

2025 Men's Open Championship



TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

Overview of event

- The 2025 M.C.C. Open Championship consists of 2 cumulative stroke play rounds played on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th of May.
- **ALL** players will play off the blue tees (this allows for the daily adjustment of handicaps). **ALL** grades will be playing in a stroke event.
- Play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf & the Local Rules of Murrumbidgee Country Club (MCC).
- Men with a current Golf Australia (GA) handicap are eligible to enter.
- Handicap ranges will be up to & including 11 for A grade, 12 to 17 for B grade & 18+ for C grade. Eligibility for grades will be based on **DAILY HANDICAP** at the commencement of the first round & this will be fixed for the two rounds of the Open. Players' handicaps will be adjusted **on a daily basis** for the purpose of the daily events.
- The Murrumbidgee Men's Match Committee reserves the right to make any variations to these conditions of play as necessary.
- Entry cost is \$85 (Adult) and \$40 (Junior). Entry includes BBQ Lunch during both days play.

Entry & Draw

- Enter via online form on M.C.C. website. Entries close at 5pm Sunday 27th April 2025. Late entries will only be accepted if the field is not full.
- In the event of a full field when entries close, priority for entry will be also given based on handicap value, low to high.
- The tee time draw will be created upon the receipt of entries, on a first in basis and *may* be visible prior to the close of entries. Attempts will be made to meet player requests for specific tee times & partners – but cannot be guaranteed. The Match Committee reserves the right to fix &/or alter starting times.
- All competitors are required to abide by the dress requirements of Murrumbidgee Country Club – as per Club website.
- Players shall start at the time laid down by the Match Committee & set out in the draw for the competition as distributed & published on the Club's web site. Players are to check in a minimum 15 minutes prior to their scheduled tee time.
- All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Murrumbidgee Men's Match Committee, which reserves the right to refuse entry.

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Results & Prizes

- In the event of a tie for the Open Gross Championship, a winner will be determined by sudden death playoff between the tied players - commencing at the 18th hole. If no winner is determined after playing the 18th hole twice, the match will proceed to the 10th hole & continue in hole order until a result is obtained. *The tied players must be present at the end of day two play in order to take part in any playoff.* No playoffs will occur for Gross or Net prizes in Grade Divisions.
- Daily prizes will be awarded for best Gross and Net scores across three grades. Overall Men's Open prizes will be awarded for best 2 round gross score across three grades.
- A 36 hole Junior Open Championship prize will be awarded to the lowest gross junior score - entrant must be under 18 as at 3rd May 2025.
- Players (other than Junior winner) may accept only one major trophy (& associated prize) in any event. Major trophy winners are still eligible to win any number of daily events. There is no restriction on winners of any Nearest the Pin (NTP) prizes.

Other Terms

- A mobile phone may be carried but should be kept in silent mode. Mobile phones may be used for the purposes of maintaining a player's score via an App, to access the Rules of Golf or as a distance measuring device. Mobile phones may only be used for **emergency calls** following agreement with fellow players. Such use should not distract other players or delay play.
- Motorised transport may be used by players providing that the **Course Superintendent** determines that course conditions are suitable for carts on the day of play.
- Members who require a cart will be entitled to a refund (of that day's entry fee or pro rata amount only) if carts are not allowed on any day's play. In order to apply for such refund the member should contact the Men's Match Committee in writing, attaching a current medical certificate stating that a cart is required.
- Except for the above, there will be no refunds provided for cancellations advised after the draw has been completed.
- Any protest must be made to the Committee not more than 15 minutes after the conclusion of play of the day on which the disputer manner has arisen.

The Men's Match Committee, whose decision is final, will settle all disputes. Any member of the Men's Match Committee involved in a dispute will not be eligible to render any ruling on that dispute.

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