

MERDEKA CUP 2014

YAB Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud's Challenge Trophy

25th – 26th October 2014

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. MANAGEMENT

The Merdeka Cup 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the Tournament) shall be managed by an Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) set up by the hosting club, Kelab Golf Miri whose decisions in all matters relating to the Championship shall be final.

2. VENUE AND DATE

The Tournament will be played over the course of Kelab Golf Miri, Sarawak from Saturday 25th till Sunday 26th October 2014.

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY (MEN & LADIES)

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

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| (i) | Friday, 24 th October 2014 | Registration (2:00 PM-5:00 PM)
Practice Round (Last tee off/cross over at 1300 hours) |
| (ii) | Saturday, 25 th October 2014 | Registration (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)
First Round - Men & Ladies (PM Shotgun) |
| (iii) | Sunday, 26 th October 2014 | Second Round Men & Ladies (AM Shotgun)
Prize Presentation |

4. ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to male and female golfers who are Amateur Golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.

HANDICAP LIMITS

- Have a valid USGA Handicap Index of not more than **15.9** for men and **21.2** for ladies at the time of submission of entry. (Certification of the players' current Handicap Indices **MUST** be presented upon registration). Participants from non NHS Clubs and overseas with a maximum Course Handicap of **18 and below** (for men) and **24 and below** (for ladies) may enter but must present certification of handicap upon registration. Figures for September 2014 apply.
- Notwithstanding the above qualifying handicap, each competitor must use his/her NHS Handicap Index (or equivalent for non-Malaysian golfer) in effect on the date the Championship starts (i.e. figures for October 2014 apply) with a maximum of 15.9 for men and 21.2 for ladies. **Penalty for breach of rule: Disqualification.**
In case a player has more than one club handicap, the lowest one must be submitted for registration.

- Submission of entry is based on “**first come first served**” policy subject to a maximum number of players from each Golf Club as indicated below.
- 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 Committee reserves the ultimate right to accept participants which they deemed eligible.

- The field will be limited to 80 for the men's event.

Entries are limited to :

Kelab Golf Miri	: 30	Damai Golf and Country Club	: 5
Kelab Golf Bintulu	: 10	Samarahan Country Club	: 5
Kelab Golf Sibul	: 5	Kelab Golf Penjara	: 2
Kelab Golf Sarawak	: 5	Eastwood Valley Golf & C Club	: 5
Others	: 13		

The field will be limited to 24 players for the ladies' event

Entries are limited to :

Kelab Golf Miri	: 7	Damai Golf and Country Club	: 2
Kelab Golf Bintulu	: 3	Samarahan Country Club	: 2
Kelab Golf Sibul	: 2	Kelab Golf Penjara	: 2
Kelab Golf Sarawak	: 2	Eastwood Valley Golf & C Club	: 2
Others	: 2		

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

5. FORMAT OF PLAY

MEN and LADIES

The tournament shall be decided by stroke play over two (2) rounds of 18 holes each, subject to the Committee's right in the event of circumstances which make the playing of 36 holes impracticable, to cancel any round at its discretion.

6. PRIZES

Men's Overall 36 holes 8 Gross 5 Nett

Ladies' Overall 36 holes 3 Gross 2 Nett

1st & 2nd Round Prizes for the Men's and Ladies' Event - 1 Gross per round
- 1 Nett per round

Restrictions

- A competitor shall be entitled to win one overall prize (including daily prizes) only with the Gross event taking priority over the Nett event.

Exception – Hole-in-one prizes, novelty prizes and invited guest prizes.

In the case of hole-in-one prizes, if there is more than one winner for the whole duration of the championships, the prizes shall be shared equally by all the winners. Furthermore, any player who scores a hole-in-one must complete the particular round to qualify for the hole-in-one prize unless emergency conditions prohibit the player from doing so.

- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to adjust and alter the numbers and values of prizes.

7. ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

- Entry fee of RM150.00 per person covers all breakfast and lunches and access to 1 practice round for all participants No refunds will be entertained if withdrawal from the competition is made after the closing date.
- Caddy fees shall be a minimum of RM45 per round and is payable directly to the caddy by each player at the conclusion of the round.

Note: Although we try as much as possible to get caddies of all participants, the Committee cannot guarantee there will be sufficient caddies. All participants must be prepared for the worst scenario of playing without caddies. Please further note that participants are allowed to bring their personal caddies.

- c. All entries are to be made on the Official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Office by **Monday 6th October 2014 at 12:00 noon**.
- d. Entries are to be submitted with the entry form, accompanied by the relevant fees and duly certified by the competitor's Club Captain or Secretary or Club Manager. Any entry without a duly signed entry form shall not be entertained.
- e. Cheques/bank drafts are to be made payable to '**Kelab Golf Miri**'. Entry forms without payments will **not** be accepted.
- f. Entrance fee can be alternatively banked into **Ambank, A/C No: 0192011006822** (attach your bank-in slip together with the 'Entry Form')
- g. 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 **6th October 2014 at 12:00 noon** and a fee of RM100.00 is chargeable for such cancellation. There will be no goodies and substitutions are not 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 2014-2015", these Conditions of Competitions and any additional Conditions of Competitions together with the Local Rules established by the Committee will apply.

10. DRAWS & STARTING TIMES

The Committee will make the draws and the starting times for the rounds on **Monday, 20th October 2014** and these 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. The Committee reserves the right to vary the starting times, at its absolute discretion, before 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 I Part C-4 on pages 140-141.

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.

Only invited guests and only on special permission from the Committee may ride on motorized transport for the round.

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. 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 the card submission area.

14. TEEING GROUNDS

Men shall play from Blue Tee.

Ladies shall play from Red Tee.

15. 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**

16. INDEMNITY / LIABILITIES

In signing the Entry Form, participants in this Tournament 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 Tournament.

17. DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINTS

Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules shall be referred to any of the appointed referees as soon as possible on completion of the round before the player submits his score card and in any case not later than 15 minutes after completing the round.

18. RESULT OF CHAMPIONSHIP-COMPETITION COSED

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

19. OTHERS

Golf Insurance cover: Every participant must be adequately covered by an appropriate golf insurance throughout the duration of the championships. On registration, the participant must produce proof of such insurance cover failing which he/she must pay to the club RM10 for insurance cover for each round.

- ORGANIZING COMMITTEE -