




**2025 Te Marua Masters Open Tournament
and
WGI 2026 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 2025  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** - Failure to play out a hole will make the player ineligible for the GROSS and NET MEDAL competitions - i.e. No “pickups” or “ringers” and no “good-for-me” or “gimmies” can be taken.
 - **Daily Stableford**
 - **4-Day Longest Drive – Men #14, Women #13**
 - **4-Day Nearest the Pin – Men #9, Women, #2**
 - **Day-4 Longest Drive – Men #18, Women #16**
 - **Day-4 Nearest the Pin – Men #11, Women #15**
- Gross, Net Medal and Stableford prizes awarded on basis of maximum 1 prize per eligible player.*
- 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 divisions being determined based on registered participant numbers as of 24th December 2025.
- Proposed competition divisions are:
- Men Senior (up to 10.0) Intermediate (10.1 to 15.8) Junior (15.9 to 29.2)
 - Women - up to 39.3 (One Division only)
- 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, #18 etc, until one player wins a hole.
 - Should the need arise, ties in all other competitions will be resolved using count-back on handicap scores as calculated by the DotGolf system.
- Suspension and resumption of play due to a dangerous or unplayable situation – See Rule 5.7



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- **25/11/2025 - Important Change to Competition Conditions – Ride-on Transport:**
The previously specified condition requiring players to provide confirmation from the Health Sector of **a condition** which prevents them walking the course **has been removed**.
However, Wellington Order of Merit contenders wishing to use ride-on transport must still provide evidence of approval to do so being given by Golf Wellington.
- 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.
- 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 on Tournament days 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 possibly lost **OUTSIDE** a Penalty Area, either play a provisional ball or invoke the TMGC Local Rule for a Ball covering that scenario*
- 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

HOLE #10 – The area marked with ORANGE-topped BLUE pegs is a NO PLAY ZONE (NPZ) within an ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION (a.k.a. G.U.R.) - it is OUTSIDE the Penalty Area and playing from it is PROHIBITED.

WARNING: This area has been seriously undermined by the natural forces of the river below it.

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



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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, on the scanning section of the scorecard, put an **X in the Pick-Up column** rather than in the column for the relevant 'adjusted' score value
- Confirm scorecard content by including the of 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, applied to the 18th hole.

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 as soon as possible after the completion of play and return of all Day 4 scorecards. To allow time for scores to be assessed and prizes allocated, the prizegiving is anticipated to commence at approximately 7:00pm.

Prize Giving start time may be altered depending on tournament participant numbers, the time at which regular play is completed and/or a need to accommodate any play-off requirements.

Tournament Committee
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