



2017 COCA-COLA RICH RIVER TRAINEE CLASSIC

INFORMATION & CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. Entries for the 2016 Coca-Cola Rich River Trainee Classic close 11.59pm Tuesday 10th January 2017. All Trainees with playing rights (as per the Membership Regulations) are eligible to enter this event – Rich River Trainee Classic exemption categories applies (refer to trainee tournaments exemption categories policy).
2. Trainees must register for the tournament with the Tournament Committee between 4.00pm – 6.00pm on Sunday 29th January 2017 prior to the commencement of the Official Welcome dinner at 6.30pm.
3. The Championship will be played over 72 holes stroke play, 18 holes on each of Tuesday 31st January, Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd February and Friday 4th February. In the case of a cancellation of play due to unforeseen circumstances, the number of holes may be reduced, or 36 holes played in one day, at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
4. The field will be a maximum of 144 players, with a cut being made after 36 holes (second round) with the leading 50 players + ties advancing. Prize money will be allocated as per the Tier 3 prize money table (Refer to Tier 3 Prize Money Ratio Policy).
5. Players who do not make the cut must compete in a two (2) day “rounds for averages” tournament to be played on the alternate Rich River Golf Club Course. An additional fee of \$30 (+GST) will apply to this event and is payable prior to registration for the first round of rounds for averages via the MyTournaments.
6. All cards on both courses will count towards Trainee Adjusted Averages
7. The player with the lowest score for 72 holes will be the winner of the 2016 Coca-Cola Rich River Trainee Classic. In the event of a tie or ties for the Tournament, unless the Tournament Committee otherwise determines, a play-off shall be conducted over such holes as the Tournament Committee designates, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with the other or others until the winner is determined.
8. The Tournament will be under the control of the ‘Tournament Committee.’ In the absence of the full Tournament Committee, such members thereof as may be present at the time, may give a decision and any decision shall be determined to be the decision of the full Tournament Committee.
9. The Tournament will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf 2016 edition, and in accordance with the PGA of Australia Tournament By Laws and Rules & Regulations, and local rules as approved by the match committee. The PGA Tour of Australasia Local Rules and Conditions of competition as specified on the 2017 PGA Tour Hard Card will also be in effect.
10. The decision of the Tournament Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Championship. Protests must be made to the Tournament Committee not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the day’s play, except on the final day when they must be within 5 minutes of the conclusion of play.

11. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event.
12. Riding in or on any form of motorised transport during the playing of a hole or between holes is prohibited.
13. The wearing of shorts and short socks is permissible of players during each stipulated round including the Pro-Am. Players and caddies must observe the dress standards of the Rich River Golf Club Resort after completion of daily round.
14. The use of soft spikes in all practice, Pro Am and tournament rounds is a requirement of entry into this tournament.
15. The Ball: Rule 5-1 Note the ball the player uses must be named on the current "List of Conforming Golf Balls" issued by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews.
16. Driving Clubs. Driving clubs shall not have a characteristic time greater than 257 milliseconds when measured on a pendulum testing apparatus as approved by the R&A Rules Limited - see also Appendix II, 5a of the Rules of Golf. (A list of non conforming clubs is available at www.randa.org under rules equipment section).
17. Balls with identical markings are to be used by a player. Throughout a stipulated round the player is limited to golf balls with identical markings, except that the player identification numbers may differ by number only, not by colour.
18. Pace of play: Rule 6 - 7 will be enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding them. Any group with a clear hole in front of them will be considered out of position. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.
19. **All players must be available to attend the Official Welcome Dinner on Sunday 29th January 2017.**
20. All players must be available to play in the Pro-Am day on Monday 30th January 2017. Allocation and requirements will be advised after close of entries. All Trainees participating in the Pro-Am must register with the Tournament Committee prior to their Pro-Am start at 7:00am (7:30am shotgun) and 12:30pm (1:00pm shotgun)
21. The Tournament Committee arranges publicity before and during the Championship in the Press, by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting, by filming, and in electronic form. The Competitors assent to references to them and pictures of them in practice and play appearing and being used for commercial purposes by the PGA and authorised Tournament Committee. Also, to comply with certain contractual limitations relating to advertising on television, competitors assent that they or their caddies may not without the prior approval of the Tournament Committee display any commercial identification on clothing or equipment other than that customarily affixed to and of the normal size and in the normal position of any such clothing or equipment.
22. Competitors will be honorary members of the Rich River Golf Club for the duration of the Tournament. Competitors and caddies must observe the dress standards of the Club.