



**FALDO SERIES ASIA-MALAYSIA FINAL
25TH & 26TH OCTOBER 2008 AT SSG BERINGIN GOLF CLUB**

Tournament Rules & Conditions

MANAGEMENT

1. The **FALDO SERIES ASIA-MALAYSIA FINAL 2008** shall be managed by a Tournament Committee appointed by MGA and **SSG Beringin Golf Club** whose decision on all matters shall be final.

VENUE

2. The Tournament shall be played over the **SSG Beringin Golf Club**, Rawang, Selangor, Malaysia on **25th & 26th October 2008**.

RULES OF PLAY

3. All play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Ltd and the Local Rules approved by the Tournament Committee

FORMAT OF PLAY

4. The Tournament shall be decided by stroke play over 2 rounds of 18 holes each, subject to the Committee's right in the event of circumstances which make the playing of **36** holes impracticable, to cancel any round or rounds at its discretion.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

5. The schedule of play shall be as follows:
 - a. Thu-Fri (23 to 24 Oct 2008) Official Practice round. Please book your tee-time with the Club
 - b. Friday (24 Oct 2008) Registration -10.00am to 4.00pm
(If parents wish to play the package is RM 200.00 with buggy on twin sharing)
Welcome Cocktail – 5.00 p.m. till 7.00 p.m.
 - c. Saturday(25 Oct 2008) First Round – Tee off (Afternoon) – 11.00 am onwards
 - c. Sunday (26 Oct 2008) Final Round – Tee off (Morning) – 8.00am onwards
Junior & Grass Root Golf Clinic – 10.00am to 1.00pm
Lunch/ Prize Presentation

ELIGIBILITY

6. The Championship is open to **BOYS** and **GIRLS** who are **Malaysian Citizens Only**.
 - i) Born in 1987 or later
 - ii) **With a maximum USGA Handicap Index of 10.7 (12) at Slope Rating 131 for Boys and Index 18.8 (20) at Slope Rating 123 for Girls.**

HANDICAP TO BE USED IN COMPETITIONS

7. A player must use his USGA Handicap Index in effect on the date the Competition starts. A player belonging to more than one club and having different USGA handicap indexes at each club must use his lowest Handicap Index unless a valid explanation is acceptable to the Committee before commencement of play. **Penalty for breach of Rule: Disqualification.**

ENTRIES AND CLOSING DATE

8. **All entries will be based on 'Criteria' set by the Malaysian Golf Association** and to be made on the Official Entry Form and must reach the Tournament Office by **3rd October 2008 – (Friday 1.00 p.m)**. Maximum number of entries – 120 pax
9. The entrance fee of **RM160.00** must accompany the entry form. This includes breakfast & lunch over 2 competition days. Buggy and caddy will be charged at **RM20.00 per day**. Cheques are to be made payable to '**MALAYSIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION**' or **MGA Maybank Account No. 564548112540** (Please fax the payment slip after bank-in through). Entry forms without the payment will **NOT** be accepted.

CADDIES

10. All players shall walk at all time during a stipulated round unless the Committee provides authorized transport between certain holes. Organizing Committee will provide the caddies to drive the buggies.

WITHDRAWAL

11. Withdrawal from tournament will not be entertained after 3rd October 2008 (**Friday**) and entry fees will not be refunded.

DRAWS AND STARTING TIMES

12. Play shall be in groups of **three**. The Tournament Committee will make the draws. The draw for the **final round** will be arranged according to the scores; the lowest scores will tee off last from the first tee and the highest scores will tee off last from the tenth tee.
13. The player shall start at the time laid down by the Tournament Committee. In the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7 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.

SLOW PLAY: UNDUE DELAY

14. The Player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with the pace of play guidelines, which may be laid down by the Tournament Committee. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play.

PACE OF PLAY (NOTE TO RULE 6-7)

a) 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.

b) Procedure When Group is Out of Position

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.
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.

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:

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| 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. |
| 2 bad times | Penalty of one stroke |
| 3 bad times | further penalty of two strokes |
| 4 bad times | Disqualification |

c) 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.

SCORECARDS

15. A player is considered to have returned his/her scorecards to the Tournaments Committee when he/she has placed his/her scorecard in the box marked '**SCORECARD RETURN**'.

DECISION ON TIES

16. In the event of a tie for the first place for the overall **CHAMPION**, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue in a hole-by-hole sudden death play-off until the winner is decided by elimination. The Tournament Committee shall determine the sequence of holes for the play-off.

In the event of a tie for any other placing, the tie shall be decided by a count-back system of matching scorecards in the following order:

- a. Last 18 holes
- b. 2nd Last 18 holes
- c. Last 9 holes
- d. Last 6 holes
- e. Last 3 holes
- f. And finally the last hole

*** In any case, if the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.**

CONFORMING BALL (NOTE TO RULE 5-1)

17. 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**

CONFORMING DRIVING CLUBS

18. Any driver the player carries must have a club head, 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 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.

***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

An updated List of Conforming Driver Heads is available on the R&A website (www.randa.org). This list is also available in the Tournament Office

PRIZES

19. Prizes will be awarded as follows based on gross scores: -

Best 2 - Boys 21 years (Year of Birth 1987-1989)

Best 2 - Boys 18 years (Year of Birth 1990-1991)

Best 2 - Boys 16 years (Year of Birth 1992 or later)

Best 2 - Girls 21 years (Year of Birth 1987-1989)

Best 2- Girls 16 years (Year of Birth 1992 or later)

- **The winner in each category will represent Malaysia in the Faldo Series Asia grand final at Mission Hills Golf Club in Shenzhen, China in March 2009.**
- **A player who wins the overall category will receive a winner's trophy in addition to his/her age category prizes.**
- **Numbers of prizes are subject to change based on final entries.**
- **The Age groupings are subject to change based on final entries.**

RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION – COMPETITION CLOSED

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

UNAUTHORIZED TRANSPORTATION

21. Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride by the Committee. Use of any unauthorized transportation is prohibited:
Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred;
Maximum penalty: Four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

ETIQUETTE

22. Serious Breach of Etiquette

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

- i. Hand-phone rings / use of hand phone during play.
- ii. Verbal abuse of fellow competitor / official / staff.
- iii. Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitor.

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

DISPUTES AND DOUBTFUL POINTS

23. Any disputes or doubtful points on the Rules Of Golf should be referred to the Rules Committee as soon as possible on completion of the round and in any case not later than 15 minutes after completing the round.

DECISIONS

24. a. If a referee has been appointed by the Committee, his decision **shall be final**.
(Rule 34-2)
- b. In the absence of a referee, any dispute or doubtful point in the Rules of Golf shall be referred to the **Committee**, whose decisions shall be final (Rule 34-3)

INDEMNITY/LIABILITIES

25. MGA, Faldo Series Asia, The Sponsor, The Organizers or SSG Beringin Golf Club 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.