



Yayasan Kecemerlangan Sukan Malaysia
Foundation for Malaysian Sporting Excellence (SportExcel)

SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit
SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit
SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit
&
SportExcel Malaysian Junior Match Play

Terms of Competition
&
Handbook
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OBJECTIVES

1. To provide Competitive Opportunities for Junior Golfers.
2. To develop Golfing Excellence among our Junior Golfers.
3. To identify talented Junior Golfers and to provide them with opportunities to excel in Golf.
4. To nurture and prepare Junior Golfers for the National Back-Up and National Squads.
5. To develop Junior Golfers of good character who will at all times, uphold the Spirit of Fair-play and Sportsmanship.

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

1. MANAGEMENT

The SportExcel Malaysian Junior Circuit, the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit, the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit and the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Match Play (hereinafter referred to as the "Tournament") shall be managed by a Tournament Committee (hereinafter referred to as "The Committee") appointed by the Foundation for Malaysian SportExcel Excellence (SportExcel) whose decisions on all matters shall be final.

This Terms of the Competition is the general guideline for all SportExcel Golf tournaments. It may however be superseded by the Terms of the Competition of each event, where applicable.

2. ELIGIBILITY

The Tournaments, except where otherwise indicated, is open to the following:

- i. Malaysian and Non-Citizens or as otherwise stated.
- ii. Amateur Junior Golfers in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status (effective January 2019) as approved by the R&A Rules Limited.
- iii. Junior Golfers shall have a valid handicap index (WHS) in order to participate; however, an exception may be allowed based on the Committee's discretion as per clause 3.3. For players below 10 years and without handicap, a proficiency test must be conducted by coaches and submitted to SportExcel.

As the SportExcel Malaysian junior Golf Circuit is an entry level development circuit, members of the National Backup and National Teams are discouraged from participating in this circuit. However, invitations to the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit may be extended to members of the National Backup and National Teams.

3. GROUPING, TEEING GROUNDS AND COURSE YARDAGES

- 3.1** The age of each Junior Golfer shall be determined based on the year of birth. The Junior Golfer shall be assigned into the age group category, which corresponds to his/her year of birth.
- 3.2** Participants may be required to furnish proof of age via government issued photo ID or document.
- 3.3** The Committee may accept participants with higher handicaps or without handicaps as its discretion. The Committee has the absolute discretion to change the age group categories, the teeing areas and course yardages as deemed fit.
- 3.4** A player may be allowed to play in a higher age group with agreement from the Committee, but he/she must remain in the said age group for the same year. One of the criteria for moving up an age group is that the Junior Golfer must play in the previous tournament with scores of +4 or lower from par for 18 holes (or +2 or lower from par for 9 holes) and subject to the Committee's approval.
- 3.5** Junior Golfers can only participate in one age group category at any one time, unless specified otherwise. Where Junior Golfers may be eligible to play in more than one category, they may do so only when the same teeing areas are used for the different categories involved.

3.6 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit – Played over 2 rounds of 18 holes.

Group	Gender	Age	Year of Birth	Maximum Handicap Index	Course Yardage	Tee Boxes
BA	Boys	15 – 18 years	2004 – 2007	36	6,400 – 6,600 yards	Blue
BB	Boys	13 – 14 years	2008 – 2009	36	6,000 – 6,200 yards	Blue
BC	Boys	11 – 12 years	2010 – 2011	36	4,900 – 5,500 yards	Red
BD	Boys	9 – 10 years	2012 – 2013	36	Par 3 = 100M / 109 yards Par 4 = 220M / 241 yards Par 5 = 350M / 383 yards	Yellow
BE	Boys	6 – 8 years	2014 – 2016	36	Par 3 = 100M / 109 yards Par 4 = 160M / 175 yards Par 5 = 250M / 273 yards	Orange
GA	Girls	15 – 18 years	2004 – 2007	36	5,400 – 5,600 yards	Red
GB	Girls	13 – 14 years	2008 – 2009	36	5,000 – 5,200 yards	Red
GC	Girls	11 – 12 years	2010 – 2011	36	4,400 – 4,800 yards	Red
GD	Girls	9 – 10 years	2012 – 2013	36	Par 3 = 100M / 109 yards Par 4 = 220M / 241 yards Par 5 = 350M / 383 yards	Yellow
GE	Girls	6 – 8 years	2014 – 2016	36	Par 3 = 100M / 109 yards Par 4 = 160M / 175 yards Par 5 = 250M / 273 yards	Orange

Note: BE & GE – These two groups may be combined if there are less than four players in any one group.

3.7 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit – Played over 3 rounds of 18 holes

Group	Age	Year of Birth	Handicap Index	Avg. Scores	Course Yardage	Tee Boxes
BA	15 – 18 yrs	2004 – 2007	10 & below	80 & below	6,400 – 6,600 yards	Blue
BB	13 – 14 yrs	2008 – 2009	10 & below	85 & below	6,000 – 6,200 yards	Blue
GA	15 – 18 yrs	2004 – 2007	12 & below	85 & below	5,400 – 5,600 yards	White
GB	13 – 14 yrs	2008 – 2009	12 & below	90 & below	5,000 – 5,200 yards	White

3.8 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit – Played over 3 rounds of 18 holes

Group	Age	Year of Birth	Handicap Index	Avg. Scores	Course Yardage	Tee Boxes
BA	15 – 18 yrs	2004 – 2007	12 & below	80 & below	6,700 – 7,200 yards	Blue
BB	13 – 14 yrs	2008 – 2009	15 & below	85 & below	6,700 – 7,200 yards	Blue
GA	15 – 18 yrs	2004 – 2007	15 & below	85 & below	5,600 – 6,200 yards	White
GB	13 – 14 yrs	2008 – 2009	18 & below	90 & below	5,600 – 6,200 yards	White

- Note:**
- Boys and Girls in Group C may apply to the tournament committee to participate at the Premier Division Junior Circuit and Premier Elite Golf Circuit, but based on the criteria above.
 - The tournament committee may or may not allow some flexibility to the average scores and h/cap for each category.

4. ENTRIES – NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.

4.1 SportExcel Malaysian junior Golf Circuit

The number of participants at each tournament shall be limited to a maximum of 120 players, on a “first come first serve” basis.

4.2 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit

The number of participants at each tournament shall be limited to a maximum of 60 players, on a “first come first serve” basis.

4.3 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit

The number of participants at each tournament shall be limited to a maximum of 80 players, by invitation only.

4.4 Players from Sabah and Sarawak

These players, on application or invitation can participate without having participated in SportExcel competitions. But the players have to submit their latest handicap and scores from their recent recognised competitions (Terms and Conditions apply).

4.5 Wildcard entries

Top juniors who had not participated in the current SportExcel Junior Circuit/Elite for valid reasons are also invited as 'Wildcard' entries.

The above flexibility is to raise the level of competition and also cater for some of the best junior players in the country.

4.6 The decision to accept or reject players will be decided by the Tournament Committee.

The Organizing Committee however, reserves the right to vary the number of participants in each tournament.

Note: 1. Failure to turn up without informing SportExcel via phone, WhatsApp or email at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the competition, will result in the player being suspended for one (1) subsequent event and **forfeiture** of the entry fee for the same tournament, before the player is allowed to participate again in the SportExcel's Junior Circuits.

