

Welcome to the

BERMUDA AMATEUR STROKE PLAY
CHAMPIONSHIP
&
BERMUDA SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

Port Royal Golf Club

Tournament Format

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General Procedures

Tournament presented by



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TOURNAMENT HEAD OFFICE

Official registration for **ALL** players will commence on Friday 14th June at Port Royal Golf Club and will remain open as deemed necessary throughout the duration of the tournament.

Schedule of Events:

Friday 14th June	7:00am – REGISTRATION
Friday 14th June	
First Round	8:30am tee times start for Amateur Stroke Play (Port Royal Golf Club)
Saturday 15th June	
Seniors First Round	8:00am tee times start for seniors division first round. (Port Royal Golf Club)
Monday 17th June	
Prize Presentation	5:30pm (Port Royal Golf Club)

TOURNAMENT WEEK

Friday 14th June – Monday 17th June

During the days of the tournament the Office will open at 6:30am daily until completion..

STARTING TIMES

The following course will be used for the Bermuda Amateur Stroke Play Championship and the Bermuda Seniors Championship:

PORT ROYAL GOLF CLUB

Friday 14 th June 2013	8:30am CONTINUOUS TIMES
Saturday 15 th June 2013	8:00am CONTINUOUS TIMES
Sunday 16 th June 2013	8:00am CONTINUOUS TIMES
Monday 17 th June 2013	7:30am CONTINUOUS TIMES

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The tournament will be a 72-hole, (Amateur division) and 54 hole, (Seniors Division), individual stroke play competition with players placed into flights as noted below. The field will be randomly paired for the first round and second round only. Pairings for the third and final round will be based on the leader board with the leaders of the tournament teeing off last.

TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES

Players will be put into categories accordingly.

MEN'S OPEN CATEGORY

WOMEN'S OPEN CATEGORY

SENIOR MEN'S CATEGORY – (54 HOLES)

Amateurs 55 and over

SENIOR WOMEN CATEGORY – (54 HOLES)

Amateurs 50 and over

GOLF COURSE REGISTRATION

We are asking that all competitors register in the scoring office before checking in with the starter. Official scorecards for the day's round will be provided upon registration in the scoring office.

COURSE INFORMATION

Local rules are attached . Please read carefully before commencing play.

SCOREBOARDS & DAILY SCORES

After each round, scores will be posted on the scoreboard in the scoring office. Tournament Results will also be provided to the local newspaper "The Royal Gazette" and on www.islandstats.com; www.bernews.com and www.bermudagolf.org

TEE ASSIGNMENT

Port Royal Golf Club

			<i>Slope/Rating</i>
ALL	Open Amateurs =	Black	74.6/139
	Senior Amateurs =	Blue	72.4/138
	Women Amateurs =	White	75.7/136
	Senior Women =	Red	71.9/127



BERMUDA OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

The rules of play will be governed by the **Royal & Ancient Golf Club of Saint Andrews** and local rules noted in these conditions of play.

The event will be a 72 hole stroke play event with the lowest score posted declared the Bermuda Amateur Stroke Play Champion. The Senior's division will be a 54 hole event with a Bermuda Senior's Champion for men and ladies. In the event of severe weather conditions the Championship Committee has the authority to reduce the event to 54 holes and 36 holes respectively. In the event of a tie for each division champion, a playoff will take place on hole #18. If there is still a tie then the play-off will continue to holes 17 and 18. This rotation will continue until a Champion is declared. All other ties will be determined by retrogression.

Retrogression is determined by matching the scorecards to determine the winner on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. Should there still be a tie then the winner will be based on the last six holes, last three holes and finally the 18th hole.

TROPHIES & PRIZES

Bermuda Amateur Stroke Play Men's Champion
Bermuda Amateur Stroke Play Ladies Champion
Bermuda Seniors Men's Champion
Bermuda Seniors Ladies Champion

Net Prizes will also be awarded in all Divisions

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS – RULE 27

Beyond any fence or walls bounding the course. Out of Bounds is determined by the nearest inside points at ground level of fence posts, white stakes or white lines bounding the course. A ball coming to rest on or crossing any public road is considered out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course. Pompano Road is not Out of Bounds.

WATER HAZARDS – RULE 26

Water Hazards are defined by Yellow stakes or lines. Lateral water Hazards are defined by Red stakes or lines. When lines are in existence, they define the margin.

If there is doubt (no evidence) that a ball may be lost in the Water Hazard and confirmation would unduly delay play, a Provisional ball may be played. If there is evidence that the Ball is lost in the Hazard (visual sighting) the player must proceed under Rule 26. A drop area is provided as an additional option while playing hole #3. A player must be able to identify the exact location of where the ball last crossed the margin of the Hazard to proceed under Rule 26b or 26c. On holes #8 and #16, drop areas are provided (Rule 33-2a/9).

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – RULE 24-2

All artificially-surfaced roads and paths, All staked trees (ie the stake, support wire and the tree) All dirt and gravel roads or paths, Sprinkler heads, Sprinkler control units, Benches, Ball washer units, Water stands and Sponsors signs.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – RULE 25

Any areas encircled by white lines, any area of damaged ground which is considered by the committee to be abnormal. All beds/flower beds will be played as Ground under Repair.

EMBEDDED BALL – RULE 25-2 – Amended as per Appendix 1; part B

A ball embedded in its own pitch-mark **ANYWHERE** *through the green* may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the *hole*. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the *course through the green*.

STONES IN BUNKERS – Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

SLOW PLAY – Players shall play without undue delay RULE 6-7. Marshals and Committee have authority to warn players deemed to be responsible for “slow play” and penalties will be imposed by the Rules Committee. Time allowance: 45 sec/per shot. Timing begins when player has reached the ball and it is their turn to play.

A player will be warned twice thereafter a two-stroke penalty will be imposed.

CONFORMING GOLF BALLS: Only balls approved by the R&A and U.S.G.A. and found to conform to the rules may be used. The one ball rule is **NOT** in effect.

SCORE CARDS MUST BE ATTESTED and presented to the committee following play.

THUNDER & LIGHTNING: In the event of thunder and lightning. A series of short blast from a horn will be sounded to warn that play must cease at once. The signal to resume play is one long continuous horn blast at 10-sec/ interval.

CELLULAR PHONES & PAGERS: Are **not** allowed during competition. (Disqualification). Players must receive permission from the tournament committee to carry a cell phone for emergency purposes only.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance **only**. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used."

This competition prohibits the use of any distance measuring device that is CAPABLE of gauging or measuring other conditions that might affect play, even if such a function is not used!

LATE ON TEE: Subject to two stroke penalty on the first hole if arrive on the tee within 5 minutes of starting time. Players are encouraged to check with starter 10 minutes before Tee time.

COMPETITORS ARE REMINDED THAT PLAY ON THE COURSE IS NOT PERMISSIBLE BETWEEN ROUNDS.

RULE QUERY – Doubt as to Procedure – (RULE 3-3) in stroke play only when during play of a hole a competitor is doubtful of his rights or procedure, he may without penalty, play a second ball. After the situation which caused the doubt has arisen, the competitor must, before taking further action, announce to his marker or a fellow-competitor his decision to invoke this rule and the ball with which he will score if the Rules permit. The player shall report the facts to the Committee before returning his score card, if not the player will be disqualified. The Rules Committee will meet daily and provide decisions. Their findings shall be final.

GROOVE RULE: Competitors are permitted to use old model clubs which do not satisfy the new specifications for V Grooves.