



**2017 Bermuda Golf Association
Senior Stroke Play Championships**
Hosted by Belmont Hills Golf Club



Conditions of Competition

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to all senior members in good standing of the Bermuda Golf Association and any senior overseas visitor to Bermuda with an up-to-date handicap index. All entrants must conform to the R&A and USGA Rules of Amateur Status.

Age: Men must have reached their fifty-fifth birthday and ladies their fiftieth, on or before May 3rd, to be eligible for entry.

FORMAT

The Championship is a 54-hole individual stroke play competition. Players can choose to compete in one of two divisions:

- i) **Senior Men's Championship** - White tees (5,661; 65.0 / 122)
- ii) **Senior Ladies Championship** - Red tees (5,263yds; 67.5 / 116)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 3rd Registration at Belmont Hills Pro Shop from 7:00am onwards
1st Round; Play will begin at 8:00am

Thursday, May 4th 2nd Round; Play will begin at 8:00am

Friday, May 5th Final Round; Play will begin off 1st & 10th tees at 8:00am

****** If it is not possible to complete the specified number of holes in the period in which the Championships are scheduled, the competition shall not be extended beyond the last scheduled day.

ENTRIES: FORM, FEE, CLOSING DATE

All players must complete an entry form. Players can file online at the BGA website, or return a copy to the BGA Office via email, fax, or by hand. Entries by telephone will not be accepted. The entry fee for the Championships is \$225, with Belmont Hills members offered a reduced fee of \$165. Entries without payment will not be accepted.

APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE BGA NO LATER THAN 5:00PM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017.

All entries are subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry application without giving a reason for its decision.

****** The starting field will be limited to 48 players. If the Championships are oversubscribed, date of receipt of entry will be one of the factors used to determine the final field, with preference given to those entrants that submit their applications first.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will be fully refunded, regardless of reason, if the BGA is notified before the close of entries. After the close of entries, a \$25 per person service charge will be deducted from all refunds. In the event that the Championship is shortened due to weather, no partial refunds will be provided.

PRIZES; DECIDING TIES

Lowest scorer for 54 holes will be champion. In the event of a tie for first, a sudden death playoff will be contested on the 18th hole until a champion is determined. All other ties will be broken by the R&A and USGA approved method of matching scorecards, starting with the best score for the last nine holes of the final round. Trophies and/or gift certificates will be awarded to the top gross and net finishers in both divisions.

RULES OF GOLF; CLOSE OF COMPETITION

Play will be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and USGA, and such Local Rules, Conditions of Competition, and Regulations as specified by the Championship Committee. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee, whose decision shall be final. The competition is deemed to be closed when the Championship trophies have been presented.

REGISTRATION

All players are asked to register at the BGA Tournament Desk in the Belmont Hills Pro Shop prior to the start of their first round; failure to do so may result in the player forfeiting their place in the starting field.

PRACTICE PRIVILEGES

Each player is entitled to one practice round, subject to course availability. The cost of the round is \$60, inclusive of cart. Players are encouraged to contact the Belmont Hills Pro Shop in advance to book a tee time on a first-call basis, and should identify themselves as a "Bermuda Senior Amateur" participant.

PRACTICE GROUND

Defined as the putting green located between the 1st and 10th tees. Players are permitted to practice on this designated area prior to and after their rounds on all three competition days (Rule 33-2c applies).

TIME OF STARTING

All players in a group are responsible for being at the assigned tee promptly to begin play on time. A player should arrive at their assigned tee at least ten minutes prior to their starting time in order to receive all information. If a player arrives within five minutes *after* their assigned starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole. Otherwise, the penalty is disqualification.

Exception: Where the Committee determines that exceptional circumstances have prevented a player from starting on time, there is no penalty.

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

All players must play without undue delay. The Championship Committee will utilize a check-point system to monitor each group's pace of play during the competition. All groups will be required to play at no more than a **4-hour 10-minute** pace for each 18-hole round. The maximum allowable time may be adjusted at any stage of the competition.

SCORING AREA; SCORE CARD RETURNED

The scoring area for this Championship shall be defined as the Belmont Hills Pro Shop, however a player is deemed to have officially returned their score card when it has been dropped in the "scoring box," regardless of whether or not they have left the immediate area.

CONDITIONS; SCHEDULES

The Championship Committee/on-site Rules Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions, provisions and/or schedules herein. The decision of either Committee in any matter shall be final.

IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Bermuda Golf Association Office: (441) 295-9972. Belmont Hills Pro Shop: (441) 236-6400.