



**33<sup>rd</sup> MERDEKA CUP 2019**  
(TYT Tun Pehin Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud's Challenge Trophy)

**31<sup>st</sup> August & 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019**

**TERMS OF COMPETITION**

The following Terms of Competition, together with any additions or amendments as published by the Tournament Committee (hereinafter called the Committee) at the golf course will apply to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Merdeka Cup 2019-Men and Ladies. The decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.

**1. DATE & VENUE**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Merdeka Cup will be played on **31<sup>st</sup> August & 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019** at Kelab Golf Miri.

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

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

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| (i)   | Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2019   | Registration<br>Practice Round ( last tee off/Cross over at 12:00 P M) | (2:00 P M- 5:00 P M)  |
| (ii)  | Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2019 | Registration<br>First Round  | (9:00 A M – 11:30 P M)<br>Men and Ladies<br>(Shotgun 12:00 P M) |
| (iii) | Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2019 | Final Round<br>Prize presentation                                      | Men and Ladies<br>(Shotgun 7:30 A M )                           |

**3. ELIGIBILITY**

Entries are open to Male and Female golfers who are Amateur golfers in Rules Limited.

- The Committee reserves the right to adjust the handicap index for entry if deemed necessary .
- The Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving any reason.
- The Committee reserves the right to increase the number of entries for Men and Ladies if it deemed necessary.
- The Field will be limited to 80 players for Men's event.

Kelab Golf Miri	30	Kelab Golf Bintulu	18
Kelab Golf Sibul	4	Samarahan Country Club	4
Kelab Golf Sarawak	10	Damai Golf and Country Club	4
Others	10		

- The field will also be limited to 20 Players for Ladies' event.

Kelab golf Miri	10	Kelab Golf Bintulu	4
Kelab Golf Sarawak	4	Others	2

#### **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.
- Certificate of the player's current Handicap Index **MUST** be presented upon Registration. Participants from non-NHS clubs may enter but must present their Handicap certificates upon Registration.

#### **4. FORMAT OF PLAY**

The Tournament will be decided by Stroke Play over **2 rounds of 18 holes**. The Championship is **Gross** taking precedence over Nett.

The Tournament 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 competition impossible.

#### **5. ENTRY FORM, ENTRANCE FEE AND CLOSING DATE**

Duly completed entry form together with an entrance fee of **RM215.00** must reach **Kelab Golf Miri** on or before the closing date of **19<sup>th</sup> August 2019**.

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

Entrance Fee includes Buggy fee for two rounds, Day1 Lunch and Prize Presentation Lunch.

Entry Fee in the form of Cheques /Bank drafts are to be made payable to **KELAB GOLF MIRI** or be banked into its Account No. **3083181308, PUBLIC BANK BERHAD**.

All payments for Home club members are to be debited to their respective membership's Accounts.

#### **6. WITHDRAWAL**

Entry Fees will not be refunded if withdrawal is made after 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

#### **7. DRAWS & STARTING TIMES**

The Committee will make the draws and starting times for the first round and will be posted at the Clubhouse on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at 12:00 P M. Such posting will be considered to be sufficient notice to the players. The draw for the final round will be done according to the scores, the lowest scores will tee off last from the first tee and the highest scores will tee off last from the tenth tee.

8. **PRIZES**

Men's Gross over 36 holes	-	10 prizes
Men's Nett over 36 holes	-	4 prizes
Daily prizes	-	1 Gross 1 Nett
Ladies' Gross over 36 holes	-	3 prizes
Ladies' Nett over 36 holes	-	2 prizes
Daily prizes	-	1 Gross 1 Nett

Each competitor is eligible to win one prize only with the exception of novelty prize. If he is in contention for a prize in both the Gross and Nett 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 equally shared if there is more than one winner.

***The Tournament Committee reserves the right to vary the number of prizes at its absolute discretion.***

9. **PACE OF PLAY (Rule 5.6b(3))**

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The Time Sheet allotted for the completion of each and 18 holes will be determined by the Chief Referee and will be displayed on tournament notice board.

