



TENTERFIELD OPEN AMATEUR TOURNAMENT

SINGLE STROKE

TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

Rules Governing Play

1. The Tenterfield Open Amateur Single Stroke Tournament (tournament) will be played at Tenterfield Golf Club (Club) on 21 – 22 November 2026 in strict conformity with the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf effective January 2023, the tournament Local Rules and these Terms of the Competition.
2. Each entrant is responsible for understanding the Rules of Golf and, by competing in the tournament is considered to have accepted, and will follow these Terms of the Competition.

Committee

3. The Tournament Committee (Committee) shall be responsible for administering the event. The Committee may comprise but is not limited to:
 - A Tournament Director;
 - The Club's Secretary Manager; and
 - Two Directors from the Club.
4. A Committee Member may participate as either a competitor or a caddie. However, a Committee Member who is a competitor or a caddie shall not give a decision on a matter affecting the tournament. In the absence of the full Committee, members who are present at the time may give a decision and the decision is deemed to be that of the full Committee.
5. The Committee has sole management and control of the tournament with full power at any time to alter or vary the tournament terms. Committee decisions on matters affecting the tournament shall be final.

Eligibility

Gender

6. The tournament is open to men, and women as defined by the Golf Australia (GA) Gender Policy dated 5 August 2016.

Age Limit

7. The tournament has no age limit.

Playing Status

8. A player eligible to compete in the Tournament is a:
 - Financial amateur man or woman golfing member of the Club who holds a Golf ID on the GA Connect platform;
 - Financial visiting amateur man or woman golfing member of an affiliated golf club who holds a Golf ID on the GA Connect platform; and
 - Financial amateur man or woman golfing member of a club who holds and provides proof of current membership and handicap but is:
 - not affiliated with GA; and/or
 - a member of an overseas golf club.

Professional Golfer

9. Provided a tee time is available, a PGA or ALPG member may participate in the tournament but is excluded from:
- paying an entry fee, and
 - winning an allotted item on the event prize schedule.

Suspended Entrant

10. In the event of an entrant being suspended by an affiliated club, a club affiliated with a District Golf Association, or a District Golf Association on a golf related matter, the entrant shall not be eligible to play in the tournament, even if the entrant nominates another club as his/her home club for handicapping purposes.

Handicaps

11. An entrant's Daily Handicap will be the:
- handicap calculated using the GA Handicap on the GA Connect platform and the Slope Rating, Scratch Rating and Par for the course to be played on the day and, the Consistency Factor for men or women as applicable; or
 - handicap recorded on a Handicap Card or similar presented by a player whose home club is not on GA Connect.
12. Maximum Daily Handicaps for the tournament are:
- Men – 36, and
 - Women – 45.

Handicapping Procedure

13. Individual scores established in the two rounds of the tournament will be processed daily in accordance with the World Handicap System Operational Guidance & Supporting Regulations Version January 2026.
14. Scores will be transmitted to GA Connect as soon as practicable after completion of each round.

Handicap Adjustment

15. A player whose Daily Handicap has been adjusted after the first day of the tournament shall contest the:
- 36-hole competition with the Daily Handicap as at the first day; and
 - daily competition on the second day with the adjusted Daily Handicap.

Provisional GA Handicap

16. A player with a Provisional GA Handicap shall not be eligible to win a prize.

Entry Requirements

Entry Method

17. Entries must be submitted on the tournament Nomination Form at page 8 of 8 and forwarded to the Tournament Director David Gianini PO Box 217 Tenterfield NSW 2372.
18. The tournament Nomination Form may be submitted by email to admin@tenterfieldgolfclub.com.au.

Nominations Close

19. Nominations shall close at 5pm on 8 November 2026 or when the field size reaches capacity, whichever occurs first. If nomination over-subscription occurs, a waiting list will not be raised.
20. Nominations received after 8 November 2026 will not be processed.

Entry Fee

21. The tournament entry fee is \$35.00 per day. The fee must be paid in full and in accordance with the fee payment options recorded on the Nomination Form.

Entry Fee Refund

22. An entry fee will only be refunded in the case of withdrawal from the tournament on or before 8 November 2026 or, after that date for medical reasons.
23. A medical certificate must accompany a request for refund on medical grounds.

Format

Tournament

24. The tournament shall consist of a 36-hole men's and 36-hole women's Single Stroke aggregate gross and handicap events conducted over two days.
25. Each day, a player shall play one round of 18 holes.

Daily Competition

26. Daily men's and women's 18-hole Single Stroke gross and handicap competitions will be conducted in conjunction with the 36-hole event.

Field Size

27. The tournament field size will be limited to 184 players on each day. On reaching this figure, the daily competition is deemed to be closed.

