



34th SABAH AMATEUR OPEN 2018

CONDITIONS OF TOURNAMENT

VENUE AND DATE

The championship will be played over the course of the **Labuan International Golf Club**, Jalan Sungai Pagar, 87000 Wilayah Persekutuan Labuan from **13th to 15th April 2018**

ADMINISTRATION

The **34th Sabah Amateur Open** Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred to as “**Committee**”) will be responsible for the administration of the Championship and reserves the right to limit the number of entries or modify the conditions of play. The Rules Committee appointed by the **Committee** shall adjudicate on any protest, and claim on the event and its decision shall be final.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND PLAY

1. All events will be played in accordance with the latest rules of golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and the Local Rules of LIGC as approved by the **Committee**.
2. Entry is restricted to players with the certified handicap index of **12.6** (LIGC Course handicap **14**) and below for men, **22.1** (LIGC Course handicap **24**) and below for ladies assessed under the **USGA Handicapping System**.
3. Every entry must be submitted on the official entry form and the player’s handicap must be certified by the Captain or Secretary of the Club concerned. If a player has a handicap Index or a handicap of 14 for men and 24 for ladies from those clubs who have not joined the NHS at more than one club, then the lowest handicap must be declared. If a player’s handicap had changed since submission of the entry form he must inform the official starter before play.
4. Entries must be submitted **on or before 06th April, 2018**, together with the prescribed entrance fees. Cheques should be made payable to **Sabah Golf Association**.
5. Entry fee shall be **RM350.00** (non-refundable) inclusive of buggy fee for the tournament rounds, one breakfast, the prize presentation lunch and goodies.
6. All entries will be acknowledged and the **Committee** reserves the right to refuse any entry.
7. No late entries will be entertained.
8. Proof of posting entry forms is not proof of receipt by the Committee and the Committee accepts no responsibility if entries are late or lost.

REGISTRATION

All competitors should register at the Labuan International Golf Club not later than 4.00pm on 11th April, 2018 (Thursday). Registration may be made in person between 10.00am - 4.00pm or telephone to Sabah Golf Association, telephone numbers (088-318133 / 012-8334838) OR LIGC (087-468468). Failure to report for registration will be deemed to indicate withdrawal.

DRAW & STARTING TIMES

- a) The draw will be made by the Committee immediately following the close of registration and starting times will be faxed to respective clubs and posted on the notice board of Labuan International Golf Club. No request for change will be entertained. Such posting shall be sufficient notice but where possible further publicity will be arranged.
- b) The Committee reserves the right to vary the Draw and the Starting Times.
- c) Players shall start at the time laid down by the Committee. (Penalty Rule 6-3a applies). In this respect, players must report to the starter 10 minutes before their stipulated times. If a player arrives at his/her starting point, ready to play, within five (5) minutes after his/her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes, to be added to the score on the first hole.

(Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes: Disqualification)

CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

1. The Men's and Ladies' Open will be decided by stroke play over 54 holes, the winners being respectively the man and lady with lowest aggregate gross scores. In the event of tie for the Championship the winners will be decided by "sudden death" play off on Hole 18, repeated if necessary, until there is a winner. Where there is a tie for the Gross Runner up positions, the placing will be determined as follows:-

i) Last 18 holes	iv) Last 3 holes
ii) Last 9 holes	v) Last 2 holes
iii) Last 6 holes	vi) And hole by hole from the 54th hole
2. After playing 36 holes, the leading 24 men and 9 ladies (depend on the number of participant and the discretion of the Committee) and those tying at these positions shall be qualified to play the final 18 holes.
3. The **Nett** Event will be based on the first two rounds of the Championship or any such reduced rounds as the committee may decide.
4. The man and lady returning the lowest aggregate net scores over the first 36 holes will be declared the respective **Nett** winners.
5. In the event of a tie or ties for the Handicap Winners and Runner-ups, placing shall be determined by a count back in the following order:-

i) Last 18 holes Full handicap
ii) Last 9 Holes One half handicap
iii) Last 6 holes One third handicap
iv) Last 3 holes One sixth handicap
v) Last 2 holes One Ninth handicap
vi) Last hole One eighteenth handicap

CLOSE OF COMPETITION

The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony when the **Committee** has approved all scores.

