



36TH MEN & 29TH LADIES NEGERI SEMBILAN AMATEUR OPEN 2019
ROYAL SERI MENANTI GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
8, 9 & 10 NOVEMBER, 2019

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

The 36th Men & 29th Ladies Negeri Sembilan 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 DATES

The Championship will be played over the 54 holes at Royal Seri Menanti Golf & Country Club (hereinafter referred to as RSMGCC or the Host Club) on **8, 9 & 10 November, 2019** or any other course deemed fit by the Committee.

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The Schedule of Play shall be as follows:

7-Nov-2019	Thursday	7:15 a.m.	Official Practice Round
		1:00 p.m.	Players Registration
		4:00 p.m.	Course Close (all players must leave the golf course)
8-Nov-2019	Friday	6:30 a.m.	Breakfast
		7:30 a.m.	Round 1
9-Nov-2019	Saturday	6:30 a.m.	Breakfast
		7:30 a.m.	Round 2
10-Nov-2019	Sunday	6:30 a.m.	Breakfast
		7:30 a.m.	Final Round
		2:30 p.m.	Trophy & Prize Presentation Luncheon

4. FORM OF PLAY

4.1 The Championship 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 playing of 54 holes impracticable, to cancel any round or rounds at its discretion. The Championship will play from **Blue Tee Markers for Men** and **Red Tee Markers for Ladies**.

- 4.2 There shall be cut-off after 36 holes of play. **The top 50% of the playing field (based on total Gross score) and ties leading players shall advance to the Final Round.**
- 4.3 **In addition, top 10% of the playing field (based on total Net score) and ties leading players after 36 holes of play will advance the Final Round.** If the Net players have already qualified based on total Gross score, there will be no additional slot allowed and available.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The Championship 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.
 - (b) Having a maximum USGA Handicap Index of **12.3 for Men** (club Handicap 14 and below) and **17.1 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 indexes.
- 5.2 The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason whatsoever. Players without a Handicap Index issued by the MGA/NHS are not eligible to participate. Players from non NHS Clubs may participate subject to the Committee's sole discretion but would be eligible to win prizes in the Gross category only.

6. ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

- 6.1 All entries are to be made on the official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Secretariat latest by 5:00 p.m. on **Friday 25 October, 2019.**

The Tournament Secretariat

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- 6.2 Entries must be accompanied with the full Entry Fee **RM350.00 nett** (Malaysian) or **USD100.00 nett** (Non-Malaysian – *excluding of bank charges*) 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.** The entry fee includes green and buggy fees (twin-sharing basis), daily golf insurance, goodies and breakfast and lunch on competition days.
- 6.3 The field shall be limited to **120 players** on first come first serve basis. In the event that the entries fall short or exceed the number, the Committee reserves the right to make amendments on the entry requirements without giving any reason whatsoever.

7. **WITHDRAWAL**

The entry fee will not be refunded if a player withdraws from the Championship after 5:00 p.m. on Friday 1 November, 2019.

8. **REGISTRATION**

All players are required to register in person or by telephone by **1:00 p.m. on 7 November, 2019**. Failure to register may result in the player being withdrawn from the Championship with no refund of any fees paid.

9. **RULES OF PLAY**

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

10. **PRACTICE ROUND**

Thursday 7 November, 2019 from 7:30 a.m. onwards.

All players **must leave the golf course by 4:00 p.m.** Green & buggy fees (twin-sharing basis) are chargeable at **RM 60.00 nett** per player. Players are to contact the Host Club directly to reserve the practice round tee times.

11. **PLAYING GROUPS & STARTING TIMES**

11.1 Player shall be in groups of three (3) or four (4) at 9/10 minutes interval.

11.2 The Committee will decide the playing groups and starting times for Round 1 and Round 2. The playing groups and starting times for the Final Round will be arranged based on Round 1 and Round 2 total Gross scores; the lowest total Gross scores will tee off last from the 1st Tee and the highest total Gross scores will tee off last from the 10th Tee.

11.3 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.

11.4 A player shall start at the time decided by the Committee. If a player arrives at his/her starting point ready to play within five minutes after his/her 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**.

11.5 The Committee reserves the right to change the playing groups and vary the starting times without giving any reason thereof.

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 Pace of Play Policy

- 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 & CADDIE**

- 13.1 All players will be provided with a golf cart/buggy on twin-sharing basis during the Championship.
- 13.2 The use of caddies is **not allowed** unless authorized otherwise by the Committee.

14. **CLUBS AND BALLS**

- 14.1 **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.
- 14.2 **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.
- 14.3 **List of Conforming Golf Ball:** Any ball uses 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 SCORECARD**

- 15.1 All players must submit their scorecards duly signed and verified by his/her marker as soon as possible not later than **10 minutes** after the completion of each round.
- 15.2 A scorecard is deemed to be submitted the moment the competitor leaves the scoring area.

16. **AWARD & PRIZES**

- 16.1 The Gross Champion is the player who returns the lowest aggregate total Gross scores over 54 holes (or less). He shall be declared 'The Champion' and will be awarded with the Championship Trophy.
- 16.2 The Net Winner shall be the player who returns the lowest aggregate total Net scores over 54 holes (or less).
- 16.3 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

For Men

- 1st to 10th placing total Gross scores over 54 holes (or less)
- 1st to 5th placing total Net scores over 54 holes (or less)

For Ladies

1st to 3rd placing total Gross scores over 54 holes (or less)

1st to 2nd placing total Net scores over 54 holes (or less)

Note: 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. **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**

18.1 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.

18.2 The Committee shall determine the sequence of holes for the playoff.

18.3 In the event of a tie for any other placing, the tie shall be decided by matching of scorecards or scorecards count-back in the following order:

Last 18 holes (Hole #1 – 18)

Last 9 holes (Hole #10 – 18)

Last 6 holes (Hole #13 – 18)

Last 3 holes (Hole #16 – 18)

And finally, the last hole (Hole #18)

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

18.4 Where 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**

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 (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 player. The Committee and its sponsors shall not be liable for any action on players for any breach of Rules pertaining to Amateur Status.

20. **DECISIONS**

If the 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).

22. **DISPUTES AND APPEAL**

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

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

23. **STANDARDS OF PLAYER CONDUCT**

23.1 The following 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 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 deliberately moving 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 employees 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

24. **ANTI-DOPING**

Players must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a player shows evidence of use of drug for non-therapeutic purposes, the Committee may require the player to undergo doping test. Any player infringing 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.

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

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

25.2 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)

Normal Non Dangerous Situation : Three Consecutive Notes of a Siren

Resume Play : Two Consecutive Notes of Siren

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

Penalty for breach: Disqualification.

26. **CAPTURE AND USE OF IMAGES**

By signing the Entry Form, players agree to be filmed, photographed, televised or otherwise recorded during the Championship, and that captured or recorded image, together with the name, may be used in any content, format and through any media or technology whether now existing or created in the future, by the Committee, and 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.

27. **INDEMNITY/LIABILITIES**

MGA, the Sponsors, the Tournament Committee, the Host Club (RSMGCC) and their employees will 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 participation in this Championship.

28. **VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF THE COMPETITION**

28.1 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.

28.2 The Committee reserves the right to revoke any title and/or reclaim any prize awarded to any player if he/she is found to have breached the Terms of the Competitions.

29. **ENQUIRIES**

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

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30. **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

October, 2019

