

# 31<sup>st</sup> KELAB GOLF MIRI AMATEUR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

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20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</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 host club, will apply to the 31<sup>st</sup> Kelab GOLF MIRI AMATEUR GOLF OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2019- MEN and LADIES. The decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.

### 1. VENUE AND DATE

The Championships will be played at the course of Kelab Golf Miri, Sarawak from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> till Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019.

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

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

(i) Thursday	19th SEPTEMBER 2019	Registration	- (2:00 PM - 5:00 PM)
		Practice Round	(Last tee off/cross over at 1200 hours)
(ii) Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019	First Round	- Men & Ladies (AM & PM)
(iii) Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019	Second Round	- Men & Ladies (AM & PM)
(iv) Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019	Final Round	- Men & Ladies (AM)
		Prize Presentation	- (1:30 PM)

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

The Championship is open to all male and female 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 12.6 for MEN and 21.9 for LADIES at the time of submission of entry. (Certification of the player's current Handicap Index MUST be presented upon registration). Participants from non NHS Clubs and overseas with a maximum Course Handicap of 14 and below (for men) , 24 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 2019 apply) with a maximum of 12.6 for men and 21.9 for ladies.

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 serve” 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 before the closing date.
- The Handicap Limits do not apply to the Invited Guests on the final Day.
- The field will be limited to 128 for men’s event.

Entries are limited to:

Kelab Golf Miri	: 50	Damai Golf and Country Club	: 2
Kelab Golf Bintulu	: 20	Samarahan Country Club	: 2
Kelab Golf Sibul	: 8	Eastwood Valley Golf & C Club	: 2
Kelab Golf Sarawak	: 10	Panaga Golf Club	: 10
Pantai Menteri Golf Club	: 8	Others	: 16

The field will be limited to 32 players for ladies’ event.

Entries are limited to:

Kelab Golf Miri	: 14	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 deems necessary before the closing date.

#### 4. FORMAT OF PLAY

##### MEN and LADIES

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 whereby the field will be reduced to only 28 (Men) and 12 (ladies) leading competitors.

##### *Championship Event*

- It shall be decided by Stroke Play in gross 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 Net event shall be played in conjunction with the Championship.
- It shall be decided by 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 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 in conjunction with the Championship.
- It shall be played under Stableford Net format over 18 holes.
- The Committee may in its discretion before the start of this round reduce the number of Holes play to 9 Holes if it deems necessary due to any unforeseen circumstances.

5. **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> placing |
| b) Handicap Event (Net) 36 Holes                           | - 1 <sup>st</sup> to 3 <sup>rd</sup> placing |
| c) Daily Event for 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> day | - One best Gross & 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> placing |
| b) Handicap Event (Net) 36 Holes                           | - 1 <sup>st</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> placing |
| c) Daily Event for 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> day | - One best Gross & one best Net              |

**Prize Restrictions:**

- A competitor shall be entitled to win only ONE overall prize with Gross event taking precedence over Net event . Exception: Novelty prizes and qualifying prize.
- In the case of Hole-In-One prize(s), if there is more than one winner for the whole duration of the Championship, the prize(s) shall be shared equally by all the winners.
- For Hole-In-One Winner(s)whom receive(s) Hole -In-One prize in cash, a sum of 10% of his(her) total Cash Prize Money will be deducted as contributive Donation to the Host Club.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to adjust and alter the numbers and value of Prizes.

6. **ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE**

- An entry fee of RM380.00 per person which shall include Goodies, Welcoming Dinner, Day 1, Day 2 lunches, final round breakfast for qualifiers, Buggy fees for Round 1, Round 2, access to One (1) practice round for participants and prize presentation lunch.
- All entries are to be made on the Official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Office by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 5:00 PM.
- Entries are to be submitted with the entry form 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.
- Cheques /bank drafts are to be made payable to 'Kelab Golf Miri'. Entry forms without payments will not be accepted.
- Entrance fee can be alternatively banked into PUBLIC BANK, A/C No: 3083181308 (attach your bank-in slip together with the 'Entry Form')
- All payments of entrance fees for KGM members are to be debited to the respective member's accounts unless otherwise instructed.
- The Committee reserves the right to decline any entry or entries in its discretion without having to provide any reason for doing so.

7. **WITHDRAWAL**

Withdrawal from the Championship will not be refunded after 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019, an amount of RM150.00 is chargeable for such cancellation. Goodies will not be given and nominated substitution from that player is not allowed for such cancellation.

8. **DRAWS & STARTING TIMES**

The Committee will make the draws and the starting times for the first two rounds on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and these will be posted at the Club house. Such posting will be considered Sufficient notice to the players. The draw for the final round will be based on the gross scores returned. 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.

9. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION ( RULE 5.7)**

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

Immediate Stop/ dangerous situation : ONE PROLONGED NOTE OF A SIREN  
Normal Non-dangerous situation : THREE CONSECUTIVE NOTES OF A SIREN  
Resume play : TWO CONSECUTIVE NOTES OF A SIREN

When play is stopped in a dangerous situation, all practice areas are immediately closed.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE 5.7: DISQUALIFICATION**

10. **TRANSPORTATION AND CADDIE**

All players shall use buggies 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 wet course condition, all Players must walk for the following round or rounds of the competition.

This Local Rule applies only when buggies are declared not to be used for the round or rounds:

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

**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 two holes, it applies to the next hole.

A player must not employ any caddie whom are not registered with the club.

Golf professional is not allowed to be a caddie of any player.

**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 continues between two holes, the player gets the General Penalty for the next hole.

11. **PACE OF PLAY (RULE 5.6b(3))**

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

From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'First to play' approach shot (including a par 3 shot), chips 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.

The time allowed will be determined by the Chief Referee and will be published on the notice board. The first group and any group after a starter's gap will 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 'Out Of Position' if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for number of holes completed.

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.

**Penalty for Breach of Pace of Play Policy:**

1 bad time - Verbal warning from Referee

2 bad times - 1 stroke penalty

3 bad times - 2 strokes penalty

4 bad times - Disqualification

**Notes:**

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

**12. 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
- f. If the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.

**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.

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

15. **STANDARD OF PLAYER CONDUCT ON COURSE**

The following are considered serious breach of Standards of Player Conduct (Rule 1.2):

- Damaging club property including putting green.
- Deliberately moving tee-markers.
- Deliberately distracting other players while they are making strokes.
- Throwing a club towards another player or spectator.
- Swearing 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

16. **INDEMNITY / LIABILITIES**

In signing this Entry Form, participants in this championship 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 personal belongings or harm or any form of injuries that the participants may suffer as a result of the participation in this championship.

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

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

18. **RESULT OF CHAMPIONSHIP-COMPETITION COSED**

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

19. **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).

20. **RESULT OF CHAMPIONSHIP**

When the Championship Trophy is presented to the winner (Men and Ladies), the results of the Competition are officially announced, and the Competition is closed.

21. **OTHERS**

All participants must be duly covered by golfer insurance policy throughout the duration of the Championship. Upon registration, the participants must produce proof of such insurance's coverage failing which he/she is required by the Host club's By-Law to pay RM10 insurance fee for each round.

