**THE 21st BORNEO LADIES GOLF CHALLENGE TROPHY 2020**

**19th-20th March 2020**

**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 21st Borneo Ladies Golf Challenge Trophy 2020 (BLGCT 2020) is under the management of the Tournament Committee jointly formed by the Organising Chair of BLGCT 2020, the Tournament Director and other golf referees. This Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship Conditions and the decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.

**2. VENUE & DATES**

The 21st Borneo Ladies Golf Challenge Trophy 2020 shall be held at Kelab Golf Miri from 18th to 20th March 2020.

**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 BLGCT 2020 will apply.

**4. FORMAT**

**(a) Team Event**

The Team Event will take precedence over Individual Events.

There will be a singular team from each of the following 4 territories: Sarawak, Sabah, Brunei Darussalam and Labuan.

The Team Event will be decided by stroke play over 2 rounds of 18 holes. The Team with the lowest aggregate Nett scores will be the winner.

Each Team shall consist of four (4) players who shall be the players registered under that territory who returned the 4 best aggregate 36 hole nett scores at the completion of the 2 rounds. In the event that any or all of the 2 rounds cannot be completed due to unforeseen circumstances like inclement weather etc, the tournament committee would meet and decide on the procedure to determine the team composition and its decision on this matter shall be final.

**(b) Individual Events**

A Players will elect on the Entry Form, the Category she wishes to participate in, failing which, she will play in the Open Event. All players aged 18 years or younger must play in the Junior Event.

The individual events will be decided by stroke play over 2 rounds of 18 holes. The individual events are Nett taking precedence over Gross.

i. Open Event (aged 19 years and above)

ii. Senior Event (aged 55 to 69 years)

iii. Super Senior Event (aged 70 years and above)

iv. Junior Event (aged 15-18 years)

The Tournament Committee may cancel any round or rounds if it determines that the course is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible.

**5. ELIGIBILITY AND HANDICAP**

Entries are open to all lady amateur golfers, including junior players aged 15-18 years, who are citizens or residents of the respective regions with a current NHS/USGA Handicap Index of 32.7 & below or a maximum Course Handicap of 36. In the event that a player has more than one handicap then her lowest handicap shall be used for the Championship. It is the sole responsibility of the players to declare their lowest handicap. Failure to comply shall result in DISQUALIFICATION in the Handicap event.

Handicap will be adjusted after Round 1 in accordance with the Modification Table in paragraph 20. Miscellaneous (c) below.

**6. THE FIELD**

Entries are limited to **144** players from Golf Clubs in Sarawak, Sabah, Brunei Darussalam and Labuan. Quotas allocated for each territories are as follows:-

Sarawak : 48 players

Sabah : 48 players

Brunei Darussalam : 24 players

Labuan : 24 players

Should a territory/region not be able to fill its quota, another may take up their slots on a first come first served basis. The Championship will proceed with a minimum of 40 players.

**7. ENTRY FORM, ENTRY FEE AND CLOSING DATE**

The entry fee for the Tournament shall be RM250 exclusive of buggy fees.

Duly completed entry form together with the entry fee must reach the Tournament Committee, Kelab Golf Miri, Sarawak on or before 12:00 noon 15th February 2020 (Fax No: 6085-417848). Entries by telephone or without payment will not be accepted.

The entry fee is not refundable if cancellation is made after the closing date but the player is entitled to her goodie bag.

All entries will be subjected to the approval of the Tournament Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving any reason for its decision.

**8. TIMES OF STARTING AND GROUPS**

The times of starting and groups for the Championship shall be established by the Tournament Committee and posted on KGM Notice Board on 18th March 2020. Such posting is deemed to be sufficient notice to the players.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to vary the draw and starting times at its absolute discretion.

**9. PRIZES**

**(a) Team Event (Open to all participants except Juniors)**

 Winner - 4 prizes + 4 trophies

 1st Runner-up - 4 prizes + 4 trophies

 2nd Runner-up - 4 prizes + 4 trophies

 3rd Runner-up - 4 prizes + 4 trophies

**(b) Individual Events**

i. Open Event (Aged 19 years and above)

 Nett 36 holes - 6 prizes

 Gross 36 holes - 6 prizes

ii. Senior Event (Aged 55-69 years)

 Nett 36 holes - 3 prizes

 Gross 36 holes - 3 prizes

iii. Super Senior Event (Aged 70 years and above)

 Nett 36 holes - 1 prize

iv. Junior Event (Aged 15-18 years)

 Nett 36 holes - 3 prizes (for minimum of 10 players)

v. Daily Prizes (Open to all participants except Juniors)

 Nett - 2 prizes per round

 Gross - 2 prizes per round

**(c) Limitation of Prizes**

**\*** Each competitor is eligible to win one prize only with the exception of novelty prizes. If she is in contention for a prize in both Gross and Nett events, she will be awarded the better of the two prizes in terms of value.

\* The Tournament Committee reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of prizes in any category.

**10. DECIDING TIES Team Event**

**Team Event**

In the event of a tie for all places, the tie shall be decided by a count back system of matching score cards of the players with the lowest aggregate Nett scores in the following order:

i Last 18 holes;

ii Last 9 holes;

iii. Last 6 holes;

iv. Last 3 holes;

v. Last hole.

If, after matching score cards as above, the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.

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**11. TEEING AREAS**

All players shall tee off the red teeing areas.

**12. TRANSPORTATION**

All players may use buggies on a twin sharing basis unless she is the odd one out in the group.

**13. 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 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 completed. Any following group will be considered “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 played.

**(b) Procedure When Group is Out of Position:**

1. If a 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:

• from the teeing area on a par three hole;

• an approach shot; and

• a chip or putt

The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach her ball, it is her turn to play and she 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 her ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on her line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

If any player exceeds the time allocated, she shall be deemed to have had a “Bad Time”.

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 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 penalised if she has a second bad time before being advised of her earlier bad time.

**14. 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 siren/horn. All other suspensions will be signalled by three consecutive short notes of a siren/horn, repeated. In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by two short notes of a siren/horn, repeated. See Rule 5.7b.

**15. RETURNING OF SCORECARDS**

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.

**16. 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.

**17.** **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.

**18. INDEMNITY AND LIABILITIES**

All golfers must have valid golf insurance. In signing the Entry Form, participants in this Championship shall indemnify and not hold liable, Sarawak Golf Association, the Sponsors, the Organisers 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.

**19. MISCELLANEOUS**

1. **Programme**

Day 1 18th March: Practice Round, Registration, Welcome Tea and Rules Briefing

Day 2 17th March: Round 1, Lunch, Captains Meeting

Day 3 18th March: Round 2, Lunch, Prize Presentation Dinner

**(b) Enquires**

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**(c) Handicap Modification Table**

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|  | Number of strokes played under par |
|  | 9 or more | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Handicap | Handicap reduced by |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Up to 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6 – 12 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| 13 -20 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 21 – 28 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 29 – 36 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

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