



116TH
MALAYSIAN AMATEUR OPEN



10th – 13th May 2018
SULTAN ABDUL AZIZ SHAH GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

The **116th Malaysian Amateur Open Golf Championships 2018** (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 **Sultan and Alam Shah Nine, SAASGCC, Shah Alam, Selangor** or such other courses as the Committee may decide, from **Thursday, 10th till Sunday, 13th MAY 2018**.

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

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| i) Tuesday | (8 th May) | Registration and Practice Round (AM/PM) |
| ii) Wednesday | (9 th May) | Registration and Practice Round (<i>players must leave course at 4:30 PM</i>) Team Manager Meeting – 4.30 pm Opening Ceremony – 5.00 pm |
| iii) Thursday | (10 th May) | First Round (AM) |
| iv) Friday | (11 th May) | Second Round (AM) |
| v) Saturday | (12 th May) | Third Round (AM) VIP golf game (PM) |
| vi) Sunday | (13 th May) | Final Round (AM) and Prize Presentation |

4. ELIGIBILITY

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

- Have a valid USGA Handicap Index of not more than **7.3** at the time of submission of entry. (Certification of the Players' current Handicap Indexes **MUST** be presented upon registration). Participants from non NHS Clubs and overseas with a maximum Handicap of **8** and below may enter but must present certification upon registration.

The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason. The field will be limited to **112** players.

5. FORMAT OF PLAY

The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over four (4) rounds of 18 holes each, subject to the Committee's right in the event of circumstances which make the playing of 72 holes impracticable, to cancel any round or rounds at its discretion. **There shall be a cut-off after 36 holes of play and the field will be reduced to top 60 leading gross competitors & ties.**

Championship Event

- It shall be decided by stroke play over **72 holes**.
- The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate **GROSS** score at the end of the Championship.

Handicap 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. INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

Each country may enter one team of two competitors who should be citizens or permanent residents' of that country. The **COMBINED GROSS SCORES** of the team members for the **first two rounds shall be the team score**.

7. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

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| a) Championship Event (Gross) | - 1 st to 15 th placing |
| b) Handicap Event (Net) | - 1 st to 5 th placing |
| c) International team event | - 1 st to 3 rd placing |
| d) Daily medals | - One best gross |

Restrictions

- A competitor shall be entitled to win one overall prize only with the Gross event taking priority over the Net event.
- A competitor may win only one daily medal prize throughout the Championship.
- **Number of prizes may be changed depending on the final entries.**

8. ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

- a. Entry fee of **RM 450.00 (Malaysian) USD 150.00 (Foreign) per person inclusive of welcome hi-tea, breakfast, lunches, goodies, and buggy with caddy twin sharing basis for the competition days and access to two (2) official practice rounds.**
- b. All entries are to be made on the Official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Office by **16th April 2018:**

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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. Cheques /bank drafts are to be made payable to '**Persatuan Golf Malaysia**'. 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 **Maybank Berhad, Desa Pandan Branch, A/C No: 564548112540 (attach your bank-in slip together with the 'Entry Form')** Swift Code No: **MBBEMYKL** (for Telegraphic Transfer). Please include the bank commission.

9. WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal from the Championship will not be entertained after **23rd April 2018** and Entry Fees will not be refunded if withdrawal is made after the mentioned date.

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.154 - 155)

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.155)

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 two 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 B-4 on pages 158.

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. TRANSPORTATION

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred. Maximum penalty per round: Four strokes. Use of any unauthorized form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

16. BUGGY & CADDY

a) Buggy & Caddy

All players' will be provide with two (2) caddy and two (2) buggy to carry the four (4) player's bags per flight during the tournament. No outside caddy allowed.

17. 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

c) 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.

18. DECISION OF TIES

In the event of a tie for the overall **CHAMPION**, 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, the tie shall be decided by a count-back system of matching scorecards in the following order:

- a. Last 18 holes
- b. 2nd Last 18 holes
- c. 3rd Last 18 Holes
- d. Last 9 holes
- e. Last 6 holes
- f. Last 3 holes
- g. And finally the last 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.

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.

19. AMATEUR STATUS

19.1 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).

19.2 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.

19.3 **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.

20. 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.

21. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

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

22. RESULT OF CHAMPIONSHIP – COMPETITION CLOSED

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

23. ETIQUETTE, BEHAVIOUR ON THE COURSE

All players should practice good etiquette as detailed out in Section 1 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**

24. 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 of the Championship may suffer as a result of the participation in this Championship.

25. DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINTS / APPEAL COMMITTEE

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).

-TOURNAMENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE-