



83rd New Zealand Maori Golf National Championship

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Welcome back to Taupo for 2020. Looking forward to another summer at the Great Lake watching great summer golf!

Registration - Tournament registration is on the Sunday 5 January 2020. Registrations are from 7am to 2pm at the Taupō Golf Club. Players must **register in person** so they are aware of any changes to the tournament conditions.

Membership

- All current affiliated members (members registered with Golf Clubs throughout NZ) that enter in the National Tournament will automatically have their annual NZMGA membership subscription paid and/or renewed which is included with your entry fee. Members in this category would be known as NZMGA Affiliated Members and their fee is \$50.
- All current and new members that are registered with NZMGA through the Taupō Golf Club (with the exception of those members that reside within the Taupō District Council Region) that enter in the National Tournament will automatically have their NZMGA annual membership subscription paid and/or renewed which is included in the entry fee. These members are to be known as NZMGA Registered Members and the NZMGA membership fee is \$135.
- All current and new members that are registered with NZMGA through the Taupō Golf Club that reside in the Taupō District Council Region can enter in the National Tournament as NZMGA Registered Members but they would not have their membership automatically renewed. You need to renew your membership with an additional \$60 on top of the entry fee.
- All non-playing members of partners participating at the National Tournament wishing to purchase Award tickets will automatically become Honorary Members of NZMGA and will have their Honorary Membership automatically paid and/or renewed. The Honorary NZMGA membership fee which also includes a ticket to the Awards evening is \$70.

Playing Format

Mens Format - Senior Men will play stroke play on Monday and Tuesday (36 holes) for the stroke play championship. These two rounds will be the qualifying rounds for match play. The top 16 players who qualify will form the top division for the match play championship. The remaining senior players who do not make the cut (top 16) will continue to play match play as normal. The top 16 players and all other divisions will play one round of match play on the Wednesday (18 holes). On Thursday all division play two rounds of match play (36 holes) with the finals on Friday.

Senior Men will play off the Blue Tees. Intermediate Men will play off the White Tees. Junior Men will play off the White Tees. Note any requests to play in a higher division (eg move from intermediate to senior division) this will depend on the numbers in each division. The Tournament Director will have the final say.

Ladies Format - Senior Ladies will play stroke play on Monday and Tuesday (36 holes) for the stroke play championship. These two rounds will be the qualifying rounds for match play. The top 16 players who qualify will form the top division for the match play championship. The remaining senior players that do not make the cut (top 16) continue to play match play as normal. The top sixteen players and all other divisions will play one round of match play on the Wednesday (18 holes). On Thursday all division play two rounds of match play (36 holes) and the finals held on Friday.

Ladies will play from the Yellow Tees. Handicaps up to Index 36.0

Masters Format - The Masters division will be split into three groups based on age. Aged is determined as at 1 January 2020. The groups are as follows:

Group One: 55 to 60 years Group Two: 61 to 69 years Group Three: 70 years +

Golden Girls Format – The Golden Girls division will be determined by the number of entries into the tournament.

Rangatahi - All players who are under 19 years of age have their own division. It is the intention of NZMGA to seek funding support to help subsidise the entry fee. Should NZMGA be successful those who play in this division will be advised at registration what the subsidy amount is. Please note: Those under 19 years of age who enter the Senior, Intermediate, Junior Men and Ladies divisions must pay the **full** entry fee.



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Un-registered Players - All players who do not currently have an official registered handicap can become a NZMGA Registered Member and enter in the division according to their handicap and/or age. Their entry fee is the division fee they enter in plus their membership fee (subject to meeting criteria). It is best to become a Registered Member of NZMGA and obtain your handicap before entering the tournament and this fee is \$135.

Slow Play - Each year we continue to have slow play where several players losing up to 4 fairways and for some players they had to finish their scheduled match the following morning. The rules are well known and Marshals will be on course to monitor slow play and if a warning to a player/s is not heeded a two stroke penalty will be imposed. A repeated offence could result in the player's disqualification.

Entry Form - All entries must be completed online through www.nzmga.org. Please read Tournament Conditions as there may be some changes from last year. All entries must be filled out in full and payment made before submitting and acceptance. Any queries must be made to the General Manager on 027 591 5060.

Early Bird Entries - These must be received **before 5.00pm on Friday 30th November 2019**.

Senior, Intermediate & Junior Men division's early bird fee will be \$270.00. Ladies division early bird fee will be \$270.00.

Masters & Golden Girls division's early bird fee will be \$235.00. Rangatahi division early bird division will be \$150.00.

Entries received after the 30th November 2019 will pay the full entry fee.

Complimentary Entries - NZMGA over the past year has given out Complimentary Entries to players that have won their Maori Regional Division Championship. Players please note that when entering you must still pay your membership fee of \$50 as this is not part of the Complimentary Entry.

Registration - Members are reminded that registrations at the tournament is to take place on the Sunday 5th January 2020 from 8am to 2pm at the Taupo Golf Club. Players must **register in person** so they are aware of any changes to the tournament conditions.

