

7th SABAH INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR MASTERS 2011

Cum 12th LEG SPORTEXCEL 2011

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 The 7th SABAH INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR MASTERS 2011 cum 12th SPORTEXCEL 2011 shall be managed by the Tournament Committee whose decision in all matters relating to the Tournament shall be final.
- 1.2 The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for the administration of the Tournament and reserves the right to limit the number of entries or modify the conditions of play.
- 1.3 The Technical and Rules Committee shall adjudicate on any protest, claims or questions of doubts arising from the events and the decision shall be final.

2. DATE & VENUE

The Tournament will be played at the Sabah Golf & Country Club, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia from the 7th to 9th December 2011.

3. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

- 3.1 6th December 2011 (Tuesday) - Registration & Practise Round
- 3.2 7th December 2011 (Wednesday) - First Round
- 3.3 8th December 2011 (Thursday) - Second Round
- 3.4 9th December 2011 (Friday) - Final Round & Prize Presentation

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

- 4.1 The Tournament shall be decided by stroke play over three (3) rounds of 18 holes each for the 7th Sabah International Junior Masters 2011 and two (2) rounds of 18 holes each for the 12th Leg SportExcel 2011, subject to the Committee's right in event of circumstances which make the playing of 54 holes impracticable, to cancel any round or rounds at its discretion. There will be a cut-off after 36 holes play for the 7th Sabah International junior Masters 2011 to qualify for the final round.

(The cut-off will be 50% of the number of competitors in the respective categories, and any resulting figure with decimal point will be rounded up to the next higher number. eg. 50% of 31 is 15.5 will be 16. Exception for any category with 5 to 8 competitors, the top 4 will make the cut-off and any category with 4 or less, all will make the cut-off. Any tie for the cut-off will be on count back).

- 4.2 The winner of each age group category shall be decided by stroke play over 54 holes for the 7th Sabah International Junior Masters 2011 and 36 holes for the 12th Leg SportExcel 2011. The winners shall be the competitors who return the lowest aggregate GROSS score over 54 holes and 36 holes in the respective tournaments, except for (see 4.3 below).
- 4.3 The age group of Boys & Girls of category E (9 years & below) playing off the 'special' GOLD tee box, will only play 9 holes each day, total 27 holes. (1st Day – Front Nine, 2nd Day – Back Nine and 3rd Day - Front Nine).

5. GENERAL CONDITIONS & RULES OF PLAY, ENTRY AND ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The Tournament shall be played according to the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Limited and the Local Rules of Sabah Golf & Country Club.

- 5.2 The Tournament is open to all boys and girls junior amateur golfers who have a valid USGA Handicap Index. However, the Tournament Committee may accept an assigned handicap by the club.
- 5.3 Participants are requested to attach a copy of their birth certificates together with their entry. The Club Manager / Captain / Secretary must endorse all entries.

5.4 The Tournament will be conducted over the following age group categories.

5.4.1 Sabah International Junior Masters:

Category	Age Group
BA (Boys)	20 years & below (Handicap 12 & below)
BB (Boys)	15 years & below (Handicap 20 & below)
BC (Boys)	12 years & below (Handicap 26 & below)
GA (Girls)	20 years & below (Handicap 26 & below)
GB (Girls)	15 years & below (Handicap 30 & below)
GC (Girls)	12 years & below (Handicap 36 & below)
E (Boys / Girls)	9 years & below (Handicap 36 & below)

5.5 If there are less than 4 entries in any group, the Tournament Committee may at its absolute discretion, combine players in that group with players in any other group.

5.6 All entries must be made on the official entrance form and must reach the Tournament office by Thursday, 1st December 2011.

The entries fee of RM150.00 must accompany the entry form of every participant. It includes breakfast for 3 days and lunch on the final day.

Payment by cheque must be crossed and made payable to "Sabah Golf Association".

6. REGISTRATION

All participants should register at the Sabah Golf & Country Club (venue of the Tournament). Registration on Tuesday, 6th December 2011 from 10.00am onwards until 4.00pm.

There will be a briefing on Tournament Rules and Local Rules at 5.30 pm to 6.00pm at the Function Room (1st Floor of SGCC Clubhouse).

