

**23<sup>RD</sup> KELAB GOLF MIRI AMATEUR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2011**  
**(YBHG DATUK PATINGGI TAN SRI DR. GEORGE CHAN HONG NAM CHALLENGE TROPHIES)**

**16<sup>TH</sup> – 18<sup>TH</sup> September 2011**

**CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

**1. MANAGEMENT**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Kelab Golf Miri Amateur Open Golf Championship 2011 (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 course of Kelab Golf Miri, Sarawak from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> till Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

**3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY (MEN & LADIES)**

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

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|-------|----------|---------------------------------|--|
| (i)   | Thursday | 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2011 | Registration (10:00 AM-5:00 PM)<br>Practice Round (Players must leave course at 2:00 PM) |
| (ii)  | Friday   | 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2011 | First Round - Men & Ladies (AM & PM)   |
| (iii) | Saturday | 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2011 | Second Round - Men & Ladies (AM & PM)  |
| (iv)  | Sunday   | 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2011 | Final Round - Men & Ladies ( AM )<br>Prizes Presentation                                 |

**4. ELIGIBILITY**

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

**MEN**

- Have a valid USGA Handicap Index of not more than **12.5** 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 **12** and below may enter but must present certification upon registration. In case a player has 2 different clubs' handicaps, the lowest one must be submitted for registration.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:  
DISQUALIFICATION OF NETT EVENT**

- Submission of entry is based on “**first come first served**” policy.
- The Committee reserves the right to adjust the handicap index upward for entry if deemed necessary.
- The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason. The field will be limited to 150.

Entries are limited to :

Kelab Golf Miri	: 35	Damai Golf and Country Club	: 5
Kelab Golf Bintulu	: 20	Sarawak Club	: 5
Kelab Golf Sibul	: 10	Kelab Golf Penjara	: 2
Kelab Golf Sarawak	: 10	Eastwood Valley Golf & C Club	: 3
Pantai Menteri Club	: 10	Panaga Golf Club	: 10
Others	: 40		

### **LADIES**

- Have a valid USGA Handicap Index of not more than **22.3** 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 **12** and below may enter but must present certification upon registration.

In case a player has 2 different clubs’ handicaps, the lowest one must be submitted for registration.

### **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: DISQUALIFICATION OF NETT EVENT**

The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason. The field will be limited to 45 players.

Entries are limited to :

Kelab Golf Miri	: 16	Panaga Golf Club	: 5
Kelab Golf Bintulu	: 6	Others	: 10
Kelab Golf Sibul	: 4		
Kelab Golf Sarawak	: 4		

**The Committee reserves the right to increase the number of entries for men & ladies if it wishes to at a later stage.**

## **5. FORMAT OF PLAY**

### **MEN**

The Championship shall be decided by stroke play over three (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 a cut-off after 36 holes of play and the field will be reduced to 32 leading competitors.**

### ***Championship Event***

- It shall be decided by stroke play over 54 holes.
- The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate **GROSS** score at the end of the Championship.

### ***Handicap Event***

- The event shall be played in conjunction with the Championship.
- It shall be decided by nett stroke play over daily 18 holes for daily event.
- The overall winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest **NETT** score over 36 holes.

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## **6. PRIZES**

### **MEN**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| a) Championship Event (Gross)     | - 1 <sup>st</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> placing |
| b) Handicap Event (Nett) 36 Holes | - 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> placing |
| c) Daily Event                    | - Two best gross & two best nett             |
| d) Final Round                    | - One best nett                              |

### **LADIES**

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| a) Championship Event (Gross)     | - 1 <sup>st</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> placing |
| b) Handicap Event (Nett) 36 Holes | - 1 <sup>st</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> placing |
| c) Daily Event                    | - One best gross & one best nett             |

**Restrictions**

- A competitor shall be entitled to win one overall prize only with the Gross event taking priority over the Nett event. Exception – Qualifying prize, hole-in-one prize (if any and in case there is more than one winner through out the event the prize or prizes shall be shared), and invited guest prize.
- A competitor may win only one daily medal prize throughout the Championship. Exception – Qualifying prize, hole-in-one prize and invited guest prize.
- Only those players who make through 36 holes cut-off are eligible for qualifying prizes.
- The Organising Committee reserves the right to adjust and alter the numbers and values of prizes.

