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48TH KELANTAN AMATEUR OPEN 2025



TERMS OF COMPETITION

The Men's & Ladies 48th Kelantan Amateur Open Golf Championship 2025 [KAO] (hereinafter referred to as the "Championship") is managed by an Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as "The Committee") appointed by Kelantan Golf And Country Club whose decision on all matters pertaining to the Championship shall be final.

The following Terms of Competition and Local Rules apply.

1. VENUE & DATES

The Tournament will be played over the Championship Course at **KGCC - Kelantan Golf & Country Club**, Kg Kemumin, Jalan Pengkalan Chepa, 16100 Kota Bharu, Kelantan, Malaysia from **25th [Friday] to 28th [Monday] of July 2025**.

2. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The schedule of play for both Men & Ladies shall be as follows:

- Practice : 25th July 2025 (Fri) : Registration & Free Practice Round [Course close at 4 pm]
Round 1 : 26th July 2025 (Sat) : KAO Championship [Men & Ladies], Special Medal, Senior Trophy
Round 2 : 27th July 2025 (Sun) : KAO Championship [Men & Ladies], Special Medal, Senior Trophy
Cut off to 30% leading Gross and Net Competitors & Ties
Final Rd : 28nd July 2025 (Mon) : KAO Championship [Men & Ladies], Special Medal,
VIP Invitational & Prize Presentation Luncheon

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The tournament is open to players who are **Amateur Golfers** in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status issued by the R&A Rules Ltd with a **Current Handicap** as follows:

3.11 KAO Championship: Gross & Net

Men : World Handicap Index 12.3 [KGCC HC 14] & Below

Ladies : World Handicap Index 15.7 [KGCC HC 20] & Below

3.12 The KAO Special Medal: Net Event

Men Only: World Handicap Index 12.4 to 17.4 [KGCC HC 15 to 20]

3.13 KAO Bonus Men Senior Net Event [Age 55 on 26th July 2025]

Men Only: World Handicap Index 17.4 [KGCC HC 20] and below.

The Seniors Trophy is a bonus event to KAO Championship and Special Medal.
His handicap will decide which of the two events he will be participating in.

3.2 Certification of the Player's current Handicap Index MUST be presented upon registration

3.3 Participants from Non-NHS Clubs or without World Handicap Index may enter but will be eligible to win prizes in the Gross Championship Event only.

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

4. **FORMAT OF PLAY**

4.1 **The KAO Championship for Men & Ladies**

The Championship shall be decided by **stroke play** over 3 rounds of 18 holes each, subject to the 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. A total of 30 percent of Gross and Net leading players and ties shall advance to the Final Round for each of the following categories.

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.

4.2 **Ancillary Events for Men Only**

4.21 **KAO Special Medal Net Event**

The event shall be played in conjunction with the Championship.

It shall be decided by stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes each, subject to the 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. A total of 30 percent of Gross and Net leading players and ties shall advance to the Final Round.

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

4.22 **KAO Bonus Senior Net Event [Age 55 or more on 25th July 2025]**

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

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

5. **PRIZES > 60 Vouchers**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- a) KAO Championship - Best Gross Scores : 15 for Men and 4 Ladies
- b) KAO Championship Net - Best Net Scores : 15 for Men and 4 Ladies
- c) Special Medal Net - Best Net Scores : 15 for Men
- d) Senior Golfer Net - 10 Best Gross & Net scores over Rd1 & Rd2 for Men only
- e) Daily Medals - 3 Best Gross Score for Rd 1, Rd 2 & Rd 3 for Men only
- f) Daily Best Net - 3 Best Net Score for Rd 1, Rd 2 & Rd 3 for Men only
- g) Novelties: NTP, NCL, LD - 5 Prizes
- h) VIPs - 3 Prizes

A competitor shall be entitled to win only one Gross or Net prize. The placing shall take precedence in determining whether the player wins the Gross or the Net prize and the Gross prize takes priority over the Net prize in the event it is the same placing. A competitor may win only one daily medal prize throughout the Championship. The number of prizes may be changed depending on the total number of entries at the Committee's absolute discretion.

The Committee has absolute right to change the above and the combination of number of prizes allocated for Male and Female depending on the number of Female players participating in the KAO.

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 20th July, 2025, 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. **Entry forms without the accompanying payment will NOT be accepted.**



ENTRY FORM QR CODE

- 6.2 **The Entry Fee** inclusive of 8% SST.

