



MALAYSIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION (PSM 0193/98)

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17th December 2008

**All Presidents/Captains/General Managers/Managers
MGA Affiliated Clubs/Society/Associations**

Dear Sir/Madam,

UPDATES FROM MALAYSIAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

Greetings from the Malaysian Golf Association.

We would like to inform all Affiliates that during the recent EGM held on 9th December 2008, a vote of no-confidence against the President, YAM Tunku Abdul Majid Idris Sultan Iskandar, was passed and as a consequence removed as President with immediate effect. A total of 129 votes were for the resolution with 33 against and 2 spoilt votes.

Further to this, the Committee at its meeting on 11th December 2008 has appointed Datuk Robin Loh, one of the current Vice-Presidents to be the President by draw of lots. At the same meeting, Mr Low Teck San was appointed as Vice President following the vacancy created. The office bearers of the Association holding office are as follows:

OFFICE BEARERS

President	Datuk Robin Loh Hoon Loi
Vice President	Haji Mohd Yaacob Mohd Kassim
Vice President	Mr Low Teck San
Hon Secretary	Zulkifli Dato' Ismail
Hon Treasurer	Andrew Bryan Perera

State representatives:

Terengganu	Khalid Emran Yusof
Penang	Major (R) Ng Goot Seong
Sarawak	Brian Chien Chai Ung
Wilayah Persekutuan KL	Thein Chin Fatt
Selangor	Abdul Majid Md Yusof
Pahang	Mohd Hasnulhisham Yaakob
Negeri Sembilan	Shanjoy Roy Choudhury
Melaka	Mohd Rom Muslim
Sabah	George BH Bandusena
Perak	Low Teck San
Johor	Majid Manjit Abdullah
Kelantan	Haji Ahmad Bahri Haji Hassan
Kedah	Yuzmi Mohd Yusoff

Appointed Members:

A S Khamis
Lt Col (R) Mohd Jamal Salleh
Datuk Yahya Jaafar
Ir Quek Swee Kim
Capt. William van Geyzel

We are pleased to forward herewith the updates on MGA portfolios as guidelines to our Affiliates. Kindly ensure that these guidelines are adhered to.

A. CONDITIONS FOR HOSTING STATE AMATEUR TOURNAMENTS

1. Golf Rules Applicable

All competitions must be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Golf issued by the R&A Rules Ltd.

2. Amateur Status

The Rules of Amateur Status issued by the R&A Rules Ltd must be complied with, particularly with regard to the retail value of the prizes awarded.

2.1 Caution – Forfeiture of Amateur Status.

Insert a statement in the 'Entry Form' stating that those who win prizes exceeding the limits as stated in the Rules of Amateur Status will have their Amateur Status forfeited. (Maximum Value £ 500 or RM3,500.00)

2.2. Report

To report any breach of Amateur Status with particulars of the affected Golfers and the values of the prizes.

3. Referees

- i. There should be at least two qualified referees to adjudicate the Rules of Golf for tournaments that have more than 80 players.
- ii. For private events, Clubs are required to write to MGA to request for qualified referees whose allowances and other expenses shall be borne by the Club.
- iii. For State Amateur Opens, State Associations/Clubs shall bear the 1st referee's fees and allowances while MGA shall bear the 2nd referee's fees and allowances. However, State Associations/Clubs need to take care their F&B and accommodation expenses if required depending on the location where the referee comes from.

iv. The Tournament Director (TD) **must** be a qualified Rules Official and shall be appointed by MGA. (The TD will also double-up as Chief Referee).

4. **Tournament Rules & Conditions.**

Draft Tournament Rules and Conditions of Play and Local Rules should be forwarded to MGA for approval at least 8 weeks before the date of the competition.

5. **Eligibility / Handicap Index.**

Accept participants with a current and valid NHS USGA Handicap Indexes only. Participants with Club Handicap can be accepted, but they must be informed that they can only play for gross prizes.

6. **Results.**

The results of the competition should be submitted to MGA within two weeks of the competition.

