



**2020 Bermuda Golf Association
Amateur Stroke Play Championships**
Hosted by Port Royal Golf Course



Terms of Competition

ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to all members in good standing of the Bermuda Golf Association and any 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: Bermuda Junior Golf Association (BJGA) members must have reached their thirteenth birthday, and be in the White or Blue TP group, on or before June 25th, to be eligible for entry.

FORMAT

The Championship is an individual stroke play competition. Players can choose to compete in one of five divisions:

- i) **Men's Championship (54 holes)** - Black tees (6,842yds; 73.1 / 130)
- ii) **Senior Men's Championship (54 holes)** - White tees (5,894yds; 68.8 / 124)
- iii) **Ladies Championship (54 holes)** - Red tees (5,176yds; 69.4 / 122)
**** Includes Senior Entrants**
- v) **Men's First Flight (36 holes)** - Blue tees (6,401yds; 71.1 / 128)
- vi) **Ladies First Flight (36 holes)** - Red tees (5,176yds; 69.4 / 122)

Note: Only players entered in the Men's and Ladies Championships are eligible to receive Order of Merit points.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, June 26th	Registration at Port Royal clubhouse from 10:00am to 6:00pm 1st Round, Men's, Senior Men's & Ladies Championship; Play will begin off 1st tee at 11:30am
Saturday, June 27th	2nd Round, Men's, Senior Men's & Ladies Championship 1st Round, Men's & Ladies First Flight Play will begin off 1st tee at 8:00am
Sunday, June 28th	Final Round, All divisions; 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 Men's, Senior Men's & Ladies Championships is \$250, with Port Royal & BJGA members offered a reduced fee of \$180. The entry fee for the Men's & Ladies First Flights is \$175, with Port Royal & BJGA members offered a reduced fee of \$125. Entries without payment will not be accepted.

APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE BGA NO LATER THAN 5:00PM ON MONDAY, JUNE 22ND, 2020.

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 75 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 the Championship is shortened due to weather, no partial refunds will be provided.

PRIZES; DECIDING TIES

Lowest scorer for 54 holes (Men's, Senior Men's & Ladies Championships) 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 all five 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, Terms 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 Port Royal clubhouse on Friday, June 26th, 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 permitted to play one practice round the week of Monday, June 22nd, subject to course availability. The cost of the round is \$75, inclusive of cart. Players are encouraged to contact the Port Royal Golf Shop in advance to book a tee time on a first-call basis, and should identify themselves as a "Bermuda Amateur Stroke Play" participant.

PRACTICE GROUND

Defined as the putting green and driving range adjacent to the clubhouse. Players are permitted to practice on these designated areas prior to and after their rounds on all three competition days (Rule 5.2b 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 30-minute pace for each 18-hole round. The maximum allowable time may be adjusted at any stage of the competition. Please see separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines.

SCORING AREA; SCORE CARD RETURNED

The scoring area for this Championship shall be defined as the George Wardman Room; however, a player is deemed to have officially returned their score card when it has been dropped in the "Scorecard Return 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. Port Royal Golf Shop: (441) 234-0974