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## THE INAUGURAL JOHOR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (AMATEUR MEN & LADIES)

**PROUDLY PRESENTED BY:  
JOHOR GOLF ASSOCIATION**

**DATE: 14-16 NOVEMBER 2023**

**VENUE: HORIZON HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

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It is the responsibility of each player to know and follow the Terms of Competition of this event.

### TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

The following terms of the competition, together with any additions or amendments published by the tournament Committee at the host club, will apply to this Championship.

#### 1. MANAGEMENT

The **INAUGURAL JGA JOHOR OPEN (AMATEUR MEN & LADIES) GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2023**, Men & Ladies (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 54 holes at **Horizon Hills Golf & Country Club (HHGCC)** on 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

#### 3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

• Practice Round 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 (Monday)	Registration & Official Practice Round @8.00am, last tee off time: 3:00pm
• Round 1, 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 (Tuesday)	First Round (Men & Ladies) @7.30am
• Round 2, 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 (Wednesday)	Second Round (Men & Ladies) @7:30am
• Final Round, 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 (Thursday)	Final Round (Men & Ladies) @7:30am Prize Presentation Lunch

#### 4. FORMAT OF PLAY

4.1 The tournament shall be decided by stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes, subject to The Tournament Committee's right in the event of circumstances which make the playing of 54 holes impracticable, to cancel any round or rounds at its discretion.

4.2 There shall be cut-off after 36 holes of play. The **top 60% (gross) and ties** leading players shall advance to the final round depending on the number of participants at the discretion of Organizing Committee.

## 5. **ELIGIBILITY**

The Tournament is open to male & female players who are:

- (a) Amateur Golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.
- (b) Having a maximum WHS Handicap Index of 15.9 or lower for Men and 21.6 or lower for Ladies, which must be current at the time of entry.
- (c) Member of a Club affiliated to Malaysian Golf Association (MGA) with similar handicap indices.
- (d) The Organizing Committee may accept entry of player/s with higher handicap or without the W.H.S index at its discretion but it must be certified by either the club captain, or club Manager or coach. Player without an official handicap may enter the competition but only eligible to participate in the gross event with the approval of the Organizing Committee.
- (e) All players must have a valid golfer's insurance.
- (f) The Tournament Committee reserves the rights to accept or refuse any entry without providing any reason. Entry fee shall be refunded if payment has been made.

## 6. **ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE**

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6.1 Entry form must be accompanied with the full Entry Fee **RM 350 .00** (Malaysian/PR) and **RM 450.00** (Foreigner) payable to **"PERSATUAN GOLF JOHOR"** to be paid into **Bank A/C: CIMB 800-579-4726 – Swift Code : CIBBMYKL**. Please attach the payment slip together with the entry form upon submission with your name and mobile number written at the back of the slip. Those unable to register within the stipulated times may be accepted at the discretion of The Committee. Entry forms without the accompanying payment will NOT be accepted. (Entry fee shall include goodies, green fees, golf insurance, daily breakfast, and lunch on the prize presentation ceremony)

6.2 The field shall be limited to 120 competitors on first come first serve basis. In the event that entries fall short or exceed the number, The Tournament Committee reserves the right to make amendments on the entry requirements without giving any reason whatsoever.

## 7. **WITHDRAWAL**

The entry fee **will not be refunded** if any competitors withdraw from the tournament and the withdrawal is made after **5.00 p.m. on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023. (Wednesday)**.

## 8. **RULES OF PLAY**

Rules of play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and the local Rules as approved by The Tournament Committee.

## 9. **PRACTICE ROUND**

Official practice round is on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 (Monday) from 7:30 am onwards. All players must leave the golf course by 4.00 pm. Buggy fee is **RM 160.00 net** per player on twin sharing basis. Tee time for practice round player must directly booking with the Club. Caddy fee of RM 50.00 (male caddy) or RM 60.00 (female caddy) net on twin-sharing basis must be booked through the Club.

## 10. **DRAWS & STARTING TIMES**

10.1 The Tournament Committee will decide the draw and the starting time for the first two rounds. The draw for the final round will be arranged according to the first 2 rounds scores; the lowest scores will tee off last from the first tee and the highest scores will tee off last from the tenth tee.

10.2 The draws and starting times shall be posted at the Tournament Notice Board. Such posting shall be considered sufficient enough notice for information and distribution.

10.3 The player shall start at the time laid down by the Tournament Committee. If a player arrives at his starting point ready to play within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time shall be two strokes at the starting hole (Rule 5.3a). Otherwise, the penalty for breach of these rules shall be DISQUALIFICATION. "Exception: Where the Committee determines that exceptional circumstances have prevented a player from starting on time, there is no penalty."

10.4 The Tournament Committee reserves the right to change the draws and vary the starting times without giving any reason thereof.

## 11. **PACE OF PLAY**

The player shall play without undue delay in accordance with the pace of play policy laid down by the tournament committee.

## 12. **USE OF MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION & CADDIE**

### **12.1. Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation – Model Local Rule G-6**

During a round, a **player MUST NOT** ride on any form of motorized transportation except for transportation between the club house to their teeing areas or between the putting green just completed play to the next teeing area or as authorized or later approved by the Committee.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty (two strokes) for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

**Note: A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation.**

## **12.2 Caddies**

A player must not have any person other than a HHGCC registered caddie as their caddie during the round. Outside caddies must be pre-registered with the club with valid insurance coverage and subject to approval by The Committee.

