



2024 TAUPŌ CLASSIC

presented by Cosana

SPA PARK
NEW ZEALAND

JAN 27 - 29

Welcome to Taupō

On behalf of NZDG and the Tour Down Under, Taupō Disc Golf would like to warmly welcome you to our event. Have an epic few days in town, enjoy everything the region has to offer, and play some great disc golf!

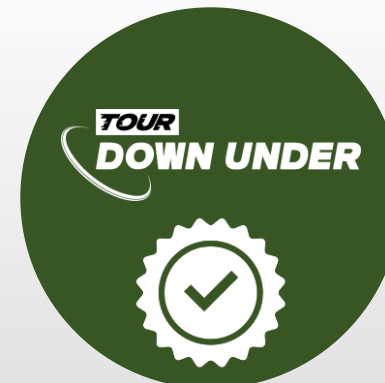
Thanks for choosing to be part of this year's Taupō Classic.





- This guide replaces a traditional players' meeting and will provide you with all of the latest information you need to know.
- It contains important details. Please take time to read through it.
- Also ensure you 'follow' the event Facebook page. This is where news, updates and status changes will be posted.

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Venue Access

- The gates at Spa Park open at 7am and close at 8pm. Outside of these hours the course is still accessible but make sure to park outside the gate to avoid getting locked in.





Venue Info



- Event HQ is in a new location this year, next to the lower carpark (more centrally located within the course).
- The main toilet block is at Event HQ. There is a second toilet block at the river/hot springs area (under hole 5's gold tee-pad).
- A water fountain can be found at the far end of the lower carpark. Additional water stations will be setup around the park and at Event HQ.
- Food vendors will be available at Event HQ each day and there are multiple food options nearby in town.



SPA PARK

VENUE MAP

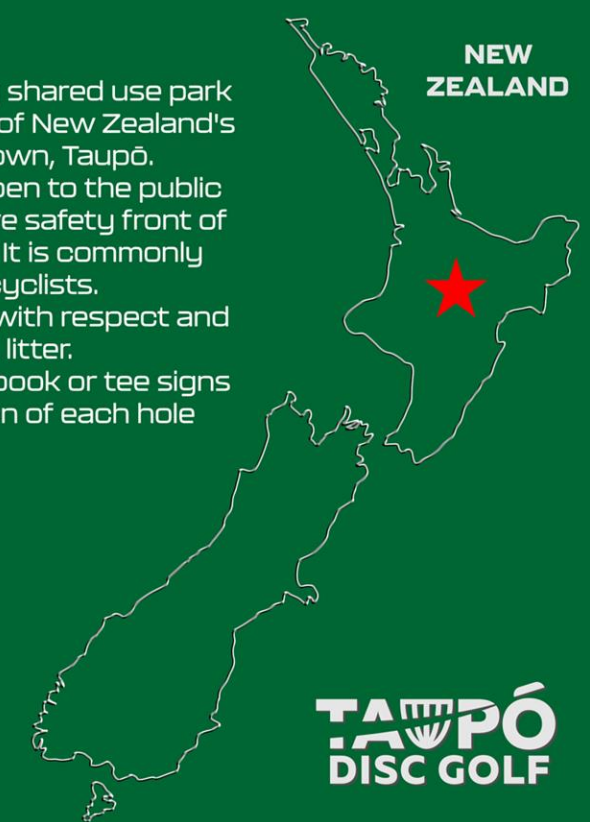


TAUPŌ



- Spa Park is a stunning shared use park on the northern edge of New Zealand's most beautiful small town, Taupō.
- With the park being open to the public at all times, please have safety front of mind before throwing. It is commonly used by walkers and cyclists.
- Please treat the park with respect and use rubbish bins for all litter.
- See the event caddy book or tee signs for a detailed description of each hole and its design.