2. In the event that a player changes his/her golf club, SportExcel must be duly informed.

5. ENTRY FEES

5.1 Players will be charged a Tournament Entry Fee, normally RM 80 – RM 120 per round for Malaysian, while non-Malaysians shall be charged an additional 50% of the entry fee or Ringgit Malaysia One Hundred (RM 100), whichever is lower at a different rate to be determined depending on the venue.

5.2 Payment for the Tournament Entry Fee must be made by the registration closing date via electronic transfer into the SportExcel bank account. Cash payment will not be accepted.

CIMB Bank Account Number **800 337 9428 – Yayasan Kecemerlangan Sukan Malaysia**
Please forward bank-in details and the registration form to SportExcel.

Note: 1. Payment should be made only after receiving confirmation of participation from SportExcel.

2. Players who do not pay by the registration closing date, may not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

5.3 There will be no lunches served during tournaments except for the Grand Finals / International tournaments.

6. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

6.1 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit

All Junior Golfers accepted by the Organizing Committee must register and confirm their participation using the Tournament Online Registration Form available at the official website of SportExcel (www.sportexcel.org.my). The Tournament Online Registration Form must be filled and submitted online by the stipulated closing date. Acceptance into the tournament shall be on a "first come first serve" basis and late entries submitted after the closing date may be rejected.

If the number of participants has not reached the maximum limit after the closing date, late entries may be accepted, with approval from the Committee, with payment of a **late entry surcharge of RM 50.00**.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any entry at its absolute discretion without assigning any reason for its decision.

6.2 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit

Since participation is by invitation only, invited players will receive an invitation email with a URL Link and a code to the Tournament Online Registration Form.

The Tournament Online Registration Form must be filled and submitted online by the stipulated closing date. Late entries submitted after the closing date may be rejected and that slot may be assigned to the next player on the waiting list.

Only players receiving this invitation email may register on-line.

If the number of participants has not reached the maximum limit after the closing date, late entries may be accepted, with approval from the Committee, with payment of a **late entry surcharge of RM 50.00**.

7. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

7.1 All SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit, SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit and SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit tournaments shall be on **Stroke Play** (Gross) except for the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Match Play Tournament.

7.2 The number of 18-holes rounds at each of these tournaments shall be determined by the Committee and this depends on the schedule and venue, and may therefore vary accordingly.

7.3 There will be no cut-off unless otherwise stated.

7.4 Flight arrangement for non-final day shall be determined by the Committee.

7.5 Flight arrangement for the final day in Junior Circuit shall be based on total scores according to respective age group category.

7.6 Flight arrangement for the final day in Elite and Premier Division shall be based on overall total scores, based on tee-boxes.

7.7 In the event of conditions or circumstances which make the playing of any round impossible, the Committee reserves the right to cancel that round.

7.8 Group BD & GD (9 – 10 years, Boys & Girls) and Group BE & GE (8 years & below, Boys & Girls) in the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit:

7.8.1 shall play 2 rounds of 9 holes.

7.8.2 may have the **Maximum Score** form of stroke play (**Rule 21.2**) in place
Maximum Score is a form of stroke play where a player's score for a hole is capped at a maximum number of strokes set by the Committee.

In the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit, for age groups D & E, the Maximum Score may be set at **two times per** par for each hole (maximum score on a par 4 is 8 strokes).

A player's score for a hole is based on the number of strokes actually taken (including penalty strokes), except that the player will get only the maximum score even if the actual number of strokes exceeds the maximum.

When the Actual Number of Strokes (including Penalty Strokes) is Lower than Maximum, the score card must show the actual number of strokes.

When the Actual Number of Strokes (including Penalty Strokes) is Same as or Higher than Maximum, the score card may show any number of strokes at or above the maximum.

The Committee is responsible for adjusting the player's score to the maximum for any hole where the scorecard shows either no score or any score above the maximum.

To help pace of play, players shall stop playing a hole when their score has reached the maximum; a player does not need to hole-out for a hole where he/she has reached the maximum score.

7.8.3 may have a chipping & putting competition.

7.9 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division / Premier-Elite Golf Circuit – Tie

In the event of a tie for Overall Boys Champion (BA combined with BB) and Overall Girls Champion (GA combined with GB) in the **SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division / Premier-Elite Golf Circuit** tournaments, the competitors tying shall as soon as possible continue to a sudden-death play-off until a winner is decided. The Committee shall determine the sequence of holes for the play-off.

The purpose of the play-off shall be to decide the Overall Boys Champion and Overall Girls Champion only.

In the event of failing daylight or inclement weather, the Committee reserves the right to declare the ties as joint winners or to ascertain by the best possible and/or participants/players.

Other tied positions shall be decided on count back (OCB) over the scores of the last 18 holes, the last 9 holes, the last 6 holes, the last 3 holes and the last hole. If the tie is still unresolved it shall be decided by lot.

7.10 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit – Tie

In the **SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit** tournaments, no sudden-death play-off shall be conducted and all tied positions shall be decided on count back (OCB) over the scores of the last 18 holes, the last 9 holes, the last 6 holes, the last 3 holes and the last hole. If the tie is still unresolved it shall be decided by lot.

7.11 MatchPlay

7.11.1 Format

The tournament may start with Stroke Play on the first day, followed by two days of Match Play. 16 Boys and 16 Girls may be selected based on ranking after the first day of stroke play, to continue play in the next two days of match play.

7.11.2 Terms of the MatchPlay Competition

- 7.11.2.1 All matches shall be played with no handicap allowance.
- 7.11.2.2 Girls shall play from Red teeing area and boys from the Blue teeing area, or otherwise determined by the Committee.
- 7.11.2.3 Matches shall be played over a stipulated round of 18 holes unless otherwise determined by the Committee in the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances.
- 7.11.2.4 A match is won when one side leads by a number of holes greater than the number remaining to be played or one side concedes the match or one side is disqualified.
- 7.11.2.5 If there is a tie after 18 holes, the match shall continue on sudden death (match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner) with the provision that the match does not extend beyond 2.00pm for the morning matches and 7.00pm for the afternoon matches. In the event of a tie after the stipulated time limit the match shall be decided by the toss of a coin.
- 7.11.2.6 For matches that are NOT completed by the stipulated time limit, the siren (4 short notes, repeated) to stop play shall be sounded at 2.00pm or 7.00pm for the morning and afternoon matches respectively. The status of the match at the point of stoppage, shall determine the winner except for matches where one of the players has started play of a hole AND there is a possibility of a tie or a win for either side, the players shall compete the hole without undue delay. In the event of a tie, the match shall be determined by the toss of a coin.
- 7.11.2.7 In the event that a stipulated round is cancelled due to inclement weather or other circumstances, the following rounds may be played over 9 holes at the discretion of the Committee.
- 7.11.2.8 If one of the matches in a flight has completed their match they shall stay in the flight until the other match is completed. The completed match may continue playing until the other match is completed after which both matches shall return to the Clubhouse and report the result to the Committee without undue delay.

7.11.3 Extract from the Rules of Golf – Committee procedures

In a match-play competition, the draw is used to establish the overall order of matches and which players will make up each first-round match. The draw may be done based on Qualifying Scores. Players could play one or more qualifying rounds. The players are then placed into the draw based on their scores.

The draw should be arranged so that the two highest seeded players are on opposite sides of the draw and so on down the line as shown in the following table.

