

43rd SARAWAK AMATEUR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
(YBhg. Datuk Amar James Wong Kim Min Challenge Trophy)

24th SARAWAK AMATEUR LADIES OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
(SGA Ladies Trophy)

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following Conditions, together with any additions or amendments as published by The Committee on the relevant entry form or at the golf course, will apply under Rule 33-1.

1. THE COMMITTEE

The 43rd Sarawak Amateur Open Golf Championship and the 24th Sarawak Amateur Ladies Open Golf Championship are under the management of the Sarawak Open Organizing Committee. This Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship Conditions and the decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.

2. RULES

The 43rd Sarawak Amateur Open Golf Championship and the 24th Sarawak Amateur Ladies Open Golf Championship are played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by R & A Rules Limited and the Local Rules set up by the Tournament Committee.

Any decision made by any of the appointed rules officials for this tournament is final.

3. DATE & VENUE

The Sarawak Amateur Open and the Sarawak Amateur Ladies Open will be played on 27th – 29th April 2012 at Kelab Golf Miri

4. ELIGIBILITY AND HANDICAP

Entries are open to all amateur golfers with a current NHS/USGA Handicap Index of **12.5** & below for men and Handicap Index **21.2** & below for ladies. (Figures for March 2012 are applicable). Notwithstanding this, each player must return his current course handicap at the time of the Championships (figures of April 2012 applicable).

In the event that a player has more than one handicap then his/her lowest handicap shall be used for the Championship. It is the sole responsibility of the players to declare their lowest handicap. Failure to comply shall result in **disqualification** in the handicap/net event.

Entries are guided by the following distribution:

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Ladies</u>
Kelab Golf Miri	First 25 participants	First 10 participants
Kelab Golf Sarawak	First 15 participants	First 5 participants
Sarawak Club Golf Resort	First 10 participants	First 5 participants
Kelab Golf Sibul	First 10 participants	First 5 participants
Kelab Golf Bintulu	First 20 participants	First 5 participants
Kelab Golf Penjara	First 5 participants	First 5 participants
Damai Golf & Country Club	First 10 participants	First 5 participants
Eastwood Valley GCC	First 10 participants	First 5 participants
Other Clubs	First 20 participants	First 5 participants

5. CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS

Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R & A.

Exception: A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition.

PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN 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.

Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his marker or fellow-competitor immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is **disqualified**.

PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION:

- DISQUALIFICATION -

6. FORMAT

The Championship will be decided by stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes for both Men and Ladies events. The Championship is Gross taking precedence over Net.

The Organising Committee may cancel any round or rounds if they consider that the course is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible.

7. ENTRY FORM, ENTRANCE FEE AND CLOSING DATE

Duly completed entry form together with an entrance fee of **RM 200.00** must reach the Organising Club on or before the closing date, Friday, 30th March, 2012 at 12.00noon.

The entrance fee is not refundable if cancellation is made after the closing date.

All entries will be subject to the approval of the Organising Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving any reason for its decision.

8. DRAW

The draw for the competition shall be performed by the Organising Committee on Monday, 23rd April, 2012 and be posted on the KGM Notice Board at 5.00 pm on the same day. This draw will be extended to all players through their respective clubs prior to the start of the competition.

The Organising Committee reserves the right to vary the draw and starting times at its absolute discretion.

9. QUALIFIERS

Men - The 36 lowest gross scores over the first 36 holes will qualify for the final round.

Ladies - The 12 lowest gross scores over the first 36 holes will qualify for the final round.

10. PRIZES

Men's Gross over 54 holes	-	12
Ladies' Gross over 54 holes	-	6

Men's Net over 36 holes	-	6
Ladies' Net over 36 holes	-	3

1 st & 2 nd Day prizes for the Men's event	-	2 Gross per day
	-	1 Net per day

1 st & 2 nd Day prizes for the Ladies' event	-	1 Gross per day
	-	1 Net per day

Qualifiers' prizes: 36 lowest Gross scores and tie for Men's category.
12 lowest Gross scores and tie for Ladies' category.

- Each competitor is eligible to win one prize only with the exception of novelty prizes. If he/she is in contention for a prize in both the Gross and Net events, he/she will be awarded the better of the two prizes in terms of value.
- Should there be a hole-in-one prize; the prize will be shared equally if there is more than one winner.

11. INDEMNITY / LIABILITIES

In signing the entry form, participants in this tournament shall indemnify and not hold liable Sarawak Golf Association, the Sponsors, the Organizers or the Host Club for any loss or damages to their equipments or personal belongings or harm or any form of injuries that the participant of the Tournament may suffer as a result of their participation in this Tournament.

12. 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 completed. Any following group will be considered "out of position" if it is more than the starting 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 a 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 a par three hole;
 - an approach shot; and
 - a chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach 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 part of the time taken for the next stroke.

If any player exceeds the time allocated, he shall be deemed to have had a "Bad Time".

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

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

- 1 Bad Time: Player will be warned by the 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 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 penalised if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

13. DECIDING TIES

In the event of a tie for the first placing in the men’s category, the champion shall be decided by a hole-to-hole “sudden death” play-off from Hole 18 repeatedly until one player wins the hole.

In the event of a tie for the first placing in the ladies’ category, the champion shall be decided by a hole-to hole “sudden death” play-off from Hole 10 repeatedly until one player wins the hole.

The deciding of ties for all other positions will be based on the “count back” system (matching score cards) as follows:

- (a) The winner between the tied players shall be determined on the basis of the best score for the last day (18 holes).
- (b) If the tying players have the same score for the last day, the winner shall be determined on the basis of the last nine holes (10th - 18th Holes).
- (c) If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, the winner shall be determined on the basis of the last six holes (13th - 18th Holes).
- (d) If the tying players have the same score for the last six, the winner shall be determined on the basis of the last three holes (16th - 18 Holes).
- (e) If the tying players have the same score for the last three, the winner shall be determined on the basis of the 18th hole.
- (f) If the tying players have the same score for the 18th Hole, the winner shall be determined by lot.

Note: For any handicap prizes (Nett), appropriate 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 18th hole) shall be used for matching the scores and fractions shall not be disregarded.

14. TRANSPORTATION

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

Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred with a maximum penalty of four strokes for the round. The player must not commit the same breach within the same round, otherwise he shall be disqualified.

15. SERIOUS BREACH OF ETIQUETTE

A penalty of **DISQUALIFICATION** under Rule 33-7 will be imposed if the Committee determines that a player has committed "serious breach of etiquette" as follows:-

- i. Use of hand phone or other means during a stipulated round to disturb or distract other players.
- ii. Verbal abuse of fellow competitors, officials or staff.
- iii. Other unbecoming conduct or behavior.

16. TEEING GROUNDS

Men shall play from the **blue** tee.

Ladies shall play from the **red** tee.

Guests (On 29th April only) shall play from the **white** tee

17. 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 pages 140-141.

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

18. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

A player's score card is deemed officially returned in accordance with the Rules when he/she has deposited it in the card collection box at the score card return area.

19. RESULTS OF CHAMPIONSHIP – COMPETITION CLOSED

When the Championship trophy is presented to the winner, the results of the Competitions are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE