



**2024 Te Marua Masters Open Tournament
and
WGI 2025 Order of Merit Season Opener**
Competition Conditions and Course Information



Reference to **The Rules** herein means

“The R&A and USGA RULES of GOLF effective 1st January 2023”.

- The **2024**  **Hole-in-One** contest offers a **\$1,000** prize money for each day of the tournament. The following conditions apply:
- The competition is only applicable to **Hole #9**.
 - Hole-in-one prize money of \$1000 per day - all competitors are eligible each day
 - Each day's prize pool shared equally by those scoring a Hole-in-One on that day
 - Player's scorecard must be complete and correctly signed
 - Daily prize money does not jackpot to the next day

- Competitions, all in handicap divisions (see below), are:
- 72-hole Gross & Net Medal
 - Daily Stableford
 - Novelty prizes (Longest Drive, Nearest the Pin etc) over all 4 days plus Day 4 only as follows:

	Longest drive:	Nearest the pin:
Men (all 4 days)	# 13	# 9
Women (all 4 days)	# 14	# 2

Men (day 4 only)	# 18	#11
Women (day 4 only)	# 16	#15

- Maximum of one prize per eligible player, except for novelty prizes

Failure to play out a hole will make player ineligible for the GROSS and NET MEDAL competitions - i.e. No “pickups” or “ringers” and no “good-for-me” or “gimmes” can be taken

- All competitors must hold a current WHS 18-hole handicap index which is either viewable on Golf New Zealand's “DotGolf” website or certified by a Match Committee representative from his / her home Golf Club.
- The R1 Handicap Index will apply to all 4 competition days
 - The Tournament Committee has the discretion to review and if appropriate, reduce the handicap index of any player. Any such amendment will be applied to all Competition days.
- The Handicap divisions will be based on Handicap **Index**, with the boundaries between division to be determined based on participant numbers as at 24th December 2024. Divisions will be:
- Men Senior (up to 10.0) Intermediate (10.1 to 15.8) Junior (15.9 to 29.2)
 - Women ONE DIVISION ONLY (up to 39.3)
- For nearest the pin and long drive competitions, the ball must be at rest on “the green” or “own fairway” respectively – “own fairway” is the closely mown area of the hole being played
- Tied Results
- A tied result in the 72-hole **Gross** competition in any division will be resolved through a hole-by-hole playoff, beginning on Hole #14 then #18, then #14 and so on, until a winner is found.
 - Should the need arise, all other competitions will be decided on handicap count-back as calculated by the DotGolf system.



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- Motorised carts may be used. Players competing for WGI Order of Merit ranking points will require medical dispensation from Wellington Golf for the use of a motorised cart
- Suspension and resumption of play due to a dangerous or unplayable situation – See Rule 5.7
- Playing Groups – minimum of 3 players per group – If players withdraw from the event between rounds, playing groups may be re-arranged by Tournament Management Committee
- Local Rules - see noticeboard for revisions / additions to Local Rules printed on the scorecard
- All play starts from #1 Tee
- Tees are referenced from the backmost as Course 1, 2, 3, 4 - Men play Course 1, Women Course 3
- Practice on Course 1, 2, 3 or 4 on Tournament days is prohibited. The designated practice areas are:
 - The Practice range, which starts on the left of Course 3's 10th Tee and runs between #10 and #18 fairways (delineated by the tree lines on each side)
 - Putting Green and separate chipping green outside the Club shop
 - Practice nets behind/beside the cart shed and grassed area adjacent to #1 tee
 - The Bunker and Practice Green located between the 18th Green & 14th Fairway.
Chipping to this green may be from a maximum of 15m.
(The area adjacent to the 14th tees is NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR PRACTICE)

Practice on The Course may result in Disqualification

- Slow play must be avoided – 1 round of 18-holes is estimated to take 3.75 – 4.0 hrs.
Excessive slow play may be penalised under Rule 5.6
Tips: - For a ball which may be lost **OUTSIDE** a Penalty Area, either play a provisional ball or declare your intention to invoke the TMGC Local Rule if the Ball is Lost **or** Out of Bounds
 - Taking safety and courtesy into consideration, adopt a **play when ready** approach because Order of Play has no formal relevance in this tournament which is a Strokeplay event
 - Play your own shot before searching for another player's ball.
 - On completion of a hole, leave the Green promptly and mark your scorecard at the next Tee
 - If you have "the honour" at the next Tee, play your shot **BEFORE** marking your scorecard

Course Information

NO ENTRY = NO PLAY ZONE on #10 is IN the PENALTY AREA

At the right-hand bend on the riverbank side of #10 fairway, alongside the approach and walk down to the next level, is a roped NO ENTRY area, which is, under our LOCAL RULES, designated as a "NO PLAY ZONE"

This NO ENTRY = NO PLAY ZONE is IN THE PENALTY AREA.

When a ball is at rest in this NO ENTRY = NO PLAY ZONE the player MUST take 1-stroke penalty relief – Rules 17.1b (option to play the ball as it lies) and 17.1e (free relief INSIDE the penalty area) cannot be utilised.

NOTE: Playing the ball from within the NO ENTRY = NO PLAY ZONE will incur the General Penalty (2 strokes)



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WARNING: The NO ENTRY = NO PLAY ZONE area has been seriously undermined by the natural forces of the river below it.

- Do NOT enter the NO ENTRY = NO PLAY ZONE area under any circumstances.
- Only retrieve golf balls from the NO ENTRY = NO PLAY ZONE if retrieval is possible without physically entering the zone

Player's Responsibilities

Each player is required to comply with ALL the Rules of Golf and to:

- Use the pre-printed and competition-registered scorecard provided for each round
Digital/phone-generated scorecards will NOT be accepted
- Ensure the ball is 'holed' on every hole – putts cannot be given
- On the printed scorecard, clearly write the actual score for each hole (no 'ringers')
- When a hole is NOT completed, mark the score as X in the Pick Up column on the scanning section of the scorecard
- Confirm scorecard content by including the signatures of both Player and Marker
- Return the completed scorecard to the Club Shop on the day the round is played and at the earliest possible time after the round is complete

NOTE: Return of an incorrect / incomplete scorecard may result in disqualification. Failure to return a card on the day the round is played will incur a 2-stroke penalty on the late scorecard.

REQUEST: Please endeavour to record the hole-by-hole gross score of all other players in your group so that if there are any disputes over posted scores the group's scorecards can be used for verification purposes.

Any disputes on The Rules or Handicaps must, in the first instance, be registered with the Tournament Committee who will, if necessary, refer the issue to the Disputes Committee for a decision under The Rules. The ruling issued by the Disputes Committee is final.

Prizegiving

The tournament prizegiving will be held in the clubrooms following the completion of play on Day 4. To allow time for scoring & prize calculations to be completed the prizegiving will commence after the buffet dinner at approximately 7pm. Time may vary subject to field size & other restrictions.

Tournament Committee
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