UPPER HALF	LOWER HALF	UPPER HALF	LOWER HALF
64 QUALIFIERS		32 QUALIFIERS	
1 vs. 64	2 vs. 63	1 vs. 32	2 vs. 31
32 vs. 33	31 vs. 34	16 vs. 17	15 vs. 18
16 vs. 49	15 vs. 50	8 vs. 25	7 vs. 26
17 vs. 48	18 vs. 47	9 vs. 24	10 vs. 23
8 vs. 57	7 vs. 58	4 vs. 29	3 vs. 30
25 vs. 40	26 vs. 39	13 vs. 20	14 vs. 19
9 vs. 56	10 vs. 55	5 vs. 28	6 vs. 27
24 vs. 41	23 vs. 42	12 vs. 21	11 vs. 22
4 vs. 61	3 vs. 62	16 QUALIFIERS	
29 vs. 36	30 vs. 35	1 vs. 16	2 vs. 15
13 vs. 52	14 vs. 51	8 vs. 9	7 vs. 10
20 vs. 45	19 vs. 46	4 vs. 13	3 vs. 14
5 vs. 60	6 vs. 59	5 vs. 12	6 vs. 11
28 vs. 37	27 vs. 38	8 QUALIFIERS	
12 vs. 53	11 vs. 54	1 vs. 8	2 vs. 7
21 vs. 44	22 vs. 43	4 vs. 5	3 vs. 6

For purpose of determining places in the draw, ties in qualifying rounds other than those for the last qualifying place may be decided by the order in which scores are returned, with the first score to be returned receiving the lowest available number and so forth. If it is impossible to determine the order in which scores are returned, a random draw among the players who are tied at a specific score may be used.

8. PRACTICE ROUND

A Practice Round will generally be arranged on the day before a tournament is held. In the event that it is on another day or more days are made available, the Committee shall inform the players appropriately.

On most occasions, during practice rounds, the golf courses are not closed strictly for SportExcel tournaments. Hence, Junior Golfers must observe these guidelines:

- 8.1** Do not cause undue delay. Play without unnecessary breaks.
- 8.2** Do not tee off 1 2nd ball unless necessary.
- 8.3** If your approach shot is already on the putting green, do not play a 2nd ball.
- 8.4** You may practice one or two putts on the putting green and not more.
- 8.5** Pay for your buggy, caddie and insurance where applicable.

However, when there are players waiting closely behind you, do not play more than 1 ball!

Failing to observe the above guidelines may cause you to be disqualified from the tournament.

9. CADDIES

- 9.1 The Committee may prohibit the use of caddies. Professional caddies, parents, relatives or friends may be permitted or restricted to act as caddies accordingly.
- 9.2 Generally, Junior Golfers 12 years & below may be allowed to use caddies unless otherwise stated under the respective tournament's Terms of the Competition.
- 9.3 The Committee may alter the rule on the use of caddie where necessary. Restrictions, where applicable, shall be made known by the Committee.

10. USE OF BUGGIES

10.1 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit

- 10.1.1 It is compulsory for **ALL categories to WALK** unless informed otherwise.
- 10.1.2 Buggies are not allowed for Groups A & B except for the Grand Finals where buggies/caddies may be allowed for ALL the 2 categories (Groups A & B).

10.2 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit & Premier Division

- 10.2.1 For groups A, B, C, D & E, players are to **use buggy throughout**.

10.3 The Committee may alter the rule on use of buggy as and when where necessary.

11. INSURANCE

SportExcel strongly encourages all participants to purchase a personal insurance package or purchase the daily insurance at the golf venues.

12. FORECADDIES

To facilitate smooth pace of play, for safety and to assist Junior Golfers in searching for and identifying their balls, forecaddies shall be placed at (strategic) points where possible. Whenever a forecaddie is available, he/she is there to assist a player as indicated above and shall not be deemed as part of the Committee.

Note: Any error made by a forecaddie is not the responsibility of the Committee. A player may accept and/or follow the information given by a forecaddie or otherwise.

13. PLAYING BY THE RULES

All play shall be in accordance with the **Rules of Golf** as approved by the R&A Rules Limited together with any **Local Rules** or those approved by the Committee including the "**SportExcel Terms of the Competition & Handbook**". This is applicable to ALL tournaments under the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit, SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit and SportExcel Malaysian Junior Match Play.

It is important that Junior Golfers read the Local Rules prior to the start of a Tournament. As per **Rule 1.3** of the Rules of Golf published by the R&A Rules Limited, “A penalty applies to you when a breach of a Rule results from your own actions, the actions of your caddie, or the actions of another person acting with your authority or knowledge.”

All Questions and Disputes shall be settled by the Committee whose decisions shall be final at all times.

14. CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS

Drivers must conform to the Rules of Golf (**Rule 4.1**) and must not be in the current list of Non-Conforming Drivers issued by the R&A Rules Limited.

Any driver the player carries must have a Clubhead, identified by the 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.

*Any Club or Clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his opponent in match play or his marker or a fellow-competitor in stroke play 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 RULE 4.1a: Disqualification

15. CONFORMING GOLF BALLS

The balls Junior Golfers play must conform to the Rules of Golf (**Rule 4.2**) and requirements specified in the Equipment Rules published by the R&A Rules Limited and must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A.

16. USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES (DMD)

Junior Golfers competing in **Groups A, B, C, D & E** in all the SportExcel Junior Tournaments **are allowed** to use a distance-measuring device (DMD) to obtain distance.

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of **Rule 4.3a**.

A multi-functional device, such as a Smartphone or PDA, may be used as a distance-measuring device, but it must not be used to gauge or measure other conditions, where doing so would be a breach of **Rule 4.3a**.

This **Rule 4.3** only concerns how equipment is **used**. It does not limit the equipment that a player may have with him or her during a round.

First Breach : General Penalty (Loss of hole in match play or two penalty strokes in stroke play)

For Subsequent Offence : Disqualification

17. STARTING TIME

Junior Golfers must start at the time established by the Committee. This means that the player must be ready to play at the starting time and starting point set by the Committee.

If the starting time is delayed for any reason (such as weather, slow play of other groups or the need for a ruling by a referee), there is no breach of this Rule if the player is present and ready to play when the player's group is able to start.

If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, no more than five minutes late, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two penalty strokes at the first hole in stroke play. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification.

However, where The Committee determines the exceptional circumstances have prevented a Junior golfer from starting on time, there is no penalty.

18. SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION

(Note to **Rule 5.7b**) "Immediate Suspension (Such as When There Is Imminent Danger). If the Committee declares an immediate suspension of play, all players must stop play at once and must not make another stroke until the Committee resumes play."

Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.7b: Disqualification.

There is no breach of this Rule and no penalty if the Committee decides that circumstances justified the player's failure to stop play when required so.

The signal for immediate suspension of play due to dangerous situation will be prolonged note of the siren. The following signals are generally used:

Discontinued Play Immediately	: One prolonged note of siren
Discontinued Play	: Three consecutive notes of siren, repeated
Resume Play	: Two short notes of siren, repeated

19. RECORDING OF SCORES

19.1 Each Junior Golfer shall be assigned a “Marker” (**Rule 3.3b**) to record the score of another Junior Golfer in the same flight. The marker shall be responsible for recording the Junior Golfer’s correct score after each hole.

SportExcel requires each Junior Golfer to ascertain and record the scores of every other Junior Golfer in the same flight before teeing off on the next teeing area.

19.2 Junior Golfers are responsible in identifying their Marker using the following assignment sequence and with reference to the draw list to determine the player number.

