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37TH MEN & 30TH LADIES NEGERI SEMBILAN AMATEUR OPEN 15TH – 18TH AUGUST 2022 NILAI SPRING GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

1.1 The Negeri Sembilan Amateur Open 2022 Men & Ladies (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 DATE

2.1 The Championship will be played over the 54 holes at Nilai Springs Golf & Country Club on **15th – 18th August 2022** or any other course deemed fit by The Tournament Committee.

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

3.1 The schedule of play for **Men and Ladies** shall be as follows:

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| • Practice Round 15 th August 2022 (Monday) | Registration & Official Practice Round |
| • Round 1, 16 th August 2022 (Tuesday) | First Round |
| • Round 2, 17 th August 2022 (Wednesday) | Second Round |
| • Final Round, 18 th August 2022 (Thursday) | Final Round
Prize Presentation Lunch |

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

4.1 The tournament shall be decided by stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes each day, 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.

4.2 **There shall be cut-off after 36 holes of play. The top 50% and ties leading players shall advance to the final round depending on the number of participants at the discretion of Organizing Committee.**

4.3 Teeing Area
Men - **Blue**
Ladies - **Red**

5. **ELIGIBILITY**

5.1 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 WHS Handicap Index of **6.6 Men and below** and **11.0 Ladies 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.

5.2 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason.

6. **ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE**

6.1 The Tournament Secretariat
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6.2 Entries must be accompanied with full Entry Fee of **RM 450.00 nett** (Malaysian) or **RM750.00 nett** (Foreign – *excluding bank charges*) not later than **10th August 2022**, payable by cheque to **Persatuan Golf Malaysia** or cash deposit into **Maybank Berhad, Desa Pandan Branch, A/C No: 564548112540, Swift Code No: MBBEMYKL (for Telegraphic Transfer)**. Please include the bank commission. **Entry forms without accompanying full payment will NOT be accepted.**

(Please attach the payment slip together with the entry form upon submission with your name and HP number written on the slip). Entry form may be submitted via link at www.mgaonline.com.my. The Tournament Committee has the discretion to accept any late entry without assigning any reasons.

Entry fee includes practice round green fee, buggy fees during competition rounds, daily F&B voucher, and goodies.

6.3 The field shall be limited to **156 competitors** 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.

7. **WITHDRAWAL**

7.1 The entry fee will not be refunded if any competitors withdraw from the tournament and the withdrawal is made on **15th August 2022**.

8. **REGISTRATION**

8.1 All competitors are required to register in person at the club or by telephone by **1.00 p.m. on 15th August 2022**. Failure to do so may result in the competitor being withdrawn from the Championship with no refund of any fees paid.

9. **RULES OF PLAY**

9.1 Rules of play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and the local Rules of the Championship as approved by The Tournament Committee.

10. **PRACTICE ROUND**

10.1 Official practice round is on **15th August 2022 (Monday)** from 7.30 am onwards. All players **must leave the golf course by 4.00 pm**.

Buggy fee is **RM75.00 nett** per player on twin sharing basis or **RM 120.00 nett** for single rider. Caddy fee at **RM 55.00nett per caddy** on twin sharing basis may be booked through the Club 3 days prior to practice round.

Players are to book Tee time for practice round directly with the Club.

11. **DRAWS & STARTING TIMES**

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

11.2 The Tournament Committee will decide on the draw and the starting time for the first two rounds. The draw for the final round will be arranged according to the scores of first 2 rounds; the lowest scores will tee off last from the first tee and the highest scores will tee off last from the tenth tee.

11.3 The draws and starting times shall be posted at the Tournament Notice Board. Such posting shall be considered sufficient notice for information and distribution.

11.4 The player shall start at the time laid down 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**.

“Exception: Where the Committee determines that exceptional circumstances have prevented a player from starting on time, there is no penalty.”

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

12. **PACE OF PLAY (Rule 5.6)**

Time Allowed

12.1 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. Please refer to the Tournament Notice Board.
Please note that “Ready Golf” is encouraged.

Definition of Out of Position

12.2 The first group and any group after a starter’s gap will 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 the holes played.

Procedure When Group Is Out of Position

12.3. If the decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a Referee. Each player in the group will be advised that they are “out of position” and are being timed.

12.4 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

12.5 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 putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replaced 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.

12.6 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 OF 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

12.7 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 applications 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.

13. **USE OF MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION & CADDIE**

13.1 All players will be provided with a buggy on TWIN SHARING basis during the stipulated round.

13.2 The use of caddy is **NOT allowed** during the tournament rounds except on the Official practice round.

Penalty of breach of 13.2 shall be

The player gets the General Penalty for each hole during which he or she is helped by a CADDIE.

If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the General Penalty for the next hole.

14. **SCORE CARDS**

14.1 All competitors must submit their respective scorecard duly signed and counter signed by his/her marker as soon as possible after the completion of each round and in any event, not be later than **10 minutes** after the completion of each round.

14.2 A scorecard is deemed to be submitted the moment the competitor leaves the scoring area.

15. **COMFORMING CLUBS AND BALLS**

15.1 List of Conforming Driver Heads: Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a club head, 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 the club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

15.2 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 the club in breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.

15.3 List of Conforming Golf Balls: Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the 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 this Local Rule: Disqualification.

