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**COBRA PUMA GOLF**

## **2026 COBRA/PUMA NORTHERN AMATEUR TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS**

**TO BE PLAYED OVER THE ROCKLANDS COURSE OF  
COUNTRY CLUB JOHANNESBURG FROM THE 8<sup>th</sup> TO 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

### **Conditions of play:**

Entries will be limited to 156 players. The competition will be played under the Rules of Golf as approved by the R & A Rules Ltd and the Bye Laws and Local Rules as approved by the Central Gauteng Golf Union. Open to Male Amateurs who are members of a Golf Club affiliated to a Union recognised by GolfRSA and who have a handicap index of 3.0 (THREE) or less.

Players with Disabilities: Applicants must contact CGGU individually for more information with regards to eligibility to play under the relevant category of Rule 25 in the 2023 Rules of Golf.

Handicaps will be updated at the close of entry and handicap verification will apply. CGGU reserve the right to not accept a player's entry if the player has score abnormalities or recalculate the player's handicap, such as more than two (2) penalty scores or incorrectly captured scores, on Handicap Network Africa (HNA).

If more than 156 entries are received, the below Exemption Conditions will be enforced and followed by a ballot that will be done by handicap index with the lower handicaps indexes receiving preference.

### **Exemption Categories:**

1. Players who qualified for the top 64 match play spots at the 2026 SA Amateur.
2. International players endorsed by their home Federation and accepted by the Central Gauteng Golf Union. Applications to be made to Andy on [golf@cggg.co.za](mailto:golf@cggg.co.za).
3. The top 80 players on the GolfRSA Open Amateur Ranking list as at the time of entries closing (26<sup>th</sup> February 2026)
4. Inter-Provincial Players (2025 Premier IPT).

Any player failing to correctly indicate his Exemption Status during the on-line sign up process will have no claim against the Union in this regard.

### **Format of Competition:**

#### **The MABS Abel Trophy**

Will be awarded to the best aggregate score for the first 36 holes of the Stroke Play Championship. In the event of a tie, a count out will be done on the last 18 holes and failing that the best score after 27 holes. If still the same, the players will be declared joint holders.



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### **The Northern Amateur Stroke Play Trophy**

The leading 60 players and ties after 36 holes will qualify for the final 36 holes of Stroke Play. The winner will hold the Northern Amateur Stroke Play Trophy. In the event of a tie for first place, the tied players will immediately commence in a sudden death play-off until a winner is determined. The remaining prizes will be awarded and final positions will be determined by count out.

**Prizegiving for the Stroke Play section of the tournament will take place after play on the Tuesday**

### **The Northern Amateur Championship Trophy**

The top 32 players after the 72 holes Stroke. Ties for the 32nd spot will be decided by a sudden death play-off. All matches will be over 18 holes except the final which will be over 36 holes. In the event of a match being square after a stipulated round, play will continue to extra holes until a winner is determined. Prizes will be awarded to the winner, Runner-up and semi-finalists.

**Prizegiving for the Matchplay section of the tournament will take place after play on the Friday.**

**Entrance Fee :** R 1450-00 per person

Please pay using the Payfast Link that will be sent to you via email when you register.

On entering, you will be added to the Pending Registration List. .On receipt of payment, the players is moved to the Waitling List until after the entries have closed.

**Cancellations :** Please note, any cancellations / withdrawals prior to the tournament will be charged a R50 cancellation fee. Any cancellations/withdrawals after the closing date, no refund will be due.

**Closing Date:** Entries close at 13:00 on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**Caddies:** Local, Guest and Club Caddies are permitted. Only caddies registered prior to the event will be permitted to caddie during the Championship. Players who wish to register a guest caddy must do so with Michael Faasen by Thursday 5th March 2026 ([growgolf@cgggu.co.za](mailto:growgolf@cgggu.co.za)).  
Caddies will be required to present valid identification in order to enter the premises.

**Transportation:** Players must walk at all times during a stipulated round, unless permitted to be transported on a golf cart by an appointed Rules Official or a member of the Tournament Committee. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorised to ride on motorised transportation. The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. A breach between two holes applies to the next hole.

Requests to use a cart will only be granted to players who have a disability or a long-term degenerative medical condition as per the GolfRSA Transportation Policy which can be found on [www.golfrsa.co.za](http://www.golfrsa.co.za).



**GOLF**  
**Draw & Starting**  
**Times:**

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The draw will be conducted by the Central Gauteng Golf Union. The draw will be available on the Union's website ([www.cgggu.co.za](http://www.cgggu.co.za)) on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at close of business.

It is the player's responsibility to obtain his tee-off time.

