

**2024 MASTER BUILDERS OF AUSTRALIA NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
INFORMATION BULLETIN #01**

REGISTRATIONS AS AT 4th JUNE 2024

Registrations are due by 30th June 2024. Registrations received to 4th June are as follows:

Gold Coast	22
Newcastle	14
Queensland	8
New South Wales	16
South Australia	4
Tasmania	26
Victoria	6
TOTAL	96

A complete list of registrations to date can be viewed by clicking on the following link:



Registrations.xlsx

State and region Executives are reminded that registrations close on 30th June 2024.

TOURNAMENT RULE CHANGES

At the 2024 Midyear (Captain's) Meeting held on 27th February 2024, the following Tournament rule changes were adopted:

2b. The following Local Rule will be applied at host club discretion. "If a player's combined age plus daily handicap equals or is greater than the limit set by the host club, he/she is granted relief on nominated holes with a long carry at the tee such as over water, a wasteland, gully, &c. The player is entitled to play from the Drop Zone without penalty."

In 2024, host club Newcastle will apply 106 as the determining limit.

11. The number of players allowed to enter from each state/regional team shall be 19 and the host state/regional team be allowed 30. The size of the field to be no more than 144 and whenever a short fall may occur the host state/regional team has the power to allocate accordingly.

Note: The Minutes from the meeting are available on the Master Builders Golf Australia Inc. website:

[MBGA Inc. Meeting Minutes ~ 2024/01](#)

PLAYING GROUP MANAGEMENT

At the same meeting, it was resolved that to avoid an imbalance in the grouping of registrants into Tournament playing groups, selecting two players from each end of the handicap scale would better suit pace of play rather than four from the lower end or four from the upper end of the handicap ranks. The groupings to be managed by the host club.

APPLICATION OF MODEL LOCAL RULE E-5

In the interest of maintaining an acceptable pace of play, host club Newcastle intends to apply the following Model Local Rule E-5 (As per 6.12 Appendix L - Other Model Local Rules for Pace of Play:

"When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball on the edge of the fairway where the original ball is estimated to have:

- Come to rest on the course, or
- Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.

ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS

Registrant accommodation bookings at Rydges Resort Hunter Valley total 98 to date. Accordingly, it is apparent that some golfers have booked accommodation but not yet registered.

Registrants are reminded to book early as Rydges Resort will be reserving only a limited number of rooms and villas. The accommodation rates quoted in the Invitation are available for the Saturday preceding the Tournament and the Friday following the Tournament.

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

- **Address**
Rydges Resort Hunter Valley
430 Wine Country Drive,
Lovedale NSW 2325.
Telephone (02) 4991 0970 for bookings and enquiries.
- **Type**
The full range of accommodation and prices is set out in the Invitation/Registration flyer. A copy of this document is available online at <https://www.mbagolf.org>.
- **Check In/Check Out**
Guaranteed check in time is 3.00pm and check out time is 11.00am.
Guaranteed early check-in of late check-out can be arranged on request.
- **Cleaning**
Hotel rooms will be serviced daily.
All King rooms, 1, 2 and 3 bedroom Villas are only be serviced every 7 days. However, additional servicing will be available at a charge depending on the accommodation type. The event manager will need to be advised prior to check-in if this service is required.
- **Facilities**
Rydges Resort offers a wide range of facilities including gymnasium, spa, outdoor heated swimming pool, business centre, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts.
- **Breakfast Charges**
Accommodation rates are for room only.
Breakfast can be added at a cost of \$30.00 pp when booked online, \$32.00pp upon check in or \$39.00pp on the day charged back to the room.
- **Purchase of Food and Drinks**
All Villas are equipped with a kitchenette.
Whilst the Rydges Resort *Amber's of Lovedale Boutique* can supply beer, wine, soft drinks and groceries, more reasonably priced requisites can be purchased in Cessnock which is a 10-minute drive from Rydges.

TOURNAMENT FEES

It is the responsibility of each State/ Region to collect Team Registration Fees and pay all fees into the following bank account no later than 31st July 2024.

Newcastle Master Builders Golf Club Inc.

BSB 012-780 Account No 2059-09218

Reference (State or Region) Tournament Fees

TRANSPORT ON ARRIVAL

- **Distance & Travel Time from Newcastle Airport**
62.4 Kms via the Hunter Expressway/ M15 and 49 minutes travel time.

- **Transport from Newcastle Airport**

Should registrants be travelling in a group by air and Club secretaries advise N MBA GC Secretary Mark Connors (dmconnors@outlook.com) of group arrival times, N MBA GC will endeavour to arrange transport from Newcastle Airport to Rydges Resort Hunter Valley.