19.2.1 When playing in a 4-ball flight:

- Player Number 1 marks Player Number 2
- Player Number 2 marks Player Number 3
- Player Number 3 marks Player Number 4
- Player Number 4 marks Player Number 1

19.2.2 When playing in a 3-ball flight:

- Player Number 1 marks Player Number 2
- Player Number 2 marks Player Number 3
- Player Number 3 marks Player Number 1

19.3 After completion of each round the Junior Golfer shall:

19.3.1 Check his hole by hole score for accuracy

19.3.2 Settle any doubtful points with The Committee

19.3.3 Ensure that his marker has signed his scorecard IN FRONT OF THE SCORER

19.3.4 Countersign his own scorecard IN FRONT OF THE SCORER

19.3.5 The Junior Golfer shall return the scorecard to the Scorer or Committee within ten (10) minutes after completion of the round. Penalty for breach is Disqualification unless one is waiting to settle any doubtful points with the Committee.

19.4 The Committee may provide Markers for Boys / Girls aged 12 & below, if available.

19.5 A designated Scoring Area will be established at every venue to ensure that cards are submitted there and that there will be no disputes with regards to Junior Golfers’ score cards after having left the scoring area.

A scorecard is deemed to be submitted the moment the competitor has completely left the designated scoring area.

19.6 **Rule 3.3b(3)** Wrong Score for Hole – “The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his/her score card. If he returns a score any hole lower than actually taken, he/she is disqualified. If he/she returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken the score as returned stands.”

19.7 A Junior Golfer who has breached **Rule 3.3b(3)** and disqualified will be called upon by the Tournament Committee for further investigation. The Tournament Committee shall conduct an Immediate Inquiry to establish the breach i.e., intentionally deliberately and/or planned etc. The findings will be forwarded to the Organizing Committee for further actions.

19.8 The Organizing Committee shall review the findings of the Tournament Committee and take further actions in accordance to the breach. This may lead the Junior Golfer concerned to be suspended as follows:

- i. First offence / breach – suspensions of One (1) subsequent leg
- ii. Second offence / breach – suspensions of two (2) subsequent legs.
- iii. Third offence / breach – suspensions of one year (1) from participating in SportExcel Tournaments effective from the date of infringement.

The Junior Golfer may appeal against the suspension in writing but he/she will remain suspended until his/her appeal is heard and decided upon by SportExcel. The appeal must be made in writing to SportExcel within 48 hours of the suspension and SportExcel shall consider each case in due time.

Note: A suspended player will have to forfeit all ranking points earned.

All decisions made by SportExcel shall be final.

20. WITHDRAWALS

After having received the Tournament Online Registration Form submitted by the players, withdrawals can only be made at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the event. In the event that SportExcel is not duly informed, there will be a penalty of Ringgit Malaysia Fifty (RM 50) and the Junior Golfer will not be allowed to play in any further Tournament unless the above penalty is paid to SportExcel. However, the penalty may be waived for medical reasons (must produce a valid medical certificate) or for any other reason accepted by the Committee.

During the course of the Tournament, Junior Golfers are not allowed to withdraw without any valid medical reason which must also be certified and this too must be reported to the Committee with the medical certificate enclosed or produced within **seven (7) days**.

Any other reason or reasons for withdrawal must be explained in detail and the Committee reserves the right to penalize the Junior Golfers accordingly. If there are no valid reasons for withdrawals the Junior Golfer may be **suspended** for **up to three (3) subsequent events**.

In the event of such a withdrawal, Junior Golfers are required to fill up and sign the **Withdrawal Form**.

21. RESULTS OF THE TOURNAMENT – TOURNAMENT CLOSED

The Tournament shall be deemed to have closed when the first of the prizes has been presented. It is advised that any dispute regarding the results be resolved before the commencement of the Prize Presentation.

Where possible, SportExcel shall display the final results on the Tournament Notice Board and a grace period of 15 minutes shall be allocated for any disputes.

Where scores are displayed online (online scores) at certain clubs or event, these scores are not “official scores”. Scores shall only be deemed official at the end of the round once the Tournament Director has signed off on the results.

22. ADVICE

Rule 10.2 states that “During a round, a player must not: (i) Give advice to anyone in the competition and who is playing on the course, (ii) Ask anyone for advice, other than the player’s caddie, or (iii) Touch another player’s equipment to learn information that would be advice if given by or asked of the other player (such as touching the other player’s club or bag to see what club is being used)”. Advice from anyone during play (except a caddie when allowed) will lead to the appropriate penalty. **Rule 10.3c** applies.

Note: When caddies are not allowed, a Junior Golfer is deemed to have received advice (as perceived by The Committee) and would be in breach of the Terms of the Competition as stipulated by this Handbook

23. PRIZES

23.1 Prizes for the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit will be awarded as follows:

Group BA (15 – 18 years)	: 1 st to 5 th placing
Group BB (13 - 15 years)	: 1 st to 5 th placing
Group BC (11 - 12 years)	: 1 st to 5 th placing
Group BD (9 - 10 years)	: 1 st to 5 th placing
Group BE (8 years & below)	: 1 st to 5 th placing

Group GA (15 – 18 years)	: 1 st to 5 th placing
Group GB (13 - 15 years)	: 1 st to 5 th placing
Group GC (11 - 12 years)	: 1 st to 5 th placing
Group GD (9 - 10 years)	: 1 st to 5 th placing
Group GE (8 years & below)	: 1 st to 5 th placing

23.2 Prizes for the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit will be awarded as follows:

Prizes for the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit will be awarded as follows:

Group BA (15 – 18 years)	: 1st to 3rd placing
Group BB (13 - 15 years)	: 1st to 3rd placing
Group GA (15 – 18 years)	: 1st to 3rd placing
Group GB (13 - 15 years)	: 1st to 3rd placing

Overall Boys Champion : Best gross score – Blue Tee
Overall Girls Champion : Best gross score – White Tee

Note: Overall Champion – Blue & White Tee shall not be eligible for the Category Championship. The 2nd placing in the category championship will be declared as the winner in the respective category. For overall circuit ranking points, the winner in the respective category will remain.

23.3 Prizes for the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Elite Golf Circuit will be awarded as follows:

Prizes for the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit will be awarded as follows:

Group BA (15 – 18 years) : 1st to 3rd placing
Group BB (13 - 15 years) : 1st to 3rd placing

Group GA (15 – 18 years) : 1st to 3rd placing
Group GB (13 - 15 years) : 1st to 3rd placing

Overall Boys Champion : Best gross score – Blue Tee
Overall Girls Champion : Best gross score – White Tee

Note: Overall Champion – Blue & White Tee shall not be eligible for the Category Championship. The 2nd placing in the category championship will be declared as the winner in the respective category. For overall circuit ranking points, the winner in the respective category will remain.

23.4 The Organizing Committee reserves the right to alter the schedule of prizes as deemed fit.

24. THE RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS

The purpose of the Amateur Status Rules is to maintain the distinction between amateur and professional golf.

24.1 Amateurism

Rule 1-2 of the Rules of Amateur Status states that “Amateur Status is a universal condition of eligibility for playing in golf competitions as an amateur golfer. A person who acts contrary to the Rules may forfeit his amateur status and as a result will be ineligible to play in amateur competitions.”

24.2 Prizes & Prize Limits

Rule 3a. Scratch Competition.