- FOOD/COFFEE**
- PUBLIC TOILETS**
- DRINKING WATER**



TAUPŌ
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Course Info



- Spa Park is a shared public space. We have booked the park for the event, however other park users will continue to be around.
- We have a team of volunteers marshaling to assist with safety, flow and spotting. They will be wearing yellow hi-vis vests; please follow their directions.
- If there are no marshals available at a hole use a player from your group to ensure it's played safely.

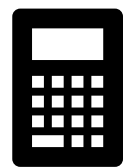




Course Info



- Group 1 (MPO, FPO, MP40 and MA1) all play the Gold layout. (48 players).
- Group 2 (FA1, MA40, MA2, FA2 and MA3) all play the shorter Blue layout. (71 players).
- FA2 and MA3 are playing a 36 hole event and have their final round on Sunday.
- Both groups always play to the same basket. The layouts differences are achieved by tee position, par leniency and hole 8's Island/OB.
- Please check the Caddy Book for detailed hole info (available at taupodiscgolf.com).



Scoring

- The official and authoritative scoring system for this event is PDGA Digital Scorecard.
- Event scoring code is 'Cosana'.
- New PDGA rules mean every player must now keep score for all members of the card. No exceptions.
- Ensure your phones have the PDGA app installed and are charged. Paper scorecards are available on request.
- Please fully submit all scorecards straight after finishing your round.



Ground Rules

- Alcohol or drug use is forbidden during play at all PDGA sanctioned events and will result in disqualification.
- The course becomes closed for practise 2 minutes before the first tee time of the day until after the final card has finished hole 18. You must be at the 1st tee at least five minutes before your scheduled start time.
- There are 2 practise areas (for long and short games) which will remain open for you to warm up. See the event map for locations.
- The optional 2m rule is not in play for this event. If your disc is caught in an inbounds tree, mark the spot directly beneath and play from there with no penalty.



Speed Of Play

- Please be aware of your groups pace. If other cards are starting to back up behind you, please try and speed up.
- Throw a provisional if your disc may be lost and you are not sure if it has gone out of bounds.
- Search as a group for up to 3 minutes (no longer) when trying to locate lost discs.
- Groups are not allowed to 'play through' during tournament play.





Out of Bounds

- All OB is marked by white stakes.
- Some (not all) OB stakes have string running between them (with the string being the OB line).
- Where OB stakes end, the OB line continues in the direction of the last two stakes.
- A disc must be fully outside the line to be out of bounds. Card consensus decides, with benefit of the doubt to the player if it's too close to call.





THURSDAY

PRACTISE & SETUP DAY

Course available for practise.

Final setup will be in progress.

Tee times and playing partners for Round 1 published at 8pm (on PDGA event page).

These are subject to change so please re-confirm on the morning of play.





Course available for practise all day as per tournament conditions.

1pm: TDU Coaching Clinic with the Pro's.

3pm: \$1,000 exhibition skins match from Event HQ. Free for spectators.

Players: Corey Ellis, Juliana Korver, Nate Perkins, Levi Stout & raffle winner Brett (boom boom) Carlyle.

Holes to be used: Gold 1 - 7, 10, 12. \$100 per skin, final hole \$100 CTP.

FRIDAY

PRACTISE & SKINS DAY



FRIDAY
(continued)

PRACTISE & SKINS DAY

5pm - 6pm: Check-in, Am 'players pack' pick-up at Event HQ.

6pm - 9pm: Join us just down the road for a meet and greet at Beehave Craft Meadery.

Also try out one of Taupō's newest food offerings - Texas Pete's, who cater onsite. Event burger and drink deal for just \$23!





9am: Round 1 - Tee times from Hole 1 at Event HQ.

6pm: Hole In 1 Party at Taupō Golf Club.

\$1,500 up for grabs, food trucks, disc vendors, DJ Mikey Yu and good times.

Free entry for everyone! Bring your friends and family for a super fun evening!

SATURDAY

DAY 1 PLAY / HOLE in 1 PARTY

SUNDAY

DAY 2 PLAY



9am - 2pm: Round 2 - Tee times from Hole 1.

Final round for FA2 and MA3.