Tournament 2's - NZMGA have included in the entry form for players wishing to enter in the two's competition. A fee of \$10 is payable and this covers the player for 4 rounds (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). This Competition is totally separate to what the Pro shop may organize. Competition 2's would be announced and distributed every night when the evening announcements are made and also put up on the notice board.

Entering of Cards - Taupo Golf Club has the technology for players to utilize and allows for the results of each round to be entered on the computer. Players are reminded that it is important to ensure that they return their cards to the **Pro-Shop** so they can be checked and entered into the system. Please make sure your cards are in order and signed by the player and marker. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Calcutta - The Calcutta will be held on Senior Men's Match Play division two (subject to Internal Affairs Approval). Our sponsors have also been invited to place their bids.

Masters, Golden Girls and Under 19 Evening - On Thursday night the Masters, Golden Girls and the Rangatahi players are all given a complimentary meal for their function which is to be held at the Taupo Golf Club. Prior to the meal minor presentations would be made and these would be notified to the members by announcement during the week.

Polo Shirts - Sales of Polo Shirts are now with NZMGA and there will be only one colour with a logo and a special design for all members and supporters to purchase. We have good indications of prices so we can sell a quality shirt with a small profit. We will be picking out one coloured shirt with our NZMGA logo and design as the Tournament choice and this would be the main polo promoted for the tournament at a pre-sale online price \$45.

Corporate Day - To thank our sponsors for their support to this tournament, we are holding a Corporate Day by invitation held on the Tauhara Golf course on the Friday. An Ambrose shot gun start with teams made up of 3 sponsors and 1 to 3 invited players depending on numbers. A light lunch and small presentation will follow around 1.30pm before the main Awards evening.

Prize Giving Dress - This year our Awards Evening will be held at the spectacular Taupo Great Lakes Centre where we will be catering for 400 people. It will be a **collar and tie formal event for both men and ladies**. Please, no shorts, jeans, polo shirts, t-shirts, jandels, sneakers or clothes you have worn on the golf course that day... **"No exceptions"**



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Accommodation - There are many great affordable options in Taupo.

- Suncourt Hotel - www.suncourt.nz
- Nukuhau Marae - through NZMGA
- Book a Bach website - www.bookabach.co.nz
- Various Motels and Holiday Parks in and around Taupo - www.jasons.co.nz

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So read carefully and see you in January – in fine golfing form and spirits!

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

1. ENTRIES

Entries will be received from amateurs with handicaps computed in accordance with the handicapping and course rating systems of the National Golf Association of the country they reside in. Entries will only be accepted from financial members (with playing rights) of golf clubs affiliated to their National Golf Association and NZ Maori Golf registered members. Entrants must conform to the Rules of Amateur Status of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

All entries must be completed online through www.nzmga.org. All entries must be filled out in full and payment made before submitting and acceptance. All queries must be made through the General Manager on 027 591 5060. Entry fees may not be refunded to entrants who withdraw after the closing date.

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2. SIZE OF FIELD

The number of entries is limited to the first 350 players for two courses, who have prepaid and completed the official online entry form.

3. DIVISIONS: A division will consist of up to 16 players (subject to numbers as determined by the Tournament Director and the Stroke Play with Senior Men and Ladies)

Senior Men - 0 to 9.0 Intermediate Men - 9.1 to 17.5 Junior Men - 17.6 to 25.6

Ladies Open - 0 to 32.7

Masters (55+ years)

Golden Girls (55+ years)

Rangatahi Girls U/19 - 0 to 39.4

Rangatahi Boys U/19 - 0 to 25.6

Centennial Course – Ladies, Senior, Intermediate & Junior Men Divisions

Tauhara Golf Course – Masters, Golden Girls & Rangatahi Divisions

** Please note: above divisions may change playing venue depending on numbers in each division or should a third course be required.

4. RULES OF PLAY

The rules of play shall be the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and local rules approved by the Tournament Director and Tournament Committee.

5. REGISTRATION AND DRAW

All players must register at the Taupo Golf Club Sunday 5th January 2020 between the hours of 8:00am and 2:00pm to enable NZMGA complete the draw. The draw will be available at the golf club and our Facebook page as soon as possible or after 6.00pm.



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6. **STARTING TIMES, POSTPONEMENTS**

Competitors must be prepared to play any round of the event whenever called upon to do so, and any round may be cancelled or postponed by the Committee to such day and hour, as may be thought fit.

7. **DISPUTES**

NZMGA Disputes committee will decide on all disputes or protests. All protests must be lodged with the Tournament Director/General Manager within 10 minutes of completing the round. Their decision on all points, disputes or protests shall be final.

8. **BALLS**

It is a condition of the Tournament that only those brands of ball published in the current Lists of Conforming 1.68 Balls, which have been tested by the R & A or the USGA and found to conform to the Rules, may be used in the Tournament. The penalty for use of a brand not listed is DISQUALIFICATION.