Grades/Divisions

28. The tournament shall be divided into grades/divisions according to the handicaps of players in the field on the first day of play.
29. The Tournament Director shall determine the men's grades and the women's divisions by 15 November 2026.

Tournament Courses

30. On both days of the tournament:
- Men shall play the blue course which has a rated length of 5682 metres, par of 71, scratch rating of 70 and a slope rating of 127.
 - Women shall play the red course which has a rated length of 5006 metres, par of 72, scratch rating of 72 and a slope rating of 125.

Starting Tee

31. Each round shall start at the 1st tee and holes shall be played in sequence to finish at the 18th hole.

Tee Time Interval

32. The interval between tee times shall be 8 minutes.

Registration and Starting

Registration

33. An entrant must register with the Committee, inside the Club House, at least thirty (30) minutes before their allocated tee time and report to the 1st hole at least ten (10) minutes before their allocated tee-off time.
34. An entrant intending not to play must report to the Committee at least one (1) hour before their allocated tee time.

Order of Play

35. The daily Starting Sheet shall dictate the order of play; however, the Committee or the Starter reserves the right to alter starting times and/or playing groups when necessary.
36. The daily Starting Sheets will be displayed on the Club website and in the Club House on or before the 19 November 2026.

Late Arrival

37. If a player arrives at the 1st tee ready to play within five minutes after their allocated starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two (2) strokes at the first hole.
38. The penalty for lateness beyond five (5) minutes is disqualification.

Practice

39. On the day of play and before a tournament round, a player must not:
 - practice on the competition course, or
 - test the surface of any putting green on the course by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.
40. A player may practice:
 - at the Club's practice nets located between the 14th green and 15th tee, and
 - on the practice putting green.
41. Practice on or near the putting green of the last hole played is prohibited.
42. During the suspension of play, a player may practice:
 - at the practice nets located between the 14th green and 15th tee, and
 - on the practice putting green.

Local Rules

43. Local Rules pertaining to the tournament will be attached to these Terms of the Competition, displayed in the Club House and on the MiScore app.
44. If required, additional Local Rules will be displayed in the Club House.

Pace of Play

45. An 18-hole round should take about four (4) hours. In the interest of all competing, players have an obligation to play at a reasonable pace. The group is responsible for the pace of play and keeping up with the group in front.
46. If a group loses a clear hole and is delaying the group behind, the group behind must be invited to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group.
47. Where a group has not lost a clear hole and the group behind appears to be able to play faster, the slower group must invite the faster moving group to play through.

Motorised Transport

48. Unless weather and ground conditions dictate or the Committee decides otherwise, a player may use motorised transport during a Tournament round. The maximum number of carts within a group shall be two (2).
49. Motorised transport shall not be driven:
 - on/over tees, putting greens, abnormal ground condition, or
 - within five metres of a putting green, mound or bunker except on a path.
50. The daily fee for a hired motorised golf cart is \$22.50 a seat. Club management is responsible for allocating hired motorised golf carts.

Caddies

51. A player may use a professional golfer, sibling, parent or another member of a club as a caddie provided he/she has only one caddie at any time.

Mobile Phones

52. Whilst on the golf course, the use of a mobile telephone by a player or a caddie is a distraction to other players and is inconsiderate.
53. If a telephone rings it is deemed in use; accordingly, mobile telephones shall remain either turned off or selected to mute during play. The Committee may take action against an offending player in accordance with The Rules of Golf Rule 1 – The Game, Player Conduct and the Rules.

Prize Schedule

Vouchers

54. Prize entitlements will be at the discretion of the Tournament Director but will be in the form of gift vouchers redeemable at popular retail outlets and golf equipment suppliers.

36-Hole Event

55. The 36-hole event prizes will be distributed in accordance with the event prize schedule displayed in the Club's Notice Board. The 36-hole prize winners are not be eligible for daily prizes.

Daily Prizes

56. The daily prizes shall be distributed in accordance with the event prize schedule displayed in the Club.

Uncollected Vouchers

57. Prize vouchers not collected at the tournament presentation will be forwarded to the winner's home club via registered mail.

Ball Rundown

58. A daily ball rundown will not be conducted.

Nearest the Pin

59. Men's and women's nearest the pin prizes will be contested on the 6th, 9th, 13th, 14th and 18th holes during both rounds of the tournament.

Eagle's Nest

60. An eagle's nest will not be conducted.

Abnormal Course Condition

61. Areas considered as abnormal course condition will be marked with:
- a solid or broken white line painted on the ground, or
 - in-ground white stakes where the area is extensive.

Care of the Course

Bunkers

62. A player must enter and exit a bunker at its lowest edge. Before leaving a bunker, a player must use the rake provided to carefully fill and smooth all holes and footprints made by them and any nearby made by others.
63. The rake shall be left in the bunker with the head facing towards the flag and with end of the handle resting on the back edge to the bunker.

