



TENTERFIELD WILLOWS OPEN AMATEUR TOURNAMENT
TERMS OF THE COMPETITION
FOURBALL BEST BALL STABLEFORD
21 – 22 February 2026

1. Rules Governing Play

- The Tenterfield Willows Open Amateur Fourball Best Ball (4BBB) Stableford Tournament (tournament) shall be played in strict conformity with the Rules of Golf, the Tenterfield Golf Club Local Rules and these Terms of the Competition.
- Each entrant is responsible for understanding the Rules of Golf and, by competing in the tournament is considered to have accepted the Terms of the Competition.

2. Committee

- 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.
- 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.
- The Committee has the 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.

3. Eligibility

- The tournament is open to men and women.
- The tournament has no age limit.
- The players eligible to compete in the tournament are:
 - Club financial golfing members who hold a Golf Australia (GA) Handicap Status of Amateur on the Golf Link website;
 - Financial visiting golfing members of an affiliated golf club who hold a GA Handicap Status of Amateur on the Golf Link website; and
 - Financial amateur golfing members of overseas golf clubs who hold and provide proof of current membership and handicap.
- Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by the R & A Rules Limited.
- PGA and/or ALPG members are not eligible to participate in the tournament.

- 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 Tenterfield Willows Open Amateur Tournament 2026, even if the entrant nominates another club as his/her home club for handicapping purposes.

4. Handicaps

- 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
 - The Handicap recorded on a Handicap Card or similar presented by players whose home club is not on Golf Link.
- Maximum handicaps for the tournament are:
 - Men – 36, and Women – 45.
- Handicapping Procedure
 - Fourball scores established in each round will be assessed at the end of the tournament in accordance with the World Handicap System Operational Guidance & Supporting Regulations Edition 11/2/2020 page 18 paragraph 5E Fourball Scores.
 - Scores meeting the criteria specified shall be forwarded for processing to the handicapping authority of the player's home club.
 - A player shall contest each daily competition and the 36-hole event with the Daily Handicap as at the first day.
 - A player with a Provisional GA Handicap shall not be eligible to win a prize.

5. Entry Requirements

- Nominations for the 2026 Willows tournament open on 1 November 2025. Nominations will be processed on a first received basis for preferred tee times.
- Entries must be submitted to the Tournament Director by 1 February 2026. In the event of an entry oversubscription, entries may be recorded on a waiting list in the order of receipt.
- The entry fee for the two-day tournament is \$60.00 and shall be paid in full before the entrant tees-off on 21 February 2026. A daily competition is \$30.00 and shall be paid before the entrant tees-off.
- In the case of an entrant withdrawing from the tournament after paying the entry fee a refund of the entry fee will be at the Tournament Directors discretion on a case-by-case basis.

6. Format

- The tournament shall be a 36-hole 4BBB Stableford aggregate event for teams of two men, or teams of two women conducted over two days.
- Each day, teams shall play one round of 18 holes.
- A daily 18-hole competition will be conducted in conjunction.
- On each day of the tournament, the field shall be limited to 172 players, or a figure determined by the Tournament Director.
- The tournament shall not be divided into grades/divisions.

- On both days of the tournament: • Men shall play the blue course which has a par of 71, scratch rating of 70 and a slope rating of 127. • Women shall play the red course which has a par of 72, scratch rating of 72 and a slope rating of 125.
- Each round shall start at the 1st tee and holes shall be played in sequence to finish at the 18th hole.
- The interval between tee times shall be 8 minutes.

7. The draw

- The draw allocating tee times for the event will be available for viewing on the TGC website approximately three (3) weeks prior to the event date.
- As a nominated player in the event you must check the draw on a regular basis as tee times are subject to change up to the day before the scheduled start date of the event.

Important: Check the draw in the clubhouse to confirm your tee time for Saturday and Sunday play.

