



NEW ZEALAND
OPEN

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Terms & Conditions for Amateur Entries

New Zealand Open Pro-Am Championship
26 Feb - 1 Mar 2026

1. Entry

1.1

Participation in the New Zealand Pro Am Championship is subject to the terms and conditions below.

1.2

Your entry will be secured upon payment of the initial deposit invoice from Millbrook Tournaments Limited (hereinafter referred to as MTL) and all entrants are subject to these terms and conditions.

1.3

Due date for payment of invoices are as follows:

- Initial deposit by 1 May 2025 – 25% of total package
- Balance by 1 December 2025

1.4

Amateur players who notify the Player Services Manager and/or Tournament Director of their withdrawal from the tournament will be subject to the following cancellation fees:

1.4.1

Before 1 December 2025 - if after paying your deposit your circumstances change the committee agree to refund monies paid or transferred to the 2027 event should that be your preference.

1.4.2

After 1 December but before 10 February 2026 a cancellation fee of \$2,500 + GST will apply;

1.4.3

After 11 February 2026 no refund will apply.

1.4.4

Payment by credit card incurs a 2% surcharge.

2. Size of Field

2.1

The intended size of the amateur field in the New Zealand Open will be a maximum of 156 entries.

2.2

The Organising Committee has discretion to alter the final number of the amateur field.

3. Format

3.1

The New Zealand Pro-Am Championship will be played at Millbrook Resort from 26 February – 1 March 2026.



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3.2

The New Zealand Pro-Am Championship within the New Zealand Open will be played as a two ball best-ball nett stroke tournament with each professional paired with an Amateur as a Pro-Am team.

3.3

For rounds one and two the field will be split equally across both courses at Millbrook Resort playing one round on each course. The final two rounds will be played across a composite course, featuring nine holes from each of the Remarkables and Coronet courses.

3.4

Participants that have a morning (or afternoon) tee time at one of the Remarkables or Coronet course at Millbrook Resort for round one will then have an afternoon (or morning) tee time at the Remarkables or Coronet course Millbrook Resort for round two.

3.5

Rounds one and two will be played in fours comprising two separate Pro-Am teams.

3.6

After the second round there will be a cut and the top 40 Pro-Am teams will progress to play in round three at Millbrook Resort. In the event of a tie a count-back as per clause 19 below will apply.

3.7

After the third round there will be a final cut and the top 10 Pro-Am teams will progress to play in round four at Millbrook Resort. In the event of a tie a count-back as per clause 19 below will apply.

3.8

The draw for rounds three and four will be subject to the professional draw and at the entire discretion of the Organising Committee.

3.9

All Amateurs who miss the 36 hole cut (and who elect to play in this event prior to February 26) will be given a choice regarding play on Saturday 28 February:

- i. A one day New Zealand Open Challenge Teams Event at The Hills Golf Course on Saturday 28 February 2026. Each team will comprise four amateurs and one professional; or
- ii. You (and a friend) play the 9-hole "Farm" course at The Hills at your leisure anytime between 9:30am and midday on Saturday 28 February 2026; or alternatively:
- iii. Take up a voucher for a round at Jack's Point (valid 1 April 2026 to 1 September 2027 to play a complimentary 18 holes of golf at Jack's Point, along with a guest (who will be charged member guest rates).

4. Formation of Pro-Am Teams

4.1

A professional who has fulfilled entry criteria into the New Zealand Open may write to the Organising Committee to request a specific amateur partner. The Organising Committee retains the right however to make all final allocations.



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4.2

The Organising Committee will be solely responsible for the formation of Pro-Am teams.

5. Withdrawal of Professional During the Tournament

5.1

In the instance of a professional withdrawing from the tournament after commencement of play during days one and two of the event for any reason, the Organising Committee will use its best endeavours to find a replacement professional, who will act as a substitute for the Pro am team score.

6. Withdrawal of Amateur During the Tournament

6.1

If an amateur withdraws from the tournament after commencement of play there will be no refund as per cancellation clause 1.4.3.

7. Handicaps

7.1

All New Zealand and Australian amateur competitors must have a registered handicap and a New Zealand or Australian golf identification number.

7.2

All other International participants must provide written handicap verification of their handicap as at 8 February 2026 from their respective National Amateur Body. Amateurs with membership of more than one National Amateur Body must play off the lowest handicap of all jurisdictions.

7.3

Amateur competitors will be allocated a course handicap to apply over all three courses (The Remarkables and Coronet Courses at Millbrook Resort, and the Hills) by the Organising Committee. That allocation will take into account the following criteria:

- a. The player's current official handicap index as at 8 February 2026.
- b. The player's lowest handicap index over the previous 18 months of play; and
- c. The player's previous performance in the Pro-Am section of the New Zealand Open (2019/20/23/24/25).

7.4

The allocation of final course handicaps will be solely at the discretion of the Organising Committee, and no further correspondence will be entered into.

7.5

There will be a maximum course handicap of 18 at Millbrook Resort and The Hills.

7.6

Males and females playing in the New Zealand Pro-Am Championship with a course handicap higher than 18 are eligible to play at the discretion of the Organising Committee, but in no instance will a player play on a final course handicap above 18.



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7.7

The Organising Committee has the right to request supplementary handicap verification information at their discretion to establish entry handicaps for participants.

