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Information

The Canon South Africa Disabled Golf Open has been restructured to feature a series of four regional opens which will culminate with a Final Champion of Champions event. Golfers who meet the SADGA criteria of the tournament and have an official handicap as recognised by a National Federation, may enter for one or any number of the four Regional Opens.

Covid

As we look forward to the hosting of tournament golf in 2021, SADGA has the expectation and indeed responsibility to ensure that Tournaments and Championships hosted by SADGA are played in compliance with the National Government Regulations, GolfRSA Consolidated Risk Mitigation Guidelines and the SADGA Provincial Challenge TRMP relative to Covid-19. Any Covid-19 measures applicable at a specific course will also be described in the Additional Local Rules for each event.

Format:

The Canon Open Series will be played over 36 holes Stroke Play over two days (18 holes per day) at the following venues:

VENUES & DATES:

23-24 August	Canon KwaZulu Natal Open at Mount Edgecombe CC
26-27 September	Canon Cape Town Open at King David Mowbray GC
16-17 October	Canon Port Elizabeth Open at Uitenhage GC
6-7 November	Canon Gauteng Open at Zwartkop CC
8-9 November	Canon Open Series Final (Champion of Champions) at Zwartkop CC

The Strokeplay and Stableford winners of each division as below in each of the Regional Opens will play in the final at Zwartkop CC on the 8-9 November. The Regional winners' transport and accommodation costs will be paid by SADGA for the **Final** only.

The Overall Winner of the Strokeplay Final will be crowned the Canon SA Disabled Golf Open Champion.



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Handicaps:

Official golf handicap indexes will be used as calculated the day before each regional Open starts, which will be confirmed with you at registration. All scores must be up to date and entered before midnight 2 days prior to the first day of play of each tournament. If there are any open rounds, the player must inform the Committee.

Should your golf club not be affiliated to SAGA (South African Golf Association) then you are to hand in your proof of handicap at registration.

The handicap index as applied on the first day of play will be the handicap index that will stay in place for the player for the duration of each event (both days). It will determine the Division in which a player competes and the corresponding course handicap will be applied to calculate any nett scores and/or Stableford points. Scores to be entered by the player every day after play on the HNA system.

Handicap Limits and Divisions:

Physically Disabled and Blind Golfers (18 holes on 2 consecutive days)

- Handicap index 18.4 & under: **36** holes **Stroke Play Medal**.
- Handicap index 18.5 - 29.3: **36** holes **Stableford**.

Deaf golfers (18 holes on 2 consecutive days)

- Handicap index 18.4 & under: **36** holes **Stroke Play Medal**.
- Handicap index 18.5 – 29.3: **36** holes Stroke Play **Stableford**.

Tees

18.4 and under: Stroke Play* - yellow tournament tees

18.5 – 29.3: Stableford – Men: blue tees, Ladies: red tees

*Should any lady enter the 18.4 and under Division, the Committee will set out the tees from which she will play at the specific event.

Procedure for Ties and Count-out Methods:

In the event of a tie for the winner of the Stroke Play Divisions (at regional events or the Final) there will be a sudden death play-off. The short course for a sudden death play-off will be posted on the Tournament Noticed Board. If the play-off involves more than two players, those other than the winner, will be deemed to have tied for second place irrespective of their scores in the play-off.



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If the playing off a sudden death play-off or its continuation is considered by the Tournament Committee to be impractical, for any reason, then the winner of an event or the trophy will be shared.

All other ties will be decided in accordance with the count out procedures detailed below:

- Last 18 holes
- In the event of a further tie, the last 9 holes of the first round
- In the event of a further tie, the previous 6 holes, then the previous 3 holes, of the last round.

Rules of Golf:

The Canon Open Series Events will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules limited, the Modified Rules of Golf for Players with Disabilities as approved & published by the R&A Rules Limited, these Terms of the Competition, the Hard Card applicable to the series and any Additional Local Rules as issued by the Committee.

The Hard Card and Additional Local Rules for each event will be published and posted on the SADGA Website and social media and made available to each player at each event.

The competition at regional events is deemed to be closed when the Committee posts the results and at the Final when the trophy has been presented.

Tournament Committee:

Tournament Director - Lily Reich
Rules Official – Inus Marais
Golf Director of the Golf Course being played at
One SADGA Director

The Tournament Committee shall be entitled to make or alter the rules, regulations & terms which govern the tournament. These may be reviewed from time to time. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the programme and Terms of Competition at any time, including start times. The Tournament Committee will also act as the Disciplinary Committee.

All disputes shall be settled by the Tournament Committee whose decision shall be final. Any disputes/protest should be lodged within 15 minutes of the completion of a round; this information may be requested in writing.



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Golf carts & caddies:

Golf carts will be allocated to all physically disabled players on a sharing basis. It is essential that players adhere to the 'golf car policy' of the host club.

