



47TH KELANTAN AMATEUR OPEN 2023



21-23 OCTOBER 2023

KELANTAN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION



1. **MANAGEMENT**

- 1.1 The 47th Kelantan Amateur Open 2023 Men & Ladies (hereinafter referred to as the KAO 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 **Kelantan Golf & Country Club (KGGCC)** from **21st to 23rd of October 2023**.

3. **SCHEDULE OF PLAY**

- 3.1 The schedule of play shall be as follows:

- Practice : 20 October 2023 (Friday) : Registration & Official Practice Rd
Course Close at 4:00 pm
- Round 1 : 21 October 2023 (Saturday): KAO Championship [Men & Ladies], Special Medal, Senior Trophy
- Round 2 : 22 October 2023 (Sunday) : KAO Championship [Men & Ladies], Special Medal, Senior Trophy
Cut off to 50% leading Gross and Net & Ties
- Final Rd : 23 October 2023 (Monday) : KAO Championship [Men & Ladies], Special Medal, 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 **The KAO Championship for Men & Ladies**

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

The Competitor who returns the lowest aggregate Gross scores over all rounds played shall be declared '**The KAO Champion**' and will be awarded the **Championship Trophy**.

4.3 **KAO Championship Handicap Event (Men Only)**

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

The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate Net scores over all rounds played shall be declared '**The KAO Net Champion**'.

4.4 **The KAO Special Medal Net Event**

The Net event shall be played in conjunction with the KAO Championship.

The Gross scores will count as a participating player in the main KAO Championship.

There shall be cut-off after 36 holes of play. A total of 50% of Gross and Net leading players and ties shall advance to the Final Round depending on the total number of participants at the discretion of Organizing Committee.

The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate Net scores over all rounds played shall be declared '**The KAO Special Medal Champion**'

4.5 **KAO Bonus Senior Net Event** [Age 55 on 21st October 2023]

This is a bonus event and shall be played in conjunction with the Championship or the KAO Special Medal Net Event depending on his handicap.

The Gross scores will count as a participating player in the main KAO Championship.

It shall be decided by stroke play over 36 holes. The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate Net scores over Round 1 & 2. He shall be declared '**The KAO Senior Net Champion**'.

5. **ELIGIBILITY**

5.1 The Tournament is open to male & female players who are Amateur Golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.

5.2 Member of a Club affiliated to Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) with similar handicap indices.

5.3 **KAO Championship: Gross & Net**
Men : WH Index 12.3 [KGCC HC 14] & Below
Ladies: WH Index 15.7 [KGCC HC 20] & Below

5.4 **The KAO Special Medal: Net Event**
Men Only: **WH Index 12.4 to 17.4 [KGCC HC 15 to 20]**

5.5 **KAO Bonus Senior Net Event** [Age 55 on 21st October 2023]
Men Only: **WH Index 17.4 [KGCC HC 20] and below.**
The Senior Trophy is a bonus event to KAO Championship and Special Medal.

5.6 All competitors shall produce their current WHS handicap certificate upon registration. Players without World Handicap Index issued by the MGA/NHS may participate in Gross events only.

5.7 Players from non-NHS clubs may play with certification from the club and/or subject to the Tournament Committee's sole discretion.

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

6. **ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE**

- 6.1 All entries are to be made on the Official Entry Form (photostat copy is accepted). The Closing Date [Entry Form and payment must reach KGCC] is **on 18th October, 2023 at 1:00 pm, or, EARLIER if and when the number of applicants received by the Secretariat has reached the maximum field of 200** [including 20 Committee's Invitees], in which case the Committee will endeavor to notify applicants immediately thereafter that his or her application is unsuccessful and shall refund the Entry Fee.
- 6.2 **The Entry Fee** inclusive of 6% SST for all categories are as follows.
RM400 for Non KGCC Member.
RM350 for KGCC Member.
RM250 for Senior Golfers [Age 55 on 21st October 2023].
Entry Fee covers a Goodie Bag, Breakfast, Lunches and shared Buggy for the 3 Competition days excluding Caddie Fee.
Goodies will be handed out to all Competitors during Registration before 1:00pm on Friday, 20th of October 2023.
- 6.3 Entries are to be submitted using the prescribed form to
The KAO Tournament Secretariat
KELANTAN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB [KGCC]
5488 Jalan Hospital, 15200 Kota Bharu, Kelantan
Tel: 09-7482102; 09-7481088;
Fax: 09-7472918; Golf: 09-7747474
Email: linkgcc@yahoo.com
- Entries **must** be accompanied with the full Entry Fee payable by cheque to **Kelantan Golf & Country Club**, Cash Deposit or Online Transfer into **Bank Rakyat Account Number 1100082711**.
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.
Please obtain online Entry Form at www.mgaonline.com.my
Entry forms without the accompanying payment will NOT be accepted.
- 6.4 Those unable to register within the stipulated times may be accepted at the discretion of The Tournament Committee.

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 **18th October 2023 (Thursday)**.