Note: List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is regularly updated and available on www.randa.org

16. **PRIZES**

16.1 The competitor who returns the lowest aggregate gross scores over 54 holes or less shall be declared "The Champion" and will be awarded with the Championship Trophy.

16.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

For Men

1st to 10th placing based on gross scores over 54 holes or less

1st RM4000

2nd RM3000

3 rd	RM2000
4 th	RM1500
5 th	RM1000
6 th	RM 950
7 th	RM 900
8 th	RM 850
9 th	RM 800
10 th	RM 750

For Ladies

1st to 3rd placing based on gross scores over 54 holes or less

1 st	RM3000
2 nd	RM2000
3 rd	RM1500

NOTE: Prizes are based on 156 pax otherwise by percentage

17. **COMPETITION CLOSED**

17.1 The Championship shall be deemed to have closed when the prizes have been awarded to the winners.

18. **TIES**

18.1 In the event of a tie, for the first place, the winner shall be decided by a sudden death playoff on the hole to be decided by the Committee until the winner is decided by elimination. The purpose of the play-off is to decide the **WINNER** for the championship only.

18.2 In the event of a tie for any other placings, the tie shall be decided by a count-back on the final day score card in the following order:

- Last 18 holes.
- Last 9 holes.
- Last 6 holes.
- Last 3 holes and finally last hole.

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

19. **ORDER OF MERIT POINTS Table for each Participating State Amateur Open**

19.1 Order of Merit points will be awarded to the competitors at each Participating State Amateur Open for both Men and Ladies based on their placings at each event as follow:

Order of Merit For MEN

1 st Placing	- 70 point
2 nd Placing	- 69 point
3 rd Placing	- 68 point
Subsequent placing is reduced by one point until <u>62nd</u> placing is 8 points.	
63 th and above Placing	- 5 point
Disqualified	- No point

Order of Merit for LADIES

1st Placing - 20 point

2nd Placing - 19 point

3rd Placing - 18 point

Subsequent placing is reduced by one point until 16th placing is 4 points.

17th and above Placing - 2 point

Disqualified - No point

- 19.2 Competitors shall collect Order of Merit Points at each Participating State Amateur Open based on table in clause 19.1. The final Top 65 Men and Top 16 Ladies based on their cumulative Order of Merit Points from all the 14 states Amateur Open, will be invited to play at the 118th Malaysian Amateur Open to be held from 6th – 11th December 2022. Their tournament fees and accommodation on twin sharing basis will be complimentary.

19.3 OVERALL ORDER OF MERITS AWARDS (OOM Awards)

Competitors who have collected the highest cumulative Order of Merit Points upon completion of the 118th Malaysian Amateur Open shall win the following OOM awards:

	<u>Men</u>		<u>Ladies</u>
1 st	RM 25,000	1 st	RM 15,000
2 nd	RM 15,000	2 nd	RM 7,000
3 rd	RM 10,000	3 rd	RM 5,000
4 th	RM 7,000		
5 th	RM 5,000		

- 19.4 All Order of Merits Awards achievers shall be bound by agreement for organizers/ sponsors/ MGA or any authorized parties, to use their Images/likeness and names for promotions and advertisement's purposes as they deem fit.

20. DECISIONS

- 20.1 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).

21. DISPUTES AND APPEAL

- 21.1 Any disputes that arise during the tournament must be put forward to the Appeal Committee as soon as practicable upon completion of a round and in any event, it shall not be later than 15 minutes after completion of the said round.
- 21.2 A penalty of disqualification may in exceptional cases be waived, modified, or imposed by the Tournament Appeal Committee.

22. STANDARDS OF PLAYER CONDUCT

- 22.1 The following may be considered serious breach of Standards of Player Conduct (Rule 1.2):

- (a) Usage of hand phone during a round to the annoyance and distractions of other players.
- (b) Verbal abuse of fellow competitor/official/staff.
- (c) Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitors.
- (d) Consuming alcoholic drinks during play.
- (e) Any other breaches not listed above but are deemed to be serious by The Tournament Committee.

Exception: Players may use hand phone in case of buggy breakdown or injury/illness of players.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THIS LOCAL RULE:

- First breach : 1 stroke penalty**
- Second breach : 2 strokes penalty**
- Third breach : Disqualification**

23. ANTI-DOPPING

23.1 Players must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a player show evidence of use of drug for non-therapeutic purposes, the Committee may require the player to undergo a drug 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.

24. INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SUSPENSION OF PLAY

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

25. CAPTURE AND USE OF IMAGES

25.1 Participants may be filmed and photographed and may film and photograph, during the championship.

25.2 By signing the entry forms , participants and all Order of Merit Awards Achievers agreed 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 Tournament committee , and third parties authorized by the Tournament 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. INDEMINITY/ LIABILITIES

26.1 MGA, the Sponsors, The Tournament Committee, the Royal Perak Golf Club, and their staff will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants may suffer because of their participation in this tournament.

27. **ENQUIRIES**

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

The Tournament Secretariat

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27.2 **Accommodation**

Accommodation nearest to the Golf Club (or other Hotel of your choice)

Nilai Spring Hotel Resort

PT4770, Nilai Springs, 71801 Putra Nilai,
Negeri Sembilan

Contact : 06-850 2288 / 018-228 8038 – Safura or Sharil

Email : reservation@nilaisprings.com.my

Please make your booking directly with the Hotel.

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