



2026 Tournament Guidelines & Regulations

The 2026 BMW Golf Cup is sponsored by BMW New Zealand. The BMW Golf Cup will be held as follows:

1. BMW Dealer pre-qualifying and qualifying tournaments will take place between 1st of February and 31st of July 2026. These will be sponsored by BMW New Zealand and individual BMW Dealers.
2. Individual BMW Dealers may conduct a number of pre-qualifying tournaments prior to conducting their qualifying tournament. At the Dealer's discretion the number of players from a Dealer pre-qualifying tournament that will be invited to participate in that Dealer's qualifying tournament will be advised prior to the commencement of play.
3. Participants are only eligible to qualify for the National Final at **one** BMW Golf Cup Dealer's pre-qualifying and qualifying tournament in 2026. Participants can participate in multiple pre-qualifying and qualifying tournaments however, their **eligibility is determined by the first event they participate in only**. Should a participant win at a subsequent event, they will not be eligible to proceed to the National Final.
4. Only amateur golfers **21 years of age and over**, with an official Golf NZ NZG Handicap are eligible to play in any section of this tournament. Players with social handicaps not registered are ineligible for any section of this tournament. At Dealer pre-qualifying and qualifying tournaments, all players must be able to verify their current Golf NZ Handicap prior to play commencing.

Please refer to the definition of an Amateur Golfer at Randa.org

5. In the fortnight prior to the National Final, all players must submit a letter from their current home golf Club which:
 - a) Details their category of membership of the Club and confirms that they are a financial member of their nominated Golf Club;
 - b) Certifies their current Golf NZ Handicap at the date of the letter, which must be provided **14 days prior to the National Final** taking place.

This letter must be sent to BMW_Events@bmw.com.au in the 14 days prior to the National Final.

6. If a player is not a member of a specific golf Club then a signed & witnessed Statutory Declaration addressing point b) in clause 5 must be provided. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the tournament.

7. Any player who competes in the National Final is not eligible to compete in a National Final for the **following three (3) years**. Naturally, all previous National finalists are welcome to play in a Dealer's pre-qualifying or qualifying tournament, however their scores will not count in the declared results of that competition until the three-year period has expired.

Previous National finalists who have not participated in a National Final for three years are then eligible to attend the National Final again. Players who have represented Nationally previously in a World Final are ineligible to play in all future National and World Final competitions.

Example: A player that competed in the 2025 BMW Golf Cup National Final is ineligible to attend all National Finals from 2026 – 2028, they will be next eligible to attend in 2029.

8. To be eligible to play in the National Final, players in dealer qualifying tournaments must have at least four (4) competition rounds registered on Golf NZ during the previous 12 months prior to the date of the National Final and must have all four rounds completed and entered by 31st of July 2026.

Please note that the Dealer Qualifying tournament that a player competes in is included in the four competition rounds ⁽³⁾.

9. Handicaps in the National Final shall be the lower of
 - a) The player's current certified Golf NZ Handicap at the time of registration at the National Final, or
 - b) The certified Golf NZ Handicap used in the qualifying tournament.

In each qualifying tournament the Dealer, in collaboration with the Club at which the tournament is played, must either ensure that the competition is processed through Golf NZ or return the original score cards to all players' home clubs for re-handicapping immediately following the tournament.

10. Players without an official NZG Handicap Index are not eligible to win the Qualifying Tournament, however they may play in the non-handicap category off an Index up to a maximum of 24 (Men) or 28.4 (Ladies). This is the maximum handicap index allowed at each Qualifying Tournament and National Final. Based on the slope number on the course, this will be converted to a course handicap on the day.
11. There is a Golf NZ Handicap requirement for both categories – Men's (0-24.0) and Ladies (0-28.4).
Players with Golf NZ Handicaps outside of this may participate in a pre-qualifying or qualifying tournament on the proviso **they accept a temporary Handicap of 24.0 (Men) or 28.4 (Ladies)** (however, note that this may see the players on the

stipulated maximum NZG Handicap playing off a Daily Handicap greater than these parameters at a given course.

Maximum handicaps remain at 28.4 for both Men and Ladies at the World Final level.

12. In each qualifying tournament the highest placed female BMW owner⁽¹⁾ and the highest placed male BMW owner⁽¹⁾ will be declared provisional winners on the day and subject to later verification of the result, their registered NZG Handicap and the event being the first pre-qualifying and/or qualifying tournament they have competed in in 2026 will qualify to compete in the National Final.

Following confirmation of such verification, each of the two winning participants will then be issued with an official invitation by BMW New Zealand to participate in the 2026 BMW Golf Cup National Final.