7. SIZE OF TOURNAMENT FIELD

The field shall be limited to the first 120 entries on a first come, first serve basis. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to determine the maximum number of entries.

8. TEE BOXES

Boys (BA & BB)	-	Blue Tee Box
Girls (GA & GB)	-	Red Tee Box
Boys / Girls(BC /GC)	-	Red Tee Box
Boys / Girls (E)	-	Gold Tee Box (as determined by the organising committee)

Note: To be eligible for the Sabah International Junior Master's Challenge Trophy (boys / girls), the under -12 boys and girls are permitted to move up to the higher age-group, teeing from the respective tee boxes (boys from blue and girls from red).

9. GOLF EQUIPMENT / NEW CONDITION OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS

9.1 Golf clubs and balls must conform to R & A Rules Limited standard.

9.2 Condition of "List of Conforming Driver Heads"

"Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, 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 clubhead 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.
Match play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes.
Strokeplay – 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 a fellow-competitor in strokeplay 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 R & A periodically issues this list, updated weekly every Monday (<http://www.randa.org>)

10. CADDIES / BUGGIES

All players shall use buggies during the tournament play.
Players aged 13 & above are to drive their buggies themselves.
Players aged 12 & below (categories BC, GC & E) shall be provided with buggies driven by volunteers who will also act as scorers / markers only (and not as caddies) as assigned by the Tournament Committee.
Buggy fee for players aged 13 & above is RM30.00 per player per round of 18 holes.
Buggy fee for players aged 12 & below is RM15.00 per player per round of 9 holes.

11. GALLERIES / SPECTATORS

Galleries / spectators are informed to cooperate and to keep distance of minimum 30 meters from the player during tournament play and must not give instructions or disturb the players. An offender will be given two (2) warnings by the course marshals or officials and for subsequent offense; he / she may be removed from the course.

12. DRAW AND STARTING TIMES

- 12.1 The draws will be made by the Tournament Committee and the starting times will be posted on the Tournament Notice Board at the clubhouse. Such posting will be considered sufficient notice for information and distribution. The Committee reserves the right to vary the starting times, at its absolute discretion, before tee-off time.
- 12.2 Rule 6-3a provides: The player shall start at the time laid down by the committee. The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a is DISQUALIFICATION.
- 12.3 In the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, if a competitor arrives at his starting point ready to play, within five minutes after the starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole instead of disqualification.

Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

13. PRACTICE ROUND

The official practice round is open on Tuesday, 6th December 2011 from 7.00am to 4.00pm. All players must vacate the course after 4.00pm.
Buggy Fee is RM30.00 per round of 18 holes.

14. AWARD & PRIZES

The tournament shall be based on Gross Score for the various age group categories.

- 14.1 for Sabah International Junior Masters (INDIVIDUAL BOYS & GIRLS – GROSS)
3 prizes for each category (BA/BB/BC/GA/GB/GC)
3 prizes for category (E).
- 14.2 for SportsExcel (Gross Score)
3 prizes for each category (BA/BB/BC/GA/GB/GC)
3 prizes for category (E).

15. DECIDING TIES

Ties for the gross championship for both boys and girls shall be decided by hole-by-hole play -off on the 9th hole. If still tied, to repeat play on the same hole until there is a winner.

Ties for any other position shall be decided by the count back system:-

- Step 1 The last eighteen (18) holes gross score. If still tied then,
- Step 2 The last 2nd eighteen (18) holes gross score. If still tied then,
- Step 3 The last nine (9) holes gross score.
- Step 4 The last six (6) holes gross score.
- Step 5 The last three (3) holes gross score.
- Step 6 The last hole's gross score.
- Step 7 It shall be decided by lots.

16. PACE OF PLAY

16.1 The attention of all competitors is drawn to Rules of Golf 6-7 regarding undue delay. In the interest of fair play the Committee will not hesitate to impose the penalties provided by the rules. The technical and Rules Committee considers one of the factors in determining slow play is when a group fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the group in front and there is another group behind waiting to play.

The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes of the Tournament is 4 hours 30 minutes.

16.2 Penalty for Breach of Condition

1st warning Warning by Rules Officials / Course Marshals and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalized.

