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Welcome to Taupō

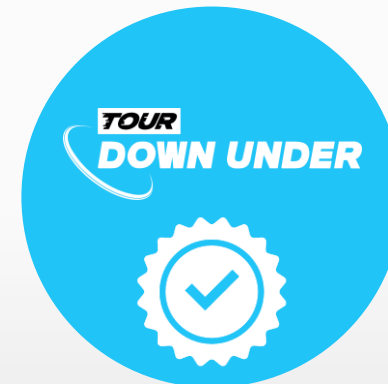
On behalf of NZDG and the Tour Down Under, Taupō Disc Golf would like to warmly welcome you to our event. Have an epic few days in town enjoying everything the region has to offer, and play some great disc golf too! Thanks for choosing to be part of this year's Taupō Classic.





- This guide replaces a traditional in person players meeting, and will provide you with all of the latest information you need to know.
- Please download the official event app to your mobile device. This is where all event news will be posted. Just search for 'Taupō Classic'.

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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 next to the lower carpark (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 and also portaloos around the course.
- 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.

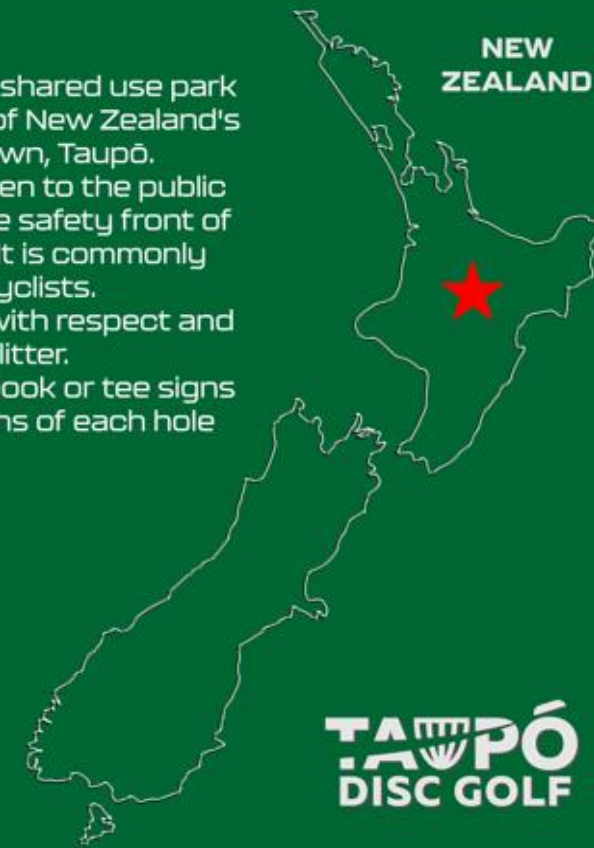
SPA PARK



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- 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 descriptions of each hole and its design.



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Course Info



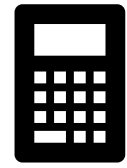
- Spa Park is a shared public space. We have booked the park for the event, however other park users will continue to be around.
- We have a team of volunteers marshaling to assist with safety, flow and spotting. They will be wearing yellow hi-vis vests; please follow their directions.
- If there are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



Course Info



- Group 1 (MPO, MP40, MP50 and MA1) all play the Gold layout. (68 players).
- Group 2 (FPO, FA1, MA40, FA40, MA50 and MA2) all play the shorter Blue layout. (66 players).
- Both groups always play to the same basket. The layouts differences are achieved by tee position and par leniency.
- Please check the Caddy Book for detailed hole info, available at taupodiscgolf.com and within the official event app.



Scoring

- The official and authoritative scoring system for this event is PDGA Digital Scorecard.
- The event scoring code will be given out before your round begins.
- Every player must keep score for all members of the card.
- Please ensure your phones have the PDGA app installed and are charged. Paper scorecards are available on request.
- Fully submit all scorecards immediately after finishing your round.