9. **TEE-OFF**

Competitors **MUST** be on the tee, ready to start, 10 minutes before their advertised time. Competitors not ready to start will be dealt with under the Rules of Golf, Rule 6.3a (two strokes on first hole, stroke play only).

10. **GOLF CARTS**

With the exception of Masters and Golden Girls all other players must present a medical certificate to the Tournament Director before commencement of play. Failure to comply will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

There is a restriction on Golf Carts this coming tournament and players requesting Golf Carts (Masters & Golden Girls) will need to share and pay for the cart they are given. Should there be excess demand over numbers available Carts will be allocated according to need.

11. **TIES**

Ties for Divisional stroke play championship shall be decided by sudden death play-off. The Tournament Director will decide all other ties.

12. **SLOW PLAY**

Marshals will be on the course to monitor slow play and if a warning to a player is not heeded a two stroke penalty will be imposed. A repeated offence will result in the player's disqualification.

13. **DRESS**

Competitors are requested to maintain a respectable standard of dress as laid down by the clubs on and off the course. Failure to comply, the Tournament/Course Directors reserves the right to ask any player to leave the club(s) or central venue.

14. **PROMOTION**

The New Zealand Maori Golf Association reserve the right to use pictures, references and information collected during the 2020 New Zealand Maori Golf Championship for promotional purposes before, during and after the event.

15. **ELIGIBILITY**

Any person may enter and play in any New Zealand Maori Golf Association tournament. Eligibility to win the New Zealand Maori Golf Association Championship Senior Men and Ladies Open Division is only open to those persons of Maori descent or who is married and or partner to a person of Maori descent.



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16. RANGATAHI EVENTS PROGRAMME (Changing the Culture)

Date	Activity	Time	Coordinator
Sun 5 Jan	POWHIRI	4.00 – 8.00 PM 5.00 – 6.30 PM 1. Whakawhanaungatanga 2. Pepeha 3. Haka	Jordan Rangihika
Mon 6 Jan	Long Drive Competition	3.00 PM	Jordan Rangihika
Tue 7 Jan	MOKOKOKO Initiative Tuakana/Teina 4 holes	3.00 – 4.30 PM	Jordan Rangihika
Wed 8 Jan	Movies or Aquatic Centre	2.30 – 5.00 PM	Jordan/Parents
Thu 9 Jan	MOKOKOKO Initiative Haka/Pepeha Kaumatua/Rangatahi (dinner & prize giving)	3.00 – 5.15 PM 6.00 – 8.30 PM	Bernie O'Donnell Mickey Huriwaka
Fri 10 Jan	Corporate Ambrose Tournament Awards Evening	8.00 – 2.00 PM 5.00 – 10.00 PM	Mark Tito and team



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Sunday 5th January - to - Friday 10th January 2020

Early Bird Entries Close: Friday 30th November 2019

Entries Close: Sunday 5 January 2020

Please Note: Course Times subject to change

Sunday 5th January Practise Day Registration 4.30pm 5.30pm	Tee bookings only from 8:00am to 12:00pm All Divisions from 8:00am to 2:00pm Powhiri AGM Hakari	Taupo Golf Club – 07 378 6932 Centennial and Tauhara Courses Taupo Golf Club Nukuhau Marae Nukuhau Marae Nukuhau Marae
Monday 6th January from 7.00am 3.00pm 4.00pm	Ladies, Senior Men, Intermediate Men Junior Men Masters, Golden Girls Rangatahi Long Drive Competition Entertainment	1 st Qualifying & Stroke play round - Centennial 1 st Stroke play round - Tauhara 1 st Stroke play round - Tauhara
Tuesday 7th January from 7:00am 3.00pm 4.00pm 5.30pm	Ladies, Senior Men, Intermediate Men Junior Men Masters, Golden Girls Rangatahi 9 hole Ambrose Entertainment Calcutta	2 nd Qualifying & Stroke play round - Centennial 2 nd Stroke play round - Tauhara 2 nd Stroke play round - Tauhara Senior and Rangatahi Taupo Golf Club with Finger Food
Wed 8th January from 7.00am	Ladies, Senior Men, Intermediate Men Junior Men Masters, Golden Girls Rangatahi	1 st Match play round - Centennial 3 rd Stroke play round - Tauhara 3 rd Stroke play round - Tauhara
Thurs 9th January from 6.30am 4.00pm 5.30pm 6.00pm	Ladies, Senior Men, Intermediate Men Intermediate Men Junior Men Masters, Golden Rangatahi Entertainment Masters and Golden Girls Celebration Dinner	Match Play 2 nd and 3 rd Round - Centennial Final Stroke play round - Tauhara Final Stroke play round - Tauhara Songs of yesteryear & today
Friday 10th January 8:00am start 8.00am 5.00pm 9.00pm	FINALS DAY Senior Men and Ladies Intermediate & Junior Men Sponsors Corporate Day Invitational AWARDS EVENING "For the men "No Tie No Entry" NZMGA HALL OF FAME Entertainment – S.W.A.T	All Finals of Match play - Centennial Shot gun start with light lunch to follow Great Lakes Centre, Taupo

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