



**ISPS Handa NZ Pro-Am Championship  
March 1-4, 2018**

**Terms & Conditions for Amateur Entries**

Entry

1.1 Participation in the ISPS HANDA New Zealand Pro Am Championship is subject to the terms and conditions below.

1.2 Your entry will be secured upon payment of the initial deposit invoice from Millbrook Tournaments Limited (hereinafter referred to as MTL) and all entrants are subject to these terms and conditions.

1.3 Due date for payment of invoices are as follows:

- Initial deposit by 31 October 2017 - \$2500.00 + GST
- Balance by 1 December 2017

Early payment would be appreciated.

1.4 Amateur players who notify the Tournament Director of their withdrawal from the tournament will be subject to the following cancellation fees:

1.4.1 Before 1 December 2017 a cancellation fee of \$1,000+gst will apply;

1.4.2 After 1 December but before 9 February 2018 a cancellation fee of \$2,500 + GST will apply;

1.4.3 After 10 February 2018 no refund will apply.

1.4.4 Payment by credit card incurs a 2% surcharge.

Size of Field

2.1

The intended size of the amateur field in the ISPS HANDA New Zealand Open will be a minimum of 144 entries.

2.2

The Organising Committee has discretion to alter the final number of the amateur field.

### Format

#### 3.1

The ISPS HANZA NZ Pro-Am Championship will be played at Millbrook Resort and The Hills from 1 March to 4 March 2018

#### 3.2

The ISPS HANZA New Zealand Pro-Am Championship within the ISPS HANZA NZ Open will be played as a two ball best-ball nett stroke tournament with each professional paired with an Amateur as a Pro-Am team.

#### 3.3

For rounds one and two the field will be split equally across Millbrook Resort and The Hills playing one round on each course.

#### 3.4

Participants that have a morning (or afternoon) tee time at one of The Hills or Millbrook Resort for round one will then have an afternoon (or morning) tee time at Millbrook Resort or The Hills.

#### 3.5

Rounds one and two will be played in fours comprising two separate Pro-Am teams.

#### 3.6

After the second round there will be a cut and the top 40 Pro-Am teams will progress to play in round three at Millbrook Resort. In the event of a tie a count-back as per clause 19 below will apply.

#### 3.7

After the third round there will be a final cut and the top 10 Pro-Am teams will progress to play in round four at Millbrook Resort. In the event of a tie a count-back as per clause 19 below will apply.

#### 3.8

The draw for rounds three and four will be subject to the professional draw and at the entire discretion of the Organising Committee.

### 3.9

All Amateurs who miss the 36 hole cut will compete in a one day Jack's Point New Zealand Open Challenge Teams Event at Jacks' Point on 3 March 2018. Each team will comprise four amateurs and one professional.

#### Formation of Pro-Am Teams

##### 4.1

A professional who has fulfilled entry criteria into the ISPS HANDA NZ Open may write to the Organising Committee to request a specific amateur partner. The Organising Committee retains the right however to make all final allocations.

##### 4.2

The Organising Committee will be solely responsible for the formation of Pro-Am teams.

#### Withdrawal of Professional During the Tournament

##### 5.1

In the instance of a professional withdrawing from the tournament after commencement of play during days one and two of the event for any reason, the Organising Committee will use its best endeavours to find a replacement professional.

#### Withdrawal of Amateur During the Tournament

##### 6.1

If an amateur withdraws from the tournament after commencement of play there will be no refund.

#### Handicaps

##### 7.1

All New Zealand and Australian amateur competitors must have a registered handicap and a New Zealand or Australian golf identification number.

##### 7.2

All other International participants must provide written handicap verification of their handicap as at 29 January 2018 from their respective National Amateur Body. Amateurs with membership of more than one National Amateur Body must play off the lowest handicap of all jurisdictions.

### 7.3

Amateur competitors will be allocated a course handicap to apply over all three courses (The Hills, Millbrook Resort and Jack's Point) by the Organising Committee. That allocation will take into account the following criteria:

- (a) the player's current official handicap index as at February 10, 2018.
- (b) the player's lowest handicap index over the previous 18 months of play; and
- (c) the player's previous performance in the Pro-Am section of the New Zealand Open (2015/16/17) and the NZPGA Pro-Am Championship (2013 and 2014).

### 7.4

There will not be any adjustment to handicap indexes. The course handicap for all players will simply be the handicap set by the committee, taking the above three criteria (clause 7.3) into account.

### 7.5

The allocation of final course handicaps will be solely at the discretion of the Organising Committee, and no further correspondence will be entered into.

### 7.6

There will be a maximum course handicap of 18 at Millbrook Resort and The Hills.

### 7.7

Males and females playing in the ISPS HANDA NZ Pro-Am Championship with a course handicap higher than 18 are eligible to play at the discretion of the Organising Committee, but in no instance will a player play on a final course handicap above 18.

### 7.8

The Organising Committee has the right to request supplementary handicap verification information at their discretion to establish entry handicaps for participants.

### 7.9

The Organising Committee reserves the right to adjust handicaps at the conclusion of any round during the tournament.

## Tees

### 8.1

Each participant shall play from designated tees as set out by the Tournament Committee. Professionals will play from the Championship Tees with Amateurs playing from the Club tees. There will be separate tees for men and women.

