



WORLD
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BUKIT JAWI
53rd MEN & 48th LADIES
PENANG AMATEUR GOLF OPEN 2019
Tournament Rules & Conditions

1. MANAGEMENT

The **Bukit Jawi 53rd Men & 48th Ladies Penang Amateur Open Golf Championship** shall be managed by the Penang Amateur Open Golf Championship Organizing Committee (hereinafter referred as “The Committee”). The decision of this Committee will, in all matters, be final. All play shall be in accordance with the current Rules of Golf, approved by the R & A Golf Club of St. Andrews and with the Local Rules approved by the Committee.

2. VENUE & DATES

Both Championships will be played at the **Bukit Jawi Golf Resort** from Tuesday, 17th September 2019 till Thursday, 19th September 2019.

3. SCHEDULE OF PLAY

The schedule of play shall be as follows:

a. Monday	(16th September)	Registration & Official Practice Round
b. Tuesday	(17th September)	First Round (Men & Ladies)
c. Wednesday	(18th September)	Second Round (Men & Ladies)
d. Thursday	(19th September)	Final Round (Men & Ladies) Prize Presentation Luncheon

4. FORMAT OF PLAY

4.1 The Tournament shall be decided by stroke play over three (3) rounds of 18 holes each, subject to the 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 50% (gross) and ties leading players shall advance to the final round depending on the number of participants at the discretion of the Committee.**

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1 The tournament is open to male & female players who are amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.

Men (Hill Course – S.R. 137)

a. Having a maximum USGA Handicap Index of 12.7 (BJGR Course Handicap 15) which must be current at the time of entry.

Ladies (Hill Course – S.R. 134)

b. Having a maximum USGA Handicap Index of 20.6 (BJGR Course Handicap 24) which must be current at the time of entry.

5.2 The Committee reserves the right to reject any entry without giving any reason. Participants without a USGA handicap Index issued by the MGA/NHS may not be eligible to participate. **Participants from non NHS Clubs may enter subject to the Committee’s sole discretion but would be eligible to win prizes in the Gross category only.**

6. ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

- 6.1** The Entry Fee for each competitor is RM 430.00 (Malaysian) or USD 120 (Non - Malaysian). The fee is inclusive of daily breakfast and lunch, 3 days green fees, buggy fees, Golfer's Insurance, 1 Complimentary Practice Rounds' Green Fees & the Prize Presentation Lunch.
- 6.2** All entries are to be made on the Official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Secretariat Office by **Monday, 9th September 2019 at the address below:**

**Tournament Committee
Bukit Jawi 53rd Men & 48th Ladies Penang Amateur Open 2019,
Bukit Jawi Golf Resort Berhad,
Lot 414, MK 6,
Jalan Paya Kemian Sempayi,
14200 Sungai Jawi,
Seberang Perai Selatan,
Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.**

- 6.3** Entries must be accompanied with the full Entry Fee payable by cheque to "**Bukit Jawi Golf Resort Bhd.**" or cash deposit into Bukit Jawi Golf Resort Berhad's **CIMB Bank Berhad** Account Number **8004141520**. (Please attach the payment slip together with the entry form upon submission with your name and HP number written at the back of the slip). Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee. Entry form without the accompanying payment will NOT be accepted.
- 6.4** The field may be limited to 120 competitors only. In the event that entries fall short or far exceeded the above number, the 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 competitor withdraws from the tournament and the withdrawal is made after Tuesday, 10th September 2019.

8. REGISTRATION

All competitors are required to register in person or by telephone by **1.00 p.m. on Monday, 16th September 2019**. Failure to do so may result in the competitor being withdrawn from the Championship with no refund of any fees paid.

9. RULES OF PLAY

All play shall be in accordance with the current Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Limited and the Local Rules of Bukit Jawi Golf Resort as approved by the Committee.

10. PRACTICE ROUND

Official practice round is on Monday, 16th September 2019 from 7.30 a.m. onwards. All players must leave the golf course by 4.00 p.m. Complimentary 1 practice round Green Fee for competitors who had paid their entry fees. Buggy fee is at RM 95.40 Nett per buggy and Golfer's Insurance is RM 3.18 Nett per player per round.

