

Elevated tee down wide open fairway first up. Largest tree is a mando, play to the left side. Basket is tucked behind trees on a small ridge. OB long and long right (to protect adjacent tee pads). Roll-aways do sometimes come into play here putting.



Arguably the toughest tee shot on the course for Black/Red, with trouble both sides.

Accurate drive required, ideally placed close to left OB, to open angle for a sharp left to right second, as the dogleg enters the forest.

Early line right, for second shot though forest, is now more enticing (since Cyclone Gabrielle), although not recommended.

OB all along the left side, with hazardous cliff not far into trees (retrieving discs can be challenging – please exercise extreme caution). OB also early right (to avoid #1).

This holes basket area sustained major damage during Cyclone Gabriel with many trees downed.

The basket now has a new location, 6m longer than usual and slightly elevated on a fallen tree trunk.

For Blue this hole is considerably easier. Short gentle left to right shot required, into a well guarded, slightly elevated basket. OB early left generally doesn't come into play, just hit your line to get past guardian trees.

Hole crosses bike path, please give way to cyclists and follow direction from our marshalls.



Spa's infamous 3rd hole has bought many great players to their knees, traditionally being the courses 'highest over par' in previous events.

Accuracy off the tee is paramount, with a tight line and many, many trees ready to crush dreams.

A lower shot, to avoid kicks that stray from the more open central corridor, is possibly a good option.

Good luck!

For Blue, again lots of trees make this hole very challenging ... but just be thankful you aren't playing off the long tee!



Another heavily wooded par 3 to test your nerves, which also plays as one of Spa's most difficult.

Black and Red have a split fairway from the tee allowing for two main strategies. The left side, while initially wider, gets thicker by half way down. The right lane is tighter initially but does make for a higher chance of making birdie (although this side does bring the mando more into the equation).

The hole plays slightly down hill. Beware of tomo's (pits) if retrieving discs from the left bush.

Blue tees from just outside the forest to the basket just inside.

Right to left shot required, typical miss is clipping tree early.

No mando (only in play for the longer version of this hole).



Congratulations - you've made it out of the woods (for now)!

This hole is often underestimated and can catch people out.

Challenging (firm) terrain on 3 levels near basket. Putting from right/lower side is preferred.

Expanded (longer) tee platform (after feedback from 2022 Taupō Thermal Throwdown).



Black will use a new tee pad this year (previous Blue #9, paved) adds 30m to this hole.

This extra length gives teeth to the 3 threats for your second shot, on what was traditionally a must get birdie. Guardian trees, OB (right of pathway and basket) and the steep drop-off immediately after basket all are definitely more in play. Watch out for roll-away putts!

This hole crosses a bike/walking path. Please give way to cyclists and walkers, and follow directions from our event marshalls.



Extended version of the traditional Spa Park hole, playing to a temporary basket approximately 30m longer and left of the permanent long basket.

Accurate tee shot required due to OB on both the right side and internally around the planted path area on the left.

This hole crosses a bike/walking path. Please give way to cyclists and walkers, and follow directions from our event marshalls. Also be aware that players from the next hole may be crossing up near the basket.



Spectacular new elevated tee for Black and Red brings new challenge to this hole!

Please use a spotter from your group when using this tee (someone waiting at start of walk up hill is a good vantage point).

LHBH or RHFH need to be aware that with this elevation does bring the OB on right side into play.

Second shot is uphill and well guarded, often requiring a shot under a low ceiling.

Blue is a shorter par 4, from a new paved tee pad.



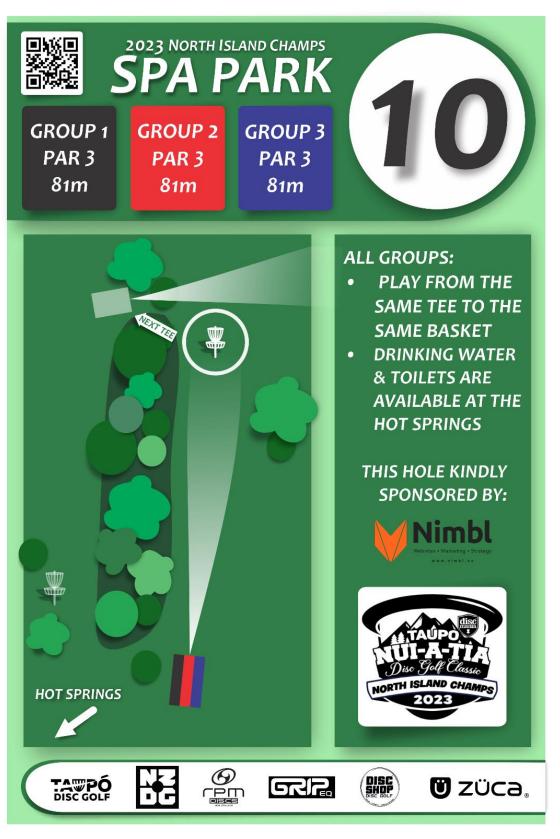
The sweet Spa Park signature hole, with stunning views down to Otumuheke hot springs and the mighty Waikato river.

