

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. Tournament Details

1.1 Tournament Name

104th NZ Open

1.2 Tournament Location

Millbrook Golf Resort

1124 Malaghans Rd, Arrowtown, 9371, New Zealand

1.3 Tournament Dates

Thursday 27 February – Sunday 2, March, 2025

1.4 Total Tournament Prizefund

NZD \$ 2,000,000*

* The NZ Open Prize Pool is NZD \$1.86m. In addition, NZD \$75 000 will be allocated to Pro-Am purse and the balance will be paid to each player who misses the 36 hole professional cut. See the player info sheet for a breakdown of the pro-am prize money and contributions. Prizemoney for the professional event will distributed in accordance with prizemoney ratio's for Tournaments above \$500k

1.5 Order of Merit Points

4,000 ranking points will be available for this Tournament.

2. Format, Cut and Ties

2.1 Championship Format

The 104th NZ Open will be contested over 72 holes of stroke play, 18 holes on each day of the prescribed Tournament dates listed above. Play in Round 1 and 2 shall alternate with competitors to play one round each on the Coronet 18 and the Remarkables 18 course. Rounds 3 and 4 shall be played on a composite course at Millbrook Resort. Rounds one and two will be played in a pro-am format with a maximum of 156 Amateurs competing.

At the conclusion of round two, a cut will be made to the leading 40 teams for the teams competition, count back applies. Should a professional fail to make the Championship cut but make the teams cut, they will continue play in round three of the teams competition. At the conclusion of round three a cut will be made in the team competition with the leading 10 teams, count back applies, continuing to the final round

2.2 Cut

The leading 60 professional scores after 36 holes and any tied for 60th place, plus any amateur player on an equivalent or better 36-hole total to the 60th placed professional, shall qualify for the third round; the remainder shall be eliminated.

In the event that the cut after 2 rounds qualifies more than 78 players for the third and fourth rounds then, there **may be** an additional cut after 3 rounds to the leading 72 professionals* and those who tie for 72nd place. Such a decision will be taken by the Tournament Director in accordance with the following guidelines: -

- In the event of a weather impacted event, where there will be a re-draw between rounds 3 and 4 and a 3 ball 2 tee start is required for the final round.
- Where the cut is of such a size that in order to finish for required TV off-air times on the final day there is insufficient daylight, or the first tee time would be prior to 06:15 local time.
- Where fog or other bad weather is forecast with potential delay to the start of the final day that would necessitate an immediate switch to a 3 ball 2 tee start on the final day. Exception: This 3rd round cut will not be implemented where circumstances dictate that there is no re-draw between rounds 3 and 4.

2.3 Ties

In the event of a tie or ties after 72 holes, a play-off to produce a single winner will be conducted. Players in such a tie will continue over such holes as the Committee shall decide in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.

3. Entry and Withdrawal Procedures

3.1 Close of Entries

Entries must be received by 2:00pm, Melbourne time, on 6/02/2024 unless otherwise advised

3.2 Entry Procedures

(a) PGA Members & NZ PGA Members

All PGA Members & NZ PGA Members wishing to enter shall do so via their account on MyPGA or the PGA Tour of Australasia smartphone app.

(b) Non-Member Professionals

All non-Member Professionals wishing to shall do so by selecting the "Non-Member Entry" option on applicable Tournament from the Tour schedule page on pga.org.au

(c) Amateurs

Only invited Amateurs will be eligible to enter through the PGATA. Any other amateurs wishing to enter, need to do so via NZ Golf

3.3 Entry Fees

- (a) PGATA & NZ PGA Members \$165
- (b) Non-Member Professional \$275
- (c) Amateurs \$165

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3.4 Withdrawal Procedures

Any player wishing to withdraw from a tournament prior to the close of entries (including a pre-qualifying round) must do so via the entry portal on MyPGA or PGATA Mobile app. Players wishing to withdraw after the close of entries must do so via email notification to the Tournaments Division

tour@pga.org.au.

Note: No withdrawals will be accepted over the telephone or verbally.

a. When a player who is competing in pre-qualifying withdraws after the closing date for entries, but before 5pm on the Friday prior, he will not be subject to any penalty. If such a player withdraws after 5:00pm on the Friday prior to the Tournament, they will forfeit their entry fee.

b. Any player who has been confirmed as part of the "Final Field" of a Tournament after close of entries will forfeit their entry fee if withdrawing for reasons other than those permitted circumstances as outlined in the PGA Membership Regulations.

c. Any player who fails to notify the PGA, through the correct procedure explained above, of their withdrawal from Pre-Qualifying will be subject to the appropriate penalty

3.5 Player Responsibilities

At all times, the onus is on the player to check that his entry has been received by the Tournament Division of the PGA and to confirm his pre-qualification status for each event.

4. Pre Qualifying

By entering the NZ Open, players who do not hold a PGATA Category or invitation to play, will automatically be placed in the Pre-Qualifying round. There will be 5 pre-qualifying positions available.

The Pre-Qualifying Draw will be published at 5pm on the Friday preceding the tournament week.

5. Field Size

156 players

6. Eligibility

- 67 players ranked in accordance with the 2024/25 PGATA Exemption Categories
- 20 JGTO professionals
- 33 players from the 2025 Asian Tour exemption categories
- 17 Tournament Invitations
- 5 Pre-Qualifying positions

- The leading 5 players within the Top 10, who are not otherwise exempt, from the Final 2024 NZ PGA Order of Merit
- 5 spots at the discretion of New Zealand Golf
- 4 players from the Korean PGA Tour

Eligibility Notes:

- The tournament promoter and the PGATA may mutually agree to extend up to two tournament invitations within Exemption criteria (a) for past winners within the last eight (8) stagings of the NZ Open.
- In the event of a Player being a member of and exempt through (a), and (c), at the close of entries, a split of dual members will be made as follows:
 - The highest ranked dual Member on the Asian Tour's Exemption Category list will be allocated to (a) above;
 - The second highest ranked dual Member will be allocated to the (c) above
 - This alternate allocation will be repeated until all such exempt dual Members are allocated to one Tour or the other.
- A dual PGATA & AT member, who is exempt under (a), and who becomes exempt through (c), after entries have closed for (c) but not for (a), will be included in the rotation of exempt players.
- When a Player, who is a member of both (a) and (c), becomes exempt, after entries have closed for both Tours, he will remain allocated to the Tour under which he first became Exempt
- In the event of a Player being a member of and exempt through more than one of (a) and (b), or (b) and (c), a split of dual members will be made as mutually agreed between the relevant tours.
- Any positions not filled from (b) – (h) shall revert back to the PGA Tour of Australasia

Final Field

The field will be finalised at the close of entries and entrants who are exempted into the field at this time will have their status updated on the PGA website from "ENTERED" to either "CONFIRMED"

7. Caddy Status

This tournament is a 'Compulsory Caddie event'. All players are required to make use of a caddy. The use of a pull-cart by a Player or a caddie during any round is not permitted

8. Amateur Participation



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Any amateur who gains a position in the field via Invitation or pre qualifying shall be permitted to change their status to Professional at any stage up until their tee time in the 1st Round. This should be done in writing and emailed to tour@pga.org.au. Amateur players will not be permitted claim prizemoney in any PGA Sanctioned Tournament.

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