



MALAYSIAN AMATEUR OPEN

12th - 15th DECEMBER 2024



SABAH GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - SGCC

TERM OF THE COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

The 120th Malaysian Amateur Open Golf Championships 2024 - Men & Ladies (hereinafter referred to as the Championship) shall be managed by a Tournament Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) whose decisions in all matters relating to the Championship shall be final.

2. VENUE AND DATE

The Championship will be played over the Championship Course of **Sabah Golf & Country Club, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia** or such other courses as the Committee may decide, from **Thursday, 12th June till Sunday, 15th December 2024**.

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

- i) Wednesday (11th Dec) Registration and Practice Round
(Players must leave course at 3:30 PM)
TM Meeting & Rules briefing – 4.00 pm
Opening Ceremony – 5.00 pm
- ii) Thursday (12th Dec) First Round (AM/PM)
- iii) Friday (13th Dec) Second Round (AM/PM)
(Cut-off to 50% gross Men and Ladies leading competitors & ties)

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| iv) Saturday | (14 th Dec) | Third Round (AM)
VIP golf game - <i>Shotgun start</i> (PM) |
| v) Sunday | (15 th Dec) | Final Round (AM) and Prize Presentation |

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 MEN

The Championship is open to all **Male** golfers who are Amateur Golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.

- Have a valid USGA Handicap Index of not more than **5.3** at the time of submission of entry. (Certification of the Players' current Handicap Indexes **MUST** be presented upon registration). Participants from non NHS Clubs and overseas with a maximum Handicap of 6 and below may enter but must present certification upon registration.

The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason.
The field will be limited to **110 Men** players.

4.2 LADIES

The Championship is open to all **Ladies** golfers who are Amateur Golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.

- Have a valid USGA Handicap Index of not more than **7.3** at the time of submission of entry. (Certification of the Players' current Handicap Indexes **MUST** be presented upon registration). Participants from non NHS Clubs and overseas with a maximum Handicap of 8 and below may enter but must present certification upon registration.

The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason.
The field will be limited to **40 Ladies** players.

5. FORMAT OF PLAY

The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over four (4) rounds of 18 holes each, subject to the Committee's right in the event of circumstances which make the playing of 72 holes impracticable, to cancel any round or rounds at its discretion. **There shall be a cut-off after 36 holes of play and the field will be reduced to top 50% Men and Ladies leading gross competitors & ties.**

Championship Event

- It shall be decided by stroke play over **72 holes**.
- The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate **GROSS** score at the end of the Championship.

6. INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

Each country may enter one team of two competitors who should be citizens or permanent residents' of that country. The **COMBINED GROSS SCORES** of the team members for the **first two rounds shall be the team score**.

7. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

MEN CATEGORY

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| a) Championship Event (Gross) | - 1 st to 20 th placing |
| b) Daily medals | - One best gross |

LADIES CATEGORY

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| a) Championship Event (Gross) | - 1 st to 10 th placing |
| b) Daily medals | - One best gross |

INTERNATIONAL TEAM EVENT

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| c) Team | - 1 st to 3 rd placing |
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Restrictions

- A competitor may win only one daily medal prize throughout the Championship.
- ***Number of prizes may be changed depending on the final entries.***

8. ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

- a. Entry fee of RM 550.00 (Malaysian) USD 200.00 (Foreign) per person inclusive of welcome hi tea, breakfast, lunches for the competition days, goodies and free green fees for one (1) official practice rounds.
- b. All entries are to be made on the Official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Office by **30th November 2024**.

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- c. Entries are to be submitted via the link:
<http://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/dht22z/register>, accompanied by the relevant fees.
- e. Cheques /bank drafts are to be made payable to 'Persatuan Golf Malaysia'. Entry forms without payments will **not** be accepted. However, those unable to register within the stipulated times, must inform the Tournament Director / Organizing Committee.
- f. Entrance fee can be banked 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.

9. WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal from the Championship will not be entertained after **5th December 2024** and Entry Fees will not be refunded if withdrawal is made after the mentioned date.

10. RULES OF PLAY

The Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Ltd and their interpretations as contained in the "Official Guide on the Rules of Golf", these Conditions of Competitions and any additional Conditions of Competitions together with the Local Rules established by the Tournament Committee for the Competitions will apply.

11. APPROVED EQUIPMENT

11.1 Golf Balls (Rule 4.2a)

Ball used in Play of a Round

- (1) Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by R&A.

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).

11.2 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

12. DRAWS & STARTING TIMES

- 12.1 Player shall be in groups of three (3) or four (4) competitors at 10/9 minutes interval.
- 12.2 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.
- 12.3 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.
- 12.4 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."

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

13. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION (RULE 5.7)

In the event of a suspension for a dangerous situation, all play **MUST stop** immediately. The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

Immediate stop play for imminent danger : ONE PROLONGED NOTE OF A SIREN

Stop play for non-dangerous situation : THREE CONSECUTIVE NOTES OF A SIREN

Resumption of Play : TWO CONSECUTIVE NOTES OF A SIREN

When play has been suspended, competitors may ride on buggies to return to the clubhouse for shelter and for further announcements.

All practice areas (outdoor and indoor) are deemed closed during suspension for a dangerous situation.

PENALTY for breach of Rule 5.7: **DISQUALIFICATION**

14. PACE OF PLAY (RULE 5.6)

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 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 holes played.

b) Procedure When Group is Out of Position

1. If the 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 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 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 time taken for the next stroke.

3. 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 FOR 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

c) Procedure When Again Out of Position During the 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 penalized if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

15. DECISION OF TIES

In the event of a tie for the overall **CHAMPION (Men and Ladies)**, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue in a **hole-by-hole play-off** until the winner is decided by elimination. The Tournament Committee shall determine the sequence of holes for the play-off.

In the event of a tie for any other placing, the tie shall be decided by a count-back system of matching scorecards in the following order:

- a. Last 18 holes
- b. Last 9 holes
- c. Last 6 holes
- d. Last 3 holes
- e. And finally the last hole

Note: Where there is more than one (1) point start, it is considered that the last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes and the last hole is considered to be holes for 10 – 18, 13 – 18, 16 – 18, and the 18th hole.

16. 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 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.

17. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

A player's scorecard is deemed officially returned to the Committee when he has left the score recording area.

18. DISPUTES AND APPEAL

18.1 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 10 minutes after completion of the said round.

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

19. RESULT 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.

20. STANDARDS OF PLAYER CONDUCT

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

- (a) Damaging Club property including putting green.
- (b) Disagreeing with the course set up and deliberately moving tee-markers.
- (c) Deliberately distracting other players while they are making strokes.
- (d) Throwing a club towards another player or spectator.
- (e) Using vulgar or offensive language or offending fellow competitors.
- (f) Consuming alcoholic drinks during play.
- (g) 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:

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| First breach | : 1 strokes penalty |
| Second breach | : 2 strokes penalty |
| Third breach | : Disqualification |

21. CAPTURE AND USE OF IMAGES

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

21.2 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.

22. INDEMNITY / LIABILITIES

In signing the Entry Form, participants in this Championship shall indemnify and not hold liable, MGA, SGA, the Sponsors, the Organizers or the Host Club for any loss or damages to their equipment or personal belongings or harm or any form of injuries that the participants of the Championship may suffer as a result of the participation in this Championship.

23. DECISIONS

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 Tournament Committee, whose decision shall be final (Rule 20.2b).

-TOURNAMENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE-