



HASTINGS OPEN 72 HOLE STROKE PLAY AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
Entries close 18th January 2012

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. ELIGIBILITY

Players must comply with the Entry requirements as listed in clause 5, ENTRIES.

2. FORMAT & PROGRAMME

The field shall be determined by the 78 lowest handicap entries received by the closing date for entries, Wednesday 18th January, 2012

Friday 27 th January	- Practice Day – (Tee time reservations essential).
Saturday 28 th January am	- Round 1
Saturday 28 th January pm	- Round 2
Sunday 29 th January am	- Round 3
Sunday 29 th January pm	- Round 4

In the event of a tie for the Championship, those players tied shall play off in a sudden death format on such holes as the Championship Committee selects. This shall continue until a winner is determined. If for any reason this is not possible, joint winners will be declared.

If inclement weather or for any other reason the event is disrupted the Championship Committee may alter the format and the number of rounds played.

3. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The Championship Committee shall comprise; the Hastings Golf Clubs:
Golf Manager, Head Professional and Rules Official.

The Championship Committee will decide all disputes, will be responsible for all arrangements and if necessary postpone any event or alter the order of events or starting times.

In the absence of the full Championship Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision and any decision so given shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Committee.

The Championship Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship shall be final.

Any dispute or protest must be lodged in writing and submitted to the Championship Committee within fifteen (15) minutes of the conclusion of the day's play.

The Hastings Golf Club and the Championship Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry without being required to give reason for so refusing.

4. GENERAL RULES OF PLAY

a) **The Rules of Play** shall be the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, together with Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Committee.

b) **Starting Times.** Rule 6-3a provides; "The player must start at the time established by the Committee". The penalty for a breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification. However it is a condition of the Championship that, "If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes of his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes in stroke play " Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

- c) **Publishing of Draws.** The draw will be available on www.hastingsgolfclub.co.nz two days following the close of entries. A draw may not be sent by post. Draws during the event will be posted as soon as possible after the completion of play.
- d) **Golf Balls** It is a condition of the Championship that only those balls published in the current list of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R & A may be used in the Championship. The penalty for use of a brand not listed is disqualification.
- e) **Motorised Vehicles** During play it is prohibited for a player to ride in or on a motorised vehicle. Penalty 2 strokes in Stroke Play for each hole where a breach occurs. Maximum penalty per round 4 strokes.
- f) **Code of Conduct** All competitors are responsible for conducting themselves to the standard expected at Hastings Golf Club events. A serious breach of etiquette may result in disqualification.
- g) **Drugs Policy** All competitors are subject to drug testing for banned substances as laid down by the New Zealand Golf Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy or refusing to take a test may be disqualified.

5. ENTRIES

- a) Eligible players are male amateur golfers holding a current N.Z.Golf handicap index not exceeding 9.0, or an overseas equivalent. Handicaps higher than 9.0 may be accepted at the discretion of the Golf Committee.
- b) The entry fee is \$70.00.
- c) The Hastings Golf Club reserve the right to refuse any entry without being required to give reason for so refusing.
- d) The Hastings Golf Club at their discretion may accept late entries, which may be subject to a late entry fee.
- e) Entries must reach the Hastings Golf Club, accompanied by the entry fee, no later than the date stipulated on the cover page of this entry form.

Entrants must conform to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by the R & A.

- f) Entries are restricted to 78 players with the lowest handicaps.
- g) Entry fees will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing date for entries, except for those entrants who may be balloted out and do not subsequently compete.

6. REGISTRATION

All competitors must register at the Hastings Golf Club 1 hour prior to their start time on Saturday 28th January 2012. Failure to do so may result in a player's place being taken by someone else.

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