13. Participants who have not been directly invited by an Authorised BMW Dealership are not eligible to win a Qualifying Tournament and attend the BMW National Final – invitations are strictly non-transferable.
14. The 2026 BMW Golf Cup National Final will be held at the completion of all dealership qualifying tournaments. The 2026 BMW Golf Cup National Final will be held in Queenstown, New Zealand on 12-15 October 2026.
15. The two 2026 BMW Golf Cup National Final winners based on the previously outlined handicap and qualifying criteria will then be invited to play against winners of the other countries in the BMW Golf Cup World Final, or equivalent event. Details of the 2026 World Final yet to be announced and will be advised as soon as confirmed.
16. No employee or family member (spouse/partner, immediate family) of either BMW Group New Zealand or a BMW Dealership / Dealer Group, can win a BMW Golf Cup pre-qualifying or qualifying tournament, or accept any prizes.
17. Co-sponsors and co-sponsors' guests are welcome to play in pre-qualifying and qualifying tournaments however are not eligible to win a place to the National Final.
18. In New Zealand, the Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, shall apply, together with Local Rules in force at the clubs at which the competition is to be played. For the BMW Golf Cup New Zealand Final, player information details and local rules as approved by the tournament director (in conjunction with the host golf club) will apply.
19. Play will be a STABLEFORD competition (full handicap) over 18 holes⁽²⁾

20. In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device (DMD). If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a DMD or other device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (eg. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3.
21. If a tied result occurs, a count-back will be conducted, comparing the scorecards of the tied competitors. Initially, a comparison of holes 10-18 on the scorecard will be used to determine a winner, with the highest aggregate total of points scored on those holes declared the winner on count-back. If a tie remains, the same process will be applied to holes 13-18 only. If a tie remains, then the same process will be applied to holes 16-18 only. If a tie still remains, then the player who scored the most points on the 'hardest' hole (index "1") shall be declared the winner.
22. A seeded draw will be conducted (in NZG Handicap order) and players must start at the time established by the Tournament Committee, in accordance with Rule 5-3a. Following completion of player registration, starting times will be made by the Tournament Committee and announced later that day.
23. Prior to the practice round at the National Final, an official tournament briefing will take place for all qualifiers. This briefing will be hosted by the Tournament Director with the contents to include:
 - a) Tournament Rules,
 - b) Local Rules for National Final Golf Course,
 - c) Explanation of individual tournament handicaps,

Playing groups will be distributed the night prior to the Official Tournament day.

On the day of the tournament, any concerns or queries regarding play during the National Final must be raised with the Tournament Director prior to the scorecard being signed and submitted at the completion of round.

The results, as announced at the BMW Golf Cup National Final Awards Presentation Dinner, are final.

24. BMW New Zealand, in conjunction with its co-sponsors, shall cover selected travel and accommodation costs for the winning players to the National Final and also to the World Final of the BMW Golf Cup. This is in accordance with the scope of the applicable regulations for amateurs.
25. The BMW Golf Cup Tournament Committee shall have the sole management and control of the tournament, with the full power at any time to alter or vary any condition. The Tournament Committee's decision on any matters affecting the tournament shall be final and the Committee shall not be responsible for any disadvantages that may occur as a result of a competitor's ignorance of the

Tournament Guidelines and Regulations. It is the responsibility of each participant to ensure that they understand the Tournament Guidelines and Regulations.

26. Any player found to be violating the terms of the competition will be disqualified from the event.
27. Acceptance of invitations to attend the National and World Finals is taken as consent to use winners' names and photographic references for publicity purposes (e.g. print, digital) across BMW NZ social channels.
28. The playing handicap for the BMW Golf Cup World Final will be set by the German Golf Federation and is based on the current handicap and/or the result in the BMW Golf Cup National Final.
29. The BMW Golf Cup is approved by the New Zealand Golf Inc. so that participants will not lose their amateur status.

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- (1) A 'BMW Owner' is defined as a current BMW Owner (or partner thereof) of a registered and roadworthy BMW at the time of the Qualifying Tournament, this includes BMW service customers (vehicle may be any year of manufacture; Dealers must supply vehicle chassis details). This excludes children, extended family members, business partners, MINI and BMW Motorcycle owners.
- (2) Pace of Play – Note for National Final: To assist in keeping the field moving players are requested that once they have exceeded the number of strokes allocated and thus are unable to score points on any particular hole, that they pick up their ball and move to the next hole.
- (3) A 'Competition Round' is an officially scored round that is submitted and registered toward the handicap registered with Golf NZ.