11. DRAWS AND STARTING TIMES

- 11.1** Play shall be in groups of four (4) competitors at 8 minutes interval.
- 11.2** Tournament Committee will decide the draw and starting time for the first two rounds. The draw for the final round will be arranged according to the 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.
- 11.3** 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.

11.4 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.”

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

12. PACE OF PLAY (Rule 5.3)

12.1 Time Allowed:

Each hole has been given a maximum completion time based upon the length and difficulty of the hole. The maximum time allotted for the completion of 18 holes will be available prior to play.

Definition of Out of Position:

The first group and any group after a starter’s gap will be considered to be “out of position” if at any time during the round, the group’s cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes played. Any following group will be considered ‘out of position’ if it is more than the starting time interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes played.

12.2 Procedure When Group is Out of Position

12.2.1 If the decision is taken to time the group, each player in the group will be subject to individual timing by a Rules Official. Each player in the group will be advised that they are “out of position” and are being timed.

12.2.2 The maximum time allocated per shot is 40 seconds. 10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

- On the tee box;
- On the subsequent shots; and
- On the putting green.

The timing will start when a player has reached his ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and move loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as time taken for the next stroke.

12.2.3 Timing ceases when a group is either back in position in relation to the preceding group or within the allocated time for the holes played.

PENALTY OF BREACH OF CONDITION:

1 bad time Player will be warned by the Rules Official and told that if he has a further bad time he will be penalized.

Stroke Play

2 bad times Penalty of one stroke
3 bad times Further penalty of two strokes
4 bad times Disqualification

12.3 Procedure When 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.

13. AUTHORIZED / UNAUTHORIZED TRANSPORTATION

Competitors are allowed to use buggies for the duration of play. Buggies are allowed on course unless wet condition rendered the course inaccessible to buggies. **Caddies are not allowed for the duration of the Championship**

14. APPROVED EQUIPMENTS

14.1 Golf Balls (Rule 4.2a)

Balls Allowed in Play of Round

14.1.1 Conforming Ball Must Be Played. In making each stroke, a player must use a ball that conforms to the requirements in the Equipment Rules.

A player may get a conforming ball to play from anyone else, including another player on the course.

14.1.2 Deliberately Altered Ball Must Not Be Played. A Player must not make a stroke at a ball whose performance characteristics have been deliberately altered such as by scuffing or heating the ball or by applying any substance (other than in cleaning it).

14.2 Equipment (Rule 4.3a)

A player may use equipment to help his or her play during a round, except that a player must not create a potential advantage by:

14.2.1 Using equipment (other than a club or a ball) that artificially eliminates or reduces the need for a skill or judgment that is essential to the challenge of the game, or

14.2.2 Using equipment (including a club or a ball) in an abnormal way in making a stroke. "Abnormal way" means a way that is fundamentally different than its intended use and is not normally recognized as part of playing the game.

This Rule does not affect the application of any other Rule that limits actions a player is allowed to take with a club, ball or other equipment (such as setting down a club or other object to help the player in lining up, see Rule 10.2b(3)).

PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION

15. SCORECARDS

15.1 All competitors must submit their respective scorecard duly signed and counter signed by his 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.

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

16. PRIZES

16.1 Men Category

16.1.1 The Champion

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

16.1.2 Nett Champion

The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate Nett scores over 54 holes or less.

16.1.3 Prizes will be awarded as follows;

- i. 10 placing Gross scores over 54 holes or less
- ii. 5 placing Nett scores over 54 holes or less
- iii. Daily Medal - one best Gross

16.2 Ladies Category

16.2.1 The Champion

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

16.2.2 Nett Champion

The winner shall be the competitor who returns the lowest aggregate Nett scores over 54 holes or less.