### **Penalty for Breach of Local Rule:**

The player gets the General Penalty (2 strokes) for each hole during which they are helped by such a caddie. If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.

## **13. CONFORMING BALL (Rule 4.2a)**

In making each stroke, a player must use a ball that conforms to the requirement in the Equipment Rules.

### **Penalty for making a stroke in breach of Rule 4.2a: DISQUALIFICATION**

## **14. CONFORMING CLUB (Rule 4.1a)**

Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a club head, identified by model and loft, which is on the current list of conforming driver heads issued by R&A.

### **Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of this Local Rule: DISQUALIFICATION**

## **15. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE (DMD)**

Players are **ALLOWED TO USE** distance measuring device (DMD) to obtain distance only. Players must turn off the slope and elevation function on the device and strictly comply to R&A **RULE 4.3a**.

## **16. SCORE CARDS**

16.1 All competitors must submit their respective scorecard duly signed and counter signed by his/her marker as soon as possible after the completion of each round and in any event, it shall not be later than **10 minutes** after the completion of each round.

16.2 A scorecard is deemed to be submitted the moment the competitor leaves the scoring area.

## **17. PRIZES**

Gross Champion

17.1 The competitor who returns the lowest aggregate gross scores over 54 holes or less shall be declared "The Champion" and will be awarded with the Championship Trophy.

17.2 Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Men Category

1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> placing gross scores over 54 holes or less

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> placing Net scores over 54 holes or less

Ladies Category

1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> placing gross scores over 54 holes or less

1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>th</sup> placing Net scores over 54 holes or less

- The Gross category shall take precedence over the Net category.
- Number of prizes may be changed depending on the final entries.

18. **COMPETITION CLOSED**

The Championship shall be deemed to have closed when the prizes have been awarded to the winners.

19. **TIES**

19.1 In the event of a tie for Gross category for the first place, the winner shall be decided by a sudden death playoff on the hole to be decided by the Committee until the winner is decided by elimination. The purpose of the play-off is to decide the WINNER for the championship only. In the event that the playoff is not practicable due to inclement weather, the winner shall be decided by lot.

19.2 In the event of a tie for any other places, the tie shall be decided by a count-back on the score card in the following order:

Last 18 holes of the Final Round

Last 9 holes (hole 10-18) of the Final Round

Last 6 holes (hole 13-18) of the Final Round

Last 3 holes (hole 16-18) of the Final Round

Last hole (hole 18) of the Final Round

If the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.

20. **DECISIONS**

20.1 If a referee has been appointed by the Tournament Committee, his/her decision shall be final (Rule 20.2).

20.2 In the absence of a referee, any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules must be forwarded to The Tournament Committee, whose decisions shall be final (Rule 20.2b).

21. **DISPUTES AND APPEAL**

21.1 Any disputes that arise during the tournament must be put forward to the Appeal Committee as soon as practicable upon completion of a round and in any event, it shall not be later than **15 minutes** after completion of the said round.

21.2 A penalty of disqualification may in exceptional cases be waived, modified or imposed by the Tournament Appeal Committee.

## 22. **ETIQUETTE**

22.1 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.

### **Serious Breach of Etiquette**

22.2 The following may be considered "serious breach of etiquette" for this competition:

- (a) Usage of hand phone during a round to the annoyance and distractions of other players.
- (b) Verbal abuse of fellow competitor/official/staff.
- (c) Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitors.
- (d) Consuming alcoholic drinks during play.

PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION

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

Exception: Players may use hand phone in case of buggy breakdown or injury/illness of players.

## 23. **DRUGS**

Players must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a player show evidence of use of a drug for non-therapeutic purposes, The Tournament Committee may require the player to undergo a drug test. Any player infringing this condition may be disqualified. Players who are on medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the R&A via the Tournament Office.

## 24. **INCLEMENT WEATHER AND SUSPENSION OF PLAY**

The Tournament Committee will make every effort to complete the event in its entirety. However, The Tournament Committee reserves the right to suspend or abandon play as and when necessary if weather-related circumstances require such action. The Tournament Committee will inform all competitors accordingly.

## 25. **INDEMNITY/ LIABILITIES**

MGA, the Sponsors, The Tournament Committee, the Club and their staff will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants may suffer as a result of their participation in this tournament.

## 26. **CAPTURE AND USE OF IMAGES**

Participants may be filmed and photographed and may film and photograph, during the championship. By signing the entry form, participant agree to be filmed, photographed, televised or otherwise recorded during the championship, and that captured or recorded image, together with the name, may be used in any content, format and through any media or technology whether now existing or created in the future, by the organizing committee during or after the championship in perpetuity in relation to the celebration and promotion of the game of golf in a non-commercial manner.

27. **AMENDMENTS**

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend these Terms of Competition as it may deemed fit and necessary.

**By Order:**

**The Organizing Committee**

**THE INAUGURAL JOHOR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2023**

**Johor Golf Association**

**September 2023**