An amateur playing in a scratch competition is allowed to accept any prizes, including money up to a limit of US 1000.00 in value per competition, unless the national governing body has set a lower limit.

For the purposes of these Rules, a scratch competition is a competition that does not have a net score element in any part of the competition and handicap must not be used to separate players into different scratch category.

Any competition that is not a scratch competition is a handicap competition.

Rule 3b. Handicap Competition.

An amateur playing in a handicap competition is not allowed to accept prize money, but may accept any other prize up to a limit of US 1,000.00 in value per competition unless the national governing body has set a lower limit.

Rule 3c. General.

For a non-monetary prize, the value of that prize is the price at which the item is generally available to purchase from a retail source at the time the prize is accepted.

The prize limit applies to the following :

- Any tee-to-tee golf competition involving a score for a hole, regardless of where the competition is played (for example, on a golf course or a golf simulator).
- Any skill competition where the shot is played during a tee-to-tee golf competition.
- The total prizes accepted in a single competition or multiple competition being conducted at the same time (for example, individual and team competition).

The prize limit does not apply to the following:

- The value of the trophies and other similar prizes.
- Long drive competition, target competition, competition involving specific skills, trick shots and competition that solely involve putting (unless the competition or shot is played during a tee-to-tee golf competition).

The prize of Hole in One made :

- Outside a tee-to-hole golf competition or
- During a tee-to-hole golf competition, provided the length of the shot is at least 50 yards.
- Gambling or wagering among individual golfers or teams of golfers.
- Expenses to compete in a subsequent stage of the same competition.

Testimonial Awards

- Testimonial awards are prizes awarded for notable performances or contribution to golf and are distinguished from a competition prize. The prize limit in Rule 3 does not apply to such awards.

25. CHAMPION CLUB

Junior Golfers MUST specify which Golf Club they wish to represent for the year. It must be a Golf Club and not an academy or sports council. This is to ensure a level playing field amongst Golf Clubs and more so to recognize some of the Golf Clubs which have played significant roles in the development of Junior Golf in Malaysia.

Note: Academics / State Sport Councils (MSN) are not considered as clubs.

26. SPORTEXCEL POINTS SYSTEM

26.1 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit

Points will be awarded to the top twenty (20) finishers in each group, as shown below.

Position	Circuit Legs Points	Grand Final Points	Position	Circuit Legs Points	Grand Final Points
1 st	100	150	11 th	40	60
2 nd	85	128	12 th	36	54
3 rd	75	113	13 th	32	48
4 th	70	105	14 th	28	42
5 th	65	98	15 th	26	39
6 th	60	90	16 th	24	36
7 th	56	84	17 th	22	33
8 th	52	78	18 th	20	30
9 th	48	72	19 th	18	27
10 th	44	66	20 th	16	24

Note: In the case of ties, each will receive the points for the highest tied placing.

The **SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit Grand Final** shall be accorded due recognition as the top tournament of the circuit and the points earned shall be at **1.5 times** of the regular legs of the circuit.

26.2 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit / SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit

Points will be awarded to the top twelve (12) finishers in each group, as shown below.

Position	Circuit Legs Points	Grand Final Points	Position	Circuit Legs Points	Grand Final Points
1 st	100	150	7 th	50	75
2 nd	85	128	8 th	45	68
3 rd	74	111	9 th	40	60
4 th	68	102	10 th	35	53
5 th	62	93	11 th	30	45
6 th	56	84	12 th	25	38

Note: In the case of ties, each will receive the points for the highest tied placing.

The **SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit / SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit Grand Finals** shall be accorded due recognition as the top tournament of the circuit and the points earned shall be at **1.5 times** of the regular legs of the circuit.

27. WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING (WAGR)

27.1 All 3-day tournaments organized by SportExcel are Counting Events in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) – subject to the Terms and Conditions set by R&A.

27.2 3-day tournaments include the following:

27.2.1 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit

27.2.2 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit

27.2.3 AmBank Group – SportExcel International Junior Golf Championships

28. JUNIOR GOLF SCOREBOARD (JGS)

28.1 Eligibility

To be eligible to be ranked in The Junior Golf Scoreboard rankings, a player must meet the following criteria:

28.1.1 Have completed in four multi-day stroke play tournaments or multi-round match play qualifiers, with a total of 8 completed 18-hole rounds, within the last 365 days for which JGS have received the results and the players are listed by the same name (first name & last name) and hometown.

28.1.2 Have their high school graduation year in their tournament record.

28.1.3 Still be in high school or prior to August 1st after registration.

28.1.4 Have completed in an age group that:

- Is greater than 10 years old. (Age Group 10 – 11, 10 – 12, 10 – 13, etc. are acceptable but age group 9 – 11 is not),

- Is scheduled for at least 36 holes in a competition that is conducted under the USGA rules of golf on a USGA rated golf course,
- Has a minimum of 5 competitors that complete all scheduled rounds,
- Has played from a minimum of 4,500 yards and not shorter than the forward most USGA rated tees, and
- There is no stroke limit rule in place and/or the Committee has NOT waived any Rules of Golf as prohibited by **Rule 1.3**.

28.2 Tournaments to be listed on the Junior Golf Scoreboard:

- 28.2.1 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit (only Group A, B & C)
- 28.2.2 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit
- 28.2.3 SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit
- 28.2.4 AmBank Group – SportExcel International Junior Golf Championships

28.3 Parents’ and/or Players’ Responsibilities

28.3.1 JGS recognizes the listed/ranked players by their:

- First Name,
- Last Name,
- Hometown, and
- Year of High School Graduation.

All tournament results are submitted to JGS with these four attributes attached to each player’s tournament record.

28.3.2 It is highly important that the information provided by the player in the Tournament Online Registration Form be the same for each and every tournament so that the tournament results for the player can be picked up correctly by JGS.

This would include registration for other tournaments not organized by SportExcel but are listed and/or ranked by JGS. For example, Albatross International Junior Golf Championship is listed by JGS results from this tournament will be counted into the player’s ranking.

28.3.3 SportExcel recommends that the following standardization be used for registration (relevant for WAGR registration)

- First Name – as it appears on your IC/Passport
- Last Name – as it appears on your IC/Passport
- Hometown – use the State where you are residing
- Year of High School Graduation – the year when you finish your SPM or IGCSE

Note: Please do not include “bin” or “binti” into the First Name or Last Name

29. QUALIFICATION FOR THE SPORTEXCEL MALAYSIAN JUNIOR GOLF CIRCUIT GRAND FINALS

Following is the criteria for eighty (80) Junior Golfers to qualify for the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit Grand Finals:

- 29.1** Open to Malaysian citizens and Non-Citizens
- 29.2** Selection will be based on total points attained (based on the SportExcel Order of Merit) by the respective Junior Golfers from the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit.
- 29.3** The top boys and girls in each age group from Sabah / Sarawak respectively (maximum of 10 players each) will be given exemptions (Terms & Conditions apply).
- 29.4** The Committee shall give exemptions and wildcard entries where it deems fit.

Note: The champions in Group D & E of the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit Grand Finals will be nominated for the SportExcel Annual Individual Funding. Wild Cards entries will not be eligible. The awards are for Malaysian Citizens only.

