



14th KUALA LUMPUR AMATEUR OPEN 2019
KELAB GOLF PERKHIDMATAN AWAM MALAYSIA
27, 28 & 29 AUGUST, 2019

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

1. Management

The 14th Kuala Lumpur Amateur Open 2019 (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 Dates

The Championship will be played on Hills & Lakes Courses at Kelab Golf Perkhidmatan Awam Malaysia (KGPA) on **27, 28 & 29 August, 2019** or at any other courses deemed fit by The Tournament Committee.

3. Schedule of Play

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

26-Aug-2019	Monday	7:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Official Practice Round Players Registration Courses Closed
27-Aug-2019	Tuesday	6:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Seri Mutiara Room Round 1
28-Aug-2019	Wednesday	6:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m.	Breakfast at Seri Mutiara Room Round 2
29-Aug-2019	Thursday	6:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 2:30 p.m.	Breakfast at Seri Mutiara Room Final Round Trophy Presentation at Practice Putting Green Award & Prize Presentation Luncheon at Dewan Seroja

4. Forms of Play

4a) The tournament shall be decided by stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes, 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. The Championship will play from **Blue Teeing Area for Men and Red Teeing Area for Ladies**.

4b) There shall be a cut-off after 36 holes of play. The top 50% of total playing field (based on total Gross score) and ties leading players for Men and the top 50% of total playing field (based on total Gross score) and ties leading players for Ladies shall advance to the Final Round.

4c) Additionally, top 10% of the total playing field (based on total Net score) and ties after Round 2 (both for Men and Ladies) will advance to the Final Round. If the Net players have already qualified based on the total Gross score, there will be no additional slot allowed and available.

5. Eligibility

- 5a) The Tournament is open to male & female players who are:
- Amateur Golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited (The R&A).
 - Having a maximum USGA Handicap Index of **12.5** for **Men** (course handicap 15 and below) and **16.0** for **Ladies** (course handicap 18 and below) which must be current at the time of entry.
 - Member of a Club affiliated to Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) with similar handicap indexes.
- 5b) The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason whatsoever. 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 discretion but would be eligible to win prizes in the Gross category only.

6. Entries and Closing Date

- 6a) All entries are to be made on the official entry form and must reach the Tournament Secretariat Office before 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 August, 2019.

The Tournament Secretariat

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- 6b) Entry must be accompanied with the full Entry Fee **RM420.00 nett** (for Malaysian player) or **USD130.00 nett** (excluding bank charges for Non-Malaysian player) payable by cheque to Kelab Golf Perkhidmatan Awam Malaysia or KGPA, or cash deposit into KGPA's Malayan Banking Berhad Account Number 5-64155-5-5240-1 Swift Code: MBBMYKL (*please attach proof of payment together with the entry form upon submission, complete with name and contact number written at the back of the payment slip*). Entry form without the accompanying payment will not be processed.
- 6c) The entry fee includes the green fee of the practice round, green and buggy fees of 3 rounds of competition, golf insurance, daily F&B privileges and goodies (if any).
- 6d) The field shall be limited to 120 players 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.
- 6e) Players who are unable to register within the stipulated time may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.

7. Withdrawal

The entry fee will not be refunded if a player withdraws from the Championship and the withdrawal is made after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 August, 2019.

8. Registration

All players are required to register in person or through telephone by **1:00 p.m. on Monday 26 August, 2019**. Failure to register may result the player being withdrawn from the Championship with no refund of any fees.

9. Rules of Play

Rules of play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by The R&A and the Local Rules of the Championship (including of Additional Local Rules and/or Notice to Players) as approved by the Tournament Committee.

10. Practice Round

10a) Official Practice Round is on **Monday 26 August, 2019** starting from 7:30 a.m. All players **must leave the golf course by 4:00 p.m.** Golf cart/buggy will be provided on twin sharing basis at a chargeable fee of **RM50.30** nett per player.

10b) Players may also practice on the course on Sunday 25 August, 2019 starting from 12:30 p.m. The chargeable fee is **RM80.00** nett per player (fee is inclusive of green fee, buggy and golf insurance), applicable to a minimum of three (3) balls per group.

10c) Players must make the reservation for the Practice Round's tee time directly with the host club.

11. Playing Groups and Starting Times

11a) Players shall be in groups of three (3) or four (4) at nine (9) or ten (10) minutes intervals.

11b) The Tournament Committee will decide the playing groups and the starting times for Round 1. The draw for the Round 2 and Final Round will be arranged based on the previous round or rounds total Gross score – the lowest total Gross score will tee off last from the first tee and the highest total Gross score will tee off last from the tenth tee.

11c) The playing groups and starting times shall be posted at the Tournament Notice Board. Such posting shall be considered sufficient enough notice for information and distribution.

11d) A player shall start at the time determined 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 5.3a). Otherwise the penalty for breach of these rules shall be **Disqualification**.

11e) The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the playing groups and vary the starting times without giving any reason whatsoever.

12. Pace of Play (Rule 5.6)

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 made available by the Committee and/or posted on the Notice Board prior to play. The pace of Play Policy will be strictly enforced.

Penalty for Breach of Policy

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| 1 bad time | Verbal warning from Referee and told that if he/she has a further bad time he/she will be penalized. |
| 2 bad times | One Stroke Penalty |
| 3 bad times | Additional Two Penalty Strokes |
| 4 bad times | Disqualification |

13. Use of Motorized Transportation and Caddie

13a) All players will be provided with a golf cart/buggy on twin sharing basis during the Championship.

13b) The use of **caddies** is **not allowed** unless authorized otherwise by the Committee.

