall return the card to the scorer or Committee within ten (10) minutes after completion of round. Penalty for breach is Disqualification unless one is waiting to settle any doubtful points with the Committee.

- 18.3 The Committee **may** provide Markers for Boys / Girls aged 12 & below, if available.
- 18.4 A distinctive Scoring Area will be established at every venue to ensure that cards are submitted there and that there will be no disputes with regards to Junior Golfers' score cards after having left the scoring area.
- 18.5 Rule 6-6d – Wrong Score for Hole – “The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his score card. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, **he is disqualified**. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned, stands.”

### **DECISION ON TIES**

19. In the event of a tie for the first place for the **Malaysia Junior Closed** overall **CHAMPION Boys & Girls**, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue in a hole-by-hole sudden death 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, 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
- c. Last 6 holes
- d. Last 3 holes
- e. And finally the last hole

### **CONFORMING BALL (NOTE TO RULE 5-1)**

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

**PENALTY OF BREACH OF CONDITION:  
Disqualification**

### **CONFORMING DRIVING CLUBS**

21. 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 exempted 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, 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](http://www.randa.org)). This list is also available in the Tournament Office.

## **USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (DMD).**

22. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that MEASURES DISTANCE only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a DMD 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 is DISQUALIFICATION, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

A multi-functional device, such as a Smartphone or PDA, may be used as a DMD provided it contains a distance measuring application that meets all of the above limitations (i.e., it must measure distance only). In addition, when the distance measuring application is being used, there must be no other features or applications installed on the device that, if used, would be in breach of the Rules, whether or not they are actually used.

## **PRIZES**

23. 1: Prizes for the **Malaysian Junior Closed** will be awarded as follows based on gross scores: -

- i) Overall
  - a) Boys – 5 places
  - b) Girls – 5 places
  
- ii) Age categories
  - a) Boys & Girls age 15 - 18 : **1st – 5th places**
  - b) Boys & Girls age 13 - 14 : **1st – 5th places**

**A player who wins the overall category will receive a winner's trophy in addition to his/her age category prizes.**

- **Numbers of prizes are subject to change based on final entries.**
- **The Age groupings are subject to change based on final entries.**

- 2: Prizes for the **Grand Final Premier-Elite Circuit** will be awarded as follows :-

Group BA (15 – 18 years)	:	<b>1st. – 5th.</b>
Group BB (13 – 15 years)	:	<b>1st. – 5th.</b>
Group BC (11 – 12 years)	:	<b>1st. – 5th.</b>
Group BD ( 10 years & below)	:	<b>1st. – 5th.</b>
Group GA (15 – 18 years)	:	<b>1st. – 5th.</b>
Group GB (13 – 15 years)	:	<b>1st. – 5th.</b>
Group GC (12 years & below)	:	<b>1st. – 5th.</b>

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

24. The Championship shall be deemed to have closed when the trophy/prize has been presented to the winner.

## **UNAUTHORIZED TRANSPORTATION**

25. Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride by the Committee. Use of any unauthorized transportation is prohibited:  
Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred;  
Maximum penalty: Four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

## **ETIQUETTE**

### **26. Serious Breach of Etiquette**

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

- i. Usage of hand phone during play to the annoyance and distractions of other players.
- ii. Verbal abuse of fellow competitor / official / staff.
- iii. Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitor.
- iv. Improper conduct such as swearing and throwing of golf clubs.
- v. Smoking & Alcoholic drinks. All players are prohibited from smoking and consuming alcoholic drinks at all times.

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

## **DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINTS**

27. Any disputes or doubtful points on the Rules Of Golf should be referred to the Rules Committee as soon as possible on completion of the round and in any case not later than 15 minutes after completing the round.

## **DECISIONS**

28. a. If a referee has been appointed by the Committee, his decision **shall be** final.  
(Rule 34-2)
- b. In the absence of a referee, any dispute or doubtful point in the Rules of Golf shall be referred to the **Committee**, whose decisions shall be final (Rule 34-3)

## **INDEMINITY/LIABILITIES**

29. SportExcel, MGA, The Sponsors, The Organizers or Golf Club 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.

- **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE** -

