



MYFUTURES JUNIOR TOUR 2018

The **MYFUTURES JUNIOR TOUR 2018** (*hereinafter referred to as "The Tour"*) shall be managed by a Tournament Committee (*hereinafter referred to as the "The Committee"*) appointed by **MYFUTURES INITIATIVE SDN BHD**, whose decision on all matters shall be final.

2018 LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The following listed Local Rules and Conditions of Competition together with any additions or amendments as published by The Committee at the venue, will apply to all MYFutures Junior Tour events for 2018.

For the full text of the Local Rules and Conditions of Competition, please refer to Appendix 1 of the current edition effective January 2016 of the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited on the pages indicated.

SECTION A – LOCAL RULES

1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27-1)

Beyond any wall, fences or white stakes defining the boundary of the course.

- a) Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence post (excluding angled supports) the line joining the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or posts defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies over such line. Note: Concrete bases to OB fences are not obstructions and are deemed to be fixed, no free relief.
- b) Where any continuing or adjoining white line is in existence, it defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies on or over such line.
- c) A ball which crosses a road defined as out of bounds and come to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

Note: Where both stakes and lines/dots exist, the lines/dots define the margin.

2. Water Hazards (including Lateral Water Hazards) (Rule 26)

- a) Water hazards are defined by YELLOW stakes and / or lines.
- b) Lateral water hazards are defined by RED stakes and / or lines.
All drainage channels, whether concrete or otherwise, that are identified as Lateral Water Hazards. The margins of these water hazard are defined by the inside edge of that concrete drain.

Note: Where both stakes and line are present, the lines define the margin of the hazards.

Dropping Zones for Water Hazards: Where there are dropping zones for water hazards, a ball may be played under Rule 26, or a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard under penalty of one stroke. If an artificial mat defines the drop zone, the ball may be placed on a spot on the mat instead of being dropped. **See notes on pages 152-153.**

3. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1)

- a) All areas bounded by white lines.
- b) Through the green, deep depressions caused by vehicle wheels or any areas damaged by wild boars in a close cluster shall be taken as a single GUR area where only a single relief procedure may be taken.
- c) Edging Grooves cut between putting green and aprons (collars), and aprons with fairways, relief is available for lie of the ball and area of intended swing only.
- d) Crevices in bunkers caused by rain. Relief is available for lie of ball only.
- e) Seams of Cut Turf – **Page 145**
- f) French drains or herringbone sub-soil drains (stone filled drainage ditches).



4. **Embedded Ball**

Relief extended to *Through the green* – **Pages 142-143**

Additional Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in the face of a bunker that consists of stacked turf.

5. **Movable Obstructions (Rule 24-1)**

Stones or pebbles in bunkers are movable obstructions.

6. **Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24)**

- a) White lined areas adjoining any areas defined as immovable obstructions are to be regarded as part of the obstruction and not Ground Under Repair.
- b) Decorative landscaped areas (flowerbeds/shrubberies and the like) surrounded by an obstruction are part of that obstruction.
- c) Concrete drains and drainage sumps adjacent and parallel to or joined by a white line to buggy paths shall be treated as the same obstruction as the buggy path.

7. **Turf Plugs on Putting Green**

On any putting green, turf plugs of any size have the same status as old hole-plugs and may be repaired under Rule 16-1c.

8. **Integral Part of the Course**

- a) All flower beds, shrubs and landscaped areas. Except for the protected flowerbeds as mentioned in 6(b).
- b) Decorative structures, rocks which located within water hazards. Exposed earthen areas.
- c) Wires, cables, wrapping or other objects where they are closely attached to trees or other permanent objects

9. **Protection of Young Trees and Flower Beds**

Protection of young trees or plants identified by stakes or paint. Players **MUST** take relief without penalty. Pages 139-140.

10. **Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green**

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

NOTE: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced."

11. **Distance Measuring Devices**

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 14-3.

PENALTY: TWO STROKES for first offence and **DISQUALIFICATION** for subsequent offence.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES: TWO STROKES



SECTION B - CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. ELIGIBILITY

Tour events are open to Malaysians and Permanent Residents, who are good standing members of the MYFutures Junior Tour.

