

2011 NSW Aboriginal Golf Championship.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP: The Championship will be played over 36 holes on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th May, 2011 at the Dubbo Golf Course.

2. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE: The Championship Committee, appointed by NSW Aboriginal Golf Incorporated, shall have sole management and control of this event. The Championship Committee reserves the right to:

- (a) fix and/or alter starting times.
- (b) in the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, either shorten the contest, or fix another date/venue.
- (c) vary any condition should they deem it advisable.
- (d) reject any entry without assigning any reason.

The decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters and in the absence of a full Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision, and any such decision shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Committee.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 The Championship is open to all male and female Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander amateur golfers who are aged a minimum of 12 years, as at the 26th May, 2011, with an approved Australian Men's or Women's handicap, who are members of a Club affiliated through their District Golf Association and with their respective States Golf Association. Wherever possible, entrants should provide Golfink numbers on the registration form. Others without such will need to provide documented evidence of an established, current handicap to the organising Committee at Registration. **There will be no exceptions.**

4.2 An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is someone who is of Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, who identifies as such, and is accepted by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Island communities as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

4.3 The field will be limited to **144** players – should entries be received in excess of this number, the latest received entries may be balloted out and their entry fee refunded.

4.4 Entries must be received by Dubbo Golf Club NSW, by 5pm on Thursday 12 May. For more information call Joe Flick, Convenor; Championship Organising Committee on 0428-101577. Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.

4.5 The prescribed nomination fee of \$120.00 (incl.GST) must accompany the nomination form at the time of nomination. Faxed and telephone entries will not be accepted.

4.6 Do not send cash in the mail – NAGI will not accept responsibility for cash that is not received.

4.7 Entries must be endorsed by an official of the player's home club, a senior elder of your community, or a Justice of the Peace representative.

4.8 Once the draw is completed there will be no refund of entry fees to players who withdraw from the event.

5. RULES: The Rules of Golf as adopted by the R&A Rules Limited will apply, together with such Local Rules as are approved by the Championship Committee.

6. PROTESTS: All protests must be lodged in writing with the Championship Committee, no later than 10 minutes after the conclusion of the player's round on each day.

7. TIES: In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship, unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise, play shall continue over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with others, or until the winner is determined. All other ties will be decided by the Australian Count-back System.

8. PACE OF PLAY: Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding it. Any group with a clear hole in front will be considered out of position. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who, by their pace, contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

9. DRAW AND STARTING TIMES: All play will commence from the 1st Tee. The draw for the first 18 holes will be random, in groups of 4 players. For the second day (last 18 holes) the leading 12 players in each grade will be seeded, while all other groups will be drawn randomly. Seeded groups will follow the main field on the final day. Seeded groups will tee-off in the order of A, B C Grades on Day 2, and shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Committee. Rule 6.-3a provides "The player must start at the time established by the Committee". The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification. However it is a condition of this Championship that, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, if the player arrives at his/her starting point ready to play within 5 minutes of his/her starting time, the penalty to start on time is 2 strokes at the first hole, instead of disqualification.

10. BALL: It will be obligatory for all competitors to play with a ball which is named in the current list of

Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A. Penalty for breach of Condition is Disqualification.

11. USE OF MOTORISED BUGGIES: Players must not ride in any form of motorised transport in any stipulated Championship round unless authorised by the Championship Committee. Exemptions to this condition may be granted when a player suffers from a medical condition and/or is over the age of 55. A copy of the medical certificate must accompany the player's nomination form and the original produced to the Championship Committee at Registration. Private motorised buggies may be used under this condition. No non-exempt players can ride on exempted player's vehicle. The use of motorised buggies is at the sole discretion of the Committee.

12. DRESS REGULATIONS: It is a requirement of this Championship that all players comply with the dress regulations of the host course. As a guide, dress shorts may be worn (board shorts/athletic shorts not permitted); predominantly white sports socks; tailored slacks - but not tracksuit pants; shirts with collars or turtle necks - but not T-shirts; golf or sports shoes - but not metal spikes.

13. ELECTRONIC AIDS: Devices that measure or gauge **distance only** may be used in this Championship. However, the use of a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) is not permitted regardless of whether such an additional function is used. (See **Note** to Rule 14-3)

14. TROPHIES: Trophies will be awarded to the Championship winners of the overall men's, ladies' and juniors' gross, overall nett and runners up. Veteran golfers (55+ years) will be awarded a best gross and a best nett prize. A, B & C Grades best gross and best nett prizes will be awarded. 4 nearest to pins prizes each day will be awarded. Major prizes limited to one per competitor.

15. PRACTICE: Prior practice on the course will only be available by arrangement with Dubbo Golf Club. On any day of the Championship, no practice on the course, or testing of the surface of greens, is allowed - Rule 7-1b.

16. REGISTRATION: Competitors will be required to register on Thursday 26th May in person to the Championship Office at the Dubbo Golf Club (adjacent to the Pro Shop). Each competitor will receive conditions for the Championship and a gift pack. The office will be open from 7.30am until 1:00pm.

17. PRIVACY: NSW Aboriginal Golf Incorporated may retain the personal details (i.e. name, address, email address, handicap) of entrants in this Championship on their records. The purpose of doing

so is such that information on future events conducted by NAGI can be forwarded, as deemed appropriate. This information will not be available to any other organization, and any person may have their details removed from this database by phoning either the Club on or the NAGI Secretary Mr. Bill Harrison on 0417 202653.

18. MEDIA: An agent for National Indigenous Television (NITV), or other media organizations, may be filming players on the course and conducting pre and post golf interviews, and/or on-course vision on the driving range or any other areas within the Dubbo Golf Club course. All players and their assistants that participate in the Championship agree that their images may be used in all media to promote the event. Your signature on the nomination form is used as acceptance to this condition. Players and the assistants are encouraged to be friendly and approachable during the Championship in order that the best possible coverage can be displayed to the nation.