

KGM SENIOR AMATEUR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

(Revision 1, 25th May 2023)

24th & 25th June 2023

TERMS OF COMPETITION

The following Terms Of Competition (TOC), together with any additions or amendments as published by the Tournament Committee (hereinafter called the committee) at the golf course will apply to the KGM Senior Amateur Open Golf Championship. The decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.

1. DATE & VENUE

The event will be played on **24th & 25th June 2023** at **Kelab Golf Miri, Miri, Sarawak**

2. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Remark</u>
Fri	23 rd June 2023	Registration	2:00pm - 5:00pm
		Practice Round	last tee off / cross over at 12pm
Sat	24 th June 2023	First Round	
Sun	25 th June 2023	Final Round	
		Prize Presentation	

3. ELIGIBILITY

Men age 55 & Above. Entries are open to Male 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 if it deemed necessary.

The Field will be limited to 140 players for Men's event.

Kelab Golf Miri	60 players
Others	80 players

HANDICAP LIMITS

Have a valid WHS USGA Handicap Index of not more than **17.5** for at the time of submission of entry.

Certificate of the player's current Handicap Index **MUST** be presented upon Registration. Participants from non-WHS 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 **RM350.00** must reach **Kelab Golf Miri** on or before the closing date of **1st June 2023**.

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

Entrance Fee includes Buggy fee for two rounds, Day 1 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. **511186102932, MAYBANK BERHAD (Current Account)**.

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 1st June 2023.

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 22nd June 2023 at 4:00PM. 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. Staggered teeing off using/from the 1st nine tee box and the 2nd nine tee box.

8. PRIZES

Senior Gross Over 36 holes		10 prizes
Senior Nett over 36 holes		3 prizes
Senior Nett 18 holes	Day 1	1 Nett
	Day 2	1 Nett
Super Senior Nett Over 36 holes (70 years old and above)	1st	1 prizes
	2nd	1 prizes
Super Senior Nett 18 holes (70 years old and above)	Day 1	1 prizes
	Day 2	1 prizes

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 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 notice board.

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.

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 40 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. 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 (if any)**

Players shall use buggy on a twin sharing basis unless he 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 the next round.

Once buggy transportation declared Out Of Usage by the committee, 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 caddy 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 is helped by such caddy.

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)

- i. Damaging Club property including putting green.
- ii. Deliberating moving tee-markers.
- iii. Deliberating distracting other players while they are making strokes.
- iv. Throwing club towards another player or spectator.
- v. Using vulgar or offensive language.
- vi. 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

Senior (55years old above)	White Tee
Super Senior (70years old above)	Red Tee

*Using both 1st nine and 2nd nine tee box.

14. INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY

In signing the Entry Form, participant in this Tournament shall indemnify and not hold liable the Organisers, The Committee or Management of the Host Clubs shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the players, spectators, may suffer because of their participation at any of The Tournament.

15. INSURANCE

All players MUST have a VALID Golf Insurance.

16. FORECADDIES

To facilitate a smooth pace of play, safety, and to assist players in searching for their balls, forecaddies shall be placed at strategic points where possible. Whenever a forecaddie is available, he/she is there to assist a player as indicated above and shall not be deemed as part of The Committee.

NOTE

Any error made by a forecaddie is not the responsibility of The Committee. A player may accept and/or follow the information given by a forecaddie or otherwise.

17. PLAYING BY THE RULES

All play shall be in accordance with the **Rules of Golf** as approved by the R&A Rules Limited together with Any **Local Rules** or those approved by The Committee.

It is important that players read the Local Rules prior to the start of a Tournament. As per **Rule 1.3** of the Rules of Golf published by the R&A Rules Limited. "A penalty applies to you when a breach of a Rule results from your own actions, the actions of your caddie, or the actions of another person acting with your authority or knowledge."

All Questions and Disputes shall be settled by The Committee whose decisions shall be final.

18. CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS

Drivers must conform to the Rules of Golf (**Rule 4.1**) and must not be in the current list of Non-Conforming Drivers issued by the R&A Rules Limited.

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

*Any Club or Clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his marker or other players 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 RULE 4.1A: Disqualification.

19. CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

19.1 The balls used must conform to the Rules of Golf (**Rule 4.2**) and requirements specified in the Equipment Rules published by the R&A Rules Limited and must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A.

20. USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (DMD)

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device (DMD). If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a DMD to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of **Rule 4.3a**.

A multi-functional device, such as a Smartphone or PDA, may be used as a DMD, but must not be used to gauge or measure other conditions, where doing so would be a breach of **Rule 4.3a**. This **Rule 4.3** only concerns how equipment is **used**. It does not limit the equipment that a player may have with him or her during a round.

First Breach: General Penalty (Two penalty strokes)
For Subsequent Offence: Disqualification.

21. ADVICE

Rule 10.2 states that 'During a round, a player must NOT:

- (i) Give advice to anyone in the competition who is playing on the course,
- (ii) Ask anyone for advice, other than the player's caddie, or
- (iii) Touch another player's equipment to learn information that would be advice if given by, or asked of, the other player (such as touching the other player's club or bag to see what club is being used)." Advice from anyone during play (except a caddie when allowed) will lead to the appropriate penalty. **Rule 10.3c** applies.

22. STARTING TIME

Players must start at the time established by The Committee. This means that the player must be ready to play at the starting time and starting point set by The Committee.