7. **Usage of Logo**

i) **MGA Logo**

The usage of MGA logo is allowed for advertising purposes only i.e. shirts, caps, banners, posters etc for the duration of the event. For any other use, prior approval is required to be obtained from MGA.

ii) **NFC & Belia Benci Dadah Logos**

The usage of these logos is compulsory for all events.

Please download the logos from our website, www.mgaonline.com.my under Information page.

8. **National Anthem**

'Negara Ku' our National Anthem must be played during the Opening and Closing ceremonies.

9. **MGA Representative**

An MGA representative **must** be included in the Organizing Committee.

Each State Association/Host Club is entitled to grants of RM 5,000.00 for Men & RM 2,000.00 for Ladies State Amateur Opens. When a combined event is held, an allocation of RM 7,000.00 shall be granted to the State Association/Host Club. **To be eligible for the grants, all State Associations/Host Clubs must comply with all the requirements from Para. 1 to 9.** The grant shall only be paid after receiving the Tournament Report by the Tournament Director.

B. SANCTIONED CLUB/PRIVATE TOURNAMENTS

Any Golf Club hosting club/private competitions must ensure that the tournament organizers have obtained sanctions from MGA and/or License from the Commissioner of Sports prior to the competition. **Sanction and License procedures are posted on our website under the Information Page.**

C. R&A WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING

Please take note that the following National and State Championships (Men) are included in the R&A World Amateur Golf Ranking:

Malaysian Amateur Open	Melaka Amateur Open
Malaysian National Championship	Kelantan Amateur Open
Malaysian Junior Open	Johor Amateur Open
Malaysian National Trials	Perak Amateur Open
Negeri Sembilan Amateur Open	Pahang Amateur Open
Selangor Amateur Open	Penang Amateur Open
KL Amateur Open	Sarawak Amateur Open
Kedah Amateur Open	Sabah Amateur Open
Perlis Amateur Open	RJCC Invitational
Terengganu Amateur Open	Saujana Amateur Open
Sarawak Chief Minister's Cup	Sabah International Junior Masters

You may use the logo of **R&A World Amateur Golf Ranking** for your promotional purposes which can be downloaded from our website under Information, Competitions & Rules page.

D. NATIONAL TEAM

The National Trial 2009 will be held concurrently with the Selangor Amateur Open 2008 at SSG Beringin Golf Club from January 19-20, 2009 for ladies and January 21-23, 2009 for men. Details of these two events can be found in the website.

The selection of athletes to the National Team will be based on the scores of the Trial, their past performances and age. The selected athletes will be named to either the Elite or Pelapis Squad.

E. NATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The 2008 MGA State Junior Clinic was successfully organized throughout Malaysia. The 2009 schedule has been posted on the website. Please refer to your State Representatives for further details.

F. NATIONAL HANDICAPPING SYSTEM (NHS)

i. Virus

Clubs in the NHS are recommended to install anti-virus software to prevent data from being corrupted. The Virus Prevention Action Plan can be downloaded from the website under Notice to MGA Affiliates.

ii. Uploading

Effective 1st June 2008, data can be uploaded to the server on a weekly basis i.e. every Friday from 9.00am to 6.00pm. This is necessary to ensure that all clubs can complete the Month End Processing (MEP). The schedule of the 2009 MEP is posted on our website.

iii. Billing

Invoices will be billed on a yearly basis effective January 2009. The rates are as follows:

More than 600 members: RM7,200.00 per year

Less than 600 members: RM1.00 per card per month

If payment is not made for more than 2 quarters, the cards will not be sent to the affected clubs.

G. COURSE AND SLOPE RATING

We strongly recommend that your golf course be re-rated to update Course and Slope Rating so as to reflect accurate Handicap Indices for your members and handicap differentials for golfers who play on your course. As recommended by the USGA, newly constructed golf courses change rapidly in the first few years and should be re-rated once in every three (3) years for a period of nine years. Alternatively, it is recommended that a course must be re-rated once in every ten (10) years, even if it has not been changed in any way. A course must no longer use its USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating if its ratings are more than 10 years old.

The current charges for the course and slope rating can be viewed from our website.

