

MAGPIES BELCONNEN OPEN CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. Magpies Belconnen Golf Club (MBGC) Open Amateur Championship is open to male golfers with a valid and current Golf Australia Handicap and who are a member of a Golf Australia affiliated golf club. The maximum handicap for this event is 36. The MBGC Open Amateur Championship is a 36 hole stroke event. **Please note that if your handicap changes as a result of your first round score you MUST record your original handicap and your new handicap on your score card for the second round. Your overall event handicap will remain the same that you commenced the championship with, and your new handicap will be used for the day competition.**
2. Starting times are 0700-1000 and 1100-1230 on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 October 2019. A seeded draw of the top 8 players will be conducted on Sunday. These players will tee off last and will be advised of their starting time via email on Saturday 12. Players are required to report to the Pro Shop at least 15 minutes before their starting time. Every effort will be made to place participants in their preferred starting times which will be allocated in order of entry receipt. Late entries may be accepted if vacancies exist. The entry form will not be accepted unless accompanied by the entry fee. Entries will close on Friday 4 October 2019 at 5.00pm, or when a capacity field is reached. The draw will be emailed to all entrants providing an email address on or as soon after Monday, 7 October. The draw will also be posted in the Pro Shop and Clubhouse on Monday, 7 October and will also be available by phoning the Pro Shop (02) 6254 6740.
3. Handicap divisions will be determined by the MBGC Match Committee after entries close.
4. **Distance-Measuring Devices:** A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. Use of a device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, etc.) **is in breach of Rule 4.3**, for which the penalty is a *General Penalty* for a first breach and disqualification for any subsequent breach,.
5. Play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf, as recognised by Golf Australia, and the MBGC Local Rules. Penalties for slow play may be applied. The MBGC Match Committee shall have the power to vary any conditions and to determine any dispute or question arising as to the disqualification of any entrant and may, at its absolute discretion at any time and without assigning reason therefore, refuse entry or declare any entrant ineligible to compete.
6. In the event of a tie in the Open Championship, the winner will be decided by a three hole play-off on holes 1, 9 and 18, immediately after completion of play in the final round. If scores are still tied after the three hole play-off, a sudden death play-off on the 18th hole will be held until a winner is determined. Players not present to contest the play-off will be declared ineligible for the play-off and forfeit their right to contest the play-off. All other events, Gross and Nett, will be decided by count back as prescribed by Golf Australia.
7. Unless the full Golf Link Number is provided, evidence of affiliated club membership and a handicap card must be available for inspection by the MBGC Match Committee. Players and their caddies **MUST** comply with the dress requirements of the Magpies Belconnen Golf Club. Non-compliance may see the player not allowed to start or asked to leave the course. **Note - Metal spikes are not permitted.**
8. Gross results take precedence over nett results. A competitor is entitled to win only one daily prize each day, and one 36 hole prize overall.
9. **Cancellation and refunds:** No refunds will be made for any cancellation received less than 7 days prior to the event except that cancellations on medical grounds or incapacity will be given consideration.
10. **Prizes:** Open Champion prize of \$750 including trophy, Runner Up, \$300 including trophy and B and C Grade Champions, \$250 each including trophy. Note all prizes, except trophies, will be in the form of *Reward Cards*.