

NBS MOTUEKA OPEN

Conditions of Competition

Saturday 11th January and Sunday 12th January 2026

1. *General*

The rules of play shall be the Rules of Golf 2023 as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, together with the Local Rules as drawn up by the Motueka Committee.

Please read Local and Temporary Local Rules boards at main entrance to clubhouse.

2. *Eligibility*

The tournament is open to all Men and Women amateurs being Full Playing 18 hole members of affiliated Golf Clubs, and will be capped at a handicap limit of 36 for both men and women.

3. *Entry*

The entry fee is \$80 for all entrants. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to accept or decline any entry without explanation. Entries close at 3pm on Thursday, 9th January 2026. Refunds will not be given for players withdrawing after the closing date.

4. *Format*

The championship will be played over 36 holes of individual stroke play and will consist of 18 holes on Saturday 11th January and 18 holes on Sunday 12th January 2026. Individual Handicaps will be frozen from Thursday 9th January to 13th January.

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

Suspension of play procedure due to wet weather will be signalled by a series of rapid air horn blasts. Suspension due to dangerous conditions will be signalled by one long blast.

5. *Start Sheet*

A copy of the tournament draw for both days will be put up in the Motueka Golf Club's Matchroom and posted on the clubs website (<http://www.motuekagolf.co.nz>) on Thursday evening.

6. *Decisions of Ties*

In the event of a tie for any of the major prizes (Best Gross, Best Ladies Nett, Best Mens Nett) a sudden death playoff will take place using Hole 1 and, if required Hole 2, until winners are determined. All other ties will be decided by countback.

7. *Prizes*

There will be men's divisions and women's divisions (based on number of entries and handicaps) for prize allocations. Prizes will be awarded to the leading gross and nett scores in each division.

The overall amateur gross winner will be the Motueka Open Champion.

The overall best amateur Nett winners for both men and women will be the other two major prizes.

Players are restricted to one prize only, apart from Novelty Prizes

8. *Hole In One*

If a player has the first 'hole in one' for the two days of the tournament, on hole number 17, the person will win the prize sponsored by Whitwell's Menswear. This condition also applies to number 4, sponsored by K Real Estate, but is only for Motueka Golf Club members.

9. *Practice*

Rule 5-2: No practice is allowed on the Competition Course **AT ANY TIME** on Saturday 11th or Sunday 12th January 2026. A Practice round can be booked for Friday 10th Jan at a cost of \$20.00 per person, unless you are a Motueka Golf Club member, in which case the round is free.

10. *Cards*

On completion of each round scores should be checked, card signed by the player and marker and promptly returned to the Matchroom. The card has then been officially returned. After checking each card, the Committee will enter scores into DotGolf.

11. *Course*

All areas of GUR will be clearly marked and all material 'piled for removal' will be removed prior to the start of the first round.

All advertising signs are Immovable Obstructions and **must not** be moved. Relief for interference of stance or swing (not line of play) is available under Rule 16-1

12. *Carts*

Carts are permitted in the Motueka Open unless course conditions prohibit their use. Should carts be prohibited on Saturday then entry fees will be refunded to those competitors unable to compete as a result. No refund will be available on the Sunday.

13. *Pace of Play*

It is the players' responsibility to retain their place in the field. Keep up with the group in front, call the following group through in lost ball situations, clear greens quickly on completion of play, check scores and mark your card at the next teeing ground. The Committee reserves the right to penalise players who cause undue delay by slow play in accordance with *Rule 5-6*.

14. *Disputes*

The Committee reserve the right to penalise any player the applicable penalty for failure to comply with the Tournament Conditions of Competition. Any dispute or protest must be submitted to the Disputes Committee within 15 minutes of the conclusion of play. The Disputes Committee's decision shall be final.