



# MercedesTrophy 2025



## Terms Of Competition

1. MercedesTrophy 2025 – Malaysian Selection will be managed by a Tournament Committee appointed by Mercedes-Benz Malaysia Sdn Bhd (MBMSB), whose decision on all matters shall be final. The competition shall be played in accordance to the Rules of Golf approved by the R&A Rules Ltd and with the Local Rules (and supplementary) approved by the Tournament Committee.
2. Minimum age for participation is 18 years old, as of 1 January 2025.
3. The tournament is opened exclusively to all Mercedes-Benz passenger car owners of Mercedes-Benz Malaysia **not earlier than 1 January 2020**.
4. Participants driving a Mercedes-Benz company registered cars are required to provide proof of their position with the company as owners or directors.
5. No employees/associates of Mercedes-Benz Malaysia or sales partners are allowed to compete in the MercedesTrophy.
6. Participants must be amateur golfers with a maximum course handicap of 24 for men and 36 for ladies. Failure to declare the lowest handicap at any time will result in disqualification. Men shall tee off from blue tees and Ladies from the red.
7. In accordance with World Handicap System (WHS) policy, participants will be assigned a course handicap for a venue based on their handicap indexes. Participants are not allowed to declare lower handicaps for purposes of entering another category.
8. In World Handicap System (WHS), participant's course handicap may vary on daily basis. For this competition, participant's course handicap will be based on the record of five (5) days before the selected qualifying round.
9. Participants must obtain handicaps from WHS. In the interest of fair play, any participant without a current WHS handicap is allowed to participate, but they must play with zero (0) handicap.
10. The MercedesTrophy World Finalists from previous years are eligible to participate in the tournament, but only as non-competitors, provided they are owners of a Mercedes-Benz car. The MercedesTrophy World Final is a "once-in-a-lifetime" experience. Participants are only allowed to participate in the World Final if they have never attended a MercedesTrophy World Final before.
11. The form of play is Stableford points over one round of 18 holes. Maximum scores will be capped at 39 Stableford Points (3-under handicap). However, course handicap revision will be calculated based on the actual score of the day, and not subject to capping.

National Final – Course handicaps of qualifiers shall be kept or revised according to the scores returned at qualifying rounds. For example, if a player with a course handicap of 20 scored 44 points (8-under their handicap), then their course handicap for the National Final shall be adjusted to 12. However, if a player with a course handicap of 20 scored 34 points (2-over their handicap), their course handicap for the National Final shall be kept at 20.

Participant who qualified for the 2024 National Final will play the 2025 events off their adjusted course handicap as they did in the 2024 National Final or their current WHS handicap, whichever is lower.

12. In the event of ties, placing shall be determined on count back starting with (a) lower handicap, (b) Stableford points of the last nine holes (holes nos. 10 – 18), (c) last six holes (holes nos. 13 – 18), (d) last three holes (holes nos. 16 – 18), (e) and the last hole (hole no. 18). If there is still a tie, then the last six holes, last three holes and final hole of the first nine holes will be considered. In any case if the tie is still undecided, it shall be decided by lot.
13. Top 5 finishers in A, B, and C Category of each qualifying round and top 3 finishers in D Category (Ladies) in a designated qualifying round (herein referred as "Finalists") will advance to the National Final. However, the top 3 Ladies players will compete with Men in either A, B or C Category in the National Final based on their handicap performance in the qualifying round. The champion of A, B and C Category in the National Final will advance to MercedesTrophy 2025 World Final. In the event that the World Final 2025 is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, there is no claim for compensation for loss suffered and no alternative will be offered.