Deaf Golfers: Due to the limited carts, the deaf golfers will have to walk unless a medical certificate is given to SADGA. Senior Deaf golfers require a medical certificate to drive a cart during the Open Series.

Should you bring your own caddie, the caddie must register 3 weeks before the Series with SADGA.

All caddies must wear the caddie uniform: Black long pants supplied by your golfer, while SADGA will supply a Golf Shirt, Cap and Caddie Bib.

Caddies are required to register with their player at registration. Visually impaired golfers may bring a coach and have a bag carrier. Due to the limited number of golf carts, caddies and coaches may only be allowed to drive in the golf carts if they have a medical certificate.

Should you wish to book a Golf Club caddie, please contact the golf course directly.

Distance Measuring Devices

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device.

If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a(1).

Practice:

Practice on the competition course on any day of, or between rounds of the tournament is prohibited. The penalty for breach of this modified rule 5.2 is the general penalty for the first breach and disqualification for a second breach.

Note: All recognized practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players for practice on any day of the competition.

Starting times:

Players shall start at the times laid down by the Tournament Committee. Players should register a minimum of 30 minutes before their tee time and be on the tee to play 10 minutes prior to their tee time. Rule 5.3 is in effect: if a player arrives at his starting point within 5 minutes after his/her starting time, the penalty is 2 strokes at the first hole for stroke play medal and 2 points deducted from the total score when playing Stableford. If he/she arrives more than 5 minutes after the starting time, the player is disqualified.

The Tournament Committee shall have the power to delay the time of starting if they consider that circumstances render this necessary.



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Pace of play:

Players should play at a good pace in accordance with Rule 5.6 of the Rules of Golf.

It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front and this will be monitored by the Rules Officials. If a group is, without reason, more than the starting interval behind the group in front of them and over their allotted time, all players in the group may be subject to the following penalties:

1st Offence: Warning

2nd Offence: 1 Stroke penalty (1 point deducted from total for Stableford)

3rd Offence: 2 Stroke penalty (2 points deducted from total for Stableford)

Subsequent Offence: Disqualification

Weather delay/ suspension of play due to a dangerous situation:

When play is suspended by the Tournament Committee, players must discontinue play and not resume play until the Tournament Committee has ordered a resumption of play.

The following signals are in force:

Discontinue play immediately: one prolonged note of siren. (No further playing, mark position of the ball and make your way to the clubhouse) If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving a penalty as provided in Rule 5.7b.

Discontinue play: three consecutive notes of siren, repeated. (Players may finish playing of a hole, when in between holes. Players may not start play of the next hole, until play is resumed by The Committee)

Resume play: two short notes of siren, repeated.

Course unplayable:

If the Tournament Committee considers that for any reason the course is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible, it may order a temporary suspension of play.

Cancellation of a round:

In the event of play being delayed or declared null and void for any round of the tournament, additional play will be at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. If in the opinion of the committee, adverse weather or any other occurrence beyond its control render the commencement or continuation of any stipulated round impractical, then results will be declared over the number of rounds completed by the players. Play will not continue beyond the advertised final round of the event.

Should a player withdraw without a valid reason and/or medical certificate, there will be a penalty fine of R 1,000.



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Drug free sport:

A player shall not knowingly make use of any drug to enhance his/her performance. The attention of players is drawn to the prescribed list of drugs issued by the South African institute for drugs free sport. Consult their website www.drugfree sport.org.za or telephone their hot-line 0861272437 during office hours. Any players infringing this condition or refusing to take a test if asked to do so may be disqualified.

Media:

The South African Disabled Golf Association and the sponsors of the event may arrange publicity before, during and after the tournament in the press, by broadcast, online or print in any form related to the tournament. The competitors agree to be publicised in regards to this event on any media platform - at practice or in play - and for commercial purposes by SADGA and their Sponsors.

Score information:

If requested to do so players must provide score information to Tournament Officials during the course of play.

Etiquette:

The audible emission or unauthorized use of a mobile telephone on the golf course or during play could be a serious breach of etiquette and will attract a warning and repeated offences a possible disqualification (Rule 1.2a).

Mobile phone should be in silent mode if used as a DMD (Distance measuring Device). Player's attention is drawn to the SADGA code of conduct which is in effect through the tournament and displayed on the SADGA website. The submission of a signed, completed entry form will indicate that a player has read and accepted the current Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of players to know and comply with dress regulations stipulated by the host club and SADGA.

Scoring and Results:

Competitors are to go directly to the score recording area after completion of their round. A player is considered to have returned his score card when he/she has left the designated scoring area.

The results are deemed to be officially announced and the competition closed at commencement of the prize giving ceremony.

Spectators:

No spectators will be allowed to attend any of the events.



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Liability:

SADGA does not warrant or guarantee the safety of any person. SADGA will not be held responsible for any damages, 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, 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 spectator.
- Damages suffered to any property of a player.
- As per Covid TRMP

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