



New Zealand Pro-Am Championship 25 February – 28 February 2021

Terms & Conditions for Amateur Entries

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 2020 – 25% of total package
- Balance by 1 December 2020

1.4 Amateur players who notify the Tournament Director of their withdrawal from the tournament will be subject to the following cancellation fees:

1.4.1 Before 1 December 2020 - if after paying your deposit your circumstances change (in particular due to COVID-19) the committee agree to refund monies paid or transferred to the 2022 event should that be your preference.

1.4.2 After 1 December but before 10 February 2021 a cancellation fee of \$2,500 + GST will apply;

1.4.3 After 11 February 2021 no refund will apply.

1.4.4 Payment by credit card incurs a 2% surcharge.

Size of Field

2.1

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

2.2

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

Format

3.1

The New Zealand Pro-Am Championship will be played at Millbrook Resort and The Hills from 25 February – 28 February 2021.

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 Millbrook Resort and The Hills playing one round on each course.

3.4

Participants that have a morning (or afternoon) tee time at one of The Hills or Millbrook Resort for round one will then have an afternoon (or morning) tee time at Millbrook Resort or The Hills 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 will compete in either

1 - a one day Jack's Point New Zealand Open Challenge Teams Event at Jacks Point Golf Course on 27 February 2021. Each team will comprise four amateurs and one professional.

2 – 9 hole Pro-Am event at The Farm, Par 3, The Hills on 27 February 2021. Each team will comprise of four amateurs and one professional.

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.

4.2

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

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.

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.

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 30 January 2021 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 Hills, Millbrook Resort and Jack's Point) by the Organising Committee. That allocation will take into account the following criteria:

- (a) the player's current official handicap index as at February 10 2021.
- (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 (2018/19/20).

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.

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.

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.

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 Jack's Point New Zealand Open Challenge, under the following strict rules:

(a) Amateur players are NOT allowed to use a measuring device that adjusts for slope or wind; and

(b) Amateur players must NOT share any distance information with a Professional during the New Zealand Pro-Am Championship, because if you do, the Professional faces major penalties.

Caddies

10.1

Caddies are compulsory for professionals and amateurs. Caddy 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 caddy for you.

10.3

Caddy bibs must be worn at all times during play.

10.4

Caddies must not wear spike sole shoes.

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).

Practice Rounds

12.1

Each amateur may (subject to available tee times) play one practice round per day at each of Millbrook Resort and The Hills during 22- 24 February 2021. Tee times are to be pre booked via the online practice round booking form, available in early 2021 to players.

12.2

Note that both Millbrook Resort and The Hills will be entirely closed from 5.15pm on Wednesday 27 February 2021.

All players will practice in fours.

Practice Facilities

13.1

Amateurs wishing to practice are welcome to use the driving range facilities at both Millbrook Resort and The Hills.

13.2

Amateurs can practice at the course they are playing at during the tournament rounds.

Governing Body and Rules

14.1

The tournament will be played under the auspices of the PGA 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.

Tournament Briefing

15.1

The tournament briefing will be held in the Champions Lounge on Tuesday 23 February 2021. All amateur and professional players are encouraged to attend.

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. Please note if Millbrook Resort is at full capacity another 4 star + hotel in Queenstown will be included instead. In this case the following applies:

(a) Accommodation can be used from Tuesday 23 February (arrival) to Monday 1 March 2021 (check-out).

(b) Additional accommodation (for nights immediately before and after the event) can be booked directly with The Clubhouse event team.

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 Jack's Point New Zealand Open Challenge and the Par 3 event at The Farm, 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 1 March 2021.

Amateur Status

18.1

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

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

With respect to the 36 hole New Zealand Pro-Am Championship team cut the following countback will apply (in descending order) until such time as the results are certain:

- (a) A team nett score based on the Pro-Am team score for the 18 holes that constitute the second round of the tournament (irrespective of which course that team played the second round at).
- (b) A team nett score based on the Pro-Am team score for a combination of holes 10-18 for the second round (irrespective of which course that team played the second round at).
- (c) A team nett score based on the Pro-Am team score for a combination of holes 13-18 for the second round (irrespective of which course that team played the second round at).
- (d) A team nett score based on the Pro-Am team score for a combination of holes 16-18 for the second round (irrespective of which course that team played the second round at).
- (e) The toss of a coin.

19.3

With respect to the 54 hole New Zealand Pro-Am Championship team cut the following countback will apply (in descending order):

- (a) An aggregate score based on the Pro-Am team score for the 18 holes that constitute the third round of the tournament.
- (b) An aggregate score based on the Pro-Am team score for a combination of holes 10-18 for the 3rd round.
- (c) An aggregate score based on the Pro-Am team score for a combination of holes 13-18 for the 3rd round.

- (d) An aggregate score based on the Pro-Am team score for a combination of holes 16-18 for the 3rd round.
- (e) The toss of a coin.

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.