



CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

The Malaysian Ladies Amateur Open Championship 2010 (MLAO 2010) shall be managed by a Tournament Committee (hereinafter referred to as 'the Committee') appointed by the Malaysian Ladies Golf Association. The decisions of the Committee on all matters shall be final.

2. VENUE AND DATES

The Championship shall be played at The Mines Resort and Golf Club (Course Rating 73.1, Slope Rating 128) or any such course as the Committee may decide, from 3rd to 5th August 2010 with one practice round available on 1st August 2010 (tee off between 1230 hrs to 1430 hrs) OR on 2nd August 2010 (players to leave the course by 1600 hrs). See item 9 below.

3. RULES OF PLAY

All play shall be in accordance with the current Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Limited, the Decisions on the Rules of Golf, these Conditions of Competition and any Local Rules as approved by the Committee.

4. APPROVED BALLS

Only golf balls named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by R & A Rules Limited may be used. Penalty for breach of condition – Disqualification

5. CONFORMING DRIVING CLUBS

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.

*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

An updated List of Conforming Driver Heads is available on the R&A website (www.randa.org). This list is also available in the Tournament Office.

6. ELIGIBILITY

The Championship is open to all female players who:

- i) are amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R & A Rules Limited;
- ii) have a USGA Handicap Index of not more than 21.6 as at **1st May 2010**. (However, USGA Handicap Index as of 1st July 2010 shall take precedence for the Handicap events. Any confirmed and registered player with a handicap higher than 24 as of 1st July 2010 shall be assigned a maximum of 24).

No voluntary handicap reduction will be accepted. Competitors **MUST** enclose a copy of National Handicap System (NHS) card OR handicap certification from their home club together with the entry form.

The Committee reserves the right to accept late entries or refuse any entry at its absolute discretion without assigning any reason for the refusal.

7. COMMITTEE'S POWER TO ADJUST HANDICAPS

A player's handicap may be adjusted by the Committee prior to or during the competition.

8. ENTRY FEES, CLOSING DATE AND REGISTRATION

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| a) | <u>INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION</u> | |
| | MALGA Member | RM700.00 per player |
| | Foreign Participation & Others | RM 850.00 per player |
| b) | <u>TEAM COMPETITION</u> | |
| | Local team & Foreign team | RM150.00 per team |

All crossed cheques / bank drafts shall be made payable to "MALAYSIAN LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION" and **MUST** accompany the entry form. There will be no refund on the entry fee if withdrawal is made after the closing date. Please include RM0.50 as bank commission for outstation cheques.

For overseas competitors only, please send remittance to the Association's bank account detailed as follows and furnish us with a copy of the bank transaction for our filing and tracing purposes:-

Payable to	: MALAYSIAN LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION
Name of Bank	: Malayan Banking Berhad
Bank Address	: Wisma Hangsam Branch, No 1, Jalan Hang Lekir, 50000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Account No	: 5140 3923 4279
Int Swift Code	: MBBEMYKL

Closing date:- All entries **MUST REACH** the MALGA Secretariat on or before **30th June 2010 by 1200 hrs**

Registration of players shall be on 1st August at the Tournament Secretariat at Place of the Golden Horses Hotel from 1100 hrs to 1800 hrs and on 2nd August from 0730 hrs to 1600 hrs.

9. PRATICE ROUNDS AND CLOSURE OF THE COURSE

Designated practice rounds shall be on 1st August 2010 from 1230 hrs onwards OR on 2nd August 2010 from 0730 hrs till 1600 hrs. Registered players are entitled to one free practice round inclusive of a twin-sharing buggy. Additional practice round on the designated days will be chargeable at RM250.00 per pax for 18 holes or less, inclusive of a twin-sharing buggy payable directly to The Mines Resort & Golf Club.

The course shall be closed to all players at 1600 hrs on 2nd August 2010.

10. FORMAT OF PLAY

Individual Gross Events of all Divisions shall be decided by Stroke Play over 3 rounds of 18 holes each (54 holes) while all Nett Events and the Team Competition shall be decided by Stroke Play over 2 rounds of 18 holes each (36 holes). In the event that it becomes impracticable to complete the number of stipulated rounds, the Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of stipulated rounds at its discretion.

COMPETITIONS

1. INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

A GROSS EVENT

Open Division

D.Y.M.M Tunku Ampuan Negeri Sembilan Trophy

Mode : Stroke Play (gross) over 54 holes

Division 2 - Handicap 10 –17 (USGA Index : 8.4 to 15.4)

Y.A.M Tunku Tun Maimunah Trophy

Mode : Stroke Play (gross) over 54 holes

Division 3 - Handicap 18 to 24 (USGA Handicap Index: 15.5 to 21.6)

Datin Maria Musa Trophy

Mode : Stroke Play (gross) over 54 holes

Note : Upon completion of 36 holes for the above Gross Events, The Committee shall decide the cut-off for each Division to proceed to the final round.