H. WEBSITE

The website is constantly updated with news of the Association and the golfing public at large. Any affiliates who wish to include their news on the website may write officially to MGA. Besides news on competitions, affiliates can also advertise their products/packages to the website which is chargeable. However, a complimentary page has been dedicated to each affiliate free of charge. Please take advantage of this to promote your club through our website.

I. AMATEUR STATUS

The updated list of forfeiture and reinstatement has been circulated to all affiliates and event organizers. We would like to remind that any amateur golfers accepting a prize over the prescribed limit of £500 or RM3,500.00 maybe liable for forfeiture. Amateur golfers are also not allowed to play for cash money of any amount.

J. FIXTURES

The 2009 Fixtures are attached. The dates of the events are subject to change. Affiliates who wish to host any of the state events which has not been taken, please write officially to MGA.

K. **BHI INSURANCE**

Please be informed that BHI, our golf insurance partner has improved their golf insurance scheme for 2009 which can be found on the website. We urge affiliates to promote this scheme to the members.

L. **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

- i. An Affiliated Club with a club membership shall pay annual subscription based on the number of holes on its golf course on the 31st day of December of the previous year on the following scale:
 - Club with up to 9 holes - RM400.00
 - Club with up to 18 holes or Club with up to 9 holes but with 1000 members or more - RM1,000.00
 - Club with up to 27 holes - RM1,500.00
 - Club with more than 27 holes - RM2,000.00
- ii. An Affiliated Club, without membership shall pay an annual subscription based on the number of holes on its golf course on the 31st day of December of the previous year on the following scale:
 - Club with up to 9 holes - RM400.00
 - Club with up to 18 holes - RM800.00
 - Club with more than 18 holes - RM1,000.00

M. **JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT FUND (JDP)**

An affiliated Club shall pay an annual fund for Junior Development Program as follows:

- Club with up to 9 holes - RM300.00
- Club with up to 18 holes - RM600.00
- Club with up to 27 holes - RM900.00
- Club with up to 36 holes or more - RM1,200.00

N. **MAYBANK MALAYSIAN OPEN (MMO) 2009**

The Maybank Malaysian Open 2009 will be held from February 11-15, 2009 at Saujana Golf & Country Club. As part of the event, and to ensure the tournament success, the organizing committee requires lots of volunteers and secretariat staff to ensure a smooth organization. We are looking for volunteers to be on duty as Marshalls, scorers, starters and media crews. As this will be purely on a Voluntary basis, you will be provided with meals, shirts and a cap. After completion of the event you will get to play in the Volunteers Game at the Championship course. If any of your club members/staff are interested to serve as a volunteer, please get the Form from the website and submit it before Friday, 16th January 2009 either by post or fax.

O. **MANAGEMENT STAFF**

The following are the current MGA staff:

Mr. V. Ravindran	General Manager
Puan Sara Ismail	Senior Manager - in charge of Amateur Status /Associate Membership/Sanction and Publication
En Zulkifly Mohd Daud	Finance and Accounts Manager
Puan June Lee	Admin & Personnel Manager
Mr. Sobaan Ramlu	Operations Executive – in charge of NHS/CSR
En Razlan Alias	Operations Executive – in charge of National Team Management/Competitions & Rules
En Bambang Sumanteri Osman	Operations Executive – assisting Coach in the National Junior Development Program/National Team
En Mas Mesdeir Sarbi Jamil	Finance Executive – Finance and Accounts Manager
Miss. S. Revathy	Account Assistant
Miss Mazura Ghazi	Administrative Executive
Mr Tony Maloney	Head Coach
Mr. V Gunalen	Coach of National Junior Development Program /National team
En. Faridil Atras	Training Coordinator

Please be informed that all information pertaining to MGA's activities, rates, events etc are posted on the website at www.mgaonline.com.my. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support towards MGA activities in 2008 and we look forward to the same for 2009.

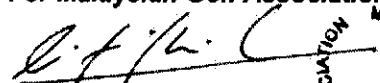
If you need further details on any of the above subjects, please do not hesitate to contact our General Manager, Mr V. Ravindran.

Lastly, we would like to wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

With Best Regards.