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable is to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and, in the case of second or subsequent groups, Out Of Position.

The first group and any other group after a starter's gap will be " Out Of Position " if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceed the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be "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 completed.

From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a "first to play "approach shot (Including Par 3 tee shot ), chip or putt, or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or 'second or third to play shot', he is deemed to have a bad time.

A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

Penalty for Breach of Pace Of Play:

- 1 bad time - Verbal warning from Referee
- 2 bad times - 1 stroke penalty
- 3 bad times - 2 strokes penalty
- 4 bad times - Disqualification

Notes:

- (1) Players will be advised that they are being times.
- (2) Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the referee that it is the player's turn to play.
- (3) In some circumstances, an individual or two players within a group of three, may be timed rather than the whole group.

#### **10. DECIDING TIES**

In the event of a tie for the first place in the Gross event, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off to decide the winner for Men or Ladies. Other positions for the gross event will be decided by the matching score cards in the following order:

- Last 18 holes
- Last 9 holes
- Last 6 holes
- Last 3 holes
- The last hole

If the tie still undecided, it shall be decided by Lot.

In the event of a tie for the first place in the Nett event and any other positions, the tie shall be decided by the count back system of matching score cards in the following order:

- Last 18 holes
- Last 9 holes
- Last 6 holes
- Last 3 holes
- The last hole

If the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.

#### **11. TRANSPORTATION and CADDIES**

Players shall use buggy on a twin sharing basis unless he/she is the odd one in the group.

If the Committee decides to revoke the usage of buggies due to extreme weather condition, all players must walk for that round or the next round.

Upon buggy transportation declared Out Of Usage by the committee for a round or rounds, Local Rule for Transportation applies with immediate effect:

During a round, a player or caddy must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee.

(A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of Stroke and Distance is always authorized to ride on transportation.)

Penalty for Breach Of Local Rule:

- The player gets the General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule.

- If the Breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

A player must not have host club unregistered caddy as his/her caddie during the round. Exception: Unless he seeks approval from the Committee prior to the Start of the round.

Penalty for Breach Of Local Rule:

- The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which he/she is helped by such caddie.

- If the breach happens or continue between two holes, the player gets the General Penalty for the next hole.

## 12. **STANDARDS OF PLAYER CONDUCT**

The followings are considered serious breach of Standard of Player Conduct (Rule 1.2)

- Damaging Club property including putting green.
- Deliberating moving tee-markers.
- Deliberating distracting other players while they are making strokes.
- Throwing 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

## 13. **TEeing GROUND**

Men players shall play from the **BLUE** tee.

Lady players shall play from the **RED** tee.

## 14. **INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY**

In signing the Entry Form, participant in this Tournament shall indemnify and not hold liable MGA, SGA, the Sponsors, the Organizer or the Host Club for any loss or damages to their equipment or personnel belongings or harm or any form of injuries that the participants of the Tournament may suffer as a result of the participation in this Tournament.

## 15. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO DANGEROUS SITUATION (RULE 5.7)**

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

Immediate stop/Dangerous Situation : **1 prolonged note of a siren**  
Normal non-dangerous situation : **3 consecutive notes of a siren**  
Resume play : **2 Consecutive notes of a siren**

**16. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD**

A player's score card is deemed officially returned to the Committee when he/she has dropped his/her score card in the cards collection box at the recording area.

**17. DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINTS/APPEAL COMMITTEE**

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

**18. DECISIONS**

If the Committee has appointed a Referee, his decision is final (Rule 20.2a)  
In the absence of a Referee, any dispute or doubtful point on the rules shall be referred to the Committee, whose decision shall be final.(Rule 20.2b)

**19. RESULTS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP-COMPETITION CLOSED**

When the Championship trophy is presented to the winner (both Men or Ladies), the results of the Competition are deemed officially announced and the competition is closed.

**TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**