RM450 for Non KGCC Member.

RM400 for KGCC Member.

RM350 for Senior Golfers [Age 55 on 25th July 2025].

USD150 for Foreign Player

Entry Fee covers Breakfast, Lunches and shared Buggy for the 3 Competition days excluding Caddie Fees.

- 6.3 Entries are to be submitted using the prescribed form and **must** be accompanied by the Entry Fee to

The KAO Tournament Secretariat

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Payment shall be by cheque or money order made out to the **Kelantan Golf and Country Club** or by Internet Banking or ATM Cash-Deposit. The KGCC Bank Account is **Bank Kerjasama Rakyat: AC No. 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. **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 Committee.
- 6.5 The field shall be **limited to 200 competitors only** [including 20 Committee's Invitees] on first come first serve basis. 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. In the event that entries fall short or exceed the number, the Committee reserves the right to make amends without giving any reason.
- 6.6 Goodies will be handed out to all Competitors during Registration before 1:00pm on Friday, 25th July 2025.

7. **WITHDRAWAL**

The Entry Fee will not be refunded if any Competitor withdraws from the tournament after the **20th July, 2025**.

8. **REGISTRATION**

All competitors are required to register in person or by telephone by **1.00 PM on Friday, July 25th, 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**

The Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited and their Clarifications as contained in the "Official Guide to the Rules of Golf", the Terms of Competition and the Local Rules established by the Rules Committee for the Competition apply.

10. **OFFICIAL PRACTICE ROUND**

Free Practice Round is on Friday, 25th of July 2025 from 7:30 am onwards. All players must leave the golf course by 4.00 pm. Green fee is waived. Buggy fee is RM88.00 Net per buggy for non-members of KGCC inclusive of 8% SST on twin sharing basis. Caddie fee is RM60.00 plus tip.

11. DRAWS AND STARTING TIMES

- 11.1 Play shall be in groups of 4 competitors or less at 10 or 9 minutes interval starting from two or more tees.
- 11.2 The Committee shall decide the Draw and Starting Times for the first two rounds. The Draw for the final round will be arranged in accordance to the scores, i.e., the lowest gross scores will tee off last from the first tee and the highest tee off last on the tenth tee.
- 11.3 The Draw and the Starting Times of groups will be posted on the Tournament Notice Board. Such posting shall be deemed as sufficient notice for information and distribution given to players.
- 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 is Disqualification. Exception: Where the Committee determines that exceptional circumstances have prevented a player from starting on time, there is no penalty.
- 11.5 The Committee reserves the right to change the draw and the starting times without giving any reason thereof.

12. AUTHORIZED TRANSPORTATION AND CADDIE

- 12.1: Buggies are provided for all players and caddies during tournament rounds 1, 2 & 3 on twin sharing basis and must be used during a stipulated round unless otherwise exempted by the Committee.
- 12.2: Use of caddie is optional. Local Caddie Fee is RM60.00 + Tip
- 12.3: Due to limited number of local caddies, players are advised to bring their own caddies and must register with the Committee during Registration.
- 12.4: **Caddie Restriction.**
Model Local Rule H-12 is in effect. Caddies who are Professionals or those who are registered with PGAM or have obtained PGM 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. If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets 2 strokes penalty for the next hole.

13. PACE OF PLAY POLICY

- 13.1 Pace of Play Policy - Rule 5.6b**
- In the interest of fair play the Committee has put into effect a Pace of Play Policy Model Local Rule K-2.
- Each hole is given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes is 4 hours 19 minutes.

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

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

13.2 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.

13.3 Procedure When Group is Out of Position

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.

13.3.1. 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.

13.3.2. 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.

13.3.3 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.

13.3.3 Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule (MLR K-5)

- Penalty for first breach : Player will be warned by the Rules Official and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalized.
- Penalty for second breach : One-stroke penalty.
- Penalty for third breach : Two-strokes penalty applied in addition to the penalty for the second breach.
- Penalty for fourth breach: : Disqualification.

Until a player has been advised of a bad time, he or she cannot incur a further bad time.

13.4 Procedure When Again Out of Position During 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 or she has a second bad time before being advised of the earlier bad time."

14. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION - Rule 5.7b(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.

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**

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

- (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).

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:

- 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. **DECISION ON TIES AND ON-COUNT BACK (OCB)**

16.1: In the event of a tie for only the Winner of The KAO Championship, all players tying shall proceed to a hole-by-hole sudden-death playoff on Hole 18 repeated if necessary until a winner is determined.

