



48th SGA SARAWAK AMATEUR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
(YBhg. Datuk Amar James Wong Kim Min Challenge Trophy)

29th SGA SARAWAK AMATEUR LADIES OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
(SGA Ladies Trophy)

5 –7 May 2017

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following Conditions, together with any additions or amendments as published by The Committee on the relevant entry form or at the golf course, will apply under Rule 33-1.

1. THE COMMITTEE

The **48th SGA Sarawak Amateur Open Golf Championship and the 29th SGA Sarawak Amateur Ladies Open Golf Championship** is under the management of the Tournament Committee jointly formed by Kelab Golf Siblis and Sarawak Golf Association. This Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship Conditions and the decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.

2. DATE & VENUE

The **48th SGA Sarawak Amateur Open Golf Championship and the 29th SGA Sarawak Amateur Ladies Open Golf Championship** will be played from **5 – 7 May 2017** at Kelab Golf Siblis.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to all amateur golfers with a current NHS/USGA Handicap Index of **13.2 (Course Handicap 14)** & below for men and Handicap Index **22.1 (Course Handicap 24)** & below for ladies.

In the event that a player has more than one handicap then his/her lowest handicap shall be used for the Championship. It is the sole responsibility of the players to declare their lowest handicap. Failure to comply shall result in **disqualification** in the Net event.

Entries are limited to **100 participants for Men and 30 participants for ladies** on a first come first served basis.

| | <u>Men</u> | <u>Ladies</u> |
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| Kelab Golf Siblis | 25 participants | 5 participants |
| Kelab Golf Sarawak | 15 participants | 5 participants |
| Kelab Golf Bintulu | 15 participants | 5 participants |

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| Kelab Golf Miri | 15 participants | 5 participants |
| Samarahan Country Club | 15 participants | 5 participants |
| Other Clubs | 15 participants | 5 participants |

4. FORMAT

The Championship will be decided by stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes for both Men and Ladies events. The Championship is Gross taking precedence over Net.

The Tournament Committee may cancel any round or rounds if they consider that the course is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible.

5. ENTRY FORM, ENTRANCE FEE AND CLOSING DATE

Duly completed entry form together with an entrance fee of **RM250.00** must reach Kelab Golf Sibul on or before the closing date of **28 April 2016**.

The entrance fee is not refundable if cancellation is made after the closing date.

All entries will be subject to the approval of the Tournament Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving any reason for its decision.

6. TIMES OF STARTING AND GROUPS

The times of starting and groups for the competition shall be established by the Tournament Committee on **4 May 2017** and posted on the SGC Notice Board. Such display is deemed to be sufficient notice to the players.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to vary the draw and starting times at its absolute discretion.

7. QUALIFIERS

Men - The 36 lowest gross scores over the first 36 holes will qualify for the final round.

Ladies - The 12 lowest gross scores over the first 36 holes will qualify for the final round.

In the event of a tie for the last place of the qualifiers in both Men and Ladies events, the tie shall be decided by a counting back system of matching score cards in the following order:

Last 18, 9, 6, 3 holes and finally the last hole.

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

8. PRIZES

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| Men's Gross over 54 holes | - | 10 |
| Ladies' Gross over 54 holes | - | 5 |
| Men's Net over 36 holes | - | 6 |
| Ladies' Net over 36 holes | - | 3 |
| 1 st & 2 nd Day prizes for the Men's event | - | 1 Gross per day |
| | - | 1 Net per day |
| 1 st & 2 nd Day prizes for the Ladies' event | - | 1 Gross per day |
| | - | 1 Net per day |

Qualifiers' prizes: 36 lowest Gross scores for Men's category.
12 lowest Gross scores for Ladies' category.

- Each competitor is eligible to win one prize only with the exception of novelty prizes. If he/she is in contention for a prize in both the Gross and Net events, he/she will be awarded the better of the two prizes in terms of value.
- Should there be a hole-in-one prize, it shall be shared equally if there is more than one winner.
- The organizing Committee reserves the right, depending on the number of participants to alter the number of prizes offered.

9. 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 completed. Any following group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting 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 a 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 a par three hole;
 - an approach shot; and

- a chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach 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 part of the time taken for the next stroke.

If any player exceeds the time allocated, he shall be deemed to have had a "Bad Time".

3. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

- 1 Bad Time: Player will be warned by the 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 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 penalised if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

10. DECIDING TIES

In the event of a tie for first place in both events, there will be a **hole-by-hole play-off** to determine the winner. In the event of a tie for any other places, the tie will be decided by a counting back system of matching score cards in the following order:

- i. Last 18 holes;
- ii. Last 9, 6, 3 holes and finally the last hole.

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

11. 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.

If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, the penalty shall be applied to the next hole.

12. CADDIES

Caddies, subject to availability, will be assigned by Kelab Golf SibU, but outside golfers are allowed to use their own caddy during the competition. However, any golfers who intend to use their own caddy have to inform and approved by the Tournament Committee.

Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred.
Maximum penalty: Four strokes.

13. ANTI-DOPING

Players are required to comply with and be bound by any Anti-Doping Policy that is established for the Championship in which they are competing.

14. SERIOUS BREACH OF ETIQUETTE

A penalty of **DISQUALIFICATION** under Rule 33-7 will be imposed if the Committee determines that a player has committed “serious breach of etiquette”. Examples include but are not limited to:

- i. Use of hand phone or other means during a stipulated round to disturb or distract other players.
- ii. Verbal abuse of fellow competitors, officials or staff.
- iii. Other unbecoming conduct or behavior.

15. TEEING GROUNDS

Men shall play from the **blue** tee.
Ladies shall play from the **red** tee.

16. 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 pages 158.

Note: A 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.

17. PRACTICE (Rule 7-1)

The provisions of Rule 7-1b apply.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:
Disqualification

Note: All recognised practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players for practice on any day of the competition.

18. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

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

19. RESULTS 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.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE