

SWISS-GARDEN CUP

27 - 28 JULY 2019

1.0 MANAGEMENT

Swiss Garden Cup 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the Championship) shall be managed by a Tournament Committee (hereinafter to as the Committee) whose decisions in all matters pertaining to the Championship shall be final.

2.0 VENUE AND DATE

The Championship will be played at the Damai Laut Golf & Country Club on 27 and 28 July 2019.

3.0 SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

Fri 26 July 2019 Practice Round

Sat 27 July 2019 12:00 Registration

12:00 High Tea

13:00 Tee Off

19:30 Welcome Dinner

Sun 28 July 2019 07:00 Breakfast

08:00 Tee Off

14:00 Prize Presentation

4.0 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The Championship is opened to Male and Female players who are Amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status issued by the R&A Rules Ltd with a maximum USGA Handicap Index of 21.2 for men and 33.8 for ladies which must be current for the month of July 2019.
- 4.2 Participants from non NHS clubs or without USGA handicap may enter but would be eligible to win prizes in the Gross Category only.
- 4.3 Submission of entry is accepted based on "first come first served" policy.
- 4.4 The field shall be limited to 100 participants.
- 4.5 The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason.
- 4.6 The Committee reserves the right to accept any participant for which they deem eligible.
- 4.7 The Committee reserves the right to increase the number of entries without assigning any reason.

5.0 HANDICAP TO BE USED IN THIS CHAMPIONSHIP

5.1 Current and Lowest USGA Handicap Index

A player must use his/her USGA Handicap Index in effect on the date and start of the Championship. A player belonging to more than one club and having different USGA handicap indexes must use his lowest handicap index unless a valid explanation is given and accepted by the Committee before commencement of play.

5.2 Committee's power to adjust Handicaps

A player's handicap may be adjusted by the Committee prior to or during the competition as provided under Section 8-4 of the USGA Handicap System Manual.

6.0 FORMAT OF PLAY

6.1 The Championship shall be decided by Stroke Play over two (2) rounds of 18 holes.

6.2 Championship Event

It shall be decided by stroke play over 36 holes. The winner shall be the player who returns the lowest gross score at the completion of 36 holes.

In the event of a tie for the Gross Champion, the winner shall be decided on a SUDDEN DEATH play-off. The sudden death play-off shall start on hole no. 18 and if there is a tie, shall start again on hole no. 18 until the winner prevails.

In the event that a play-off is not possible due to unforeseen circumstances, the Gross Champion shall be decided based on a count back as outlined in clause 6.4.

6.3 Handicap Event

This event shall be played in conjunction with the Championship. It shall be decided by stroke play over 36 holes. The winner shall be the player who returns the lowest net score at the completion of 36 holes.

6.4 Decision of Ties

Ties for placing except for the Gross Champion shall be decided on a count back in the following order:

- i) Last 9 Holes
- ii) Last 6 Holes
- iii) Last 3 Holes
- iv) Last hole
- v) By lot

7.0 PRIZES

7.1 Championship event (Gross)

- Men 1st to 10th Placing
- Ladies 1st to 3rd Placing

7.2 Handicap event (Net)

- Men 1st to 10th Placing
- Ladies 1st to 3rd Placing

7.3 Each player shall be entitled to win one overall prize only with the Gross event taking priority over the Net event.

7.4 The committee reserves the right to increase or reduce the number of prizes based on the number of entries received.

7.5 Hole-in-One

In the event of more than one achiever throughout the event, the prize shall be shared equally and mutually between the achievers.

7.6 Novelties

Novelty prizes will be awarded to the best player over two (2) days.

Sure to Win

Nearest to Pin 1

Nearest to Line

Longest Drive

8.0 ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

8.1 Entry fee per participant is as follows:

RM470.00 without accommodation

Entry fee covers green fee for 36 holes, buggy fee, breakfast, welcome dinner, prize giving lunch, goodies and insurance.

RM590.00 with accommodation on a twin share basis Entry fee covers green fee for 36 holes, buggy fee, breakfast, prize giving lunch, goodies, insurance and accommodation on twin share basis at Swiss Garden Beach Resort for one night. Participants are responsible for their own room-mates, If an entry is received without a room-mate, the supplementary room rate will apply.

8.2 All entries are to be made on the Official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Office by Sunday, 21 July 2019.

8.3 Cheques /bank slips are to be made payable to DAMAI LAUT GOLF RESORT SDN BHD, MBB LUMUT BRANCH ACCOUNT NO. 508168407344 Entry without payment will not be accepted.

9.0 WITHDRAWAL

Withdrawal from the Championship will not be entertained and entry fees will not be refunded if withdrawal is made after 21 July 2019.

10.0 APPROVED EQUIPMENT

10.1 List of conforming Golf Balls (Model Local Rule G-3is in effect)

Any ball used in making stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Ball issued by R&A. Penalty for making a stroke with a ball not on current List in breach of this local Rule : Disqualification.

10.2 List of Conforming Driver Heads Model Local Rule G-1 In Effect

Any driver the player carries must have a club head identified by model and loft named on the current list of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A. Penalty for making stroke with club in breach of this local rule – Disqualification.

11.0 RULES OF PLAY

The Rules of Golf 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 together with the Local Rules established by the Committee for the Championship will apply.

12.0 DRAWS AND STARTING TIMES

112.1 Play shall be in groups as determined by the committee .

112.2 The player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee.

In the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 5.3., 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 instead of disqualification. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

113.0 SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION.

113.1 When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 5.7b.

113.2 The signal for suspending and resuming play is as follows:

Immediate Stop: One prolonged note of the siren and MUST stop play immediately.

