

# 28<sup>TH</sup> KELAB GOLF MIRI AMATEUR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

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**18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

## **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 host club, will apply under Rule 33-1:-

### **1. MANAGEMENT**

The 28<sup>th</sup> Kelab Golf Miri Amateur Open Golf Championships 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the championships) shall be managed by a Tournament Committee (hereinafter referred to as The Committee) appointed by the Organizing Committee. The Committee reserves the right to amend the conditions and decisions in all matters relating to the Championship shall be final.

### **2. VENUE AND DATE**

The Championships will be played over the course of Kelab Golf Miri, Sarawak from Friday 18th till Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

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

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

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|-------|----------|--------------------------------|--|
| (i)   | Thursday | 17th November 2016             | Registration (2:00 PM-5:00 PM)<br>Practice Round (Last tee off/cross over at 1300 hours) |
| (ii)  | Friday   | 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 | First Round - Men & Ladies (AM & PM)   |
| (iii) | Saturday | 19th November 2016             | Second Round - Men & Ladies (AM & PM)  |
| (iv)  | Sunday   | 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2016 | Final Round - Men & Ladies ( AM )<br>Prize Presentation                                  |

### **4. ELIGIBILITY**

The Championships are open to all 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 **12.9** for men and **16.5** 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 **14 and below** (for men) and **18 and below** (for ladies) may enter but must present certification of handicap upon registration.
- 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 September 2016 apply) with a maximum of 12.6 for men and 16.5 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 120 for the men’s event.

Entries are limited to :

Kelab Golf Miri	: 45	Damai Golf and Country Club	: 2
Kelab Golf Bintulu	: 20	Samarahan Country Club	: 5
Kelab Golf Sibul	: 8	Kelab Golf Penjara	: 2
Kelab Golf Sarawak	: 10	Eastwood Valley Golf & C Club	: 3
Pantai Menteri Golf Club	: 8	Panaga Golf Club	: 10
Others	: 8		

The field will be limited to 30 players for the ladies’ event

Entries are limited to :

Kelab Golf Miri	: 12	Panaga Golf Club	: 4
Kelab Golf Bintulu	: 4	Kelab Golf Sibul	: 2
Kelab Golf Sarawak	: 2	Others	: 6

**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 Championships 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 whereby the field will be reduced to only **28 (Men) and only 12 (ladies)** 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 Net stroke play over daily 18 holes for daily event.
- The overall winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest **NET** score over 36 holes.

#### *Invited Guest Event*

- Play only on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in conjunction with the Championships.
- It shall be played under handicap Stableford format over 18 holes.
- The winner shall be the invited guest who returns the highest score of Stableford points.

## 6. PRIZES

### MEN

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

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| a) Championship Event (Gross)                              | - 1 <sup>st</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> placings |
| b) Handicap Event (Net) 36 Holes                           | - 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> placings |
| c) Daily Event for 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> day | - One best Gross & One best Net               |
| d) Final Round   | - One best Net                                |

### LADIES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

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| a) Championship Event (Gross)                              | - 1 <sup>st</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> placings |
| b) Handicap Event (Net) 36 Holes                           | - 1 <sup>st</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> placings |
| c) Daily Event for 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> day | - One best Gross & one best Net               |
| d) Final Round   | - One best Net                                |

### Prize Restrictions:

- A competitor shall be entitled to win one overall prize (including daily prizes) only with the Gross event taking priority over the Net event.  
Exception – Final round Qualifier prizes, hole-in-one 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 stipulated round to qualify for the hole-in-one prize unless emergency conditions prohibit the player from doing so. The winner or winners of Hole-In-One in processing the Hole-In-One Prize shall bear all administrative costs if any and also the GST of the Hole-In-One Prize.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to adjust and alter the numbers and value of prizes.

## 7. ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

- a. The entry fee of RM200.00 per person covers breakfasts, lunches, goodies, and access to One (1) practice round for all participants. 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 **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 12:00 noon**.
- c. 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 accepted.
- d. Cheques /bank drafts are to be made payable to '**Kelab Golf Miri**'. Entry forms without payments will **not** be accepted.
- e. Entrance fee can be alternatively 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.
- g. The Committee reserves the right to decline any entry or entries in its discretion without having to provide any reason for doing so.

## 8. WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal from the Championship will not be entertained after **4<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 12:00 noon** and a fee of RM150.00 is chargeable for such cancellation. There will be no goodies and substitutions are not allowed for such cancellation of entries.

**9. LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS**

Any driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft, that is named on the 2016 List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R & A.

**Exception:** A driver with a club head 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** -

**10. LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS**

The ball the player plays must be named in the 2016 List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R & A.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: DISQUALIFICATION**

**11. 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 2016-2017”, and any additional Conditions of Competition together with the Local Rules established by The Committee will apply.

**12. DRAWS & STARTING TIMES**

- a. The Committee will make the draws and the starting times for the first two rounds on **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016** 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 based on the gross scores returned in the first 36 holes. 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.

**13. 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 B-4.

Note: A 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.

**14. TRANSPORTATION**

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

If The Committee decides to allow buggy usages due to shortage of caddy, the buggy shall be driven by a shared caddy and players must not ride on the buggy.

Exception: Invited guests playing on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

**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.

15. **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, in groups of four, is 4 hours 40 minutes.

**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.

16. **DECISION OF TIES**

In the event of a tie for the overall **CHAMPION (either for the Men's or Ladies' Event)**, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue in a "sudden death" play off from Hole 18 for men and Hole 10 for ladies repeatedly until the winner is decided.

In the event of a tie for any other positions (for both the Men's or Ladies' Event), 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 Net 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 any case, if the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.

**17. 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 zone.

**18. TEEING GROUNDS**

Men shall play from Blue Tee.

Ladies shall play from Red Tee.

Invited Guests shall play from White Tee (men) and Red Tee (ladies)

**19. 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**

**20. INDEMNITY / LIABILITIES**

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

**21. DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINTS**

Any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules shall be referred to any of the appointed referee 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.

**22. 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.

**23. CADDIE and BUGGY**

- (a) Caddy shall be assigned to the player who will be responsible to pay for caddy fees. A competitor may engage any caddy other than those provided by the Committee but he/she must get prior approval from The Tournament Director.
- (b) If caddies are insufficient for any round, players in the same group shall be provided with a buggy and shall only be used to carry clubs and equipment of players in the same group sharing the buggy. The buggy must be driven by a shared caddy.

Any player in the same group having his own caddy must not utilize the buggy to carry his clubs and equipment.

**24. OTHERS**

A separate Competition Event for the Invited Guests shall be played concurrently on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Invited Guests are also entitled to participate in the contention for Hole-In-One prizes and the lucky draw event. The Committee can decide the handicap Indexes of Invited Guests.

Golf Insurance: Every participant must be adequately covered by golf insurance throughout the duration of the championships. Upon registration, the participant must produce proof of such insurance's coverage failing which he/she must pay RM10 insurance fee for each round.

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