Ground Rules

- Alcohol or drug use is forbidden during play at all PDGA sanctioned events and will result in disqualification.
- This is a smoke free event. No smoking or vaping during your rounds, spectating play or at Event HQ.
- Please also ensure you dress smartly and meet PDGA dress code policy for A-Tier events. Collared shirts are encouraged.





Ground Rules

- The course becomes closed for practise 2 minutes before the first tee time of the day (8am), until after the final card has finished hole 18.
- There are 2 practise areas (for long and short games) which will remain open during rounds for you to warm up. See the event map for locations.
- You must check-in with the official starter at the 1st tee at least five minutes before your scheduled start time.
- The optional 2m rule is not in play for this event.



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 string or white painted lines and has white stakes for visual assistance.
- Normal OB rules apply for all holes except for Hole 2 (optional dropzone) and Holes 7 and 11 (if OB play from the dropzone).



WEDNESDAY

PRACTISE DAY 1

Course available for practise.

Tee times and playing partners for Round 1 published at 7pm (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, although the afternoon side events will have right of way on the course.

- 12 noon: OTB Tour Skins Down Under!
- 3:30pm: Champs vs Chumps!
- 5:30pm: TDU Coaching Roadshow with the Pros.

THURSDAY

PRACTISE DAY 2 & SKINS



THURSDAY

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PRACTISE DAY 2 & SKINS

5pm - 6:30pm: Check-in, Merch and Am 'player pack' pick-up at Event HQ.

6:30pm - 9pm: Join us just down on Spa Road for a meet and greet at Texas Pete's! Soak up the pre-event energy with a burger and beer event deal for just \$25!





8:00am: Round 1 - Tee times from Hole 1 at Event HQ.

6pm: Hole In 1 Party at Event HQ.

\$1,500 cash up for grabs! Food trucks, disc vendors, guest DJ's (Mikey Yu and Kevin Jones) and good times!

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

FRIDAY

DAY 1 PLAY / HOLE in 1 PARTY

SATURDAY

DAY 2 PLAY

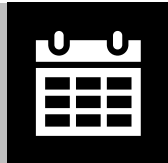


8:00am: Round 2 (Moving Day) - Tee times from Hole 1.

Event CTP day. Prizes for ladies best on Hole 13, and men's best on Hole 16.

6pm: Soak 'n Glow. Meet at Event HQ and join us for a recharging soak at Otumehoke natural hot pools, followed by a few holes of safari glow!





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

Final day of play. Be there to see the lead cards bring it home and our champions crowned!

Prizegiving will take place at Event HQ, very shortly after the final cards have finished (expected to be around 5:30pm).

Enjoy a complimentary drink and food at the 'Speight's Summit Ultra' farewell BBQ.

SUNDAY

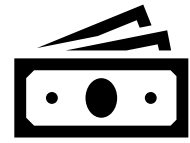
FINAL DAY PLAY / PRIZEGIVING



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 52 have signed up and the Ace Kitty is \$260.
- 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, January 16th.
- If you are playing in any of the pro divisions, please email admin@taupodiscgolf.com advising if you are happy to take cash or would prefer product vouchers.
- If taking cash please advise us of your preferred bank account number or venmo.

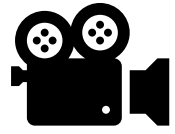




Play-Offs

- Any tied divisions after 54 holes of regular play 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



- Go Throw are back in New Zealand and will be filming and producing 3x MPO feature and lead card rounds, for next day release.
- Go Throw will also film 3x FPO feature and lead card rounds (in the mornings), for next week release.
- Eddie Fowke from The Circuit Disc Golf is back in Taupō as the official Tour Down Under photographer for the 2025 season.





Presenting Sponsor

- Our presenting sponsor is Cosana, leaders in premium manuka honey products.
- Chris Bowman is a fantastic community minded man and has supported Taupō Disc Golf for a number of years now!
- Thanks Chris for enabling us to put on a quality event!





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!





Thank you to all of our amazing event partners and sponsors!

