



35TH MEN & 28TH LADIES NEGERI SEMBILAN AMATEUR OPEN 2018 AT ROYAL SERI MENANTI GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

TOURNAMENT RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. MANAGEMENT

1.1 The 35th Men and 28th Ladies Negeri Sembilan Amateur Open 2018 (hereinafter referred to as the Championship) shall be managed by an Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as “The Tournament 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 **Royal Seri Menanti Golf & Country (RSMGCC)** on **6th – 8th April 2018** any other course deemed fit by the Tournament Committee.

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

3.1 The schedule of play shall be as follows:

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| • Day 1, 5 th April 2018 (Thursday) | Registration & Official Practice Round
(All players must leave the golf course by 4.00pm) |
| • Day 2, 6 th April 2018 (Friday) | 1 st First Round (Men & Ladies) |
| • Day 3, 7 th April 2018 (Saturday) | 2 nd Second Round (Men & Ladies) |
| • Day 4, 8 th April 2018 (Sunday) | 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 Tournament 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% gross and ties leading players shall advance to the final round.

5. **ELIGIBILITY**

5.1 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 12.6 for Men** (club Handicap 14 and below) and **17.1 for Ladies** (club handicap 18 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.

5.2 Intermediate Category 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 USGA **Handicap Index of 12.7 to 16.0 for Men** (club Handicap 15 to 18 only) and **Handicap Index of 17.2 to 22.6 for Ladies** (club Handicap 19 – 24) which must be current at the time of entry.
- (c) Member of a Club affiliated to Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) with similar handicap indices.

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.

6. **ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE**

6.1 The entry fee is **RM 350.00 nett (Malaysian) and USD100.00 nett (Foreign)** per player. This fee inclusive of green fees, buggy fees on twin sharing basis, daily golf insurance, breakfast and lunch on the tournament days and goodies.

6.2 The closing date for entry registration is on **Friday, 30th March 2018 , 5.00pm**

6.3 Entries must be accompanied with the full Entry Fee payable by cheque to **ROYAL SERI MENANTI GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB** or cash deposit into **RHB Bank Berhad account no 20507900011642** (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 **116 competitors** on first come first serve basis. In the event that entries fall short or exceed the number, The Tournament 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 2nd April 2018. (Monday)

8. REGISTRATION

8.1 All competitors are required to register in person or by telephone by **1.00 p.m. on 5th April 2018 at RSM GCC**. 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 Tournament Committee.

10. PRACTICE ROUND

10.1 Official practice round is on 5th April 2018 (Thursday) from 7.30 am onwards. **All players must leave the course by 4.00pm**. Green fee is complimentary. Buggy fees is RM 50.00 nett per players on twin sharing basis. Please make booking tee time directly with the Club.

11. DRAWS & STARTING TIMES

11.1 Player shall be in groups of four (4) competitors at 8/10 minutes interval.

11.2 The Tournament 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 Tournament 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 breaching these 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 Tournament 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.

15. **APPROVED EQUIPMENT**

Golf Balls

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

Conforming Driver Heads

15.2 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

15.3 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

16. **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

17. **SCORE CARDS**

17.1 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.

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

18. **PRIZES**

Gross Champion

18.1 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

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

18.3 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

For Men

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

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

For Ladies

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

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

For Intermediate

1st to 7th placing net scores over 54 holes or less for MEN

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

*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.***

19. **COMPETITION CLOSED**

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

20. **TIES**

20.1 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.

20.2 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.

21. **AMATEUR STATUS**

21.1 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).

21.2 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.

21.3 **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.

22. **DECISIONS**

22.1 If a referee has been appointed by the Tournament Committee, his/her decision shall be final. (Rule 34-2).

22.2 In the absence of a referee, any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules must be forwarded to The Tournament Committee, whose decisions shall be final (Rule 34-3).

23. **DISPUTES AND APPEAL**

23.1 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.

23.2 A penalty of disqualification may in exceptional cases be waived, modified or imposed by the Tournament Appeal Committee.

24. **ETIQUETTE**

24.1 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

24.2 The following may be considered "serious breach 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: DISQUALIFICATION

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

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

25. **DRUGS**

25.1 Players must not make use of any drugs to enhance performance. Should a player show evidence of use of a drug for non-therapeutic purposes, The Tournament 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.

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

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

27. **INDEMNITY/ LIABILITIES**

27.1 MGA, RSMGCC, the Sponsors, The Tournament Committee, the Club and their staffs will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants may suffer as a result of their participation in this tournament.

28. **ENQUIRIES**

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

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