Penalty for breach: DISQUALIFICATION

Normal Stop: Three consecutive notes of the siren.

Resume Play: Two short notes of siren.

114.0 PACE OF PLAY(Rule 5.6b(3))

114.1 The attention of all players is drawn to Rule 5.6b(3) regarding Prompt Pact of Play. In the interest of fair play, the Committee has established Pace of Play Policy and will not hesitate to impose the penalties provided by that Policy

14.114.2 Time Allowed

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole.

The time allotted for the completion of 18 holes is 4 hours and 30 minutes or otherwise decided by the Committee.

14.3 Definition of Out of Position

- i) The first group to start will be considered out of position if at any time during the round the group is behind their allotted time.
- ii) Any following group will be considered out of position if:
 - It is taking more than the allotted time to play, and
 - It reaches a Par 3 hole and the hole is clear, it fails to clear the tee of a Par 4 hole before the preceding is on the putting green or it arrives at Tee of a Par 5 hole when the preceding is on the putting green.

Note: Both i) and ii) must apply for a group to be out of position.

14.4 Group Notification

- i) Referee will monitor pace of play and decide whether a group that is 'out of position' should be timed.
An assessment of whether there are any recent mitigating circumstances, e.g. a lengthy ruling, lost ball, unplayable ball, etc will be made.
If a decision is made to time the player, each player in group will be subject to individual timing and referee will advise each player that they are 'out of position' and they are being timed. In exceptional circumstances, and individual player, or two players within a group of three, may be timed instead of the entire group.
- ii) The maximum time allocated per stroke is 40 seconds, the timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is his or her turn to play and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke.
On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments on the line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. Timing will be taken from the moment it is decided by the referee that it is the player's turn to play and he or she is able to play without interference or distraction.
Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

14.5 Pace of Play Penalties

Penalty for 1st breach - Player will be warned by the Rules Official and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalized

Penalty for 2nd breach - Penalty of one stroke

Penalty for 3rd breach - Further penalty of two strokes

Penalty for 4th breach – Disqualification

14.6 Procedure when group is 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. A player will not be penalized if he has a second bad time before being advised of his earlier bad time.

15.0 AMATEUR STATUS

15.1 An amateur golfer must not accept a prize (other than a symbolic prize) or prize voucher of retail value in excess of £500 (RM3,500) or the equivalent, or such a lesser figure as may be decided by the Governing Body. This limit applies to the total prizes or prize vouchers received by an amateur golfer in any one competition or series of competitions, excluding any hole-in-one prize (see Rule 3.2b).

15.2 The limits prescribed in Rule 3.2a do not apply to a prize for a hole-in-one. An amateur golfer may accept a prize in excess of the limit set in Rule 3-2, including a cash prize for a hole-in-one made while playing a round of golf. Such a prize may be accepted in addition to any other prize won in the same competition.

15.3 NO CASH prizes are allowed, a prize voucher may not be a monetary award. A prize voucher is a voucher, gift certificate, gift card or the like approved by the MGA in charge of competition for the purchase of goods or services from a Pro shop, golf club or other retail outlets.

NOTE: The onus of receiving a prize or prizes that exceed the prescribed limits lies with the participant. The committee and its sponsors shall not be liable for any action on players for any breach of Rules pertaining to Amateur Status.

16.0 ANTI-DOPING

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 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 DLGCC via the Tournament Office.

17.0 RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

17.1 Duly signed score cards must be submitted personally as soon as possible on completion of the round.

A scorecard is deemed to be submitted the moment the player leaves the designated scoring area.

17.2 Scores on the cards must be legible, recording only the number of strokes taken for each hole.

18.0 STANDARD OF PLAYER CONDUCT

18.1 All players are expected to play in the spirit of the Game by:

- i) Acting with integrity
- ii) Showing consideration to others
- iii) Taking good care of the course

18.2 Serious Misconduct

The following may be considered serious misconduct for this competition:-

- i) Use of hand-phone during a round to the annoyance and distraction of other players.
- ii) Verbal abuse of fellow competitors / official / staff
- iii) Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitors
- iv) Abuse of club or causing damage to the course or club property.

Note: Any other serious misconduct not listed above will be dealt with by the Committee on an individual basis.

Penalty : Disqualification

19.0 INDEMNITY/LIABILITIES

In signing the Entry Form, participants in the Championship shall indemnify and not hold liable, MGA, the sponsors, the Organizers or the Host Club for any loss or damages to their equipment or personal belongings or harm or any form of injuries that the players of the Championship may suffer as a result of the participation in this Championship.

20.0 INCLEMENT WEATHER

The Committee will endeavor to complete the event in its entirety. It reserves the right to suspend or abandon play under inclement weather related circumstances. The Committee will then decide on the Championship.

21.0 DECISIONS, DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINTS

21.1 The attention of all players is drawn to Rule 5.6 regarding Prompt Pact of Play. In the interest of fair play, the Committee has tabled the Pace of Play Policy and will not hesitate to impose the penalties provided by that Policy.

21.2 A referee's ruling on the facts or how the rules apply must be followed by the player. When there is no Referee to give a ruling or when a referee refers a Ruling to the committee:

- The ruling given by the committee and,
- The committee's ruling is final.

21.3 In the absence of a Rules Official, a player with any dispute or doubtful points on the Rules of Golf may invoke Rule 20.1c(3) to play a second ball but must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning the scorecard.

21.4 Any disputes or doubtful points must be lodged in writing to the Committee within 10 minutes on completion of that round in which the dispute arose and it shall be resolved by the Committee.

22.0 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.

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