**Practice Rounds:**

Country Club Johannesburg will extend to entrants for practice times the week prior to the event subject to availability and by arrangement with the Club beforehand. **Please note that the practice facilities are only open to players who have booked to play golf that day and are not open for practice otherwise. Country Club Johannesburg (011 202 1620)**

**Clubs and Balls**

- a) List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.  
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.
- b) Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.  
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.
- c) List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect.  
Penalty for breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

**Dress Code:**

Only recognised golf attire that conforms to the dress code of the host club is permitted. Players not correctly dressed will not be permitted to play.  
Competitors and caddies are to conform with the **GolfRSA Logos and Marks Policy** as it pertains to branding on clothing and equipment. The relevant document can be viewed on [www.golfrsa.co.za](http://www.golfrsa.co.za)

**Cancellation of a Round**

In the event of play being delayed or declared null and void for any round of a tournament, additional play will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. If in the opinion of the Tournament Committee, adverse weather or any other occurrence beyond its control render the commencement or continuation of any stipulated round impractical, then, in stroke play tournaments, the result will be declared over the number of rounds completed by all players. Play will not continue beyond the advertised final day of the stroke play Qualifying rounds. In the event of any round of the Match Play being suspended due to adverse weather or any other occurrence beyond the control of the Tournament Committee – such suspended rounds will be continued as soon as play can be re-commenced in-order-to determine a winner of the round. It is possible that such suspensions of play may result in the Finals of the match play being reduced to 18 holes. Any such reduction however will be announced to the finalists prior to the start of the finals.  
In the event of the final match being started (whether scheduled to be played as a 36 or 18-hole final) and adverse weather or any other occurrence results in a suspension of play, play will be resumed as soon as is practically possible with the intent to play to the conclusion of the match. In the event that the Final match cannot be concluded due to loss of light on the final day, the Championship will be shared as the finals will not be resumed beyond the final advertised day of the Match Play Championship.

**Decisions or Disputes:**

The Tournament Organizing Committee are empowered to take decisions to resolve any dispute or impart the disciplinary code should this be necessary as regards behaviour unbecoming of that of a golfer.



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### Code of Conduct:

#### Player Conduct and Spirit Of The Game

It is one of the central principles of the game of golf that all players are expected to play by the Rules and in the spirit of the game.

Under Rule 1.2a, the Tournament Committee may disqualify a player for serious misconduct for acting contrary to the spirit of the game.

#### **Serious Misconduct**

Examples of actions, amongst others listed in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf (Interpretation 1.2a/1), by a player that are likely to be considered serious misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- Deliberately causing serious damage to a putting green.
- Disagreeing with the course setup and taking it on himself or herself to move tee-markers or boundary stakes.
- Consumption of alcohol for the duration of a round.
- Throwing a club towards another player or spectator.
- Deliberately distracting other players while they are making strokes.
- Removing loose impediments or movable obstructions to disadvantage another player after that other player has asked him or her to leave them in place.
- Repeatedly refusing to lift a ball at rest when it interferes with another player in stroke play.
- Deliberately playing away from the hole and then towards the hole to assist the player's partner (such as helping the player's partner learn the break on the putting green).
- Deliberately not playing in accordance with the Rules and potentially gaining a significant advantage by doing so, despite incurring a penalty for a breach of the relevant Rule.
- Repeatedly using vulgar or offensive language.

#### **Misconduct**

Penalties other than disqualification may be imposed for player misconduct.

Examples of actions by a player that, although involving misconduct, are unlikely to be considered serious misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- Slamming a club to the ground, damaging the club and causing minor damage to the turf.
- Throwing a club towards a golf bag that unintentionally hits another person.
- Carelessly distracting another player making a stroke.
- Bad language and shouting.

### Media:

CGGU and any sponsors of the tournament may arrange publicity before, during and after the tournament in the press, by live and recorded radio, television and by filming. The player assent to references to them, and pictures of them, at practice and in play appearing and being used for commercial purposes by CGGU, GolfRSA and their Sponsors.

### Exemption of Liability

The Host Club, Central Gauteng Golf Union and their management will not be held responsible for any damages or loss, including personal loss and or other forms of loss, harm or injury sustained as stipulated below:

Physical and/or emotional injuries suffered during the tournament/championship, due to any acts of God, suffered as a direct result thereof, including aspects such as being struck by lightning, etc. Physical injuries of any kind suffered by any person, including a player or spectator sustained by own negligence, or otherwise.

Emotional injuries sustained due to any loss, including death, suffered as a result of any of the above injuries sustained personally or by a spectator.



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Damages suffered to any property of a player.

By entering the event the player acknowledges the contents of the above, understands it, and exempts the Host Club and Union from any liability as indicated above. The Host Club and Union does not warrant or guarantee the safety of any person.

### Anti Doping Policy

Anti- Doping constitutes a range of activities aimed at eliminating doping in sport, as well as protecting clean athletes and the integrity and values of sport. There are 11 Anti-Doping Rule Violations of which Use or Attempted Use by an Athlete of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method is one. All Competitors are subject to the provisions of the South African Institute for Drug-Free Sport's Anti-Doping (SAIDS) Rules. Details of the SAIDS Anti-Doping Rules, and the current List of Prohibited Substances and Methods, are available from the SAIDS website ([www.drugfreesport.org.za](http://www.drugfreesport.org.za)). Competitors can do a medication check on the SAIDS website at the following link <https://drugfreesport.org.za/online-medication-check/> and should bear in mind that this list does not include Supplements. Information on Supplements is available at the following link <https://drugfreesport.org.za/supplements-and-their-risks/> Competitors who have illnesses or conditions that require them to take particular medications or undergo procedures may have to apply for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). If the medication or method a competitor requires to treat an illness or condition falls under the Prohibited List, a TUE may give that athlete the authorisation to use the required medicine or method. Only certain categories of Competitors need to apply for a TUE in advance. Competitors should check the SAIDS website at the following link <https://drugfreesport.org.za/who-needs-to-apply-for-a-tue/> which level of Competitors need to apply for a TUE in advance from SAIDS. Competitors who are taking medication and are in doubt as to their clinical status, should seek advice from CGGU no later than 30 days before the start of the Championships.



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