



# TENTERFIELD OPEN TOURNAMENT

## SINGLE STROKE

### TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

#### 23 – 24 November 2024

#### Rules Governing Play

1. The Tenterfield Open Single Stroke Tournament (tournament) shall be played in strict conformity with the Rules of Golf, the Tenterfield Golf Club (Club) Local Rules and these Terms of the Competition.
2. Each entrant is responsible for understanding the Rules of Golf and, by competing in the tournament is considered to have accepted and will follow these Terms of the Competition.

#### Committee

3. The Tournament Committee (Committee) shall be responsible for administering the event. The Committee may comprise but is not limited to:
  - a Tournament Director;
  - the Club Captain;
  - the Club's Secretary Manager; and
  - a Director.
4. A Committee Member may participate as either a competitor or a caddie. However, a Committee Member who is a competitor or a caddie shall not give a decision on a matter affecting the tournament. In the absence of the full Committee, members who are present at the time may give a decision and the decision is deemed to be that of the full Committee.
5. The Committee has sole management and control of the tournament with full power at any time to alter or vary the tournament terms. Committee decisions on matters affecting the tournament shall be final.

#### Eligibility

##### *Gender*

6. The tournament is open to players as defined by the Golf Australia (GA) Gender Policy dated 5 August 2016.

##### *Age Limit*

7. The tournament has no age limit.

##### *Playing Status*

8. A player eligible to compete in the tournament is a:
  - Club financial golfing member who holds a Golf Australia (GA) Handicap on the Golf Link website;
  - Financial visiting golfing member of an affiliated golf club who holds a GA Handicap on the Golf Link website; and
  - Financial golfing member of a club who holds and provides proof of current membership and handicap but is:
    - not affiliated with GA; and /or
    - a member of an overseas golf club.

### ***Professionals***

9. Provided a tee time is available, a PGA or ALPG member may participate in the tournament but is excluded from:
- paying an entry fee, and
  - winning an allotted item on the event prize schedule.

### ***Suspended Entrant***

10. In the event of an entrant being suspended by an affiliated club, a club affiliated with a District Golf Association, or a District Golf Association on a golf related matter, the entrant shall not be eligible to play in the tournament, even if the entrant nominates another club as his/her home club for handicapping purposes.

### ***Handicaps***

11. The Daily Handicap recorded on the score card will be the:
- handicap calculated using the GA Handicap on the Golf Link website and the Slope Rating for the course to be played on the day; or
  - handicap recorded on a Handicap Card or similar presented by a player whose home club is not on Golf Link.
12. Maximum handicaps for the tournament are:
- Men – 36, and
  - Women – 45.

### ***Handicapping Procedure***

13. Individual scores established in the two rounds of the tournament will be processed daily in accordance with the World Handicap System Operational Guidance & Supporting Regulations Version 11 February 2020.
14. Scores will be transmitted to Golf Link as soon as practicable after each round has been completed.

### ***Handicap Adjustment***

15. A player whose Daily Handicap has been adjusted after the first day of the tournament shall contest the:
- 36-hole competition with the Daily Handicap as at the first day; and
  - competition on the second day with the adjusted Daily Handicap.

### ***Provisional GA Handicap***

16. A player with a Provisional GA Handicap shall not be eligible to win a prize.

## **Entry Requirements**

### ***Nomination Method***

17. A nomination must be submitted to the Tournament Director and must state the:
- entrant's full name,
  - golf Link number,
  - postal address,
  - preferred tee time for both days, and
  - motorised transport requirements for both days.

### ***Nominations Close***

18. Nominations shall close on 1 November 2024 or when the field size reaches capacity, whichever occurs first.
19. In the event of an entry oversubscription, entries may be recorded on a waiting list in the order of receipt, at the Tournament Director's discretion.
20. Nominations received after 1 November will only be accepted at the Tournament Director's discretion.

### ***Entry Fee***

21. The entry fee for:
  - the two-day tournament is \$60.00 and shall be paid in full before the entrant tees-off on 23 November 2024.
  - a daily competition is \$30.00 and shall be paid before the entrant tees-off.

### ***Entry Fee Refund***

22. An entry fee will only be refunded in the case of withdrawal from the tournament on or before 16 November 2024 or after that date for medical reasons.
23. A medical certificate must accompany a request for refund on medical grounds.