## Distance Measuring Devices

### 9.1

Distance Measuring Devices are permitted to be used by amateur players during both the ISPS HANDA NZ Pro-Am Championship and the Jack's Point New Zealand Open Challenge, under the following strict rules:

(a) Amateur players are NOT allowed to use a measuring device that adjusts for slope or wind; and

(b) Amateur players must NOT share any distance information with a Professional during the ISPS HANDA NZ Pro-Am Championship, because if you do, the Professional faces major penalties.

## Caddies

### 10.1

Caddies are compulsory for professionals and amateurs and caddy etiquette and payment is the sole responsibility of the amateur engaging them.

### 10.2

Where required, the tournament will assist in procuring the services of a caddy for you.

### 10.3

Caddy bibs must be worn at all times during play.

### 10.4

Caddies must not wear spike sole shoes.

## Pace of Play

### 11.1

A pace of play policy will be strictly enforced at the tournament. The PGA Tour of Australasia have the right to penalize Pro-Am teams by means of stroke penalties in the event of slow play (following a formal warning).

### Practice Rounds

#### 12.1

Each amateur may (subject to available tee times) play one practice round at each of Millbrook Resort and The Hills during 26- 28 February 2018 during designated times.

#### 12.2

Note that both Millbrook Resort and The Hills will be entirely closed from 5.30pm on Wednesday 28 February, 2018.

All players will practice in fours.

### Practice Facilities

#### 13.1

Amateurs wishing to practice are welcome to use the driving range facilities at both Millbrook Resort and The Hills.

#### 13.2

Amateurs can practice at the course they are playing at during the tournament rounds.

### Governing Body and Rules

#### 14.1

The tournament will be played under the auspices of the PGA of Australasia in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Club of St Andrews and in accordance with the local rules approved by the Organising Committee.

### Tournament Briefing

#### 15.1

The tournament briefing will be held in the Champions Lounge at Millbrook Resort on Wednesday 28 March, 2018. This is compulsory for all amateur and professional players.

## Accommodation

### 16.1

Amateur players may elect to organise their own accommodation, and purchase the entry package that excludes accommodation. Amateur players who elect to purchase the entry package that includes accommodation are entitled to five nights accommodation at the Millbrook Resort Queenstown. Please note if Millbrook Resort is at full capacity another 4 star + hotel in Queenstown will be included instead. In this case the following applies:

(a) Accommodation can be used from Wednesday 28 February (arrival) to Monday 5 March (check-out)

(b) Additional accommodation (for nights immediately before and after the event) can be booked directly with The Clubhouse event team.

## Cancellation and Refunds

### 17.1

In the event of tournament disruption by weather or other circumstances the tournament may be shortened to 54 or 36 holes. In any event, the first 36 holes of the tournament will constitute the ISPS HANDA NZ Pro-Am Championship.

### 17.2

In the event that play is cancelled or materially postponed on either Thursday or Friday and the second round of play has not been completed then the Jack's Point New Zealand Open Challenge day will be cancelled.

### 17.3

There will be no refunds for amateur participants provided 36 holes of play are completed.

### 17.4

In the unlikely circumstances that the entire tournament is cancelled or 36 holes are not completed a minimal partial refund may be considered for the amateur participants, subject to circumstances at the time.

### 17.5

In the event that one or more days of scheduled play are cancelled, the Tournament Committee reserve the right to extend play through to a reserve day on Monday 5 March.

### Amateur Status

#### 18.1

Amateur entrants in the ISPS HANDA New Zealand Pro-Am acknowledge that they comply with the Rules of Amateur Status.

### Tie

#### 19.1

In the event of a tie for any final place in the ISPS HANDA NZ Pro-Am Championship the standard countback rules as issued by the PGA of Australasia will be applied to determine final positions.

#### 19.2

With respect to the 36 hole ISPS HANDA NZ Pro-Am Championship team cut the following countback will apply (in descending order) until such time as the results are certain:

- (a) A team nett score based on the Pro-Am team score for the 18 holes that constitute the second round of the tournament (irrespective of which course that team played the second round at).
- (b) A team nett score based on the Pro-Am team score for a combination of holes 10-18 for the second round (irrespective of which course that team played the second round at).
- (c) A team nett score based on the Pro-Am team score for a combination of holes 13-18 for the second round (irrespective of which course that team played the second round at).
- (d) A team nett score based on the Pro-Am team score for a combination of holes 16-18 for the second round (irrespective of which course that team played the second round at).
- (e) The toss of a coin.

#### 19.3

With respect to the 54 hole ISPS HANDA NZ Pro-Am Championship team cut the following countback will apply (in descending order):

- (a) An aggregate score based on the Pro-Am team score for the 18 holes that constitute the third round of the tournament.
- (b) An aggregate score based on the Pro-Am team score for a combination of holes 10-18 for the 3rd round.



- (c) An aggregate score based on the Pro-Am team score for a combination of holes 13-18 for the 3rd round.
- (d) An aggregate score based on the Pro-Am team score for a combination of holes 16-18 for the 3rd round.
- (e) The toss of a coin.

## Rights

### 20.1

The Organising Committee reserves the right to use films, photographs, images and similar references to competitors in practice and play for promotional purposes prior, during and after the tournament.