16.2: In the event of a tie for any other placings, the tie shall be decided by a count back on the scorecard in the following order:-

- [1] Last 18 holes [2] 2nd Last 18 holes [3] 3rd Last 18 holes [4] Last 9 holes
[5] Last 6 holes [6] Last 3 holes [5] And finally the last hole

Note: Where there is more than one point start, it is considered that the last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes and the last hole are referred to holes 10–18, 13–18, 16–18, and the 18th hole respectively.

In the Net Event, the net score will be used for matching.

In any case, if the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.

17. HANDICAP TO BE USED IN THIS COMPETITION

17.1: Current and Lowest World Handicap Index [H/I]

A player must use his USGA Handicap Index in effect on the date the Competition Starts. A player belonging to more than one club and having different USGA handicap indexes at each club must use his lowest Handicap Index unless a valid explanation is acceptable to the Committee before commencement of play.

17.2: Committee's Power to Adjust Handicaps

A player's handicap may be adjusted by the Committee prior to or during the competition as provided in the USGA Handicap System Manual.

BLUE TEE COURSE HCAP				RED TEE COURSE HCAP			
USGA H/I		KGCC HC		USGA H/I		KGCC HC	
-0.4	-	0.4	0	-0.4	-	0.4	0
0.5	-	1.2	1	0.5	-	1.3	1
1.3	-	2.1	2	1.4	-	2.3	2
2.2	-	3.0	3	2.4	-	3.2	3
3.1	-	3.8	4	3.3	-	4.1	4
3.9	-	4.7	5	4.2	-	5.0	5
4.8	-	5.6	6	5.1	-	6.0	6
5.7	-	6.4	7	6.1	-	6.9	7
6.5	-	7.3	8	7.0	-	7.8	8
7.4	-	8.1	9	7.9	-	8.7	9
8.2	-	9.0	10	8.8	-	9.7	10
9.1	-	9.9	11	9.8	-	10.6	11
10.0	-	10.7	12	10.7	-	11.5	12
10.8	-	11.6	13	11.6	-	12.5	13
11.7	-	12.5	14	12.6	-	13.4	14
12.6	-	13.3	15	13.5	-	14.3	15
13.4	-	14.2	16	14.4	-	15.2	16
14.3	-	15.0	17	15.3	-	16.2	17
15.1	-	15.9	18	16.3	-	17.1	18
16.0	-	16.8	19	17.2	-	18.0	19
16.9	-	17.6	20	18.1	-	18.9	20

18. STANDARDS OF PLAYER CONDUCT

The following are considered serious breach of Standards of Player Conduct (Rule 1.2):

- 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.
- Deliberately distracting other players while they are making strokes.
- Throwing a club towards another player or spectator.
- Using vulgar or offensive language.
- Any other breaches not listed above but are deemed to be serious by the Committee.

Penalty For Breach Of This Local Rule:

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

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 USD1000 (RM4,000) 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.

Note: The onus 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. **ANTI-DOPPING**
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.
21. **DECISIONS**
A referee's decision shall be final. (Rule 20.2).
22. **DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINTS / APPEAL COMMITTEE**
Any dispute or doubtful point that arise during the tournament must be put forward to the Appeal Committee as soon as possible on completion of the round and in any case not later than 15 minutes after completing the round.
23. **RETURNING OF SCORECARD**
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 case it shall not be later than 10 minutes after the completion of each round.
A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when he/she has left the recording area with both feet.
24. **INCLEMENT WEATHER**
The Committee will endeavor to complete the event in its entirety. It reserves the right to suspend or abandon play or round under inclement weather related circumstances. The Committee then will decide on the tournament. It is the 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.
25. **ETIQUETTE**
25.1 All players should practice good etiquette and conduct as per Rule 1.2 of the Rules of Golf. The overriding principle is that consideration should be shown to others on the course at all times.
25.2 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 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.
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.
26. **DRUGS**
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.
27. **INDEMNITY / LIABILITIES**
In signing the Entry Form, participants in this Championship shall indemnify and not hold liable MGA, the Sponsors, the Organizers, the Committee 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.
28. **RESULT OF CHAMPIONSHIP – COMPETITION CLOSED**
When the Championship Trophy is presented to the winner (both the Men and Ladies), the results of the competition are officially announced and the competition is closed.