B) NETT EVENT

Division 1 – Handicap 9 and below (USGA Index : 8.3 and below)

Mode : Stroke Play (nett) over 36 holes

Divison 2 - Handicap 10 –17 (USGA Handicap Index : 8.4 to 15.4)

Mode : Stroke Play (nett) over 36 holes

Division 3 - Handicap 18-24 (USGA Handicap Index: 15.5 to 21.6)

Mode : Stroke Play (nett) over 36 holes

2. TEAM COMPETITION

Mode: Stroke Play (gross) over 36 holes

The team shall consist of two or three competitors from the same country and belonging to the same division. The combined two best gross scores for the day of the team members shall be the team's score. Competitors must register for the individual competition before entering the team competition.

This team event is subject to a minimum of three (3) entries per division

Division 1 - Handicap 9 and below (USGA Handicap Index 8.3 and below)

Mrs. Mary Williams Trophy

Score : Team score over 36 holes

Division 2 - Handicap 10 – 17 (USGA Handicap Index : 8.4 to 15.4)

Score : Team score over 36 holes

Division 3 - handicap 18 – 24 (USGA Handicap below Index: 15.5 to 21.6)

Score : Team score over 36 holes

Note:- All teams have to be registered and paid for during the official practice round, 3rd August 2009. No teams will be accepted or changed after this date.

11. DECISION ON TIES

INDIVIDUAL

In the event of a tie for the first place in the Open Division, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue in a play-off until the winner is decided by elimination. The Committee shall determine the sequence and number of holes for the play-off.

In the event of a tie for any other placing, the tie shall be decided by a count-back system of matching scorecards in the following order:

- i. Last 18 holes;
- ii. 2nd Last 18 holes (for Gross Events only);
- iii. Last 9 holes;
- iv. Last 6 holes;
- v. Last 3 holes;
- vi. And finally the last hole.

In handicapped events, the net score will be used for matching. In any case, if the tie remains unresolved, it shall be decided by lot.

TEAM

Ties shall be decided on count-back based on Team scores as detailed above. The Team Score, total scores of the two competitors whose score shall count for the team for the round, will be used for the count-back.

12. **PRIZES**

Gross and Nett prizes will be awarded for every Division in the Individual Competition. The Committee shall determine the number of prizes for each Division and has the right to limit the number of prizes that can be won by a competitor.

13. **TIMES OF STARTING**

The draws of starting times / groups will be made by the Committee and competitors shall start at the times laid down by the Committee.

In the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33.7, if a competitor arrives at the starting point ready to play within five (5) minutes after her starting time, penalty for failure to start on time shall be two (2) penalty strokes instead of disqualification. Penalty for lateness beyond 5 minutes is disqualification.

14. **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION**

The specimen Condition in the Rules of Golf on pages 144-145 is in effect.

Note: A prolonged note of a horn/siren will signal the immediate suspension of play for a dangerous situation. Three consecutive short notes of a horn/siren and repeated will signal all other suspensions. In either case, two short notes of a horn/siren, repeated, will signal resumption of play.

15. **PACE OF PLAY**

The attention of the competitors is drawn to Rule 6-7 regarding undue delay. In the interest of fair play, the Committee will not hesitate to impose the penalties as provided by that Rule.

Pace of Play Conditions

Details for the above will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to the start of the Championship. Players are advised to read and adhere to these conditions.

16. **PRACTICE BETWEEN HOLES**

A player **must not** play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played. If a practice stroke is played on or near the putting green of the hole last played, the player incurs a penalty of two strokes at the next hole, except that in the case of the last hole of the round, he incurs the penalty at that hole. This prohibition includes rolling a ball on the putting green of the hole last played.

17. **ADVICE (Rule 8)**

As the Championship has both Individual and Team Competitions and players are eligible in both Competitions, players **must not ask for or receive any advice** from any person/s, including Team Managers or Coaches, during a stipulated round.

18. CADDY

All Division 1 players are to walk during the Championship and caddies will be provided. A player shall not engage any person other than a registered caddie to assist her during play. Penalty: Disqualification.

Division 2 & 3 players shall use the buggy on twin sharing basis but no caddies will be provided.

19. UNAUTHORISED TRANSPORTATION

Division 1 players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee.

PENALTY OF 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. Use of any unauthorized form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified.

20. ETIQUETTE

All players should practice good etiquette as detailed out in Section 1 of the Rules of Golf. The overriding principle is that consideration should be shown to others on the course at all times. The following are may be considered "serious breaches of etiquette" for this competition:-

- i) Usage of hand phone during play to the annoyance and distractions of other players.
- ii) Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitors.
- iii) Verbal abuse of fellow competitors / officials/ staff.

Note: Any other 'breach of etiquette' not listed above will be dealt with by the Committee on an individual basis.

Penalty for a Serious Breach of Etiquette : DISQUALIFICATION

21. SCORE CARDS

Score Cards must be submitted as soon as possible on completion of the round. A scorecard is deemed to be submitted the moment the competitor leaves the scoring area.

22. RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION – COMPETITION CLOSED

The Championship shall be deemed to have closed when the Open Division Trophy has been presented to the winner.

23. INDEMINITY/LIABILITIES

MALGA, The Sponsor, The Organizers, The Committee or management of The Mines Resort and Golf Club will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants of the Championship may suffer as a result of their participation in this tournament.

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