



**2021 Bermuda Golf Association
Amateur Match 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 members must have reached their thirteenth birthday, and be in the White or Blue TP group, by April 9th, 2021 to be eligible for entry.

DIVISIONS

Players can choose to compete in one of three divisions:

- i) **Men's Championship** - Black tees (6,842yds; 73.1 / 130)
- ii) **Senior Men's Championship*** - White tees (5,894yds; 68.8 / 124)
* Entrants must have reached their fifty-fifth birthday by April 9th, 2021
- iii) **Ladies Championship** - Red tees (5,176yds; 69.4 / 122)

Note 1: Only those players entered in the Men's and Ladies Championships are eligible to receive Order of Merit points.

Note 2: Men's & Ladies Championships will be seeded into flights of 16; unless there are fewer than sixteen entrants, in which case players will be seeded into flights of 8.

Note 3: Senior Men's Championship will be seeded into flights of 8.

Note 4: This is a gross event and no handicaps will be used.

FORMAT; SCHEDULE

The championship will be in two stages:

(A) **Stroke Play** – 18 holes of stroke play will determine the qualifying order for match play. The defending champion may elect to forgo qualifying and take the #1 seed for the championship. A tie for the last qualifying place will be decided by a hole-by-hole playoff.

Note: Should it not be possible to complete the qualifying round due to inclement weather, players will be seeded in their respective divisions based on their handicap index as of April 9th, 2021.

Friday, April 9 Registration at Port Royal clubhouse from 7:00am onwards
Qualifying Round; All divisions; Play will begin off 1st tee at 7:45am

(B) **Match Play** – General Numeric Draw will be used. For purposes of determining places in the draw, ties in qualifying rounds will be broken by the R&A and USGA approved method of matching scorecards, except that places of those participating in a playoff will be determined by their performance in the playoff.

Saturday, April 10 First Round; All divisions, 18 holes; Play will begin off 1st tee at 7:45am
Second Round; Men & Ladies, 18 holes; Play will begin at 12:30pm

Sunday, April 11 Semi-Finals + Consolation; All divisions, 18 holes; Play will begin off 1st tee at 7:45am
Finals; All divisions, 18 holes; Play will begin at 12:30pm

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, or by hand. The entry fee is \$250 for all divisions, with Port Royal & Junior members offered a reduced fee of \$180. Entries without payment will not be accepted.

APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY NO LATER THAN 5:00PM ON MONDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2021.

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

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 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.

RULES OF GOLF; CLOSE OF COMPETITION

Play will be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A and USGA, and such Local Rules and Terms of Competition as specified by the Championship Committee. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee, whose decision shall be final. The result of each match is deemed to be officially announced when the result has been posted on the public scoreboard and approved by the Committee. The competition is deemed to be closed when the Championship prizes have been presented.

REGISTRATION

All players are asked to register at the BGA Tournament Desk in the Port Royal clubhouse on Friday, April 9th, prior to the start of their qualifying 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, April 5th, 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 Match Play" participant.

PRACTICE GROUND; PRACTICE DURING COMPETITION

Defined as the putting green and driving range adjacent to the clubhouse.

Stroke Play Qualifying Round - On the day of the stroke-play competition, i) a player must not practice on the course before a round, except that the player may practice putting or chipping on or near his or her first teeing area and practice on any practice area ii) a player may practice on the course after completing play of his or her final round for that day (Rule 5.2b)

Match Play Rounds – a player may practice on the course before a round or between rounds of a match-play competition (Rule 5.2a).

TIME OF STARTING

All players are responsible for being at the assigned tee promptly in order to receive all information and begin play on time. 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 during the qualifying round or loss of the first hole in match play. 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 employ a check-point system to monitor each group's pace of play during both stages of the competition. **Stroke Play (Qualifying Rd):** All groups will be required to play at no more than a 4-hour 20-minute pace for the 18-hole round. **Match Play:** All matches will be required to play at no more than a 3-hour 50-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 stroke play 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 NUMBERS

BGA Office - 295-9972; Port Royal Golf Shop - 234-0974