Decide how aggressive you want to get off the tee knowing that the fairway narrows sharply on the right side, with OB always in play.

Play to the right of mando (first large gum tree on the left, used to keep play clear of the next hole).

All groups play to the peninsula basket. OB gets very tight near basket on the right (to within 5m).

Please ensure a good speed of play, if needed come back to look for lost discs after your round.



One of the easier holes on the course.

Is slightly uphill and because of that tends to play slightly longer than expected.

But definitely a decent birdie look.



Tee across a large gully, this year with a mando (play right side) and then OB along the ridge line and around the back of the basket.

A lot of work has been done to clear the blackberry (from OB area) however it is actively growing back, so be careful when retrieving discs.



Uphill hole. Black and Red play across a bushy gully for the tee shot.

A more direct line does bring into play some large pines nearer to the basket, so often a left (but longer) line is beneficial.

Blue is also uphill, so can play longer than expected.

Roll-aways are a possibility on the green.



The iconic raised basket hole is definitely a real score separator.

Only Black play this as an island hole. The island is marked by blue flags.

The drop zone for missing the island is just in from the right of the island.

It's just a 9.5m putt, but with the elevated basket, along with a drop away in terrain, 5 becomes a real possibility if you don't fully commit.

When teeing please be aware of players coming towards you playing the 15th hole. There should be a marshall here managing flow.



A shortish sharp right to left par 3 with plenty of trees.

Play to the right side of the mando tree to a well guarded basket.

There are some parts of C1 that don't have a line, so placement is key here.

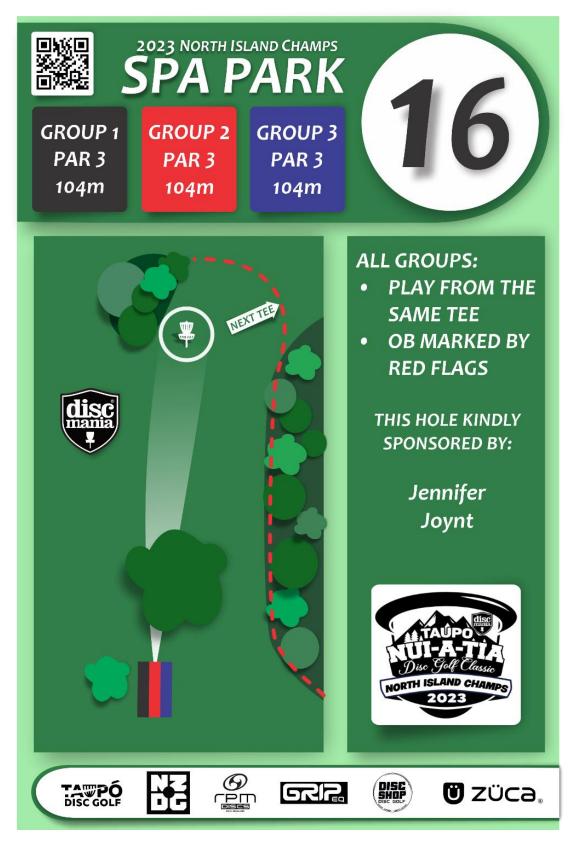


Double dog leg from left to right. Lefty backhand or righty forehand dream!

Ensure you have clearance from the marshall before you tee off, as it is a blind tee shot.

Basket is tucked into a recessed clearing (sloping away), with plenty of guardian bush and trees.

Again, make sure it is safe to play before throwing.



This is a challenging downhill par 3, with a large pine early, dictating terms.

There are a number of options, although some recent (post cyclone) trimming has ensured the straight low arch shot is probably your best choice.

Out of bounds comes up quickly right and long as the terrain slopes in that direction.

This is the men's CTP hole for the event (all 3 days) - prize provided by discgolfwordsofwisdom.com



A brand new hole with it's official release for this tournament!

It may be short but with it's basket perched high on a hill, and considerable pines to thread through, it should not be taken easily.

OB in the pit of doom and beyond (on the right) marked by red flags.

Major rework has happened on this hole due to cyclone damage. Please be careful with footing!

This is the women's CTP hole for the event (all 3 days) – prize provided by discgolfwordsofwisdom.com

*****please note***** Tree damage from Cyclone Gabrielle has made the OB area very hazardous. No one is to retrieve their discs from this area! Do not enter. Please leave them for the event crew to collect at the end of days play, they can be collected from the lost property at Spa Park hole 1.



Spa's final hole is a classic, and has so much going on! A fitting end to the round.

The tee shot is demanding, with multiple OB's, a mando, and trees galore.

Second shot is uphill. A number is trees on this hole came down during Cyclone Gabriel, including 2 massive guardians just before the basket.

Please note: this caddy book was prepared by a lefty. No responsibility will be taken for bad shots using the info enclosed! (5)