Event CTP day. Prizes for men's best on hole 10, and ladies best on hole 11.

6pm: Meet at Event HQ and join us for a recharging soak at Otumehoke natural hot pools.

8:30pm: Meet at Event HQ for a casual round of safari glow golf.





Round 3 - Tee times from Hole 1, starting at 8am.

Final day of play for most divisions. Check your tee times and be there to see the lead cards bring it home!

Prizegiving will take place at Event HQ, very shortly after the final cards have finished (expected to be between 3:30 and 4pm).

MONDAY

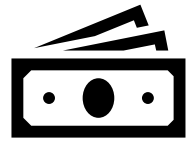
DAY 3 PLAY / PRIZEGIVING





Ace Kitty

- For those that chose to buy into the ace kitty, any tournament ace will qualify you for a share (or all of) the kitty.
- Currently 43 have signed up and the Ace Kitty is \$215.
- If no-one gets an ace over the 3 tournament days the pool will be put towards an RPM basket and be donated to a local school. (We have limited time to run a CTP play-off event before prize-giving).



Pro Payouts

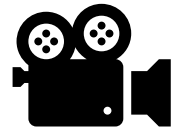
- Final payout places and amounts will be announced on Thursday 25th January.
- If you are playing in MPO, FPO or MP40 please email admin@taupodiscgolf.com advising if you are happy to take cash or would prefer product vouchers (to maintain your amateur status).
- If taking cash please advise us of your preferred bank account number.



Play-Offs

- Any tied divisions after 54 holes of regular play (*36 holes for FA2 and MA3) will be decided by sudden-death playoff.
- Play-offs will only be played to determine the division winner (ie not for other placings).
- The play-off holes are numbers 1, 2, and 3 (repeating as required).
- Any required play-offs will begin shortly after the completion of that division. This may impact start times for later cards.





Media/Coverage



- MDG Media are back from their European Tour commitments and will be filming and producing 3x MPO feature and lead card rounds.
- MDG Media will also film 3x FPO feature and lead card rounds (in the mornings), which will then be edited and published by Gatekeeper Media.
- Eddie Fowke from The Circuit Disc Golf is back in Taupō as the official 2024 Tour Down Under photographer.





Presenting Sponsor

- Our presenting sponsor is Cosana, experts in premium manuka honey products.
- Chris Bowman is a fantastic community minded man and has supported Taupō Disc Golf previously, and this year stepped up with a massive cash injection to allow us to level up this event.
- Chris will be at the prize-giving. If you have the opportunity to thank him for his support of Disc Golf in New Zealand, please do.





Sponsors and Partners

- A massive heart-felt thank you to the kind people who have sponsored and enabled us to deliver this event. You guys rock and we are incredibly grateful for your generous support!
- Special thanks also to Events Taupō for providing an amazing VIP experience for our touring pro's. Hopefully this will lead to some great memories for them and more pro's returning in future years!





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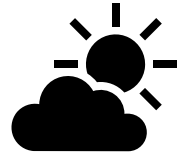
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SAWS &
MOWERS**



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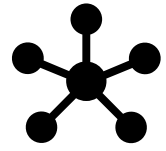


Weather Forecast

As at Jan 22nd, the Metservice forecast shows we will have some mixed conditions for the event:

- Friday: Fine with light winds, 21° 
- Saturday: Fine with westerlies, 22° 
- Sunday: Showers with light winds, 23° 
- Monday: Rain with southerlies, 22° 





Key Event Links



- [Event Facebook Page](#)
- [Event Registration \(DiscGolfScene\)](#)
- [24TC Caddy Book](#)
- [PDGA Event Page](#)
- [www.taupodiscgolf.com](#)
- [www.tourdownunder.co.nz](#)



Feedback/Questions



- Do you have any questions?
- Do you have suggestions for how we can do things better?

Email steve@taupodiscgolf.com

🕒 Game Time! 🕒

- Thanks for reading all of the player briefing.
- All the best for what we are hoping will be a fun and awesome event!

