



BMW Golf Cup Tournament Guidelines & Regulations 2020.

1. There will be a separate Handicap Index category for Women's ($\leq 0-28.4$) and two categories for Men – Handicap Index Category A ($\leq 0-12.4$) and Handicap Index Category B (12.5-28.4).
2. Handicap Indices to be used in the New Zealand Final shall be the lower of (a) the player's current Handicap Index at the time of the NZ Final and (b) the Handicap Index 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 original score cards are sent to all players' home clubs for re-handicapping immediately following the tournament.
3. Male Finalists who have reduced their Handicap Index to 12.4 or better since qualifying in Category B will compete in Category A in the NZ Final.
4. 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 28.4.
5. The maximum handicap index allowed at each Qualifying Tournament and the NZ Final will be 28.4. Based on the slope number of the course this will be converted to a course handicap on the day.
6. The maximum course handicap allowed at each Qualifying Tournament and the New Zealand Final will be 28.4.
7. In each Qualifying Tournament, a specified number of leading female player(s) and leading male players from Category A and B in the BMW owners* section will provisionally be invited to play in the New Zealand Final. Final invitation to the New Zealand final is subject to later verification of their registered NZG handicap and their participation in only one qualifying tournament in 2020. Following confirmation of such verification each of the qualifiers will then be issued with an official invitation by BMW Group New Zealand to participate in the 2020 New Zealand Final.
8. Prior to declaring any qualifying winners the players' Handicap Indices must be verified.
9. Prizes will be awarded to current BMW owners within the Authorised Network of Dealers in the above categories.

10. Participants who have **not** purchased a BMW from an Authorised BMW Dealership are not eligible to win a Qualifying Tournament and attend the New Zealand Final.
11. Each participant may take part in only **one** BMW Golf Cup Qualifying Tournament each year. Those who participate in multiple tournaments will be ineligible to participate in the New Zealand Final.
12. Any golfer who competes in the New Zealand Final is not eligible to compete in another New Zealand Final for 2 years. Previous New Zealand Final participants are welcome to play in a dealer's qualifying tournament, however their scores will not count in the declared results of that competition while they are within their 2-year stand down period. After the 2-year stand down period, previous New Zealand Final participants are eligible to attend another New Zealand Final.
13. 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 New Zealand Final, player information details and local rules as approved by the tournament director (in conjunction with the host golf club) will apply.
14. It will be obligatory for all competitors to play with a 1.68 inch ball, which is named in the current R&A, and/or USGA approved lists.
15. Play will be a Stableford competition over 18 holes.
16. Only amateur golfers 18 years and over with an official NZG Handicap and current membership at a registered New Zealand golf club are eligible to participate in any sections of this tournament. At Dealer pre-qualifying and qualifying tournaments, all players must be able to verify their current NZG Handicap and certify their current category of club membership at their home golf club prior to play commencing
17. The match official shall decide questions regarding the rules and their decision is final. The match official shall not be responsible for any disadvantages the competitors incur as a result of ignorance of these conditions or the notices.
18. The use of distance measuring devices is defined in the Local Rules of each club. It is up to the match official to approve their use. Distance measuring devices will be permitted at the NZ Final.
19. If a tied result occurs, a count-back will be made in accordance with NZG count-back methods.
20. The use of carts at dealer qualifying tournament is subject to each dealerships discretion.
21. The BMW Golf Cup is approved by the New Zealand Golf Inc. so that participants will not lose their amateur status.
22. Acceptance of invitations to attend the New Zealand and World Final is taken as consent to use winners' names and photographic reference for publicity purposes.
23. No employee or family member of an employee of either BMW New Zealand or an Authorised BMW Dealership can win a BMW Golf Cup Qualifying Tournament or accept any prizes. Co-sponsors and co-sponsors' guests are welcome to play in Qualifying Tournaments, but are not eligible to win a place at the New Zealand Final.
24. BMW New Zealand Ltd reserves the right to make any final decision and will not enter into any further correspondence regarding the outcome.

25. The New Zealand Final winners, based on the above handicap criteria and condition # 26. below, will then be invited to play against winners of the other countries in the BMW Golf Cup World Final.
26. The playing handicap for the World Final will be set by the German Golf Federation and is based on the current handicap and/or the result in the National Final.
27. To qualify for the World Final amongst more than 100,000 amateur golfers is an enormous accomplishment and we would like to strengthen the event character of being a very special, unique and therefore a "once in a lifetime" experience. Please note herewith that players who have participated in a BMW World Final before are NOT able to qualify for the World Final in the future.

* A BMW owner is defined as the main driver of the vehicle.