30. QUALIFICATION FOR THE SPORTEXCEL MALAYSIAN JUNIOR PREMIER DIVISION GOLF CIRCUIT GRAND FINALS

Following is the criteria for sixty (60) Junior Golfers to qualify for the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit Grand Finals:

- 30.1** Open to Malaysian Citizens and Non-Citizens
- 30.2** Selection will be based on total points attained (based on the SportExcel Order of Merit) by the respective Junior Golfers in the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit and/or the best scores for the best three (3) out of five (5) scores.
- 30.3** The top boys and girls in each age group from Sabah / Sarawak respectively (maximum of 10 players each) will be given exemptions (Terms & Conditions apply).
- 30.4** The Committee shall give exemptions and wildcard entries where it deems fit.

Note:

1. The champions in Group A & B of the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit Grand Finals will be nominated for the SportExcel Annual Funding.
2. The champions in Group C, D & E of the Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit will be nominated for the SportExcel Annual Individual Funding Awards.
3. Wild Cards entries will not be eligible for the Individual Funding Award.
4. Non-Citizens are not eligible for the Individual Funding Award.

31. QUALIFICATION FOR THE SPORTEXCEL MALAYSIAN JUNIOR PREMIER-ELITE GOLF CIRCUIT GRAND FINALS

Following is the criteria for sixty (60) Junior Golfers to qualify for the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit Grand Finals:

- 31.1** Open to Malaysian Citizens and Non-Citizens
- 31.2** Selection will be based on total points attained (based on the SportExcel Order of Merit) by the respective Junior Golfers in the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit and/or the best scores for the best three (3) out of five (5) scores.
- 31.3** The top boys and girls in each age group from Sabah / Sarawak respectively (maximum of 10 players each) will be given exemptions (Terms & Conditions apply).
- 31.4** The Committee shall give exemptions and wildcard entries where it deems fit.

- Note:**
- 1. The champions in Group A & B of the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit Grand Finals will be nominated for the SportExcel Annual Funding.
 - 2. The champions in Group C, D & E of the Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit will be nominated for the SportExcel Annual Individual Funding Awards.
 - 3. Wild Cards entries will not be eligible for the Individual Funding Award.
 - 4. Non-Citizens are not eligible for the Individual Funding Award.

32. QUALIFICATION FOR THE AMBANK GROUP – SPORTEXCEL INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHPS

Following is the criteria for 50 – 60 players to qualify for the Championships:

- 32.1** Open to Malaysian Citizens and Non-Citizens
- 32.2** Selection will be based on the ranking at the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit, SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier Division Golf Circuit and SportExcel Malaysian Junior Premier-Elite Golf Circuit.
- 32.3** The Committee shall give exemptions and wildcard entries where it deems fit.

The final decision on the selection of players for the above is at the prerogative of the SportExcel Golf Committee.

33. QUALIFICATION FOR THE SPORTEXCEL MALAYSIAN JUNIOR GOLF CIRCUIT – OVERALL CHAMPION

Following is the criteria for Junior Golfers to qualify and win the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit Overall Champion title (SportExcel Order of Merit) in each age group.

33.1 Open to Malaysian Citizen only.

33.2 Points will be accrued using the SportExcel Points System to determine the Overall Ranking of each Junior Golfer in their respective age group. Points will be accrued from:

33.2.1 Four (4) legs out of six (6) legs including the Grand Finals of the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit. If the Junior Golfer played in more than four (4) legs, then the top four (4) highest / best four (4) scores points will be counted; and

33.3 The Junior Golfer who has accrued the highest points in his/her age group shall be declared the Overall Champion of his/her age group.

34. QUALIFICATION FOR THE SPORTEXCEL MALAYSIAN JUNIOR PREMIER DIVISION GOLF CIRCUIT – OVERALL CHAMPION

Following is the criteria for Junior Golfers to qualify and win the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Premier Division Circuit Overall Champion title (SportExcel Order of Merit) in each age group.

34.1 Open to Malaysian Citizen only.

34.2 Points will be accrued using the SportExcel Points System to determine the Overall Ranking of each Junior Golfer in their respective age group. Points will be accrued from:

34.2.1 Four (4) legs out of six (6) legs including the Grand Finals of the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit. If the Junior Golfer played in more than four (4) legs, then the top four (4) highest / best four (4) scores points will be counted; and

34.3 The Junior Golfer who has accrued the highest points in his/her age group shall be declared the Overall Champion of his/her age group.

35. QUALIFICATION FOR THE SPORTEXCEL MALAYSIAN JUNIOR PREMIER-ELITE GOLF CIRCUIT – OVERALL CHAMPION

Following is the criteria for Junior Golfers to qualify and win the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Premier-Elite Circuit Overall Champion title (SportExcel Order of Merit) in each age group.

35.1 Open to Malaysian Citizen only.

35.2 Points will be accrued using the SportExcel Points System to determine the Overall Ranking of each Junior Golfer in their respective age group. Points will be accrued from:

35.2.1 Four (4) legs out of six (6) legs including the Grand Finals of the SportExcel Malaysian Junior Golf Circuit. If the Junior Golfer played in more than four (4) legs, then the top four (4) highest / best four (4) scores points will be counted; and

35.3 The Junior Golfer who has accrued the highest points in his/her age group shall be declared the Overall Champion of his/her age group.

36. INTERNATIONAL RECIPROCAL PROGRAM

36.1 Selection of Junior Golfers to represent SportExcel and Malaysian in the International Reciprocal Program tournaments is done by the SportExcel Committee and approved by the SportExcel Board of Directors.

36.2 The selection criteria includes:

36.2.1 Performance of the Junior Golfers in the SportExcel tournaments in the last three months.

36.2.2 Performance of the Junior Golfers in other non-SportExcel tournaments in the last three months.

36.2.3 Participation and performance in the previous year's AmBank Group – SportExcel International Junior Golf Championships.

36.2.4 Considerations into the purpose of participation, i.e., international tournament exposure versus winning.

36.2.5 Not a member of the National Team (but this criteria may be dropped for selected tournaments by the Committee depending on the strength of field in the international tournament).

36.3 SportExcel's responsibilities:

36.3.1 Dear 50% of the airfare; the remaining 50% of airfare and travel insurance shall be borne by the player

36.3.2 Charge RM 100 per player as management fee

36.4 A Team Manager is appointed to travel with the players to each tournament and perform the Team Manager's duties. The appointed Team Manager can be:

36.4.1 A Parent.

36.4.2 A Professional from the PGAM

36.4.3 A Member of the SportExcel Golf Committee

36.5 AmBank Group – SportExcel International Junior Golf Championships is a listed tournament in the International Reciprocal Program.

36.5.1 The field is limited to 120 participants, where 60 – 70 spots are offered to Malaysian Citizens.

37. THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Chairman - Executive Director, SportExcel

Members - Chairman of MGA Junior Development Committee
- SportExcel Golf Manager
- Members of the SportExcel's Golf Committee

38. THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

- Chairman - Tournament Director
Members - Chief Referee
- Sponsor's Representative (where applicable)
- Golf Club's Representative
- Other Individuals / Referees where specified
- SportExcel's Executive Director and Golf Manager

39. TOURNAMENT SECRETARIAT

Below is the contact details for any matters relating to the SportExcel Junior Tournaments:

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2-1, Innovation House, Technology Park Malaysia,
Lebuhraya Puchong – Sungai Besi,
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Fax : +603-8998 2000

Email : sportexcel2013#gmail.com

40. PUBLICITY

SportExcel may take photographs or video/audio footage for publicity purposes before, during and after a tournament. These images may appear in our printed/digital publications and publicity materials, on our website, or both.

