

2025  
**TAUPŌ CLASSIC**  
presented by Cosana

17 - 19 January, Spa Park, New Zealand



# CADDY BOOK





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# SPA PARK - CONDITIONS



Altitude:	345 - 380 meters above sea level.
Climate:	Taupō summer's are typically short, changable and warm. Sun screen and umbrellas recommended.
Daylight Hours:	Sunrise 6:20am. Sunset 8:40pm.
Wind:	Variable. The prevailling wind is a westerly.
Soil Base:	Pumice. Spa Park is located within the Taupō Volcanic Zone, meaning it is extremely quick draining.
Terrain:	The park is set on gently rolling hills. Most holes are flat, but many make use of subtle elevation changes.
Maintenance:	Mown, well maintained. Suitable for rollers in many places.
Trees:	There are 3-4 fully wooded holes. The remainder are set amongst large specimen trees.
Tee-pads:	20x permanent paved. 5x temporary artificial turf.
Baskets:	18x RPM Helix 2's. 3x raised above standard height (Holes 8, 15, 18).
Usage:	Spa Park is a shared mutli-use area and open to the public during the tournament. Please follow direction from our event marshals. Give way to walkers, cyclists and other park users at all times.



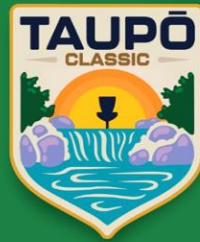
# COURSE MAP

- Both car parks are within 200m of Event HQ.
- The park gate is locked by council at 8pm, and reopened again each morning at 7am.
- The park gate is approximately 500m south of Event HQ.
- Parking outside the gate is an option.





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**GROUP 1: GOLD LAYOUT**  
(MPO, MP40, MP50, MA1)

HOLE	PAR	DIST (M)	MANDO	OB
1	4	214	✓	✓
2	4	229		✓
3	4	195		✓
4	4	185	✓	✓
5	3	105	✓	✓
6	3	121	✓	✓
7	3	118		✓
8	3	128		✓
9	4	205	✓	✓
10	3	120	✓	✓
11	3	58		✓
12	3	102	✓	✓
13	3	111	✓	✓
14	3	132		✓
15	4	161		✓
16	3	97		
17	3	93	✓	
18	4	190	✓	✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2564</b>		



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**GROUP 2: BLUE LAYOUT**  
(FPO, FA1, MA40, FA40, MA50, MA2)

HOLE	PAR	DIST (M)	MANDO	OB
1	5	214	✓	✓
2	5	229		✓
3	4	122		✓
4	4	170	✓	✓
5	3	81	✓	✓
6	4	121	✓	✓
7	3	102		✓
8	4	128		✓
9	4	161		✓
10	3	120	✓	✓
11	3	58		✓
12	3	102	✓	✓
13	3	85	✓	✓
14	4	132		✓
15	4	161		✓
16	3	97		
17	3	93	✓	
18	4	162	✓	✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2338</b>		





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GROUP 1  
PAR 4  
214m



GROUP 2  
PAR 5  
214m



**BOTH GROUPS**

- PLAY FROM THE SAME TEE.
- DOUBLE MANDO, SHARED DROPZONE.
- OB LONG OF BASKET.
- USE SPOTTER FOR 2ND SHOT.



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- Cracking hole to start your 2025 Taupō Classic, with questions asked right off the bat. The big throwers will be wondering if they should back themselves to dissect the double mando's and clear the gully.
- The tee-shot is downhill, while the second half of the hole plays significantly upward.
- Beware of OB closer to the basket, along with a wickedly steep hill behind, ready to encourage rollaways if you come in too hot!
- Please make use of the spotter here to assist flow.
- One of 5 holes with par relief for Group 2 (Blue).



A positional tee shot for most mere mortals should see the gully navigated successfully on their second throw.





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PAR 4  
229m



GROUP 2  
PAR 5  
229m




**BOTH GROUPS**

- PLAY FROM THE SAME TEE.
- MULTIPLE AREAS OF OB MARKED BY WHITE PEGS.
- WATCH OUT FOR CYCLISTS ON PATH.
- USE SPOTTER.



- Extended version of the traditional Spa Park hole, with both a new tee line and a temporary basket approximately 30m longer and left of the permanent target.
- A new 60m OB carry from an elevated platform demands an accurate tee shot.
- 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 them and follow directions from our event marshals.
- Also be aware that players from the group ahead may be crossing near the basket, when playing from the gold tee.