8. **REGISTRATION**

8.1 All competitors are required to register in person or by telephone by **1.00 p.m. on Friday, 20th of October 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 **20th of October 2023 (Friday)** from 7.30 am onwards. Tee time for practice round must be directly booked with the Golf Club Reception. All players **must leave the golf course by 4.00 pm**.

10.2 Green fee is free of charge.

10.3 The buggy fee is **RM84.00** for non-members and RM74.00 for KGCC members.

10.4 Caddy fee (optional) is at **RM60.00 per caddy** per round of 18 holes must be booked 3 days prior to the event.

10.5 Practice Driving Range Opens from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm.
RM6.40 & RM12.70 for 50 & 100 balls respectively for non-KGCC Members.

11. **DRAWS & STARTING TIMES**

11.1 Player shall be in groups of four (4) competitors starting at 10 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 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)

Model Local Rule K-2 is in effect.

12.1 **Maximum Allowable Time**

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.

Pace Of Play: Maximum Allowable Time															
START @ HOLE NO. 1							START @ HOLE NO. 10								
H	PAR	LADIES		MEN		MINS	CUM	H	PAR	LADIES		MEN		MINS	CUM
		YDS	M	YDS	M					YDS	M	YDS	M		
1	4	338	309	385	352	00:14	00:14	10	4	372	340	426	390	00:14	00:14
2	3	118	108	154	141	00:12	00:26	11	5	498	455	553	506	00:17	00:31
3	5	469	429	515	471	00:17	00:43	12	3	178	163	220	201	00:13	00:44
4	4	366	335	440	402	00:14	00:57	13	4	376	344	435	398	00:14	00:58
5	4	331	303	393	359	00:14	01:11	14	5	506	463	532	486	00:17	01:15
6	3	115	105	145	133	00:12	01:23	15	4	283	259	361	330	00:14	01:29
7	5	469	429	536	490	00:18	01:41	16	4	381	348	421	385	00:14	01:43
8	4	325	297	361	330	00:14	01:55	17	3	176	161	199	182	00:12	01:55
9	4	335	306	379	347	00:14	02:09	18	4	385	352	429	392	00:14	02:09
CO	36	2,866	2,621	3,308	3,025	00:01	02:10	CO	36	3,155	2,885	3,576	3,270	00:01	02:10
10	4	372	340	426	390	00:14	02:24	1	4	338	309	385	352	00:14	02:24
11	5	498	455	553	506	00:17	02:41	2	3	118	108	154	141	00:12	02:36
12	3	178	163	220	201	00:13	02:54	3	5	469	429	515	471	00:17	02:53
13	4	376	344	435	398	00:14	03:08	4	4	366	335	440	402	00:14	03:07
14	5	506	463	532	486	00:17	03:25	5	4	331	303	393	359	00:14	03:21
15	4	283	259	361	330	00:14	03:39	6	3	115	105	145	133	00:12	03:33
16	4	381	348	421	385	00:14	03:53	7	5	469	429	536	490	00:18	03:51
17	3	176	161	199	182	00:12	04:05	8	4	325	297	361	330	00:14	04:05
18	4	385	352	429	392	00:14	04:19	9	4	335	306	379	347	00:14	04:19
	72	3,155	2,885	3,576	3,270	04:19	04:19		72	2,866	2,621	3,308	3,025	04:19	04:19
Allowed Time to complete 18 Holes: 4 Hrs 19 Minutes										6,021 5,506 6,884 6,295					

12.2 **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 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.

12.3 **Warning When Group Is Out Of Position**

- **Warning:** When a group is Out of Position, a Referee should **warn** the group and advise all players to gain time playing that hole. Failure to do so may result in the group being put under Timing from the next hole onwards.
- If the gap between a group and the group ahead is significantly big, the Referee may decide to start Timing straight away **without** prior informing that the group is Out of Position.

12.4 **Timing**

- Referees will monitor pace of play and decide whether a group that is Out of Position should be timed. An assessment of whether there are any recent mitigating circumstances, e.g., a lengthy ruling, lost ball, unplayable ball, etc. will be made. If a decision is made to time the players, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing and a referee will advise each player that they are Out of Position and they are being timed. In exceptional circumstances, an individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.
- In all cases, the Referee will inform all the players in the group before he starts Timing; but not necessarily when he or she stops Timing.
- The **maximum time allocated per stroke** is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play: a) a tee shot on a par 3 hole; b) an approach shot to the green, and c) a chip or putt. The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is his or her turn to play, determine yardage distance and select a club and he or she 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 the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments on the line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. Timings will be taken from the moment it is decided by the referee that it is the player's turn to play and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction.
- 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.
- If a group is Out of Position more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion.

12.5 **Bad Time**

- A player during Timing who, during a round records individual stroke timing that exceed the limit of maximum time allocated per stroke will be assessed a Bad Time.
- 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.

Informing Player of EST or Bad Time

- Except on the putting green, the Referee should advise that player as soon as practicable that he has had a Bad Time. The Referee may ask the player if he is familiar with the pace of play condition thereby ensuring that the player is aware that a further Bad Time during the Tournament will result in a penalty of one stroke being applied. If the Bad Time is on a putt or short chip, the player should be so advised on the way to the next tee. A player will not be penalised if he has a second Bad Time before being advised of his first.