### **Format**

#### ***Tournament***

24. The tournament shall be a 36-hole men's and women's Single Stroke event conducted over two days.
25. Each day, a player shall play one round of 18 holes.

#### ***Daily Competition***

26. A daily men's and women's 18-hole Single Stroke competition will be conducted in conjunction with the 36-hole event.

#### ***Field Size***

27. The tournament field will be limited to 172 players on each day, or a number of player's at the Tournament Director's discretion.

#### ***Grades/Divisions***

28. The tournament shall be divided into grades/divisions according to the handicaps of players in the field on the first day of play.
29. The Tournament Director shall determine the men's grades and the women's divisions by 21 November 2024.

#### ***Tournament Courses***

30. On both days of the tournament:
  - Men shall play the blue course which has a rated length of 5682 metres, par of 71, scratch rating of 70 and a slope rating of 127.
  - Women shall play the red course which has a rated length of 5006 metres, par of 72, scratch rating of 72 and a slope rating of 125.

#### ***Starting Tee***

31. Each round shall start at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and holes shall be played in sequence to finish at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

#### ***Tee Time Interval***

32. The interval between tee times shall be 8 minutes.

## **Registration and Starting**

### ***Registration***

- 33.** Each day, an entrant must:
- register with the Committee, inside the Club House, at least 30 minutes before their allocated tee time, and
  - report to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee at least 10 minutes before their allocated tee time.
- 34.** An entrant who is withdrawing from a daily competition must report their intention to the Committee at least 45 minutes before their allocated tee time.

### ***Order of Play***

- 35.** The daily Starting Sheet shall dictate the order of play but the Committee or the Starter reserves the right to alter starting times and/or playing groups when necessary.

### ***Late Arrival***

- 36.** If a player arrives at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee ready to play within five minutes after their allocated starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole played.
- 37.** The penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

### **Practice**

- 38.** On the day of play and before a tournament round, a player must not:
- practice on the competition course, or
  - test the surface of any putting green on the course by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.
- 39.** A player may practice:
- at the Club's practice nets between the 14<sup>th</sup> green and 15<sup>th</sup> tee, and
  - on the practice putting green.
- 40.** Practice on or near the putting green of the last hole played is prohibited.
- 41.** During the suspension of play, a player may practice:
- at the practice nets, and
  - on the practice putting green.

### **Local Rules**

- 42.** Local Rules pertaining to the tournament are displayed in the Club House, on the Notice Board near the golf computer. If required, additional Local Rules will be displayed on the Club House Notice Board.
- 43.** Local Rules 13, 14, and 15 are not in play during this tournament.

### **Pace of Play**

- 44.** An 18-hole round should take about four hours. In the interest of all competing, players have an obligation to play at a reasonable pace. The group is responsible for the pace of play and keeping up with the group in front.
- 45.** If a group loses a clear hole and is delaying the group behind, the group behind must be invited to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group.
- 46.** Where a group has not lost a clear hole and the group behind appears to be able to play faster, the slower group must invite the faster moving group to play through.

## **Motorised Transport**

47. Unless weather and ground conditions dictate or the Committee decides otherwise, a player may use motorised transport during a tournament round.
48. The maximum number of carts within a group shall be two.
49. Motorised transport shall not be driven:
  - on/over tees, putting greens, abnormal ground condition, or
  - within five metres of a putting green, mound or bunker except on a path.
50. The daily fee for a motorised golf cart is \$40,00. Club management is responsible for allocating motorised golf carts and collecting the fee.

## **Caddies**

51. A player may use a professional golfer, sibling, parent or another member of a club as a caddie provided he/she has only one caddie at any time.

## **Mobile Phones**

52. Whilst on the golf course, the use of a mobile telephone by a player or a caddie is a distraction to other players and is inconsiderate.
53. If a telephone rings it is deemed in use; accordingly, mobile telephones shall remain either turned off or on mute during play.
54. The Committee may take action against an offending player in accordance with The Rules of Golf Rule 1 – The Game, Player Conduct and the Rules.

## **Distance and Directional Information**

55. Using a device to provide information on distance or direction during the event is permitted.  
*Rule 4.3a (1)*

## **Prize Schedule**

### ***Vouchers***

56. Prize entitlements will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director but will be in the form of gift vouchers redeemable at popular retail outlets.