2nd warning Penalty of one stroke

3rd warning Further penalty of two strokes

For subsequent offence – Disqualification

17. WEATHER CONDITION

Should there be adverse weather conditions during the Championship, a decision regarding the condition of play will be made. If it occurs 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 sounding of an alarm or siren and should proceed in accordance with the Rules of Golf 6-8 (b) as follows:

17.1 One long blast indicates immediate temporary suspension of play.

17.2 Two short blast indicates resumption of play (repeated)

17.3 Three consecutive blasts indicate cancellation of round (repeated).

In the event that any round of the Tournament shall be abandoned or cannot be completed for whatsoever reason, the Tournament Committee shall determine the action to be taken.

18. RECORDING OF SCORES

18.1 Each player will be assigned a "marker" (SEE Rule 6) to record the score of another player in the same flight. The marker shall be responsible for recording the player's correct score after each hole.

18.2 After completion of each round the player shall:

18.2 (i) Check his hole-by-hole score for accuracy

18.2 (ii) Settle any doubtful points with the Tournament Committee.

18.2 (iii) Make sure that his marker has signed his card.

18.2 (iv) Counter sign his own card,

18.2 (v) Return card to the Tournament Committee as soon as possible.

18.2 (vi) The Tournament Committee shall provide Scorers / Markers for both boys / girls in Categories BC/GC & E (i.e. 12 years and below).

19. RETURN OF SCORE CARDS

- 19.1 Player must return their signed card as soon as they have finish the stipulated round.
- 19.2 Player who do not return their score cards or do not complete their competition shall be automatically disqualified.
- 19.3 The penalty for recording a score lower than actually taken is Disqualification (Rule 6-6)

20. SERIOUS BREACH OF ETIQUETTE

The following may be considered 'serious breach of etiquette' for this Tournament.

- 20.1 Hand-phone rings / use of hand phone during play
- 20.2 Verbal abuse of fellow-competitors / Officials / Staff.
- 20.3 Intentionally distracting or offending fellow-competitor.
- 20.4 Improper conduct such as swearing or throwing of golf clubs, smoking, drinking alcoholic drinks.
- 20.5 Note: any other "breaches of etiquette" not listed above will be dealt with by the Tournament Committee on individual basis. Penalty – Disqualification.

21. PROPER BEHAVIOUR ON THE COURSE

21.1 Safety

Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, the player should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like which may be moved by the stroke or swing.

21.2 Consideration For Other Players

- (i) The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow-competitor tees his ball.
- (ii) No one should move, talk, or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
- (iii) In the interest of all, players should play without delay.
- (iv) No player should play until the players in front are out of range.
- (v) When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

21.3. Care of the Course

21.3.1 Holes in Bunkers.

Before leaving the bunker, a player should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by him.

21.3.2 Replace Divots, Repair Ball Marks and Damaged Spikes.

Through the green, a player ensure that any turf cut or displaced by him is replaced at once and pressed down and that any damage to the putting green made by a ball is carefully repaired. Damage to the putting green caused by golf shoe spikes should be repaired on completion of the hole.

21.3.3 Damage to Greens, Flagsticks, Bags & etc.

Player should ensure that when putting down bags or flagstick, no damage is done to the putting green and that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing close to it, in handling the flagstick or in removing the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green. Players should not damage the putting green by leaning on their putters, particularly when removing the ball from the hole.

21.3.4 Damage Through Practice Swing

In taking practice swings, players should avoid causing damage to the course, particularly the tees, by removing divots.

22. CLOSE OF TOURNAMENT

The Tournament shall be deemed to have closed when the trophy /prizes has been presented to the winners or in the absence of a prize giving ceremony when all scores have been accepted by the Tournament Committee.

23. TOURNAMENT ORGANISING COMMITTEE

All decisions of the Tournament Committee pertaining to the Tournament are final and binding.

24. DISCLAIMER

Competitors participating in the Tournament do so at their own risk. Sabah Golf Association (SGA) and the Sabah Golf & Country Club (SGCC) will not be responsible from any claims of loss, damages or injuries to persons or equipment before, during or after the Tournament. All participants must have a valid Golf Insurance.