**7. ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE**

- a. Entry fee of RM250.00 per person **covers all breakfast and lunches for 3/2 days of the competition and access to 1 practice round for all participants excluding caddy fees for 3/2 days which will be collected during registration.** No refunds will be entertained if withdrawal from the competition is made after the closing date.
- b. All entries are to be made on the Official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Office by **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2011.**
- c. Entries are to be submitted on the prescribed form, accompanied by the relevant fees and duly certified by the competitor's Club Captain or Secretary or Club Manager.
- d. Cheques/bank drafts are to be made payable to **'Kelab Golf Miri'**. Entry forms without payments will **not** be accepted. However, those unable to register within the stipulated times, must inform the Tournament Director / Organizing Committee.
- e. Entrance fee can be banked into **Ambank, A/C No: 0192011006822 (attach your bank-in slip together with the 'Entry Form')**
- f. All payments of entrance fees for KGM members are to be debited to the respective members' accounts unless otherwise instructed.

**8. WITHDRAWAL**

Withdrawal from the Championship will not be entertained after **29<sup>th</sup> August 2011** and a fee of RM150.00 is chargeable for such cancellation. There will be no goodies and substitutions allowed for such cancellation of entries.

**9. RULES OF PLAY**

The Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Ltd and their interpretations as contained in the

“Decisions 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.

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#### **10. DRAWS & STARTING TIMES**

- a. The Tournament Committee will make the draws and the starting times for the first two rounds on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011** and will be posted at the Club house and the Official Hotel. Such posting will be considered sufficient notice for information and distribution. The draw for final round will be arranged according to the scores; the lowest scores will tee off last from the first tee for men. The Committee reserves the right to vary the starting times, at its absolute discretion, before tee-off time.
- b. The player shall start at the time laid down by the Tournament Committee. In the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, 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 instead of disqualification. Penalty for lateness beyond 5 minutes is **DISQUALIFICATION**.
- c. Players are advised to double check their Tee-Off Time 10 hours before the Tournament starts in case some last minute withdrawals may cause the reshuffle of Tee-Off Time.

#### **11. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION (NOTE TO RULE 6-8b)**

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf is in effect – see Appendix Part C-5 on pages 144-145.

Note: Suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by a prolonged note of a horn. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive short notes of a horn, repeated. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of a horn, repeated.

#### **12. TRANSPORTATION**

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee.

#### **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:**

Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred. Maximum penalty per round: Four strokes. Use of any unauthorized form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

#### **13. CADDIES**

Each golfer may have only one caddie (Rule 6-4) at any one time. An additional person if employed as an umbrella carrier is allowed only if it is deemed necessary for him/her by a

### **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:**

Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. A player having a caddie in breach of this condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that he conforms with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise, the player is **DISQUALIFIED**.

#### **14. PACE OF PLAY (NOTE TO RULE 6-7)**

**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 for Men**, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue in a “2 hole aggregate” play off for hole 10 and hole 18. And in the case the tie is still undecided, it shall proceed to “sudden death” play off from hole 18 repeatedly until the winner is decided.

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

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

Note: For any Nett Event, break down fractions of the respective players’ course handicaps (One-half for nine holes, one-third for six holes, one-sixth for three holes and one-eighteenth for the 18<sup>th</sup> hole) shall be used for matching the scores and fractions shall not be disregarded.

In the event of a tie for the overall **CHAMPION for ladies**, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue in a “sudden death” play off from hole 10 repeatedly until the winner is decided by elimination.

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

- a. Last 18 holes

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

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

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#### **16. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD**

A player's scorecard is deemed officially returned to the Committee when he has deposited his or her score card in the card collection box at recording area.

#### **17. TEEING GROUND**

Men shall play from Blue Tee.  
Ladies shall play from Red Tee.

#### **18. ETIQUETTE, BEHAVIOUR ON THE COURSE**

All players should practice good etiquette as detailed out in Section 1 of the Rules of Golf.

##### **Serious Breach of Etiquette**

The following are considered "serious breaches of etiquette" for this competition:-

- i. Usage of hand phone during a round to the annoyance and distractions of other players.
- ii. Verbal abuse of fellow competitor / official / staff.
- iii. Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitor.
- iv. Any other 'breaches of etiquette' not listed above but are deemed to be serious by the Committee.

#### **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: DISQUALIFICATION**

#### **19. INDEMNITY / LIABILITIES**

In signing the Entry Form, participants in this Championship shall indemnify and not hold liable, 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.

#### **20. DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINTS**



Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules shall be referred to the Tournament Committee as soon as possible on completion of the round and in any case not later than 15 minutes after completing the round.

**21. DECISIONS**

If Committee has appointed a referee, his decision is final (Rule 34-2). If 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 34-3).

**22. 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.

**- TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE -**