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14. The attention of all competitors is drawn to Rule 5.6 of Golf regarding unreasonable delay. In the interest of fair play, the Tournament Committee will not hesitate to impose the penalties as provided by the Rules of Golf.
15. The “Drive To The Major” competition is opened only to the finalists (guests are not eligible) in the MercedesTrophy 2025 National Final:-
  - (a) The finalist that is closest to or on the line will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the first to achieve the closest to or on the line will be declared the winner.
  - (b) The winner shall win one return air ticket from Kuala Lumpur to United Kingdom and expenses-paid-trip to The Open 2025 from 16 to 21 July 2025. The prize is non-transferable and cannot be exchanged or altered. Any additional costs / arrangements for the flight itinerary changes and extra nights’ accommodation are the responsibility of the winner.
  - (c) In the event that the winner is also qualified as one of the three finalists representing Malaysia in the MercedesTrophy 2025 World Final, the World Final takes precedence, and this award will go to the next best score.
  - (d) In the event that The Open 2025 is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, there is no claim for compensation for loss suffered and no alternative will be offered.
  - (e) The Open DTTM is a “once-in-a-lifetime” experience. Past winners are not eligible.
16. The “Mission Longest Drive” competition is opened only to the finalists (guests are not eligible) in the MercedesTrophy 2025 National Final :-
  - (a) The finalists, one (1) man and one (1) lady that achieved the longest drive on the designated hole will be declared the winners.
  - (b) The player’s tee shot must be in the fairway of the designated hole when the ball comes to rest.
  - (c) In the event that the winner is also qualified as one of the three finalists representing Malaysia in the MercedesTrophy 2025 World Final, the World Final takes precedence, and this award will go to the next best score.
  - (d) The names of the two (2) winners, one (1) man and one (1) lady, will be entered into a global ballot.
  - (e) The main prize will be determined via ballot and will be 2 x 2 VIP tickets, one (1) man winner + accompanying person and one (1) lady winner + accompanying person, to the MercedesTrophy 2025 World Final. The winners will be VIP guests on-site and get to enjoy all evening functions, highlights and side-events.
  - (f) The “Mission Longest Drive” is a “once-in-a-lifetime” experience.
17. If a player arrives within 5 minutes after the starting time, the Committee will deduct 2 points from the first hole that they start. If they arrive more than 5 minutes late from the starting time, they will be disqualified from winning any prizes.
18. All participants must use only conforming clubs and golf balls approved by the R&A Rules Ltd.
19. Participant must mark the score of other player assigned by the Committee and also to record their score in the scorecard. Participant should determine whose scorecard they are marking on the starting tee, i.e. Player A marks Player B, Player B marks Player C and Player C marks Player A. If you have any questions regarding the scorecard, please ask a Rules Official.

In the process of returning the scorecard at the Score Card Submission Area, immediately on completion of a round, the player must certify their score with their marker.
20. All participants shall indemnify the organisers, sponsors, management of the clubs and its staff from any legal proceedings, losses, damage, injury or loss of life suffered during or after the said tournament. Participants are reminded to insure themselves with appropriate insurance coverage.
21. Any disputes or doubtful point on the Rules shall be referred to the Tournament Committee as soon as practicable during the competition and before scorecard submission. Any dispute brought to the Tournament Committee after the prize giving ceremony will not be entertained unless it is permitted under the Rules of Golf.
22. All participants are deemed to have read, understood and agreed to abide by the rules and conditions of the tournament, upon submission of their entries.
23. Participants are reminded of the ruling pertaining to Amateur Status (Rule 3 – Rules of Amateur Status). An amateur golfer must not accept a prize (other than a symbolic prize) or prize voucher of retail value more than £700 or US\$1,000 or the value set by Malaysian Golf Association at RM4,000. The onus of accepting a prize or prizes that exceed the prescribed limits lies with the participant. The Committee is duty-bound to inform the MGA the names of participants who receive prizes that exceed the prescribed limits. The Committee and Organisers shall not be liable for any action taken on participants for any breach of Rules pertaining to Amateur Status.



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24. In the event when more than one (1) player scores a Hole-In-One on the same hole in the same tournament, the prize will be awarded to the first to achiever of the Hole-In-One.
25. Each player shall be eligible to win only one (1) novelty prize. The prize will be awarded to the first achiever.
26. In the event of inclement weather, the distribution of prizes and announcement of qualifiers shall be decided by the Organisers and Tournament Committee.
27. Winners may be required by MBMSB to participate in a photo, video and /or film session and hereby agree that MBMSB reserves the right to use such publicity photos, videos and / or films in any medium and in any reasonable manner it sees fit without additional compensation.
28. All information provided is true and correct. Any wilful dishonesty may render for refusal of this application or disqualified for National Final / World Final.

The Tournament Committee

10 March 2025