



53rd MALAYSIAN AMATEUR CLOSED & 51st MELAKA AMATEUR OPEN 2019

5TH – 7TH MARCH 2019

A'FAMOSA GOLF RESORT

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

The **53rd Malaysian Amateur Closed & 51st Melaka Amateur Open 2019** (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 **A'Famosa Golf Resort, Simpang Empat, Melaka** or such other courses as the Committee may decide, from **Monday 4th till Thursday 7th March 2019**.

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY (MEN & LADIES)

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

Monday 4th March 2019	0730hr 1600hr	Registration and Practice Round (AM/PM)
Tuesday 5th March 2019	0730hr	1st Round of Championship (Men/Ladies) - AM
Wednesday 6th March 2019	0730hr	2 nd Round of Championship (Men / Ladies) - AM - <i>Cut Off after 36 holes - 50% gross & 10% net</i>
Thursday 7th March 2019	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 51st MELAKA 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 **17.4 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 53rd 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 **13.1 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.

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.

6. PRIZES – 51st MELAKA AMATEUR OPEN

MEN

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| a) Championship Event (Gross) | - 1 st to 15 th placing |
| b) Net Event | - 1 st to 3 rd placing |

LADIES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| c) Championship Event (Gross) | - 1 st to 5 th placing |
| d) Net Event | - 1 st to 2 nd placing |

Note:

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

7. PRIZES – 53RD MALAYSIAN AMATEUR CLOSED

MEN

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| e) Championship Event (Gross) | - 1 st to 10 th placing |
| f) Net Category | - 1 st to 3 rd placing |

LADIES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| g) Championship Event (Gross) | - 1 st to 3 th placing |
| h) Net Category | - 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

- Entry fee of **RM399.00 (Malaysian) or USD 130.00 (Non Malaysian)** per person for 51st Melaka Amateur Open only or 53rd Malaysian Amateur Closed for Malaysian only and **RM450.00** per person for both event (*Malaysian only*) 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 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.
- All entries are to be made on the Official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Office by Monday, **25th February 2019 (1:00 pm)** :

A' FAMOSA GOLF RESORT BHD

**Jalan Kemus, Simpang 4,
78000 Alor Gajah,
Melaka Malaysia**

Email: operations.golf@afamosa.com

General Line: +606-5520 555

Fax: +606-5528 751

Website: www.afamosa.com

- 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 '**A'FAMOSA GOLF RESORT 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 : **A'Famosa Resort Sdn Bhd Account No.CIMB 800 – 472 – 7227** (attach your bank-in slip together with the 'Entry Form').

9. WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal from the Championship will not be entertained after **25th February 2019** and there will not be any refunds of the entry fees made.

10. RULES OF PLAY

The latest 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. 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 Tournament notice board. 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**.

12. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION (RULE 5.7)

In the event of a suspension for a dangerous situation, all play **MUST** stop immediately. The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

Immediate stop play for imminent danger	: ONE PROLONGED NOTE OF A SIREN
Stop play for non-dangerous situation	: THREE CONSECUTIVE NOTES OF A SIREN
Resumption of Play	: TWO CONSECUTIVE NOTES OF A SIREN

When play has been suspended, competitors may ride on buggies to return to the clubhouse for shelter and for further announcements.

All practice areas (outdoor and indoor) are deemed closed during suspension for a dangerous situation. PENALTY for breach of Rule 5.7: **DISQUALIFICATION**

13. BUGGY

Players in a same game/ flight shall be provided with a buggy which shall carry the clubs and equipment of all the players in the same game. The whole buggy and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of one of the players sharing it.

14. PACE OF PLAY RULE 5.6)

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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

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

18. 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.

19. 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

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. DECISIONS

If the Committee has appointed a referee, his/her decision is final (Rule 20.2). 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).