Yours sincerely,

For Malaysian Golf Association,


ZULKIFLI DATO' ISMAIL
Honorary Secretary

c.c. All Committee Members & State Representatives



MGA CALENDAR FOR 2009

NO	DATES	TOURNAMENTS	VENUES
1	JAN 15 - 17	1 ST R & A ASIAN REFEREES SCHOOL *	GLENMARIE GOLF RESORT
2	JAN 19 - 20	SELANGOR AMATEUR OPEN 2008 (LADIES) NATIONAL TRIAL *	SSG BERINGIN GOLF RESORT
3	JAN 21 - 23	SELANGOR AMATEUR OPEN 2008 (MEN) NATIONAL TRIAL *	SSG BERINGIN GOLF RESORT
4	FEB 11 - 15	MAYBANK MALAYSIAN OPEN *	SAUJANA GCC
5	FEB 24 - 27	KL AMATEUR OPEN	BUKIT JALIL GCR
6	MARCH 16	R & A TURF MANAGEMENT *	KGNS
7	MARCH 27 - 29	PERLIS AMATEUR OPEN (MEN)	PUTRA GCC
8	APRIL 24 - 26	SARAWAK AMATEUR OPEN (MEN & LADIES)	DAMAI GCC
9	MAY 2 - 4	TERENGGANU AMATEUR OPEN (MEN)	TBC
10	MAY 12 - 14	SABAH AMATEUR OPEN (MEN & LADIES)	TBC
11	MAY 17 - 18	SEMENANJUNG TANAH MELAYU VS BORNEO* (PRESIDENT CHALLENGE TROPHY)	PENINSULAR
12	MAY 21 - 24	107 TH MALAYSIAN STROKEPLAY C'SHIP (MEN) *	SARAWAK
13	JUNE 5 - 7	KEDAH AMATEUR OPEN (MEN)	TBC
14	JUNE 9 - 10	SELANGOR LADIES AMATEUR OPEN 2009	TBC
15	JUNE 12 - 14	PERAK AMATEUR OPEN (MEN)	MERU VALLEY CC
16	JUNE 19 - 21	NEGERI SEMBILAN AMATEUR OPEN (MEN & LADIES)	SEREMBAN INT. GC
17	JULY 4-6	KELANTAN AMATEUR OPEN (MEN)	KELANTAN GCC
18	JULY 14 - 16	MGA - SGA ANNUAL MATCH *	SINGAPORE
19	JULY 24 - 26	PAHANG AMATEUR OPEN (MEN & LADIES)	TBC
20	AUG 1 - 2	PERAK LADIES AMATEUR OPEN	TBC
21	AUG 4 - 5	BHI NATIONAL INTERCLUB TEAM C'SHIP *	TBD
22	AUG 11 - 13	100 PLUS M'SIAN JUNIOR OPEN *	TBD
23	SEPT 7 - 9	MALACCA AMATEUR OPEN (MENS & LADIES)	TBC
22	SEPT 15 - 18	NOMURA CUP	NAM-SEOUL CC, KOREA
23	OCT 2 - 4	JOHOR AMATEUR OPEN (MEN & LADIES)	TBC
24	OCT 24 - 25	FALDO SERIES ASIA-MALAYSIA FINAL *	TBD
25	OCT 30 - NOV 1	PENANG AMATEUR OPEN (MEN & LADIES)	TBC
26	NOV 10 - 12	SELANGOR AMATEUR OPEN	TBC
27	NOV 17 - 20	49 TH PUTRA CUP	SINGHA PARK GOLF, KHONKAEN, THAILAND
28	NOV 24 - 25	MALAYSIAN MID-AMATEUR **	TBD
29	DEC 7 - 9	MAYBANK JUNIOR CAMP	TBD
30	DEC 13 - 21	SEA GAMES	VIENTIANE, LAOS

NOTES

- (*) Organized and managed by MGA, (**) New Competition
- Except for the National Championship, Semenanjung Tanah Melayu vs Borneo, National Trial, MGA Inter-State Team Championship, Faldo Series Asia - Malaysia Final and Malaysian Mid Amateur Championship, all other Championships are open to overseas entries.

NOTE : * TBD - To Be Decided by Committee