### ***36-Hole Event***

57. The 36-hole event prizes will be distributed in accordance with the event prize schedule posted on the Club's Notice Board during the event. These winners will not be eligible for daily prizes.

### ***Daily Prizes***

58. The daily prizes shall be distributed in accordance with the event prize schedule posted on the Club's Notice Board during the event.

### ***Uncollected Vouchers***

59. Prize vouchers not collected at the tournament presentation will be forwarded via registered mail to the winner's postal address.

### ***Ball Rundown***

60. A daily ball rundown will not be conducted.

### ***Nearest the Pin***

61. Men's and women's nearest the pin prizes will be contested on the 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes during both rounds of the tournament.

### ***Eagle's Nest***

62. An eagle's nest will not be conducted.

## Abnormal Course Condition

63. Areas considered as abnormal course condition will be marked with:

- a solid or broken white line painted on the ground, or
- in-ground white stakes where the area is extensive.

## Care of the Course

### *Bunkers*

64. A player must enter and exit a bunker at its lowest edge. Before leaving a bunker, a player must use the rake provided to carefully fill and smooth all holes and footprints made by them and any nearby made by others.

65. The rake shall be left in the bunker with the head facing towards the flag and with end of the handle resting on the back edge to the bunker.

### *Divots, Ball-Marks and Shoe Damage*

66. A player must carry a bucket containing sand and carefully fill all divot holes made by them and any nearby made by others.

67. A ball impact mark on a green and damage caused by shoes, whether or not made by the player, shall be repaired by the players before the group leaves the green.

## Call-Up

68. Calling-up on par three holes is prohibited for safety and legal reasons.

## Inclement Weather/Suspension of Play

### *Rain*

69. The Committee will not suspend play simply because of rain, unless the rain is so heavy continuing would be unfair on the players. However, the Committee shall suspend play if a hole is surrounded by temporary water.

### *Lightning*

70. A player must discontinue play if he/she believes there is a danger from lightning and, must not rely on the Committee to ensure safety.

71. If a player discontinues play for a reason other than danger from lightning and without the permission of the Committee, he/she must report to the Committee as soon as practicable. If the Committee considers the player's reason to discontinue play as satisfactory, there will be no penalty; otherwise, the player will be disqualified.

72. In the event of lightning near the course or the course becomes unplayable, the Committee will sound a siren. The following signals apply:

- **One prolonged note of the siren** - Discontinue play immediately (dangerous situation).
- **Three consecutive notes of the siren, repeated** - Discontinue play (course unplayable).
- **Two short notes of the siren, repeated** - Resume play.

## Score Cards

73. Irrespective of whether a player finishes a round, the player must deposit a score card in the box designated SCORE CARDS located near the golf computer screen, within 15 minutes of completing the round.

74. A score card is considered returned as soon as the player places it in the box after which the player is considered to have left the scoring area. Failing to submit the score card within the time stipulated will result in disqualification.

75. No alteration shall be made to the score card after the player has returned it to the Committee.

76. The Committee will not pursue or be responsible for a score card not lodged in the correct manner.

### **Deciding Ties**

77. The Committee shall employ the Australian Countback Method as stated in the World Handicap System Operational Guidance & Supporting Regulations Edition 11/2/2020 page 36 paragraph 11 to decide ties.

### **Cancellation or Abandonment**

78. If the tournament is cancelled before 22 November 2024, a notice will be posted on the Club's website.

79. For whatever reason, if:

- a competition is abandoned on any day of the tournament, refund of an entry fee may apply at the discretion of the Tournament Director; and
- the tournament is reduced to 18 holes, winners will be declared based on the 18-hole scores being approved by the Committee.

### **Protests/Disputes**

80. A protest and/or dispute must be made in writing and submitted to the Committee within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the day's play.

81. A protest or dispute arising in one round shall be settled by the Committee before the start of the next round. The Committee's decision on a protest or dispute is final.

### **Results are Final**

82. A daily competition is closed when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

83. The tournament is closed when all scores have been approved by the Committee and the results have been announced.

### **Liability**

84. The Club, Committee, sponsors and other suppliers associated with the tournament accept no liability for any property loss, damage, injury or death incurred or arising out of any aspect of the conduct of the tournament.

***Michael Manser***

Tournament Director

4 September 2024