



## FALDO SERIES ASIA – MALAYSIA EDITION 2024/2025

THE ELS CLUB DESARU COAST

ERNIE ELS SIGNATURE DESIGN OCEAN COURSE

**Date:** 8<sup>th</sup> April (Tuesday) –10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 (Thursday)

### **CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

1. The competition is open to both local and international juniors with a valid handicap index.
2. All play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Ltd. and the Local Rules of The Els Club Desaru Coast as approved by the Committee.
3. All competitors **must** leave the course by 3.00pm on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
4. The competition shall be decided by **STROKEPLAY** over three (3) rounds of 18 holes (over three (3) consecutive days) at the Club's Ocean Course subject to the Competition Sub-Committee's decision to cancel any round.
5. There are 4 categories of play as follows:
  - a) Boys Under 21
  - b) Boys Under 16
  - c) Girls Under 21
  - d) Girls Under 16
6. Play shall be in groups of four (4) competitors at ten (10) minutes interval. The Tournament Committee will decide the draw and starting time for the first round. Draw for the second and 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. The draws and starting times shall be posted at the Tournament Notice Board. Such posting shall be considered sufficient notice for information and distribution.

The player shall start at the time laid down by the Tournament Committee. If a player arrives at his/her starting point ready to play within five (5) minutes after his/her starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time shall be two (2) strokes at the starting hole.

Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is **DISQUALIFICATION**.

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

7. The attention of all competitors is drawn to Rule 5.6 as follows:

#### **Rule 5.6 – Unreasonable Delay; Prompt Pace of Play**

##### **5.6a – Unreasonable Delay of Play**

Players must not unreasonably delay play during a round.

Examples of unreasonable delay:

- Taking too long between shots.
- Unnecessary breaks between holes.
- Not being ready to play when it is their turn.

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### **Penalties for Breach:**

- i) First offense: One-stroke penalty.
- ii) Second offense: General penalty (two strokes in stroke play).
- iii) Third offense: Disqualification.

### **5.6b – Prompt Pace of Play**

Encourages ready golf (in stroke play).

Recommendation: Players should make a stroke within 40 seconds after they are able to play without interference. Committees may set specific pace of play policies with penalties for slow play.

## **8. Use of Caddies & Equipment**

Bag Carrying & Trolleys:

All competitors must carry their own bags or use a manual or electric trolley during the tournament. The use of caddies is strictly prohibited unless otherwise approved by the Committee under special circumstances. Players found in breach of this rule will be subject to penalties as per the Rules of Golf. Any request for an exemption (e.g., medical reasons) must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Committee before the start of the event.

## **9. Rule 4.2 – Balls**

This rule governs the use, replacement, and conformity of golf balls during play.

### **4.2a – Conforming Ball Requirement**

A player must use a golf ball that conforms to the rules and is on the List of Conforming Golf Balls (published by the USGA & R&A).

If a non-conforming ball is used, the player is disqualified.

### **4.2b – Ball Breaks or Becomes Cut During Play**

If a ball breaks into pieces after a stroke, the stroke is canceled, and the player plays another ball from the original spot (without penalty).

If a ball is cut or cracked (but not broken apart), the player may replace it without penalty, but only if the damage happened during play of the hole.

10. All competitors must submit their respective scorecard duly signed and counter signed by his marker as soon as possible after the completion of each round and in any event, it shall not be later than 10 minutes after the completion of each round. A scorecard is deemed to be submitted the moment the competitor leaves the scoring area.
11. The Championship shall be deemed to have closed when the prizes have been awarded to the winners.
12. There shall be NO CUT OFF for this competition.
13. The competitor returning the lowest **GROSS** score in their respective categories shall be the winner and will qualify for the Asian Finals to be held at Laguna Lang Co, Vietnam on 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
14. (a) In the event of a tie for the first place in the Gross event, the winner shall be decided by a sudden death play-off in the following order starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> hole, to the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole and then the 9<sup>th</sup> hole and repeat the process, if necessary, until the winner is decided by elimination. The purpose of the play-off is to decide the WINNER only.

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(b) In the event of a tie for any other place, the tie shall be decided by a count back in the following order:

- last 18 holes
- last 9 holes
- last 6 holes
- last 3 holes
- Finally, the last hole

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

15. The number of prizes and value shall be decided by the Committee.

16. Prizes & Amateur Status:

In accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status, amateur players may only accept non-cash prizes up to a maximum value of USD \$1,000. Any player who accepts a prize exceeding this limit will be deemed to have forfeited their amateur status and may face disqualification.

17. a) Referee Authority

Referees appointed by the Tournament Committee have full authority to make rulings on the Rules of Golf during the competition. Their decisions are final, except where an appeal process is specified by the Committee.

b) Player Responsibility

Players must adhere to rulings given by the referees on the course. If a dispute arises, the player may continue play under Rule 20.1c (Playing Two Balls in Stroke Play) and report the situation to the Committee after the round.

c) Rules Interpretation:

If a ruling requires further interpretation, the Tournament Committee will have the final say based on the Rules of Golf and applicable local rules.

d) Referee Interaction:

Players are encouraged to seek a referee's decision before playing a stroke if they are uncertain about a rule. Any failure to follow a referee's ruling may result in penalties, including disqualification in cases of serious misconduct.

18. Player Etiquette & Code of Conduct

All players must practice good etiquette as detailed in Section 1 of the Rules of Golf. The overriding principle is that consideration should be shown to others on the course at all times.

a) Serious Breach of Etiquette

The following actions may be considered serious breaches of etiquette in this competition:

- i) Use of mobile phones during play, causing annoyance or distraction to others.
- ii) Verbal abuse of fellow competitors, officials, or staff.
- iii) Intentional distractions or offensive behavior towards other players.

b) Penalties for Breach

- i) First offense: Warning
  - ii) Second offense: One-stroke penalty
  - iii) Third offense: General penalty (two strokes)
- \* Severe or repeated breaches: Disqualification under Rule 1.2a (Serious Misconduct)

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19. Players must not make use of any drug to enhance performance. Should a player show evidence of use of a drug for non-therapeutic purposes, the Committee may require the player to undergo a drug test. Any player infringing this Condition may be disqualified. Players who are on medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from the R&A via the Tournament Office.
20. The Tournament Committee will make every effort to complete an event in its entirety. However, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to suspend or abandon play as necessary if weather-related circumstances require such action. In the unlikely event the course is unplayable and abandons play or other conditions warranting such action, the Committee then will decide the tournament and all competitors will be informed accordingly.
21. The Organizing Committee, the Club and their staffs and officials 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.
22. The entrance fee is **RM 675.00** per-participant which includes tournament play over 54 holes, goodies and the prize presentation lunch. Competitors are required to fill in details on the official entry form and ensure their entry is send to the tournament secretary before 12 noon, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025. **NO REFUND** is permitted after the draw has been posted. Any cancellation or withdrawal should be made in writing and will be subject to the committee's decision.
23. Trolley fee charges are as follows (to be paid at the Club):
  - i) Trolley fee - RM 50.00 nett (Daily)
24. All participants are cordially invited to the prize presentation luncheon on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at the Club's Royal Lytham and St. Annes Hall.
25. The decision of the Organizing Committee in all matters related to this Championship shall be final and conclusive.

Posted on : 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**Closing Date : 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**By Order  
Organizing Committee**

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