16.2.3 Prizes will be awarded as follows;

- i. 5 placing Gross scores over 54 holes or less
- ii. 3 placing Nett scores over 54 holes or less
- iii. Daily Medal – One best Gross

NOTE: A competitor shall be entitled to win only one Gross or Nett prize. The Gross event takes priority over the Nett event. A competitor may win only one daily prize throughout the Championship. Number of prizes may be changed depending on the entries.

17. COMPETITION CLOSED

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

18. TIES

18.1 In the event of a tie for the first place, the winner shall be decided by a sudden death playoff in the following order starting from the 18th hole and 9th hole. If the winner still cannot be decided, the sudden death will continue back to the 18th hole and 9th hole until the winner is decided by elimination. The purpose of the play-off is to decide the WINNER for the Championship only.

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

- Last 18 holes
- Last 9 holes
- Last 6 holes
- Last 3 holes
- And finally the last hole;

For ties in the Nett event, the count back will be based on the Nett score. With the handicaps deducted in proportion

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| 1/2 handicap for last 9 holes | 1/6 handicap for last 3 holes |
| 1/3 handicap for last 6 holes | 1/18 handicap for last hole |

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

Note: In the event that a play-off for the GROSS winner is not possible due to unforeseen circumstances, the GROSS winner shall be decided based on the following order:

- i. on count-back of last 18 holes, last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 hole or last hole,
- ii. if the winner is still undecided, it shall be based on count-back from hole 18 till hole 1 of the last 18 holes,
- iii. if the winner is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.

19. AMATEUR STATUS

19.1 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).

19.2 An amateur golfer may accept a prize in excess of the limit stated in 19.1 including a cash prize for a hole-in-one while playing a round of golf.

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.

20. DECISIONS

20.1 If a referee has been appointed by the Committee, his decision is final (Rule 20.2a).

20.2 In the absence of a referee, any dispute or doubtful point on the Rules must be put forward to the Committee whose decision shall be final (Rule 20.2b).

21. DISPUTES & APPEAL

21.1 Any dispute that arises 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 Appeal Committee.

22. 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.

Serious Breach of Etiquette

The following may be considered “serious breaches of etiquette” for this competition:-

- i. Usage of hand phone during a round to the annoyance and distractions of other players.
- ii. Verbal abuse of fellow competitor / official / staff.
- iii. Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitor.
- iv. Consuming alcoholic drinks during play.

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

PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION

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 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 an event in its entirety. However, The Tournament Committee reserves the right to suspend or abandon play as necessary if weather-related circumstances require such action. In the unlikely event the course is unplayable and abandons play or other conditions warranting such action, The Committee then will decide the tournament and all competitors will be informed accordingly.

25. INDEMNITY / LIABILITIES

Bukit Jawi Golf Resort, Penang Golf Association, the sponsors, the Committee, and their staffs will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants of the tournament may suffer as a result of their participation in this tournament.

26. ENQUIRIES

Should there be enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the Tournament Secretariat Office at:

**Tournament Secretariat
Bukit Jawi 53rd Men & 48th Ladies Penang Amateur Open 2019,
Bukit Jawi Golf Resort,
Lot 414, MK 6, Jalan Paya Kemian Sempayi,
14200 Sungai Jawi, Seberang Perai Selatan, Penang.
Tel: 604 – 5820759 Fax: 604- 5822613**

BUKIT JAWI
53rd MEN & 48th LADIES PENANG AMATEUR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2019