14. Clubs and Balls

14a) List of Conforming Driver Heads: Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver

Heads issued by The R&A. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule is Disqualification

14b) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on 1 January 2010. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule is Disqualification

14c) List of Conforming Golf Balls: Any ball used in making a stroke must be on current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by The R&A. Penalty for making a stroke with a ball not on the current list in breach of the Local Rule is Disqualification

Note: An updated List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available at www.randa.org

15. Returning of Score Card

15a) All players must submit their score cards duly signed and verified by his/her marker as soon as possible, no later than **10 minutes** after the completion of each round.

15b) A player's score card is officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the score recording office or the demarcated area where they exist.

16. Award and Prizes

16a) The Gross Champion is the player who returns the lowest aggregate total Gross score over 54 holes (or less). He/she shall be declared 'The Champion' and will be awarded with the Championship Trophy.

16b) The Net Winner shall be the player who returns the lowest aggregate total Net score over 54 holes (or less).

16c) Prizes will be awarded as follows:

For Men

The 1st to 10th Best Gross scores over 54 holes or less

The 1st to 5th Best Net scores over 54 holes or less

For Ladies

The 1st to 5th Best Gross scores over 54 holes or less

The 1st to 3rd Best Net scores over 54 holes or less

16d) A player shall be entitled to win EITHER one (1) Gross OR one (1) Net prize only. In all cases, the Gross score will take precedence over Net score in determining the prizes. A player may win one (1) daily prize only.

16e) The final number of prizes may vary depending on the final entries.

17. Competition Closed

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

18. Deciding Ties

18a) In the event of a tie to decide the Championship Winner, it shall be decided by way of hole by hole playoff to take place as soon as practicable until the winner is decided by elimination

18b) The Committee shall determine the sequence of holes for the playoff

18c) In the event of a tie for other placing, the tie shall be decided by matching of score cards or count-back in the following order:

Last 18 holes (Hole #1 – Hole #18)

Last 9 holes (Hole #10 – Hole #18)

Last 6 holes (Hole #13 – Hole #18)

Last 3 holes (Hole #16 – Hole #18)

And finally, the last hole (Hole #18)

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

18d) When there is more than one point start, the last hole of the course (Hole #18) always applies, irrespective of where and how a player begins

19. Amateur Status

19a) 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).

19b) 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.

19c) **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 MGA in charge of the competition for purchase of goods or services from a Pro shop, golf club or other retail outlets.

19d) The onus of receiving a prize or prizes that exceed the prescribed limits lies with the player. The Committee and its sponsors shall not be liable for any action on player for any breach of Rules pertaining to Amateur Status.

20. Decisions

If the Tournament Committee has appointed a Referee, his/her decision is final (Rule 20.2a). In the absence of a Referee, any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules shall be referred to the Committee, whose decision shall be final (Rule 20.2b).

21. Dispute and Appeal

21a) Dispute that arises during the Championship must be put forward to the Appeal Committee as soon as practicable not later than **15 minutes** after completion of the round.

21b) A penalty of disqualification may in exceptional cases be waived, modified or imposed by the Appeal Committee.

22. Standards of Player Conduct

The followings may be considered serious breach of Standards of Player Conduct (Rule 1.2):

(a) Deliberately causing serious damage to putting green and any other part of the course, transportation and the properties within the golf course

(b) Deliberately not playing in accordance with the Rules and potentially gaining significant advantage by doing so, despite incurring a penalty for a breach of relevant Rule

(c) Disagreeing with the course set up and taking it on himself/herself to move tee-markers or boundary stakes

(d) Deliberately distracting other players while they are making strokes

(e) Throwing a club towards another player or spectator

(f) Repeatedly using vulgar, offensive and abusive language towards other players, host venue staff and officials

(g) Consuming alcohol during play

(h) Any other actions considered to be serious breach of Standards of Player Conduct by the Committee

Penalty for breach of the above is Disqualification

23. Anti-Doping

Players must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a player show evidence of drug use for non-therapeutic purposes, the Tournament Committee may require him/her to undergo doping test. Any player in breach of this term 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.

24. Inclement Weather and Suspension of Play

24a) The Tournament Committee will make every effort to complete the event in its entirety. However, The Tournament Committee reserves the right to suspend and/or abandon play as and when necessary if weather-related circumstances require such action. The Tournament Committee will inform all players accordingly.

24b) When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he/she is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in the Rule 5.7.

24c) The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play (Rule 5.7)

Immediate Stop/Dangerous Situation : One Prolonged Note of a Siren
Must Stop Play Immediately (Penalty for breach is Disqualification)

Normal Non Dangerous Situation : Three Consecutive Notes of a Siren
Resume Play : Two Consecutive Notes of Siren

Note: When play is stopped for a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.

25. Use of Image

By signing the entry form, player agrees to be filmed, photographed, televised or otherwise recorded during the Championship, and that captured or recorded image, together with the name, maybe used in any content, format and through any media or technology whether now existing or created in the future, by the Committee, and any third parties authorized by the Committee during or after the Championship in perpetuity in relation to the celebration and promotion of the game of golf in a non-commercial manner.

26. Indemnity/Liability

MGA, the Sponsors, Tournament Committee, host venue (KGPA) and their staff shall not be held responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the players may suffer as a result of their participations in this Championship.

27. Violation of the Terms of the Competition

27a) Any player violating the Terms of the Competition or has not provided true or correct information in the registration and/or entry requirements would be disqualified from the Championship

27b) The Committee reserves the right to revoke any title and/or reclaim any prize awarded to any winner if he/she is found to have breached the Terms of the Competition

28. Enquiries

All enquiries shall be addressed to:

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29. Amendment to the Terms of the Competition

The Committee reserves the right to add and/or amend the Terms of the Competition as it sees fit.

The Tournament Committee August – 2019