



# 78th New Zealand Māori Golf National Championship

Under the control of New Zealand Māori Golf Association (Inc)

## **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 Māori Golf registered members.

Entrants must conform to the Rules of Amateur Status of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

To enter the tournament, you must complete the online registration form. The entry fee must be paid in full. Entries must be received before 5.00pm on Wednesday, 8 April 2015. Late or incomplete entries and entries without fees will not be accepted. Entry fees will not be refunded to entrants who withdraw after the closing date.

### **2. SIZE OF FIELD**

The number of entries is limited to the first 300 players for two courses, who have prepaid and completed the official entry form.

### **3. DIVISIONS: A division will consist of up to 16 players (subject to numbers as determined by NZMGA)**

Senior Men	0 – 9.0	Intermediate Men	9.1 – 17.5	Junior Men	17.6 – 25.6
Ladies Open	0 – 32.7	Masters	55+ years	Golden Girls	55+ years
Under 19 Boys	0 – 25.6	Under 19 Girls	0 – 39.4		

**Centennial Golf Course** – Ladies, Senior, Intermediate Men Divisions

**Tauhara Golf Course** – Junior Men, Masters, Golden Girls, Under 19's

### **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 NZMGA Committee.

### **5. REGISTRATION**

All players must register at the Taupo Golf Club on Sunday 12 April 2015 between the hours of 8:00am and 2:00pm.

### **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 NZMGA Committee to such day and hour, as may be thought fit.

### **7. DISPUTES**

The NZMGA Committee will appoint course directors who will decide on all disputes or protests. All protests must be lodged with the course directors within 10 minutes of completing the round. Their decision on all points, disputes or protests shall be final.

### **8. MOTORISED CARTS**

With the exception of Masters and Golden Girls all other players must present a medical certificate to the NZMGA Committee appointed course directors before commencement of play. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.

## **9. 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.

## **10. DRAW**

The draw will be posted at the golf club after each day of play.

## **11. 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).

## **12. TIES**

Ties for Divisional stroke play championship shall be decided by sudden death play-off. NZMGA Committee appointed course directors to decide all other ties.

## **13. SLOW PLAY**

Course directors will 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.

## **14. 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 course directors reserve the right to ask any player to leave the club(s) or central venue.

## **15. PROMOTION**

The NZMGA reserve the right to use pictures, references and information collected during the 2015 New Zealand Māori Golf Championship for promotional purposes before, during and after the event.

## **16. ELIGIBILITY**

Any person may enter and play in any NZMGA tournament. Eligibility to win the New Zealand Māori Golf Association Championship is only open to those persons of Māori descent or who is married and or partner to a person of Māori descent.