

15TH KGM JUNIOR AMATEUR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

(YB DATUK SEBASTIAN TING CHALLENGE TROPHY)

3rd – 4th December 2019

TERMS OF COMPETITION

The following Local Rules and Terms of Competition, together with any additions or amendments published by The Committee on the relevant entry form or at the golf course, will apply to this Championship:-

1. MANAGEMENT

The 15th KGM Junior Amateur Open Golf Championship 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the championship) shall be managed by an Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) whose decisions in all matters relating to the Championship shall be final.

2. VENUE AND DATE

The Championship will be played over the course of Kelab Golf Miri, Sarawak on TUESDAY 3rd and WEDNESDAY 4th December 2019.

3. RULES OF PLAY

The Rules of Golf effective January 2019 as approved by R&A Rules Ltd and their interpretations as contained in the “Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2019”, these Terms of Competitions and any additional Terms of Competitions together with the Local Rules established by the Committee for the Championship will apply.

4. FORMAT

The championship is a solely gross event and will be decided by stroke play over 2 rounds of 18 holes each for all Boys and Girls Classes. The Committee may cancel any round if it considers the course not in a playable condition or if there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES

The Championship is open to all boys and girls who are Amateur Golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.

All participating boys and girls must have valid golf handicaps

Classes are assigned as per the tables below and age limits would be based on the player’s actual age as on the final day of the championship, 4th December 2019.

Any player may choose to upgrade to a higher class but no player may downgrade to a lower class.

BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>USGA Handicap</u>
Class A	15-17 years(born between 5-12-2001 to 4-12-2004)	All handicaps
Class B	13-14 years (born between 5-12-2004 to 4-12-2006)	All handicaps
Class C	11-12 years (born between 5-12-2006 to 4-12-2008)	All handicaps
Class D	10 years and under (born on or after 5-12-2008)	All handicaps

If there are less than 5 entries for any class, the Committee may, at its absolute discretion, combine players in that class with players in any other class or classes.

6. SIZE OF FIELD

The field shall be limited to 100 players on first come first served basis

7. ENTRY FORM AND CLOSING DATE

- a. Entry fee of RM180 per person covers 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.
- b. All entries are to be made on the Official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Office by **Tuesday 19th November 2019 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 entertained.
- 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 **Public Bank, A/C No: 3083181308** (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. All entries will be subject to the approval of the Committee which reserves the rights to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving any reason for its decision.

WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal from the Championship will not be entertained after **19th November 2019 at 12:00 noon** and a fee of RM50.00 is chargeable for such cancellation. There will be no goodies and substitutions are not allowed for such cancellation of entries.

8. DRAW

For the first round, players belonging to the same class shall be drawn together unless the Committee determines otherwise

For the final round, draw for the leader groups shall be based on the scores returned in the first round by players for those classes playing from the same teeing grounds.

Tee times and groups will be posted on the notice boards at the Club house and at the Information Desk at the official hotel, Imperial Hotel.

The Committee reserves the rights to vary the draw and starting times at its own discretion.

9. PRIZES

- (a) The overall champion shall be awarded with the KGM Junior Amateur Open Golf Championship Trophy (Best player from Boys and girls Classes A and B combined)
- (b) Winner and two runners up in each of the Classes A, B, C and D in both boys and girls categories

The Committee may, at its absolute discretion, determine the number of prizes for any of the classes as it deems fit.

10. DECISION OF TIES

In the event of a tie for the overall championship, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue in a "sudden death" play off from Hole 18 repeatedly for boys and Hole 10 for girls repeatedly until the winner is decided.

In the event of a tie for any other placing for all classes, 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

If the tie is still undecided after matching scorecards, the winner shall be determined by lot.

11. TEEING GROUNDS

BOYS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Tee</u>
Class A	Blue
Class B	Blue
Class C	White
Class D	Gold

GIRLS

<u>Class</u>	<u>Tee</u>
Class A	Red
Class B	Red
Class C	Red
Class D	Gold

12. TRANSPORTATION

Classes A and B (boys and girls)

During a round, a player 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 motorized transportation. 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.

Classes C and D (boys and girls)

All players must use buggies throughout the event. Where possible 2 players shall share one buggy except where the player is the odd one out. All buggies must be driven by the players' caddies. In the event of a caddy being unavailable, a parent, friend or relative (not withstanding Clause 13) may drive the buggy but in which case, the person driving the buggy is a caddie according to the rules.

13. CADDIES

Classes A and B (boys and girls)

Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player must not have a caddie during the round. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which he or she is helped by a caddie. If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.

Classes C and D (boys and girls)

Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player must not have a coach, parent, friend or relative as his or her caddie during the round. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which he or she is helped by such a caddie. If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole. (Exception: where compelled in Clause 12 above).

14. 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 to start will be considered “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 a decision is made to time the players, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing and a referee will advise each player that they are “out of position” and they are being timed.
2. The maximum time allocated per stroke is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:
 - a tee shot on a par 3 hole;
 - An approach shot to the green; and
 - A chip or a putt.

The timing will start when a player has had enough time to reach the ball, it is his or her turn to play and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments on the line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

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

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF Local Rule:

Penalty for first breach -- one stroke penalty

Penalty for the second -- General Penalty applied in addition to the penalty for the first breach

Penalty for the third breach - - 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.

15. PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

Players are entitled to one free practice round the day before the championship (2nd December 2019).

16. INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO DANGEROUS SITUATION

In the event that inclement weather should preclude the completion of the championship, the Committee will meet immediately and notify the participants of its decision

17. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signalled by a prolonged note of a horn. All other suspensions will be signalled by three consecutive short notes of a horn, repeated. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by two short notes of a horn, repeated. See Rule 5.7b.

18. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

A player's score card 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.

19. INDEMNITY / LIABILITIES

In signing the Entry Form, participants in this Championship shall indemnify and not hold liable, Sarawak Golf Association, 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 Championship.

20. 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.

21. RESULT OF CHAMPIONSHIP-COMPETITION CLOSED

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

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE -

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