INTERPRETATION

The Rules and Decisions Committee shall be sole authority in the interpretation of the General Conditions of the Championship and its decision shall be binding and final.

SLOW PLAY

The attention of all competitors is drawn to **Rules of Golf No. 6–7** regarding undue delay. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes of the Championship is 5 hours. Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole as details on the attached chart.

Pace of Play Condition (Rule 6-7)

The following procedure only applies if a group is “**out of position**”

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 accumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes played. Any following group will be considered “**out of position**” if

- a) it is taking more than the time allowed and
- b) it reaches the tee of a par 3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee, it fails to clear the tee of a par 4 before the preceding group clears the putting green, or it fails to arrive at the teeing ground of a par 5 before the preceding group reaches the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be “**out of position**”. Procedure when group is “**Out of Position**”

- a. If a group is “**out of position**”, the Rules official will call for the Chief Referee and a decision will be taken as to whether the group will be timed. In reaching such a decision, the Chief Referee will take into account of any recent mitigating circumstances, e.g. a lengthy ruling or lost ball, unplayable ball, wrong ball etc. and how far the group is out of position.

If the decision is taken to time the players, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by the Chief Referee and Rules official will advise each player that they are “out of position” and they are being times. The players will be asked if they are familiar with the slow play procedure and penalties.

- b. The **maximum time** allowed for a shot is **40 seconds**. However an extra **10 seconds** is allowed for the first player to play:-
 - i) Tee shot on a par 3 hole.
 - ii) Second shot on par 4’s and par 5’s and
 - iii) From on or near the putting green at any hole.

Timing will start when a player **has reached his ball**, he has had a **few seconds** to select his club and he is able to play without interference. On the putting green, he is allowed a few seconds to repair ball marks and clear loose impediments on the line of his putt.

- c. Timing ceases when a group is either back in position in relation to the preceding group or within the allocated time for the holes played. If whilst being timed, a player exceeds the time allowed on a shot he will be deemed to have “**a bad time**”.

Penalty for Breach of Condition

- i) One bad time - Warning by Rules Official and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalized.
- ii) Two bad times - Penalty of one stroke
- iii) For subsequent offence – Disqualification

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.

WEATHER

Should weather conditions deteriorate during the Championship, a decision regarding the stoppage or continuation of play will be made. If play is interrupted, competitors will be warned by the soundings of siren in the following order:-

- i) **Discontinue Play Immediately** - One prolonged note of siren.
- ii) **Discontinue Play** - Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.
- iii) **Resume play** - Two short notes of siren, repeated.

and should proceed to the nearest shelter or to the club house.

In the event that any round of a tournament shall be rained out or cannot be completed for whatever reason, the Organizing Committee shall determine the mode of play for the rest of the tournament and its decisions shall be final.

PRACTICE

The course shall be available for practice on Wednesday **11th April** and Thursday **12th April 2018**. The course will be closed entirely at **4.00 p.m on Thursday 12th April 2018**. Competitors are **NOT** allowed to practice on the course **AFTER** their round for the day during Championship. The practice areas, which may be used at any time, are the Practice Putting Green and the Driving Range and Practice Pitch & Putt Green.

Penalty for Breach of Rule - Disqualification.

CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

The ball the player uses shall conform to specifications set forth in appendix III of the Rules of Golf and that it be a brand name and matched as detailed on the current list of conforming balls issued by the R & A Rules Limited.

Penalty for breach of rule: Disqualification.

CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS

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

Exception: A driver with a club head that was manufactured prior to **1999** is exempt from this condition.

PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION:

Stroke Play – two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes.