We may also send the images to the news media, who may use them in printed publications and on their website, and store them in their archive. They may also syndicate the photos to other media for possible use, either in printed publications, or on website, or both. When we submit photographs and information to the media, we have no control on when, where, if or how they will be used.

It is a condition of entry that all players and/or their parents/guardian's consent to the use of the images, photographs and video footages of them being published via any medium (including the internet).

41. CONDUCT OF JUNIOR GOLFERS

41.1 Smoking and alcohol consumptions are prohibited at all times during the duration of the competition / at the competition venue.

Penalty: Disqualification and/or Suspension form SportExcel Tournaments.

41.2 Serious Breach of the Code of Conduct such as swearing and use foul language and throwing of golf clubs, throwing tantrums or demonstrating undue anger and temper may result in The Committee imposing a Penalty of Disqualification and/or Suspension from SportExcel's Tournaments.

OTHER FORMS OF “Breach of the Code of Conduct”

- i. Usage of hand phones during play to the annoyance and distraction of other players.
- ii. Verbal abuse of fellow competitor official / staff
- iii. Intentionally distracting or offending fellow competitor

Any other “breaches of the Code of Conduct” not listed above will be dealt with accordingly by the Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Note : SportExcel take seriously the flouting of the above matter and will not hesitate to impose the appropriate penalty.

USE OF TROLLEYS

- i. Show Courtesy to other players when pulling a trolley from the Clubhouse onto the Golf Course
- ii. Placement of trolley on the course – not allowed to go onto areas such as the teeing area, apron of the putting green and the putting green.
- iii. Should not obstruct players or movement of vehicles.

41.3 A player who has confirmed participation but fails to show up without informing the Committee and without any valid reasons may be suspended from playing in the following leg and will have to pay a penalty of Ringgit Malaysia Fifty (RM 50.00) before he can play in the subsequent leg. Please note that a player may be suspended for more than one (1) leg.

41.4 Dress Code: Players have to wear proper Golf Attire and adhere to the respective Club’s Rules.

42. INDEMINITY / LIABILITIES

SportExcel, the Sponsors, the Organizers, the Committee or Management of the host Clubs shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the participants, spectators or parents may suffer as a result of their participation at the tournaments.

43. CODE OF CONDUCT: BEHAVIOR ON THE COURSE

43.1 Safety

Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, the Junior Golfer 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.

Junior Golfers should not continue play until all players (not just Junior Golfers) in front are out of range.

43.2 Consideration for Other Players

The Junior Golfer who has the honour shall play before his opponent or fellow – competitor.

On the teeing area, a Junior Golfer should not tee his ball until it is his turn to play.

Junior Golfers should always show consideration for other Junior Golfers on the course and should not disturb their play by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise.

In the interest of all, Junior Golfers should play without delay (**Rule 5.6**)

Junior Golfers should not stand close to or directly behind the ball, or directly behind the hole, when another Junior Golfer is about to play.

When the play of a hole has been completed, Junior Golfers should immediately leave the putting green.

43.3 Care of the Course

SportExcel is strictly implementing a care for the course policy where Junior Golfers will be responsible for filing and repairing divots as well as raking bunkers as an ongoing process in helping to maintain the courses that allow us to host a tournament.

43.3.1 Bunkers

Before leaving a bunker, Junior Golfers should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by them and any nearby made by others. A rake should be used for this purpose.

43.3.2 Repair of Divots, Ball-Marks and Damage by Shoes

Junior Golfers should carefully repair any divot holes made by them and any damage to the putting green made by the impact of a ball (whether or not made by the Junior Golfer himself). **Rule 13.1c** permits the repair of damage on the putting green. "Damage on the putting green" means any damage caused by a person or outside influence, such as: (i) Ball marks, shoe damage (such as spike marks) and scrapes or indentations caused by equipment or a flagstick, (ii) Old hole plugs, turf plugs, seams of cut turf and scrapes or indentations from maintenance tools or vehicles, (iii) Animal tracks or hoof indentations, and (iv) Embedded objects (such as a stone, acorn or tee).

43.3.3 Damage to Greens – Flagsticks, Bags, etc.

Junior Golfers should ensure that no damage is done to the putting green when putting down bags or the flagstick.

In order to avoid damaging the hole, Junior Golfers and their caddies should not stand too close to the hole. Take care when handling the flagstick and be very careful when removing a ball from the hole.

Do not use the putter to remove a ball from the hole, Junior Golfers should not damage the putting green by leaning on their putters, particularly when removing the ball from the hole.

The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the Junior Golfer leaves the putting green.

43.3.4 Damage through Practice Swings

Junior Golfers should avoid causing to the course by removing divots when taking practice swings or by hitting the head of a club into the ground, whether in anger or for any other reason.

43.4 CONCLUSION: PENALTY FOR BREACH

If Junior Golfers follow the guidelines in this section, it will make the game more enjoyable for everyone.

If Junior Golfers consistently disregard these guidelines during a round or over a period of time to the detriment of others, The Committee shall take appropriate disciplinary action against the offending Junior Golfer. The Committee may prohibit play for a limited time on the course or in a certain number of competitions. This is to protect the interest of the majority of Junior Golfers who abide by these guidelines.

In the case of serious breach of etiquette, the Committee may disqualify a player under **Rule 1.2** of the Rules of Golf by R&A Rules Limited.

**THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THESE
RULES WHENEVER IT DEEMS FIT**

All decisions made by the Committee shall be final.

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- **No advice to be given to any players during the tournament rounds.**
- **Please avoid all communications, verbal and non-verbal, which may be constructed by others (competitors, parents and our referees) as advice.**
- **Please keep a distance of 30 yards or more from any players while following them during play**
- **Do not walk into the general area of the course, putting greens or teeing areas during the tournament rounds.**
- **Help us to keep the pace of play by assisting to spot golf balls for the players.**
- **To avoid distracting competitors at all times on the golf course.**
- **Please refrain from bringing cell phones, cameras or radios onto the golf course. If you must have your cell phones with you, please switch it off or set it to silent mode.**
- **Please feel free to ask your child if he/she needs anything to eat or drink at the turn.**

PARENTS' GUIDE TO THE SPORTEXCEL JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENTS

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

SportExcel takes great pride in the caliber of play, player conduct and parental dedication displayed at all of our events. In order to maintain the fun and professional atmosphere that the SportExcel Junior Golf events have become known for, and to show respect for the involvement of our host clubs and their volunteers, SportExcel requires that all participants, spectators and parents (and their guests) adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is to be observed at all of our events.

EXPECTATIONS FROM PARENTS WHEN ON THE GOLF COURSE:

- No advice is to be given to your child or any child during the tournament rounds.
- Please avoid all communication, verbal and non-verbal, which may be construed by others (competitors, parents and our Referees) as advice.
- Please keep your distance from your child or any child (approx. 30 yards) while following them during play.
- Do not walk in the general areas, teeing areas and putting greens during the tournament rounds.
- Help us maintain the pace of play by assisting to spot golf balls for players.
- Try to avoid distracting competitors at all times on the golf course.
- Please refrain from bringing cell phones, cameras or radios onto the golf course. If you must have your cell phone with you, please switch it off or set it to silent mode.
- Please feel free to ask your child if he/she needs anything to eat or drink at the turn.