 Discing down off the tee should be considered to minimise the chance of going into the narrow section of OB.





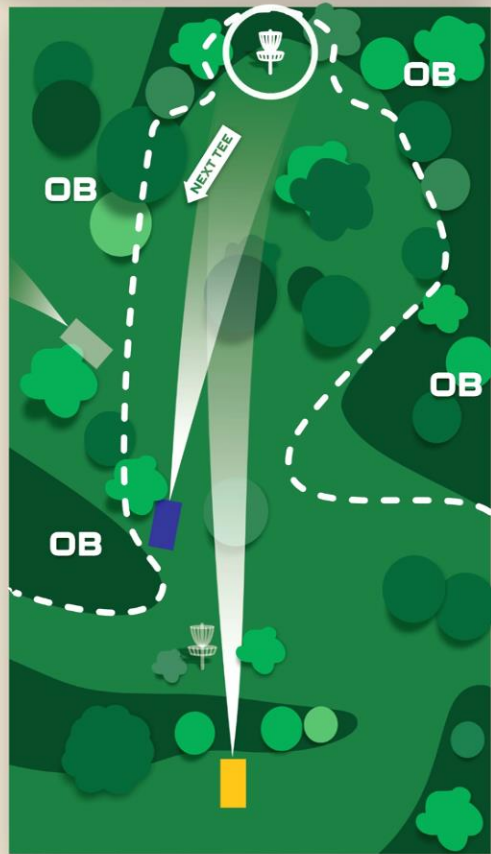
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GROUP 1  
PAR 4  
195m



GROUP 2  
PAR 4  
122m



**GROUP 1:**

- PLAY FROM THE LONG TEE (TOP OF THE HILL).
- OB LEFT & RIGHT OFF TEE.
- SPOTTER REQ'D.

**GROUP 2:**

- PLAY FROM THE SHORT TEE.
- OB MARKED BY WHITE STAKES.



- Spectacular elevated tee-pad for the Gold layout.
- The basket has this year been moved back approximately 15m into a newly cleared area to add length and challenge.
- Also tighter OB will require greater accuracy, especially for the upshot.
- Second shots are typically uphill and having to deal with a low ceiling.
- The Blue version is much shorter making it a very gettable par 4.



There are limited options if approaching the basket from the right side.





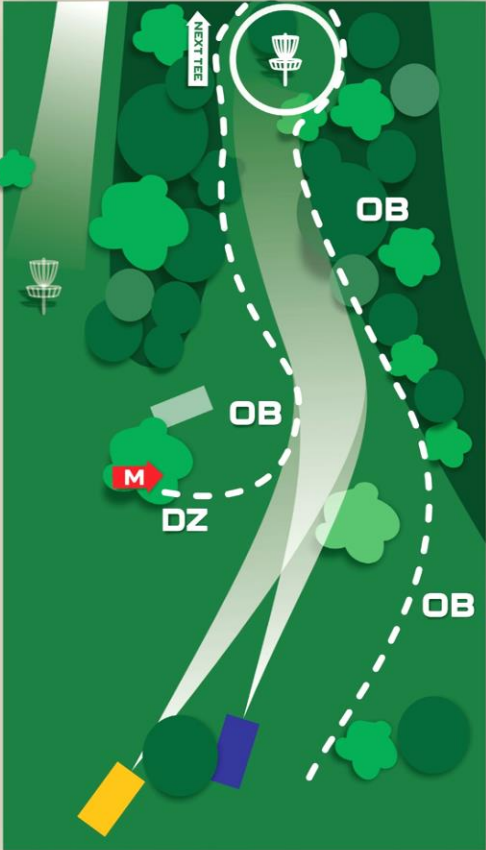
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**GROUP 1**  
PAR 4  
185m



**GROUP 2**  
PAR 4  
170m



**GROUP 1:**  
• PLAY FROM THE LONG TEE.

**GROUP 2:**  
• PLAY FROM THE SHORT TEE.

OB LEFT & RIGHT.  
PLAY TO RIGHT OF MANDO.



- This is 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 due to an OB bubble on the left side.
- The basket is on a peninsula green, with OB very tight around the target (to within 5m).
- Be aware of players on the 6<sup>th</sup> tee.



Maybe the lay-up drive and a longer second shot is the smart option here?