FACT SHEET

1. **Dates** : Tuesday, 17th September till Thursday, 19th September 2019
2. **Venue** : Bukit Jawi Golf Resort Berhad,
Lot 414, Mukim 6,
Jalan Paya Kемian Sempayi,
14200 Sungai Jawi,
Seberang Perai Selatan,
Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.
Tel: 604- 5820759 Fax: 604- 5822613
3. **Closing Date** : Tuesday, 9th September 2019
4. **Format** : Men
The Tournament shall be decided by stroke play over three (3) rounds of 18 holes each, subject to the 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.
The top 50% (gross) and ties leading players shall advance to the final round depending on the number of participants at the discretion of the Committee.
- Ladies
The Tournament shall be decided by stroke play over three (3) rounds of 18 holes each, subject to the 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.
The top 50% (gross) and ties leading players shall advance to the final round depending on the number of participants at the discretion of the Committee.
5. **Schedule of Events** : a. Monday 16th Sep 7.30 a.m. onwards Practice Round
(All players must leave the course by 4.00 p.m.)
b. Tuesday 17th Sep First Round
c. Wednesday 18th Sep Second Round
d. Thursday 19th Sep Final Round & VIP Game
2.00 p.m. Prize Presentation Lunch
- Note: All competitors must register with the Registration Centre 30 minutes before their tee off times. Registration is open at 6.30 a.m. daily.
6. **Entry Fee** : The entry fee of RM 430.00 (Malaysian) or USD 120 (Non-Malaysian), must accompany the entry form. The fee is inclusive of daily breakfast and lunch, 3 days green fees, buggy fees, Golfer's Insurance, 1 Complimentary Practice Rounds' Green Fees & the Prize Presentation Lunch.
- Cheques/Drafts are to be made payable to 'Bukit Jawi Golf Resort Bhd.'
Entry forms without the accompanying payments will NOT be accepted.
7. **Eligibility** : The tournament is open to all **Male players** who are:
a) Amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status issued by the R&A Rules Ltd;

- b) Players taking part in the Nett event must possess a maximum USGA Handicap Index of 12.7 at time of submission of entry.

The tournament is open to all Female players who are:

- a) Amateur golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status issued by the R&A Rules Ltd;
b) Players taking part in the Nett event must possess a maximum USGA Handicap Index of 20.6 at time of submission of entry.

All competitors shall produce their current NHS handicap card upon registration. However, players for non-NHS Clubs may play in the gross category only.

Entries are limited to 120 players on first come first serve basis.

8. **Official practice round** : 16th Sep 2019 - First tee-off at 7.30 am. (All players must leave the course by 4.00 p.m.)
Complimentary one round green fee for competitors who had paid their entry fees.
Buggy fee is charged at RM 95.40 Nett per buggy and insurance of RM 3.18 Nett per pax.
9. **Registration** : All competitors are required to register either in person at the Golf Club or by telephone by 1.00 p.m. on 16th September 2019. Failure to do so may result in the player being withdrawn from the Championship.
10. **Buggy/Caddy** : All competitors will be allocated a buggy on twin sharing basis.
No personal caddies are allowed.
11. **Practice range** : Open from 6.30 a.m. Payment for range balls is in cash at RM 12.00 per 100 balls.
12. **Food and Beverage** : Daily breakfast will be provided on competition days for participants only.
All other transactions are by cash. All participants are cordially invited to the prize presentation luncheon on the final day.
13. **Prizes** : Men Ladies
Best 10 Gross scores. Best 5 Gross scores
Best 5 Nett scores. Best 3 Nett scores
Daily Medal - one best Gross Daily Medal - one best Gross
- NOTE: A competitor shall be entitled to win only one Gross or Nett prize. The Gross event takes priority over the Nett event. A competitor may win only one daily prize throughout the Championship. Number of prizes may changed depending on the entries.
14. **Golf Attire** : All competitors are required to observe the dress code/golf attires and the Rules and Regulations of the Club.
15. **Prohibited** : The use of mobile phone is strictly prohibited during the competition rounds. This is a serious breach of etiquette as per Tournament Rules and Conditions (Item 22).
16. **Official Hotel** : Bukit Jawi Golf Resort Hotel
Executive single bed room – RM190.80 Nett
Deluxe Twin bed room - RM164.30 Nett
Superior 3 single bed room – RM222.60 Nett
Deluxe Family (double King bed room) – RM275.60 Nett
Note: Tourism Tax applies for non Malaysian. The rate is RM10 per room per night.
Please contact Mr. Kamallesh (012-489 6685) or Miss Azean/Miss Sham for reservation at 04-582 0759.