



39th MEN & 32st LADIES NEGERI SEMBILAN AMATEUR OPEN

SEREMBAN INTERNATIONAL GOLF CLUB

9st – 12th June 2025

Version 1

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 The 39th Men & 32nd Ladies Negeri Sembilan Amateur Open 2024 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 DATES

- 2.1 The Championship will be played over the 54 holes at Seremban International Golf Club (SIGC) from **10th June – 12th June 2025** or any other course deemed fit by The Tournament Committee.

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

- 3.1 The schedule of play shall be as follows:

- Registration & Official Practice Round, **9th June 2025** (Monday)
- Round 1, Tuesday, **10th June 2025**, (AM) - (Men & Ladies) **Two-Point**
- Round 2, Wednesday, **11th June 2025**, (AM) - (Men & Ladies) **Two-Point**
- Final Round, Thursday, **12th June 2025**, (AM) - (Men & Ladies) **Two-Point**
- Prize Presentation Lunch

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

- 4.1 The tournament shall be decided by stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes, 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. The Championship will play from Blue Tees for Men and Red Tees for Ladies.
- 4.2 There shall be cut-off after 36 holes of play. The top 50% (based on gross score) and ties leading players shall advance to the final round, and the number of participants is at the discretion of Organizing Committee.
- 4.3 In addition to Clause 4.2, top 10% (based on net score) and ties players after round 2 will make cut to the final round. **If the net players have already qualified based on gross score, there will be no additional slot allowed.**

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 USGA Handicap Index of **15.6 for Men** (Club Handicap 18) and **21.0 for Ladies** (Club handicap 24) which must be current at the time of entry.
- (c) Member of a Club affiliated to Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) with similar handicap indexes.

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

- 6.1 All entries are to be made on the official entry form and must reach the Tournament Secretariat Office as follows latest by 5.00 p.m. on **25th May 2025**.

The Tournament Secretariat
39th Men & 32nd Ladies Negeri Sembilan Amateur Open 2025
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- 6.2 Entries must be accompanied with the full Entry Fee; Member **RM420.00 & Non Member RM 480.00nett**, **NON MALAYSIAN USD150.00nett** (*excluding bank charges*) payable by cheque to **SEREMBAN INTERNATIONAL GOLF CLUB** or cash deposit into **CIMB Account No. 8004451433** (*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*). 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.**

- 6.3 The field shall be limited to **110 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 **25th May 2025**.

8. **REGISTRATION**

8.1 All competitors are required to register in person or by telephone by **1.00 p.m. on 9th June 2025**. 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 **9th May 2025 (Monday)** from 7.00 am onwards. All players **must leave the golf course by 4.00 pm**. Buggy fee is **RM68.00 net** per buggy on twin sharing basis. Players must book directly with the Club for the practice round tee time.

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 5.6)**

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.

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:
- Tee Shot on a Par 3
 - On an approach shot to the green, and
 - A chip or putt to the 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 round.
- 13.2 The use of caddies is **not allowed** unless authorized otherwise by the Committee.

14. APPROVED EQUIPMENT

14.1 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).

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

15. SCORE CARDS

- 15.1 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.
- 15.2 A scorecard is deemed to be submitted the moment the competitor leaves the scoring area.

16. PRIZES

Gross Champion

- 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.

Net Champion

- 16.2 The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate net scores over 54 holes or less.

16.3 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

For Men

- 1st to 12th placing gross scores over 54 holes or less
- 1st to 6th placing net scores over 54 holes or less

For Ladies

- 1st to 5th placing gross scores over 54 holes or less
- 1st to 3rd placing net scores over 54 holes or less

*NOTE: A competitor shall be entitled to win only one gross or net prize. In all cases, the gross score will take precedence over net score in determining the prizes. A competitor may win only one daily prize. **Number of prizes may be changed depending on the final entries.***

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 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.

- 18.2 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.

Note: The last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes and last hole are holes 10 – 18, 13 – 18, 16 – 18 and the 18th hole.

19. **AMATEUR STATUS**

- 19.1 An amateur golfer must not accept a prize (other than a symbolic prize) or prize voucher of retail value in excess of £500 (RM3,500) or the equivalent, or such a lesser figure as may be decided by the Governing Body. This limit applies to the total prizes or prize vouchers received by an amateur golfer in any one competition or series of competitions, excluding any hole-in-one prize (see Rule 3.2b).

- 19.2 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.

- 19.3 **NO CASH prizes are allowed;** a prize voucher may not be a monetary award. A prize voucher is a voucher, gift certificate, gift card or the like approved by the MGA in charge of competition for the purchase of goods or services from a Pro shop, golf club or other retail outlets.

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

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) 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:

First breach : 1 strokes 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.
- 24.2 The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play (Rule 5.7)
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| Immediate Stop/ Dangerous Situation | : One Prolonged Note of a Siren |
| Normal Non-Dangerous Situation | : Three Consecutive Notes of a Siren |
| Resume Play | : Two Consecutive Notes of Siren |

When play is stopped in a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.

Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.7:

Disqualification.

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 SIGC 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 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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