In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his marker or fellow-competitor 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 CONDITION: DISQUALIFICATION

TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Men

Gross - 10 Prizes (Major Prize)

Net - 10 Prizes (Major Prize)

3 consolation Net Prizes for Men - 55 years old and above (born 1963 or earlier)

Ladies

Gross - 3 Prizes (Major Prize)

Net - 4 Prizes (Major Prize)

PRIZE ELIGIBILITY

No competitor may win more than one major prize. However, he may in addition, win prizes for Hole-in-One. Finalist prize will only be awarded to the best 24 for men and to the best 8 ladies competitor with the best aggregate Gross Scores over 54 holes. Only players who played the final round shall receive the finalist prizes.

GOLF CARTS/BUGGIES

All competitors must use golf carts (buggies) for the tournament. Players are allowed to engage the services of caddies at their own expense.

INSURANCE

Participants should have their own **Golf Insurance Coverage** and should produce proof that they have a valid coverage. Failing which they will be insured by the club and charged **RM10.00** per day.

SERIOUS BREACH OF ETIQUETTE

A penalty of **DISQUALIFICATION** under Rule 33-7 will be imposed if the Committee determines that a player has committed a "serious breach of etiquette" of any of but not limited to the following:-

- i) Use of handphone or other means during a stipulated round to disturb or distract other players.
- ii) Verbal abuse of fellow competitors, officials or staffs.
- iii) Other unbecoming conduct of behaviour.

DISCLAIMER

Competitors participating in the competition do so at their own risk. The Organizing Committee will not be held responsible from any claims of loss, damages or injuries to persons or equipment before, during or after the competition.

PRIZE PRESENTATION

The Prize Presentation will be held on **15th April 2018** Sunday afternoon after the close of the Tournament play followed by a buffet lunch, which will be provided for all competitors and invitees.

REFEREE'S DECISION

Under Rule 34-2 of the Rules of Golf, the Referee's decision is final.

There will be no appeal for ruling after the official Prize Presentation is completed.

LOCAL RULES OF LIGC (R & A Rule 33-8)

1. OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 27-1)

- 1.1 Beyond the boundary of the course.
- 1.2 As indicated by white stakes and / or lines. Where the lines exist, the line defines the OB.
- 1.3 On the right of Hole 13 & 18 and Clubhouse area.

2. WATER HAZARDS (Rule 26)

- 2.1 The margins of water hazards as defined by yellow stakes and /or lines.
- 2.2 The margins of lateral water hazards as defined by red stakes and /or lines.
- 2.3 Note: A Drop Zones are provided as additional option to Rule 26 at Holes 4

3. GROUND UNDER REPAIR (Rule 25-1)

- 3.1 Areas encircled by white lines.
- 3.2 Bare areas in bunkers caused by erosion.
- 3.3 Bare areas with exposed aggregates on the fairways.
- 3.4 Deep tire-ruts.

4. IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (Rule 24-2)

- 4.1 All roads and buggy tracks including extensions and adjoining drains.
- 4.2 Rain shelters, bridges, floodlights, concrete sumps, sprinkler heads, water-control valves, sand station bins, signage and exposed drainage pipes.
- 4.3 Young trees marked by green paint or supported by stakes.

5. STONE IN BUNKERS

- 5.1 Stones and pebbles in bunkers are moveable obstructions (Rule 24-1)

6. EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN

- 6.1 Through the green, a ball which embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground other than sand, maybe lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer to the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

SIREN BLASTS

Discontinue Play Immediately	:	One prolonged note of siren
Resume Play	:	Two short notes of siren, repeated
Discontinue Play	:	Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

REMINDERS:

REPLACE DIVOTS, RAKE BUNKERS AND REPAIR BALL MARKS

PLEASE PLAY PROVISIONAL BALL SHOULD THE BALL MAYBE OUT OF BOUND OR ENTERING THE JUNGLE TO HELP SPEED UP PLAY