- **Rental Cars**

All major car rental companies (six) operate out of Newcastle Airport.

- **Taxis/Hire Cars**

One-way indicative fare prices from Newcastle Airport to Rydges Resort Hunter Valley (or return) are:

Newcastle Taxis	133 300	Maxi Taxi (up to 10 pax) - \$155 to \$180. Cannot provide a return service.
Newcastle Hire Cars	(02) 4960 1800	Hire Car with trailer (7 pax) - \$350 per car
Cessnock Radio Cabs	(02) 4990 1111	Maxi Taxi (up to 11 pax) - \$300 to \$310
Vineyard Shuttle Service	(02) 4991 3655 0409 327 193	Hire Car (2-4 pax) - \$240 Mini-bus (5-8 pax) - \$320 Mini-bus + Trailer (9 -12 pax) - \$380 Mini-bus + Trailer (13-24 Pax) - \$450 Transfers within the Hunter Valley \$20pp return. (eg Team Dinner)

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Registration will be from 2.00 – 4.00pm on Sunday 13th October.

GOLF BAG AND LUGGAGE MANAGEMENT

- **Bag Tags & Golf Bag Storage**

On arrival, previously issued colour coded golf bag name tags **must** be affixed to registrant's golf bags and then delivered to the Pro Shop for storage.

Name tags are **essential** to enable venue staff to place bags onto allocated carts.

- **Luggage Delivery to Accommodation**

All luggage must be labelled with registrant's name AND Master Builders Golf.

A charge of \$5 per hotel room and \$10 per villa will apply for delivery.

Registrants may manage their own luggage.

- **Daily Management**

Golf bags will be loaded onto the coaches by Hunter Valley Golf Club (Rydges Resort Hunter Valley) staff on each of the remote tournament days (Monday and Tuesday) and will be removed from the coaches and placed on carts by staff from the respective golf courses. At the conclusion of each day's play, bags will be reloaded onto the coaches by staff from the respective golf courses.

On return to the Rydges Resort (Monday and Tuesday), staff will remove bags from the coaches for overnight storage.

Play on Thursday will be at Hunter Valley Golf Club (an integral part of the Rydges Resort complex) and at the conclusion of play, registrants must assume control of their clubs for checkout on Friday.

SPOTTERS

We have a requirement for spotters at the event. Should any State/Region have members attending who do not intend to play golf but would be happy to assist in this role, please advise the undersigned.

GOLF EVENTS

- **Courses**

Monday – Cypress Lakes Golf Club

Tuesday – The Vintage Golf Club

Thursday – Hunter Valley Golf Club

- **The Field**

The field will be limited to 144 starters to facilitate a shotgun start on each day.

All tee-off times will be 10.30am.

- **Local Rules**

See above.

In addition, the Local Rules for each course will be provided in the Tournament Registration Bag and players are urged to reference these documents prior to play.

- **Carts**

Motorised carts will be available to all registrants at no additional cost.

- **Lunches**

Sandwiches, fruit and a drink will be on each cart.

- **Food and Beverage Cart**

A food and beverage cart will be in operation on each of the Tournament days.

Food and beverages will be at the player's cost.

- **Bar Facilities**

Bar facilities will be operating at each venue following play with purchases being at the player's cost.

DAILY PRIZES

- **Monday & Tuesday**

Prizes will be presented at the conclusion of the day's play.

- **Thursday**

The daily prizes will be presented at the Presentation Dinner.

DINNERS

Both the Welcome Dinner and the Presentation will be held within the Hotel complex with dress code being coat and tie.

Pre-dinner drinks will be served on both occasions.

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality service will be available on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

LAY DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Lay day activities will be at IronBark Hill Brewhouse.

The day will include beer and wine tasting, lunch and entertainment. Helicopter rides will operate from the venue.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

- **Saturday**

For those registrants arriving on Saturday 12th October there will be musical entertainment at Rydges Resort.

- **Mid –Week**

The Tournament Registration Bag will contain advice on a range restaurants and evening entertainment.

TEAM DINNERS

A list of local restaurants and contact details will be provided in the Tournament Registration Bag.

MID-WEEK TRANSPORT

A selection of available transport and contact details is provided under TRANSPORT ON ARRIVAL on page 3. Rydges Resort Reception will assist further.

POST EVENT TRANSPORT

Registrants requiring transport from Rydges Resort to Newcastle Airport are urged to consult with Newcastle team members for transport assistance following the event.

INSURANCE

All participants must have their own personal insurance cover as N MBA GC will not take responsibility for loss or damage of any goods.

ENQUIRIES

Please contact the undersigned.



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