A new tour member is required to pay a one-time Tour membership fee of RM20 upon registering for the first tournament.

Competitors must have reached their 11th birthday but not their 19th birthday by December 31, 2018.

2. SIZE OF FIELD

The tournament field at each Tour event is restricted to 80 competitors, with events filled on a *first come first serve basis*.

It is to be noted that each host club may have a different policy regarding the number of competitors playing at each event.

3. ENTRIES & CLOSING DATES

All entries are to be made through the Official Entry Form available online and must reach the Tour Office by 5:00pm on the entry deadline date for each tournament.

The entry fee for Tour events is **RM200** unless otherwise stated.

The entry fee for Tour members qualifying for the season-ending Tournament of Champions is **WAIVED in 2018**.

Entries will only be confirmed on receipt of the Official Entry Form with full payment on a *first come first serve basis*.

4. DIVISION & HANDICAP GUIDE

- Boys Blue (Handicap 0-10)
- Boys White (Handicap 11-20)
- Girls White (Handicap 0-18)
- Girls Red (Handicap 19-30)

Any player from a higher handicap division may be elevated at the discretion of The Committee to a lower handicap division based on his/her performance over 36 holes. Thereafter, the player will have to play from the lower handicap division for the remaining legs of the Tour.

Players aged 12 years and below will play from the WHITE teebox (boys) and RED teebox (girls), regardless of their handicap.

The Committee reserves the right to amend, modify and/or edit the above as and when they feel deemed fit.

5. FORMAT OF PLAY

Tour Events: 36 holes stroke play competition played over two (2) rounds.

Tournament of Champions: Matchplay tournament, with pool play on the first day followed by two to three 18-hole elimination rounds over the final two days.

The winner in all divisions contested will be determined by the lowest **GROSS** score in strokeplay and **NUMBER OF MATCHES** won in matchplay.



However, in the event that circumstances prevent the completion of the stipulated rounds, The Committee reserves the right to decide the winners of the prizes in the most appropriate manner.

6. **GROUPING/STARTING TIMES**

The Committee shall determine the Schedule of Play with groupings and starting times for each competitor.

The Schedule of Play will be emailed to all competitors and published on the MYFJT website two to three days in prior to a Tour event.

The draw for the second and third (*where applicable*) rounds will be an automatic draw determined on the scores returned from previous rounds.

As a courtesy to fellow competitors and to assure that events run as smoothly as possible, all players are requested to check-in at the Tournament Registration Desk upon arrival at the course.

7. **RULES OF PLAY**

Tour events shall be played in accordance with the current Rules of Golf as approved by R&A Rules Limited, the Conditions of Competition (COC), the Tournament Local Rules and any additional notices as declared by The Committee.

All such notices shall be posted on the Official Tournament Notice Board and such postings shall be deemed as sufficient notice to all competitors.

8. **TRANSPORTATION**

All competitors are required to **WALK AT ALL TIMES** unless authorised by a rules official or there is an official shuttle provided between holes.

PENALTY: TWO STROKES for each hole at which any breach occurred. **Maximum penalty per round: FOUR STROKES.**

In the event of breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the competitor will be **DISQUALIFIED**.

EXCEPTION: Special events where the use of buggies is expressly **PERMITTED** by The Committee.

9. **CADDIES/TROLLEY**

The use of non-motorised trolleys or push carts are **ALLOWED** in all Tour events.

Personal caddies (guardians or non-guardians) are **PERMITTED** at selected Tour events, including the the Tournament of Champions.



11. PACE OF PLAY (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) Page 158

Definition of Out of Position:

The first group and any group after a starter's gap will be considered to be "Out of Position" if, at any time during the round, the group's cumulative time exceeds the time allowed for the number of holes completed. Any following group will be considered "Out of Position" if it is more than the starting interval behind the group in front and has exceeded the time allowed for the number of holes completed.

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt', or 40 seconds if it is a 'tee shot or second or third to play shot', he is deemed to have had a 'bad time'.

The time allowed will be determined by the Tournament Director and will be published on the official notice board.

