

THE 19TH BINTULU AMATEUR OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2012 (BDA CHALLENGE TROPHY)

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. RULES

The Rules of Golf as approved by R & A Limited and the Local Rules of Kelab Golf Bintulu shall govern play.

2. THE COMMITTEE

The 19th Bintulu Amateur Open Golf Championship shall be managed by the Bintulu Development Authority Tournament Committee. This Committee reserves the right to amend the Championship Conditions and the decision of the Committee will, in all matters, be final.

3. VENUE & DATES

The Tournament will be played from 29th 30th June to 1st July at Kelab Golf Bintulu, Bintulu, Sarawak, Malaysia.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND HANDICAP

Entries are open to all amateur golfers with a current NHS/USGA Handicap index of 16.2 & below for MEN and Handicap index 21.7 & below for LADIES.

In the event that a player has more than one handicap then his/her lowest handicap shall be used for the Championship. It is the sole responsibility of the players to declare their lowest handicap. Failure to comply shall result in DISQUALIFICATION in the handicap / nett event.

Entries are limited to :

	MEN	LADIES
Kelab Golf Bintulu	First 80 participants	First 5 participants
Kelab Golf Sarawak	First 10 participants	First 2 participants
Kelab Golf Sibu	First 10 participants	First 2 participants
Kelab Golf Miri	First 8 participants	First 2 participants
Kelab Golf Penjara	First 5 participants	
Damai Golf & Country Club	First 5 participants	
Eastwood Valley G CC	First 5 participants	
SJGFA Golf Course	First 3 participants	
Sarawak Club Golf Resort	First 3 participants	

5. RESIGTRATION

Registration will start at 1400 hrs on Thursday, 29 June 2012 and all participants are requested to register by 10.30 hrs at Kelab Golf Bintulu.

6. FORMAT

The Championship will be decided by stroke play over 3 rounds of 18 holes for both Men and Ladies. The Nett Event will be played over 2 rounds of 18 holes. Gross event takes precedence over the Nett event.

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 game impossible.

7. ENTRY FORM, ENTRANCE FEE AND CLOSING DATE

Duly completed entry form together with an entrance fee of **RM 153.00** (inclusive of 6% tax and two days buggy Fees) must reach the Tournament Committee on or before the closing date **24th June 2012** .

Entrance fees for Kelab Golf Bintulu members will be debited from their accounts unless otherwise instructed.

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

All entries will be subject to the approval of the Tournament Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted but subsequently rejected, any entry without giving any reason for its decision.

8. CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS AND BALLS

Any driver that the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft, specified 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 exempted 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

The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R & A.

PENALTY OF BREACH OF CONDITION : DISQUALIFICATION

9. DRAW

The draws for the first two days of the Tournament shall be performed by the Tournament Committee on 27 June 2012 and be posted on the Notice Board at 4.00pm on the same day.

The draws when posted on the Official Notice Board in Kelab Golf Bintulu shall be deemed as due notice given to all players. However, the Tournament Committee shall provide a copy of the draws to all players through their respective clubs prior to the start of the competition.

The draw for the final day shall be based on scores returned and shall be posted on the Notice Board on the same day.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to vary the draw and starting times at its absolute discretion. Affected players will be duly notified. Individual requested for changes in the draw and starting time will not be entertained.

10. QUALIFIERS

There will be a cut-off after the first two rounds (36 holes) for players to qualify for the final rounds as follows:

Men - The 36 lowest Gross scores over the first 36 holes and any tying for the 36th place will qualify for the final round. Ocb Applies

11. TIME OF STARTING

If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is 2 strokes. Penalty for lateness beyond 5 minutes is **DISQUALIFICATION**.

12. DECIDING TIES

In the event of a tie for the first place either in the Men's or Ladies' Championship, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue to play off, hole by hole until the winner is decided by elimination. The sequence of holes for the play-off shall be determined by the Tournament Committee. The purpose of the play-off shall be to decide the **WINNER** only.

In the event of the tie for any other place in both Gross and Nett Events, the tie shall be decided by a count back system of matching score cards in the following order :

- i) Last 18 holes;
- ii) 2nd Last 18 holes;
- iii) Last 9,6,3 holes and finally the last hole

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

13. TRANSPORTATION AND CADDIES

Except for the odd ones, players shall use buggy on a twin-sharing basis for the Tournament. One buggy shall be allotted one caddie only. Players can only engage caddies appointed by Kelab Golf Bintulu.

Penalty : Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred.

Maximum penalty : Four strokes.

14. 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 staff.
- iii) Other unbecoming conduct of behaviour.

15. INCLEMENT WEATHER & SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO DANGEROUS SITUATION

In the event that inclement weather should preclude the completion of this tournament, the Tournament Committee will meet immediately and notify the participants of its decision.

Discontinue play immediately : One prolonged note of siren.

Discontinue play : Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated.

Resume of play : Two short notes of siren, repeated.

16. RETURNING OF SCORECARDS

Players shall return their scorecards as soon as they have finished their round. A player is considered to have returned his/her scorecard as soon as he/she leaves the scoring table.

17. CLOSE OF COMPETITION

The Championship shall be deemed to have closed when the trophy / prize has been presented to the winner.

18. PRACTICE ROUND

All participants shall be permitted one practice round on **28 June 2012 @ Thursday**.