



# **37<sup>th</sup> SABAH AMATEUR OPEN 2023 MEN & LADIES (GROSS & NETT)**

**21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

**VENUE: SHAN SHUI GOLF & COUNTRY RESORT BHD**

## **TERMS OF THE COMPETITION**

### **1. MANAGEMENT**

The 37<sup>th</sup> Sabah Amateur Open Men & Ladies 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the Championships) shall be managed by an Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as "The Tournament Committee") whose decisions in all matters relating to the Championships shall be final.

### **2. VENUE & DATE**

The Championship will be played over the 54 holes at Shan Shui Golf & Country Resort Bhd (SSGCC) on 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023 or any other course deemed fit by The Tournament Committee.

### **3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY**

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

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| i. Practise Round 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 (Thursday) | Registration & Practise Round |
| ii. Round 1, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023 (Friday)        | First Round (Men & Ladies)    |
| iii. Round 2, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023 (Saturday)     | Second Round (Men & Ladies)   |
| iv. Final Round, 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Sunday)    | Final Round (Men & Ladies)    |
|  | Prize Presentation Lunch      |

### **4. FORMAT OF PLAY**

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.

**There shall be cut-off after 36 holes of play. The TOP 28 for men and TOP 8 for ladies leading players shall advance to the final round depending on the number of participants at the discretion of Organizing Committee.**

## **5. ELIGIBILITY**

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 current WHS Handicap Index of 11.6 Men (club Handicap 14 and below) and 19.8 Ladies (club Handicap 24 and below).
- c. Member of a Club affiliated to Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) with similar handicap indices.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason. Players without a WHS 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 sole discretion but would be eligible to win prizes in the Gross category only.

## **6. ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE**

**The Tournament Secretariat**

**37<sup>th</sup> Sabah Amateur Open 2023 Men & Ladies (Gross & Nett)**

**Shan Shui Golf & Country Resort Bhd**

Mile 9, Apas Road, 91000 Tawau, Sabah

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Entries must be accompanied with the full Entry Fee **RM 450.00 nett** (Malaysian) or **USD 200.00 nett** (Foreign - excluding bank charges) payable by cheque to **SANSHUI RESORT** or cash deposit into Maybank **Bank Account Number 510031516200** Swift Code: MBBMYKL (Please attached 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.** Entry fee shall include green fees, buggy fees on twin sharing basis, daily golf insurance, lunch on the tournament days and goodies.

The field shall be limited to **200 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**

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 06<sup>th</sup> September 2023. (Wednesday)

## **8. REGISTRATION**

All competitors are required to register in person or by telephone by **1:00pm on 21<sup>st</sup> September 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**

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**

Official practice round is on **21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 (Thursday)** from 7:00 am onwards. All players **must leave the golf course by 4:00pm**. Tee time for practice round, player must directly booking with the Club. Buggy fee is **RM106.00 nett** per player on twin sharing basis and caddy fee (optional) at **RM 60.00 nett** per caddy on twin sharing basis and must be booked through the Club 3 days prior to the event.

## **11. DRAWS & STARTING TIMES**

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

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 first from the first tee. Ladies group will be the first to tee off on the final day followed by the Men's.

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.

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 (Rule5.3a). 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.”*

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**

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 played. Any following group will be considered "out of position" if any 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**

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.

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

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.

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.
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## STROKEPLAY

2 bad times	Penalty of one stroke
3 bad times	Further penalty of two strokes
4 bad times	Disqualification

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**

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

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. APPROVED EQUIPMENT**

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

Balls Allowed in Play of Round

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.

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

#### **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:

- \* Using equipment (other than a club or a ball) that artificially eliminates or reduces the need for a skill or judgement that is essential to the challenge of the game, or
- \* Using equipment (including a club or a ball) in an abnormal way in making a stroke. “Abnormally 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**

### **15. SCORE CARDS**

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.

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

### **16. PRIZES**

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. The competitor who returns the lowest aggregate Nett score over 36 holes or less shall be declared the “Nett Champion”.

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

#### **For Men**

1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> placing gross scores over 54 holes or less

1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> placing nett scores over 36 holes or less

#### **For Ladies**

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> placing gross scores over 54 holes or less

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> placing nett scores over 36 holes or less

**NOTE: Number of prizes may be changed depending on the final entries.**

### **17. TIES - FOR THE GROSS EVENT**

In the event of a ties for Gross category 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.

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.**

## **18. COMPETITION CLOSED**

The Championship shall be deemed to have closed when the prizes have been awarded to the winner

## **19. DECISIONS**

If a referee has been appointed by the Tournament Committee, his /her decision shall be final. (Rule 20.2)

In an absence of a referee, any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules must be forwarded to The Tournament Committee, whose decisions shall be final (Rule 34-3)

## **20. DISPUTED AND APPEAL**

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.

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

## **21. ETIQUETTE**

All players should practice good etiquette as detailed out in Section 1 of the Rules of Golf. The overriding principle is that consideration should be shown to others on the course at all times.

### **Serious Breach of Etiquette**

The following may be considered “serious breach of etiquette” for this competition:

- a. Usage of hand phone during a round to the annoyance and distraction of other players
- b. Verbal abuse of fellow competitor / official / staff.
- c. Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitors.
- d. Consuming alcoholic drinks during play

## **PENALTY : DISQUALIFICATION**

Note: Any other “breaches of etiquette” not listed above will be dealt with by the Committee on individual basis.

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

## **22. DRUGS**

Players must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a player show evidence of use of a drug for non-therapeutic purposes, The Tournament Committee may require the player to undergo a drug test. Any player infringing this condition may be disqualified. Players who are on medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advise from The R&A via the Tournament Office.

## **23. INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SUSPENSION OF PLAY**

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.

## **24. INDEMNITY / /LIABILITIES**

SGA, the Sponsors, The Tournament Committee, the Club 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.

## **25. ENQUIRIES**

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

### **The Tournament Secretariat**

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### **Accommodation**

Shan Shui Chalet Resort      Tel: 089 - 705 667

LA Hotel                              Tel: 089 - 762 299

Borneo Royal Hotel              Tel: 089 - 982 888

Rooms Hotel                        Tel: 089 - 916 333

*\* Please book direct to the Hotel for the accommodation.*