A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

Penalty for Breach of Condition:

One bad time - Verbal warning from the Referee
Two bad times - One stroke penalty
Three bad times - Two stroke penalty
Four bad times - Disqualification

Notes:

- 1) Players will be advised that they are being timed.
- 2) Timing will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the referee that it is the player's turn to play.
- 3) A player in a group that is out of position may be assessed a 'bad time' if the player makes no effort to help the group to get back in position. An example of this is when the player delays play between shots.

12. SUSPENSION OF PLAY, DANGEROUS SITUATION (Note to Rule 6-8a) - Page 158

In the event of a suspension for a dangerous situation, all play **MUST** stop immediately.

When play has been suspended, competitors may ride on buggies to return to the clubhouse for shelter and for further announcements.

All practice areas (outdoor and indoor) are deemed closed during suspension for a dangerous situation.

NOTES: Suspension of play for dangerous situations will be signaled by a single prolonged note of the siren. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive short notes of the siren, repeated.

In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of the siren.

PENALTY: DISQUALIFICATION



13. SCORE CARD SUBMISSION

Competitors are required to report their scores at regular intervals to official scorers located in the golf course.

Score cards must be submitted as soon as possible on completion of the round duly signed by the player and the marker.

Scores are deemed to be submitted the moment the competitor has completely left the designated scoring area.

14. DECISIONS & TIES

Decisions made by a Referees appointed by The Committee shall be **FINAL (Rule 34-2)**.

In the event of a tie for first placing in each division, the players tying shall as soon as possible continue to a hole-by-hole play-off on a hole to be determined by The Committee and repeated until a winner is decided.

The purpose of the play-off is to determine the **CHAMPION** of the division only.

In the event of a tie for all other placings, the tie shall be decided by a countback of comparing the aggregate of gross scores in the following order:

- **Last 18 holes played (Round 2 or 3)**
- **Last 9 holes played**
- **Last 6 holes played**
- **Last 3 holes played**
- **And finally, the last hole played**

If in the event that Round 2 could not be completed due to unforeseen circumstances, The Committee may then use the scores of Round 1 to determine the countback.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- Top three placing in each division
- Best 12 and under participant (**BOYS AND GIRLS**)
- Daily medals in each division

16. RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION – CLOSED

Each Tour event shall be deemed to have closed when the prize presentation has started.

17. TOUR POINTS SYSTEM

Each Tour member will receive **5 points** upon participating in their first Tour event.

A Rankings system is in place to determine the overall winners in each handicap division as well as invites to the season-ending Tournament of Champions.

Each Tour event will offer the following points in each teebox division:

PLACING	POINTS
FIRST	30
SECOND	25
THIRD	20
FOURTH	15
FIFTH	10
SIXTH	5

SCORES (BASED ON ACCUMULATED TOTAL)	POINTS
EVEN PAR - 4-OVER	50
5-OVER - 10-OVER	40
11-OVER - 16-OVER	25
17-OVER - 24-OVER	15
25-OVER - 36-OVER	10



A competitor who totals under-par for the tournament will receive an **ADDITIONAL 20** bonus points, regardless of placing.

The Tournament of Champions will offer the following points in each division:

PLACING	POINTS
CHAMPION	100
RUNNER-UP	80
LOSING SEMI-FINALIST	60
LOSING QUARTER-FINALIST	40
ELIMINATED AFTER POOL PLAY	20

18. TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS QUALIFICATION

A competitor **MUST** play a **minimum of three (3) regular Tour** events to be eligible to participate in the Tournament of Champions.

In case he/she has played more than the required number, his/her three best point finishes of the season will count towards the Titleist Rankings.

Invites to the Tournament of Champions are as follows:

- Best 12 available members from the Boys' Blue Rankings
- Best 12 available members from Girls' White Rankings
- Best 12 available members from Boys' White Rankings
- Best 8 available members from Girls' Red Rankings

19. INDEMNITY/LIABILITIES

The Committee, Sponsors, and the Club will not be responsible for any loss, damage or harm, or any form of injuries that the competitors of the Tournament may suffer as a result of their participation in this Tour.