



# SWIRE SHIPPING



## VANUATU AMATEUR GOLF OPEN 2023 TOURNAMENT RULES

1. The Tournament is scheduled to be played over 72 holes stroke play for the A Grade Men's & Ladies Amateur event.
2. The Tournament is scheduled to be played over 72 holes of stableford for the Men's B and C Grade Events and the Ladies B grade Amateur event and the Junior Events
3. The Ladies and Men's event grades will be determined by the number of entries.
4. The Tournament in 2023 will be played at the Port Vila Golf and Country Club, Mele Road, Port Vila.
5. The Tournament is open to any amateur who holds a handicap recognized by the amateur body of their country of residence. Proof of handicap must be produced to a member of the Tournament Committee prior to teeing off in the first round. Proof of handicap is the sole responsibility of the player.
6. PVGCC is a Golf Link club and as such your golf link membership is proof of handicap. If you are not a Golf Link registered player then you will need to produce a handicap card from your club as evidence of your playing handicap.

7. The A Grade Men's & Ladies Amateur events will consist of 18 holes stroke play over each of 4 days on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. All 4 rounds to count.
8. The B & C Grade Men's & Ladies amateur events will consist of 18 holes Stableford play over each of 4 days on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2023. All 4 rounds to count.
9. The Junior Event will consist of 18 Holes STABLEFORD play over each of 4 days on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September , 2023.
10. In the event of a tie in the A Grade Men's and Ladies events, the Tournament Committee will determine that players in such a tie shall continue to play over such holes as the Committee shall decide in a sudden-death, hole by hole play-off until the winner is determined. This shall not apply to the Men's B and C Grade & Ladies B Grade, and Junior Events, which will be determined by countback.
11. The Tournament shall be under the sole management and control of the Tournament Committee which will include the PVGCC Match Committee and any other representative appointed by the Committee.
12. The Rules of Golf as adapted by the R & A Rules shall apply together with such daily local rules as are approved by the Tournament Committee.
13. Any decision of the Tournament Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Tournament. Any protest must be made verbally to the Tournament Committee by not later than 15 minutes after the completion of play on the day of the incident, except on the final day when it must be made within 5 minutes of the conclusion of play.
14. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event.
15. **A draw for play will be made and published. For this year's event the first 2 days will be by shotgun start. There could possibly be a morning and afternoon field, depending on numbers of players. If the player arrives at their starting point, ready to play, within 5 minutes after their starting time, in the absence of circumstances waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time will be 2 strokes at the first hole to be played. The penalty for lateness beyond 5 minutes is disqualification. A seeded draw will be made for the last 2 days of the Men's and Ladies A Grade events. For those playing stableford a seeded draw will be made for the final days play only.**
16. The use of Motorised carts is permitted.

17. During practice or during the Tournament a player or their caddie shall not mark the course, or cause to have the course marked, to indicate, or to assist in gauging, course measurements. A player in breach of this condition shall be disqualified.
18. Pace of play will be monitored and strictly enforced (see note 2; Rule 6-7). Penalties will be issued to individuals in groups, who by their pace contribute to such delays. Warnings may not be issued prior to the application of penalties.
19. Practice putting at the completion of a hole is not permitted. Penalty: 2 strokes for each breach. Maximum of 4 strokes per round.
20. Prizes in the Men's Amateur, Ladies Amateur, Seniors and Junior events will be restricted to 1 daily prize for each day. There will be overall Gross and Stableford prizes in each respective competition, which will not be restricted.
21. Entries close for the Men's Amateur, Ladies Amateur Seniors and Junior competitions on Friday, 1st September, 2023. The tournament Committee reserves the right to accept late entries in special circumstances up until Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00 pm local Vanuatu time. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to ensure their entry is received prior to the closing time for entries that has been stipulated.
22. Entry fees must be paid by no later than Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00 pm. Facilities for cash and card payments will be available at the Welcome Cocktail Function
23. The Tournament Ambrose Fun Day will be held at Port Vila Golf and Country Club on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 at times to be confirmed by the VGO committee by Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.
24. Cards are to be checked by the card checkers at the conclusion of their round. Once checked the player will scan their completed card into the scanner provided so that the card is registered into the Mi-Club system. This is to be done immediately following the round.