7.8

The Organising Committee reserves the right to adjust handicaps at the conclusion of any round during the tournament.

7.9

Note that due to our computerised scoring system women amateur players will need to apply the same stroke index to each hole as the men. We recognise that in some cases women players may be disadvantaged; we will therefore analyse the difference and ensure that where appropriate, women players are compensated for this, when allocating a handicap index for the tournament.

8. Tees

8.1

Each participant shall play from designated tees as set out by the Tournament Committee. Professionals will play from the Championship Tees with Amateurs playing from the Club tees. There will be separate tees for men and women.

8.2

Amateur players aged 75 and over may elect to play off the forward men's tees, but must advise the Tournament Director of this choice by 8am Monday 23 February 2026 latest. Failure to meet this deadline will mean that the back men's tee will be used. Players off the front men's tees will have their handicap adjusted by the course differential (3 strokes).

9. Distance Measuring Devices

9.1

Distance Measuring Devices are permitted to be used by amateur players during both the New Zealand Pro-Am Championship and the New Zealand Open Challenge, under the following strict rules: Amateur players are NOT allowed to use a measuring device that adjusts for slope or wind.

10. Caddies

10.1

Caddies are compulsory for professionals and amateurs. Caddie etiquette and payment is the sole responsibility of the amateur engaging them.

10.2

Where required, the tournament will assist in procuring the services of a caddie for you.

10.3

Caddie bibs must be worn at all times during play.

10.4

Caddies must not wear spike sole shoes.



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11. Pace of Play

11.1

A pace of play policy will be strictly enforced at the tournament. The PGA Tour of Australasia have the right to penalize Pro-Am teams by means of stroke penalties in the event of slow play (following a formal warning).

12. Practice Rounds

12.1

Each amateur may (subject to available tee times) play one practice round per day at each course at Millbrook Resort during 23 - 25 February 2026. Tee times are to be pre-booked by contacting our Player Services Manager, Lis Carroll, and will be available in early 2026 to all players.

12.2

Note that both courses at Millbrook Resort will be entirely closed from 5.15pm on Wednesday 25 February 2026. All players will practice in fours.

13. Practice Facilities

13.1

Amateurs wishing to practice are welcome to use the driving range facilities at Millbrook Resort.

14. Governing Body and Rules

14.1

The tournament will be played under the auspices of the PGA Tour of Australasia in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Club of St Andrews and in accordance with the local rules approved by the Organising Committee.

15. Tournament Opening Event

15.1

The tournament opening will be held on the Village Green on Tuesday 24 February 2026. All amateur and professional players are encouraged to attend.

16. Accommodation

16.1

Amateur players may elect to organise their own accommodation and purchase the entry package that excludes accommodation. Amateur players who elect to purchase the entry package that includes accommodation are entitled to six nights accommodation at the Millbrook Resort, Queenstown. Additional accommodation (for nights immediately before and after the event) can be booked directly via the Player Services Manager, Lis Carroll.



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17. Cancellation and Refunds

17.1

In the event of tournament disruption by weather or other circumstances the tournament may be shortened to 54 or 36 holes. In any event, the first 36 holes of the tournament will constitute the New Zealand Pro-Am Championship.

17.2

In the event that play is cancelled or materially postponed on either Thursday or Friday and the second round of play has not been completed then the New Zealand Open Challenge at The Hills, will be cancelled.

17.3

There will be no refunds for amateur participants, provided 36 holes of play are completed.

17.4

In the unlikely circumstances that the entire tournament is cancelled or 36 holes are not completed a minimal partial refund may be considered for the amateur participants, subject to circumstances at the time.

17.5

In the event that one or more days of scheduled play are cancelled, the Tournament Committee reserve the right to extend play through to a reserve day on Monday 2 March 2026.

18. Amateur Status

18.1

Amateur entrants in the New Zealand Pro-Am acknowledge that they comply with the Rules of Amateur Status.

19. Tie

19.1

In the event of a tie for any final place in the New Zealand Pro-Am Championship the standard countback rules as set by the tournament committee will be applied to determine final positions. These are in line with 19.3 below, save that the fourth round scores will apply.

19.2

At the conclusion of round two, a cut will be made to the leading 40 teams for the teams competition. In the event of a tie for 40th position, a count back will apply to determine the qualifying team/s. The count back will be different to 2025, running as follows:

1.

The lowest team score over the Coronet course.

2.

The lowest team score over holes 10-18 of the Coronet course and then holes 13-18, holes 16-18, and if still tied, the final hole of the Coronet Course.



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3.

If the tie or ties can still not be determined, there will be a match of the team's scores over the Coronet course, starting on hole 1.

19.3

Should a professional fail to make the Championship cut but make the teams cut, they will continue play in round three of the teams competition. At the conclusion of round three a cut will be made in the team competition with the leading 10 teams, continuing to the final round. In the event of a tie for 10th position, a count back will apply to determine the qualifying team/s. The count back will be done as follows:

1.

The lowest team score over the Composite course.

2.

The lowest team score over holes 10-18 of the Composite course and then holes 13-18, holes 16-18, and if still tied, the final hole.

3.

If the tie or ties can still not be determined, there will be a match of the team's scores over the Composite course, starting on hole 1.

20. Rights

20.1

The Organising Committee reserves the right to use films, photographs, images and similar references to competitors in practice and play for promotional purposes prior, during and after the tournament.



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