REGARDING THE RULES OF GOLF:

- Allow Referees to administer rulings. You will be brought into a situation ONLY if the Referees ask you.
- Encourage your child to familiarize himself/herself with the Rules of Golf and the supplementary Local Rules specific to the tournament so that they are aware of the options available to them.

RESPECTING THE HOST CLUB AND GOLF ETIQUETTE:

- Respect the host facility's policy if cell phones are not allowed at all on the grounds.
- Familiarize yourself and adhere to the host facility's dress code. Some facilities may not allow blue jeans, T-shirts, etc.
- If you are going to wear golf shoes as you walk the course, make sure they do not have metal or traditionally designed spikes.

AFTER THE TOURNAMENT:

- Encourage your child to write thank-you notes or verbally thank those persons who contributed to the success of the respective tournament such as sponsors and host club officials.
- We welcome any and all letters of suggestion to SportExcel that will ultimately help us in making these events even more special for all involved. Feel free to include comments you may have about SportExcel Junior Golf Events with regards to the development of junior golf in Malaysia.

SOCIAL MEDIA & MASS MAILING:

- If there are any shortcomings in a completed/ongoing tournament, you are encouraged to raise your concerns/grievances with the Organizing Committee and/or Tournament Committee in **writing**. All written complaints shall be handled by the Committee accordingly.
- But if you choose to not observe the proper channel to raise any grievances and turn to the social media or mass mailing as your channel, the Committee may have to take appropriate actions to curb this practice and protect the image of the organization.
- Social Media postings and/or mass mailing of grievances shall not be condoned by the Committee. If an offender (Eg: parent) should post negative or damaging articles that tarnishes SportExcel's name/image, actions shall be taken by the Committee as follows:
 - First Offence - A warning will be issued to the offender(s).
 - Second Offence- The offender(s) will be barred from the tournament course.
 - Third Offence - The offender(s) will be barred from the tournament venue.

TOURNAMENT WHATSAPP GROUP:

- WhatsApp as a platform for information dissemination has gained popularity with many players and their parents. SportExcel has adopted this platform as a means to quickly disseminate tournament information to the players.
- SportExcel may setup a WhatsApp group for each tournament, consisting of players and their parents as members of these groups. The purpose is for SportExcel to disseminate tournament information to the players and for the players/parents to ask questions on tournament related matters.
- We strongly urge you to use these WhatsApp groups solely for tournament related matters only, and refrain from the following:
 - Send birthday wishes or congratulatory messages to individuals – this normally results in a chain reaction whereby tens of messages are sent to the birthday boy/girl
 - Respond with “Noted”, “Thank You”, etc. – it is assumed that once a message is posted into the group, everyone in that group has received the message; thus, a response is not required. Please bear in mind that one response results in everyone in the group (maybe 100+ members) having to click on that response to read it
 - Post marketing/sales advertisements
 - Post politics related, religions inclined, sexual or inappropriate articles

The above non-tournament related messages fill up the WhatsApp group with non-essential information and make it difficult for users to find the important tournament information.

Thus, for everyone to benefit from quick availability of information, let's all work together to have an uncluttered WhatsApp group for tournament information.

This Parents' Guide was compiled not because of recurring problems, but rather in order to have a reference for parents for frequently asked questions. SportExcel Junior Golf and our host facilities thank you for your cooperation.

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

"In golf, customs of etiquette and decorum are just as important as rules governing play." It is appropriate for parents and spectators to applaud successful strokes, but in order to secure the spirit of the game, we ask parents and spectators to please adhere to the following guidelines: (Please note that if any of the following guidelines are perceived as broken by a SportExcel official or members of the Committee, the player may be subject to penalty.)

- 1) Advice (**Rule 10.2**) is any counsel or suggestion, which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke. In addition, any conversation between player/spectator may be construed as advice. This includes any conversation between player/spectator in their native language. In either instance, penalty for breach of this rule is the General Penalty (Loss of hole in match play or two penalty strokes in stroke play) Players are responsible for the actions of their relatives and spectators in regards to this rule.
- 2) Keeping the above statement in mind, please keep your conversation with the player to words of encouragement as long as advice is not given.
- 3) Spectators attend SportExcel Junior Golf events at their own risk.
- 4) Please turn off all cell phones at all SportExcel Junior Golf events. If when left on silent modes, ensure that your following conversation is not to the annoyance of players.
- 5) SportExcel Junior Golf events do not allow spectator carts except if the spectator has a permanent handicap placard. Handicap spectators must present their placard to the Tournament Director prior to getting a golf cart. Spectators will not receive a cart unless they have this official placard. Letters from doctors or visible injuries will not warrant a golf cart without a placard.
- 6) All players and spectators are not permitted to ride on the back of a golf cart at any time during SportExcel competitions.
- 7) Spectators should stay on cart paths. In the absence of cart paths, we ask that spectators stay in the rough. Please stay off general areas, teeing areas and putting greens.
- 8) Spectators should stay one shot ahead of the group they are following. This allows spectators to follow errant shots and help identify where the ball comes to rest. Spectators are allowed to aid in the search for lost golf balls. Ensure that you just indicate where the balls are. Do not otherwise communicate which can be construed as advice when doing so.
- 9) Spectators **MUST** not give rulings. Please seek a Referee or a member of the Committee if the need arises.

- 10) Spectators are allowed to carry medicine, drinks, food, umbrellas, etc.

- 11) The Committee may assess a penalty to the player based on the severity of the spectator violation. If a serious breach has occurred, the spectator may be asked to leave the facility or the spectator may not be permitted to attend another SportExcel Junior Golf event.

- 12) For your personal safety, we ask you to exercise caution at all times. When inclement weather moves into the area, the Committee will suspend play by sounding air horns or sirens. Accordingly, you should seek shelter immediately. The Committee and staff at the golf club will evacuate players from the course first and then spectators.

SportExcel will further discuss the spectator guidelines at each tournament's parents meeting whenever held.

YOUTH SPORTS PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

Preamble

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

- 1) I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- 2) I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- 3) I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- 4) I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the circuit.
- 5) I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.
- 6) I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- 7) I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- 8) I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 9) I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- 10) I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- 11) I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- 12) I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 13) I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
- 14) I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- 15) I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront officials at the game field, and will take time to speak with officials at an agreed upon time and place.
- 16) I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during competitions.

QUOTES

Sportsmanship

"In the end, it's extra effort that separates a winner from second place.

But winning takes a lot more than that, too. It starts with complete command of the fundamentals.

Then it takes **desire, determination, discipline,** and **self-sacrifice.**

And finally, it takes a great deal of **love, fairness** and **respect** for your fellow man.

Put all these together, and even if you don't win, how can you lose?"

- Jesse Owens

Friendships

"Friendships born on the field of athletic strife are the real gold of competition.

Awards become corroded; friends gather no dust."

- Jesse Owens

**AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE
OF THE
SPORTEXCEL TERMS OF THE COMPETITIONS & HANDBOOK
2022**

A Name of Player: _____
 I/C: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age Group: _____
 Address: _____

 Tel (H): _____ Mobile Tel: _____
 Email: _____
 Club: _____ Current Handicap: _____ NHS No.: _____

B. Name of School: _____
 Address of School: _____

 Tel of School: _____

C. Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
 Email: _____ Mobile Tel: _____

I, the undersigned, hereby understand fully and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations stipulated in this SportExcel Terms of the Competition & Handbook 2022.

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 (Signature) – Player

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 (Signature) – Parent / Guardian

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 Date

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 Date

Verified by (SportExcel): _____