Divots, Ball-Marks and Shoe Damage

64. A player must carry a bucket/bottle containing sand and carefully fill all divot holes made by them and any nearby made by others.
65. A ball impact mark on a green and damage caused by shoes, whether or not made by the player, shall be repaired before the group leaves the green.

Call-Up

66. Calling-up on par three holes is prohibited for safety and legal reasons.

Inclement Weather/Suspension of Play

Rain

67. The Committee will not suspend play simply because of rain, unless the rain is so heavy continuing would be unfair on the players.
68. The Committee shall suspend play if a hole is surrounded by temporary water.

Lightning

69. A player must discontinue play if he/she believes there is a danger from lightning and, must not rely on the Committee to ensure safety.
70. If a player discontinues play for a reason other than danger from lightning and without the permission of the Committee, he/she must report to the Committee as soon as practicable. If the Committee considers the player's reason to discontinue play as satisfactory, there will be no penalty; otherwise, the player will be disqualified.
71. In the event of lightning near the course or the course becomes unplayable, the Committee will sound a siren. The following signals apply:
 - *One prolonged note of the siren* - Discontinue play immediately (dangerous situation).
 - *Three consecutive notes of the siren, repeated* - Discontinue play (course unplayable).
 - *Two short notes of the siren, repeated* - Resume play.

Score Recording

72. Irrespective of whether a player finishes a round, the player must deposit a score card in the box designated SCORE CARDS located in the Reception area, within 15 minutes of completing the round.
73. A score card is considered returned as soon as the player places it in the box after which the player is considered to have left the scoring area.
74. No alteration shall be made to the score card after the player has returned it to the Committee.
75. The Committee will not pursue or be responsible for a score card not lodged in accordance with paragraph 72. Failing to submit the score card within the time stipulated at paragraph 72 will result in disqualification.
76. The use of MiScore digital scoring is permitted.

Deciding Ties

77. The Committee shall employ the Australian Countback Method as stated in the World Handicap System Operational Guidance & Supporting Regulations Version January 2026 page 46 paragraph 11 to decide ties.

Cancellation or Abandonment

78. If the tournament is cancelled before 21 November 2026, a notice will be posted on the Club's website.

79. For whatever reason, if:
- a competition is abandoned on any day of the tournament, refund of an entry fee may apply at the discretion of the Committee; and
 - the tournament is reduced to 18 holes, winners will be declared based on the 18-hole scores being approved by the Committee.

Protests/Disputes

80. A protest and/or dispute must be made in writing and submitted to the Committee within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the day's play.
81. A protest or dispute arising in one round shall be settled by the Committee before the start of the next round.
82. The Committee's decision on a protest or dispute shall be final.

Time Sheet Amendment

83. A request to amend a tournament Time Sheet for whatever reason shall be submitted in writing to the Committee.
84. The Committee's decision on the request shall be final.

Results are Final

85. A daily competition is closed when all scores have been approved by the Committee.
86. The tournament is closed when all scores have been approved by the Committee and the results have been announced.

Liability

87. The Club, Committee, sponsors and other suppliers associated with the tournament accept no liability for any property loss, damage, injury or death incurred or arising out of any aspect of the conduct of the tournament.

David Gianini

Tournament Director

1 August 2026

Attachment: Tenterfield Open Amateur Tournament Single Stroke Local Rules



TENTERFIELD MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OPEN AMATEUR TWO-DAY SINGLE STROKE TOURNAMENT

21 – 22 NOVEMBER 2026

NOMINATION FORM

Contact's Details	Home Club Details	Notices
Name _____	Name _____	Tee Time Groups A. 6.30 am – 9.24 am B. 10.04 am – 12.58 pm
Telephone Number _____	Postal Address _____	A Nomination Form with an incorrect Golf ID or without payment confirmation will be rejected
Email Address _____		A Tee Time change request must be submitted in writing to the Committee

LSN	Player ID	Golf ID <i>In full for all entrants (example 2170910001)</i>	First Name	Last Name	Gender M/F	GA HCAP	Saturday 21 November 2026						Sunday 22 November 2026						Fees \$
							Play	Cart	Sharing with Player ID	Tee Time A/B	Digital Scoring Y/N	Play	Cart	Sharing with Player ID	Tee Time A/B	Digital Scoring Y/N			
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Fee Payment Options		Cash – Attach the Tax Invoice to the completed Nomination Form Direct Credit – Tenterfield Golf Club BSB 082 829 Account 527429241 Reference <i>Player ID 1 Last Name</i>														Total Fees Paid		\$	
Forward the completed Nomination Form with payment confirmation to either the: Tournament Director David Gianini PO Box 217 TENTERFIELD NSW 2372 or Email to admin@tenterfieldgolfclub.com.au																	Nominations Close 8 NOVEMBER 2026		