



MGA JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 7TH – 10TH MARCH 2023

VENUE: TANJONG PUTERI GOLF CLUB

TERM OF THE COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

1.1 The MGA Golf Junior Open Circuit 2022 (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 Tanjong Puteri Golf Club on **07th – 10th March 2023** or any other course deemed fit by The Tournament Committee.
- 2.2 The Championship will be played at Plantation Course (A course)

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

3.1 The schedule of play shall be as follows:

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| - Practice Round 07 th March 2023 (Tuesday) | - Registration & Official Practice Round |
| - Round 1, 08 th March 2023 (Wednesday) | - First Round (Boys & Girls) |
| - Round 2, 09 th March 2023 (Thursday) | - Second Round (Boys & Girls) |
| - Final Round, 10 th March 2023 (Friday) | - Final Round (Boys & Girls)
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% gross and ties (Boys and Girls) and Top 5 Net (Boys & Girls) leading players shall advance to the final round depending on the number of participants at the discretion of Organizing Committee.**
- 4.3 **Player that does not pass the cut-off still eligible to play at final round and the player will be go into the NJDP Cup. The player inside NJDP Cup group also eligible to win the prize.**
- 4.4 **Player that goes to NJDP Cup will play 1 day score only on final day and the winner will be from the best gross score.**
- 4.5 **Category BA 15 – 18 Blue tee box
Category BB 12 – 14 White tee box
Category GA 15 – 18 Red tee box
Category GB 12 – 14 Red tee box**

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The Tournament is open to male & female players who are:
- (a) Age minimum 12 years old and maximum 18 years old with birth dates between 1st January 2005 and 31st December 2011
 - (b) Amateur Golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.
 - (c) Having a maximum WHS Handicap Index of **18 Men and below** and **18 Ladies and below** which must be current at the time of entry.
 - (d) 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 the full Entry Fee **RM 380.00 nett** (Malaysian) or **USD 150.00 nett** (Foreign – *excluding bank charges*) payable by cheque to **Persatuan Golf Malaysia** or cash deposit into **Maybank Berhad, Desa Pandan Branch, A/C No: 564548112540 (attach your bank-in slip together with the 'Entry Form')** Swift Code **No: MBBEMYKL (for Telegraphic Transfer)**. Please include the bank commission. (Please attach the payment slip together with the entry form upon submission with your name and HP number written at 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.**
Entry fee includes 3 days competition, prize giving lunch and goodies.

- 6.3 The field shall be limited to **120 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 after 5.00 p.m. on 05th March 2023 (Sunday)

8. REGISTRATION

- 8.1 All competitors are required to register in person or by telephone by **1.00 p.m. on 07th March 2023**. 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 07th March 2023 (**Tuesday**) from 7.30 am onwards. **All players must leave the course by 4.00pm**. Green fee is complimentary. Buggy Fee (twin sharing) is **RM130.00** per buggy are compulsory. Please make booking tee time directly with the MGA Secretariat advance.

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 the draw and the starting time for the first two rounds. The draw for the final round will be arranged according to the first 2 rounds scores; 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 enough 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 5.3)**

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.

Definition of Out of Position

12.2 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 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.
	STROKEPLAY
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 During a round, player must use buggy for transportation.

13.2 The use of caddies are not allowed unless authorized otherwise by the Committee.

14. **APPROVED EQUIPMENT**

14.1 **Golf Balls (Rule 4.2a)**

Balls Allowed in Play of Round

(1) **Conforming Ball Must Be Played.** In making each stroke, a player must use a ball that conforms to the requirements in the Equipment Rules.

A player may get a conforming ball to play from anyone else, including another player on the course.

(2) **Deliberately Altered Ball Must Not Be Played.** A player must not make a stroke at a ball whose performance characteristics have been deliberately altered, such as by scuffing or heating the ball or by applying any substance (other than in cleaning it).

14.2 **Equipment (Rule 4.3a)**

Allowed and Prohibited Uses

A player may use equipment to help his or her play during a round, except that a player must not create a potential advantage by:

1) Using equipment (other than a club or a ball) that artificially eliminates or reduces the need for a skill or judgment that is essential to the challenge of the game, or

2) Using equipment (including a club or a ball) in an abnormal way in making a stroke. “Abnormal way” means a way that is fundamentally different than its intended use and is not normally recognized as part of playing the game.

This Rule does not affect the application of any other Rule that limits actions a player is allowed to take with a club, ball or other equipment (such as setting down a club or other object to help the player in lining up, see Rule 10.2b(3)).

PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION

16. **SCORE CARDS**

- 16.1 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, it shall not be later than **10 minutes** after the completion of each round.
- 16.2 A scorecard is deemed to be submitted the moment the competitor leaves the scoring area.

17. **PRIZES**

17.1 a. The Gross Champion (Boys)

The competitor who returns the lowest aggregate gross score over 54 holes or less shall be declared as The Champion.

b) The NJDP Cup (Boys)

The competitor who returns the lowest aggregate gross score over 18 holes or less shall be declared as the Mga Cup Champion.

c) Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st – 5th placing gross scores over 54 holes or less. (Gross champions)

1st – 3rd placing gross scores over 18 holes or less. (NJDP cup)

17.2 a) The Gross Champion (Girls)

The competitor who returns the lowest aggregate gross score over 54 holes or less shall be declared as The Champion.

b) The NJDP Cup (Girls)

The competitor who returns the lowest aggregate gross score over 18 holes or less shall be declared as the Mga Cup Champion.

c) Prizes will be awarded as follows:

1st – 5th placing gross score over 54 holes or less.

1st – 3rd placing gross score over 18 holes or less.

*NOTE: A competitor shall be entitled to win only one gross. **Number of prizes may be changed depending on the final entries.***

18. **COMPETITION CLOSED**

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

19. **TIES**

- 19.1 In the event of a tie for Gross category 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.

19.2 In the event of a tie for any other places, the tie shall be decided by a count-back on the 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.

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 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 form , participant 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 organizing committee , and third parties authorized by the organizing 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 Tanjong Puteri Golf Resort and their staff will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants may suffer as a result 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:

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