8. Registration and starting

- Each day, entrants must register with the Committee at least 30 minutes before their allocated tee time and report to the 1st hole at least 10 minutes before their allocated tee-off time.
- Entrants intending not to play must report to the Committee at least 30 minutes before their allocated tee time.
- The daily Starting Sheet dictates the order of play, but the Committee or the Starter reserves the right to alter starting times and/or playing groups when necessary.
- If a player arrives at his/her starting tee, ready to play, within five minutes after the allocated starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole played. The penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

9. Practice

- 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. However, a player may practice at the Club's practice nets between the 14th green and 15th tee and, on the practice putting green.
- Practice on or near the putting green of the last hole played is prohibited.
- During the suspension of play, a player may practice at the practice nets and on the practice putting green.

10. Local Rules

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

11. Pace of Play

- 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.

- If a group loses a clear hole and is delaying the group behind, the group behind should be invited to play through. Where a group has not lost a clear hole, but the group behind appears to be able to play faster, the slower group should invite the faster moving group to play through.

12. Motorised Transport

- Unless weather and ground conditions dictate or the Committee decides otherwise, a player may use motorised transport during a tournament round. The maximum number of carts within a group shall be two.
- 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.
- The daily fee for a motorised golf cart is \$45,00. Club management is responsible for allocating motorised golf carts and collecting the fee.

13. Caddies

- 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.

14. Mobile Phones

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

15. Prize Schedule

- 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.
- The 36-hole event prizes will be distributed as per the tournament prize schedule. These winners are not eligible for daily prizes.
- The daily prizes shall be distributed as per the tournament prize schedule.
Note: when considering the distribution of prize vouchers for the daily and 36-hole event the highest value voucher will be presented to the eligible players.
- Prize vouchers not collected at the tournament presentation will be posted to the winner's home address via registered mail.
- A daily ball rundown will not be conducted.
- Men's and women's nearest the pin prizes will be contested on the 6th, 9th, 13th and 18th holes during both rounds of the tournament.
- An eagle's nest will not be conducted.

16. Ground Under Repair

- Ground disturbance resulting from tree removal shall be treated as Ground Under Repair whether marked or otherwise. Free relief may be taken in accordance with the Rules of Golf Rule 16.1 b.
- Other areas considered as Ground Under Repair will be marked with a solid or broken white line painted on the ground, where possible.

17. Care of the Course

- Players must enter and exit bunkers at their lowest edge. Before leaving a bunker, players must use the rake provided to carefully fill and smooth all holes and footprints made by them and any nearby made by others. The rake shall be left in the bunker with the head facing the flag and with end of the handle resting on the edge to the bunker.
- Players must carry a bucket containing sand and carefully fill all divot holes made by them and any nearby made by others. Ball impact marks on the greens and damage caused by shoes, whether or not made by the player, shall be repaired by the players before the group leaves the green.
- For safety and legal reasons, calling up on par three holes is prohibited.
- 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 holes are surrounded by temporary water.
- A player must discontinue play if he/she believes there is a danger from lightning and not rely on the Committee to ensure safety. If a player discontinues play for a reason other than danger from lightning and without 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 is disqualified.
- 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.

18. Score Cards

- Irrespective of whether a team finishes a round, players must deposit a score card in the box designated SCORE CARDS, located in the club front entry, within 15 minutes of completing the round. The 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.
- No alteration may be made to the score card after the player has returned it to the Committee. Failing to submit the score card within the time stipulated will result in disqualification.
- The Committee will not pursue or be responsible for a score card not lodged in the correct manner.
- 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.
- If the tournament is cancelled before 18 February 2026, a notice will be posted on the Club's website.

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

19. Protests/Disputes

- Protests and disputes must be made in writing and submitted to the Committee within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the day's play. 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.
- A daily competition is closed when all scores have been approved by the Committee.
- The tournament is closed when all scores have been approved by the Committee and the results have been announced.
- The Tenterfield Golf Club, the Committee, sponsors and other suppliers associated with the tournament accept no liability for any property loss, damages, injury or death incurred or arising out of any aspect of the conduct of the tournament.

Michael Manser

Tournament Director

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