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.

In Stroke Play,

2 bad times : Penalty of one stroke

3 bad times : Further penalty of two strokes

4 bad times : Disqualification

13. **AUTHORIZED TRANSPORTATION AND CADDIES**

13.1 Buggies are provided for all players on a twin sharing basis and **must** be used during a tournament round unless otherwise exempted by the Tournament Committee. A buggy is part of the player's equipment.

13.2 Use of caddie is optional. Local Caddie Fee is RM60.00.

13.3 Due to limited number of local caddies, players are advised to bring their own caddies and must register with the Tournament Committee during Registration.

13.4 **Caddie Restriction**

Caddies who are Professionals or those who are registered with PGAM or any other professional bodies, or have obtained PGM/Toyota Tour Cards are **not permitted** to caddie for any player during a round. Penalty for Breach of use of Professional Caddie is 2 Strokes for each hole that the player is helped by such a caddie.

14. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION** - Rule 5.7 & Model Rule J-1

14.1 When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, **all players must stop play at once and must not make another stroke** until the Committee has resume play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is **Disqualified**, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty.

14.2 The signal for suspending and resuming play is as follows.

Discontinue Play Immediately : **One prolonged note of siren.**

Discontinue Play : Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

Resume Play : Two short notes of siren, repeated.

Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.7b : **Disqualification**

14.3 When play has been suspended, players must ride on buggies to return to the Club house for further announcements.

15. **APPROVED EQUIPMENT**

15.1 **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 characteristics have been deliberately altered, such as by scuffing or heating the ball or by applying any substance (other than in cleaning it).

15.2 **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:

- 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
- 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 for First Breach: General Penalty; for Second Breach: 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 with both feet.

17. **PRIZES**

17.1 **The KAO Championship for Men**

- KAO Championship Trophy.
- Prizes for 1st to 15th Placing

17.2 **The KAO Championship Handicap Event for Men**

- KAO Net Championship Trophy.
- Prizes for 1st to 15th Placing

17.3 **The KAO Championship for Ladies**

- KAO Championship Trophy.
- Prizes for 1st to 4th Placing Gross
- Prizes for 1st to 4th Placing Net

17.4 **The KAO Special Medal Net Event**

- KAO Special Medal Championship Trophy.
- Prizes for 1st to 15th Placing

17.5 **KAO Bonus Senior Net Event**

- The KAO Senior Net Championship Trophy.
- Prizes for 1st to 4th Placing

17.6 **Holes-In-One**

- Will be announced.

17.7 **Daily Gross & Net Winners**

- Prizes for 1st to 3rd Placing for 3 Rounds

17.8 **Novelties**

- NTP, NCL & LD: Prizes for 1st to 3rd Placing for Final Round.

Note: The number of prizes stated above may be amended based 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. **AMATEUR STATUS**

20.1 An amateur golfer must not accept a prize (other than a symbolic prize) or prize voucher of retail value in excess of USD1000 (RM4,000) or the equivalent, or such a lesser figure as may be decided by the Governing Body.

20.2 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.

20.3 The onus of receiving a prize or prizes that exceed the prescribed limits lies with the participant. The Tournament Committee and its sponsors shall not be liable for any action on players for any breach of Rules pertaining to Amateur Status.

21. **DECISIONS**

21.1 A referee's decision is final (Rule 20.2a).

21.2 In the absence of a referee, any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules must be forwarded to The Tournament Committee, whose decisions is final (Rule 20.2b).

22. **DISPUTES AND APPEAL**

22.1 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.

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

23. **DRUGS**

23.1 Players must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should 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 advice from The R&A via the Tournament Office.

24. **CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY** – Rule 1.2b

- 24.1 **Golf Attire:** All competitors are required to observe the KGCC Golf By-Law on Attire.
- Tucked in Sport shirt with Turtle neck or with collar and sleeves, trousers/pants or skirt for ladies are allowed.
 - Jogging shorts, denim jeans, Bermuda beach shorts and football shorts are not allowed.

24.2 All players and caddies should practice good etiquette as in Rule 1.2a. The overriding principle is that consideration should be shown to others on the course at all times.

24.2 **Breach of Code of Conduct Local Rule**

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

- Damaging Club property including putting green.
- Deliberately moving tee-markers.
- Usage of hand phone during a round to the annoyance and distractions of other players. Exceptions: In cases of buggy breakdown or injury/illness.
- Deliberately distracting or offending other players while they are making strokes.
- Throwing a club towards another player or spectator.
- Using vulgar or offensive language.
- Consuming alcoholic drinks during play.
- Any other breaches not listed above but are deemed to be serious by the Committee.

Penalty For Breach Of This Local Rule

First breach : Warning

Second breach : Disqualification

25. **INDEMNITY/ LIABILITIES**

25.1 MGA, 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.

26. **ENQUIRIES**

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

The KAO Tournament Secretariat
KELANTAN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB [KGCC]
5488 Jalan Hospital, 15200 Kota Bharu, Kelantan
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