If the starting time is delayed for any reason (such as weather, slow play of other groups or the need for a ruling by a referee), there is no breach of this Rule if the player is present and ready to play when the player's group is able to start.

If the player arrives at his/her starting point, ready to play, no more than five minutes late, the penalty for failure to start on time is two penalty strokes at the first hole in stroke play. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification.

However, where The Committee determines that exceptional circumstances have prevented a player from starting on time, there is no penalty.

23. 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**

24. RECORDING OF SCORE

24.1 Each player shall be assigned as a 'Marker' (**Rule 3.3b**) to record the score of another player in the same flight. The marker shall be responsible for recording the player's correct score after each hole.

Each player to ascertain and record the score of every other player in the same flight before teeing off on the next teeing area.

- 24.2 After completion of each round the player shall:
- 24.2.1 Check his hole-by-hole score for accuracy.
 - 24.2.2 Settle any doubtful points with The Committee.
 - 24.2.3 Ensure that his marker has signed his scorecard IN FRONT OF THE SCORER.
 - 24.2.4 Countersign his own scorecard IN FRONT OF THE SCORER.
 - 24.2.5 The player shall return the scorecard within FIFTEEN (15) minutes after completion of the round. Penalty for breach is Disqualification unless one is waiting to settle any doubtful points with The Committee.
- 24.3 A designated Scoring Area will be established for submission of scorecards. A scorecard is deemed to be submitted when the player has completely left the designated scoring area.
- 24.4 **Rule 3.3b(3) Wrong Score for Hole** – “The player is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his/her scorecard. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he/she is disqualified. If he/she returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned stands.”

All decisions made by The Committee shall be final.

25. 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.

26. 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)

27. RESULTS OF THE 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.

Where scores are displayed online (online scores) at certain clubs or events, these scores are not ‘official scores.’ Scores shall only be deemed official as display on the Tournament Notice Board.

28. PUBLICITY

The Committee may take photographs or video/audio footage for publicity purposes before, during and after a Tournament. These images may appear in our printed/digital publications and publicity materials, on our website, or both.

The images may be sent to the news media, who may use them in printed publications and on their website and store them in their archives. They may also syndicate the photos to other media for possible use, either in printed publications, or on their website, or both to which The Committee has no control on when, where, if or how they will be used.

By entering The Tournament, all players have given their consent to the use of their images, photographs, and video footage of them being published via any medium (including the internet).

29. CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

- 29.1 Alcohol consumption are always prohibited during the duration of The Tournament at / on Courses.

Penalty: Disqualification and/or Suspension from The Tournaments.

- 29.2 Serious Breach of Players' Conduct, such as swearing and use of foul language and throwing of golf clubs, throwing tantrums, or demonstration undue anger and temper may result in The Committee imposing a Penalty of Disqualification and/or Suspension from The Tournaments.

OTHER FORMS OF 'Breach of the Code of Conduct'

- I. Usage of handphones during play to the annoyance and distraction of other players.
- II. Verbal abuse of fellow competitor, official/staff.
- III. Intentionally distracting or offending other players.

Any other 'breaches of the Code of conduct' not listed above will be dealt with accordingly by The Committee on a case-by-case basis.

NOTE

The Committee takes seriously the flouting of the above matter and will not hesitate to impose the appropriate penalty.

30. BEHAVIOUR ON THE COURSE

30.1 Safety

Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, the players should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, ball, or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like, which may be moved by the stroke or swing. Player should not continue play until all players in front are out of range.

30.2 Consideration for Other Players

Players should always show consideration for other players on the course and should not disturb their play by moving, talking, or making unnecessary noise.

In the interests of all, players should play without delay (**Rule 5.6**).

When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

30.3 Care of The Course

The Committee strictly implementing a care for the course policy where players are responsible for filling and repairing divots as well as raking bunkers as an ongoing process in helping to maintain the courses.

30.3.1 Bunkers

Before leaving a bunker, players should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by them and any nearby made by others. A rake should be used for this purpose.

30.3.2 Repair of Divots, Ball-Marks, and Damage by Shoes

Players should carefully repair any divot holes made by them and any damage to the putting green made by the impact of a ball (whether made by the player himself).

30.3.3 Damage to Greens – Flagstick, Bags, etc.

Players should ensure that no damage is done to the putting green when putting down bags or the flagstick.

To avoid damaging the hole, players and their caddies should not stand too close to the hole. Take care when handling the flagstick and be very careful when removing a ball from the hole.

Do not use the putter to remove a ball from the hole, players should not damage the putting green by leaning on their putters, particularly when removing the ball from the hole.

The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before leaving the putting green.

30.3.4 Damage Through Practice Swings

Players should avoid causing damage to the course by making divots when taking practice swings, if a damage occurs, please be mindful to repair the divots.

30.3.5 CONCLUSION: PENALTY FOR BREACH OF TOC

When all players follow all the above TOC, it will make the game more enjoyable for everyone.

If a player consistently disregards these TOC during a round, or over a period, to the detriment of others, The Committee shall take appropriate disciplinary actions and impose appropriate penalties against the offending player. This is to protect the interest of the rest of players who abide by these TOC.

For serious breach of etiquette, The Committee may disqualify a player under Rule 1.2 of the Rules of Golf by R&A Rules Limited.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ADD OR AMEND THE TOC AS IT DEEMS FIT.

All decisions made by The Committee shall be final.

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