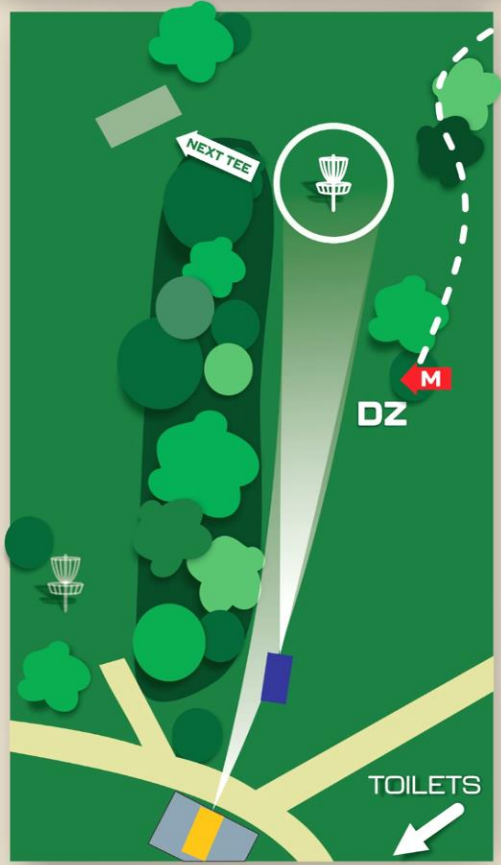
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GROUP 1  
PAR 3  
105m



GROUP 2  
PAR 3  
81m



**GROUP 1:**

- PLAY FROM THE LONG TEE.

**GROUP 2:**

- PLAY FROM THE SHORT TEE.

PLAY LEFT OF MANDO.  
OB RIGHT OF BASKET.  
TOILETS / WATER AVAILABLE HERE.



- One of the easier holes on the course for Group 2 (Blue), but a new line for Group 1 (Gold), throwing from the river viewing platform.
- There is a mando to keep players in the gully and take away the RHBH hyzer line.
- Give way to park users; it can be quite busy in this area.
- Also the tee area is a great photo op for the card!



The hole is slightly uphill and tends to play longer than expected.





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GROUP 1  
PAR 3  
121m



GROUP 2  
PAR 4  
121m



**BOTH GROUPS**

- PLAY FROM THE SAME TEE.
- PLAY RIGHT OF MANDO.
- OB LEFT, LONG AND RIGHT.



- Tee off across a large gully, staying right of the mando.
- New OB along right side of fairway for 2025.
- Also plays subtly uphill, so generally plays further than expected.
- One of 5 holes with par relief for Group 2 (Blue).





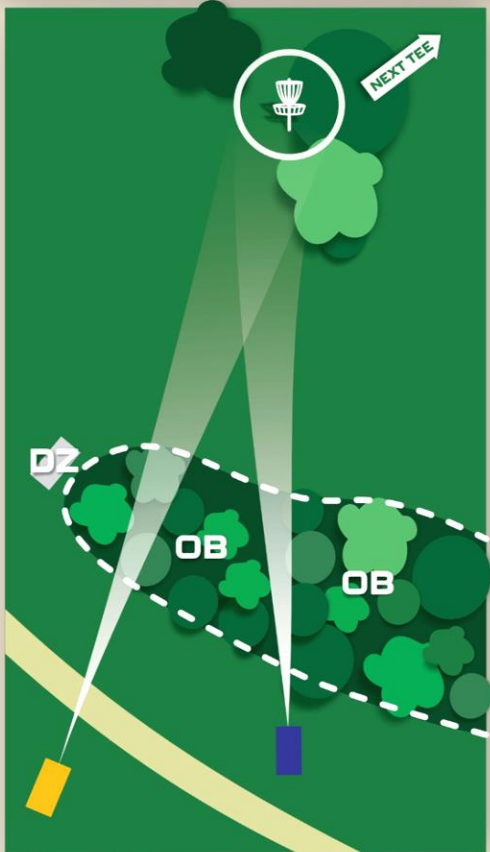
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**GROUP 1**  
PAR 3  
118m



**GROUP 2**  
PAR 3  
102m



**GROUP 1:**

- PLAY FROM THE LONG TEE.

**GROUP 2:**

- PLAY FROM THE SHORT TEE.

OB GULLY.  
PLAY FROM DZ IF  
OB, ADD PENALTY.



- Separate tee-pads both play across native bush gully from slightly different angles.
- Plays uphill to a significantly sloped basket area that regularly sees roll-away action.
- Group 1 (Gold): please ensure you give way to the public using pathway down to the river.
- Any OB plays next shot from the dropzone (with one shot penalty).



The preferable miss on this hole is short and left.







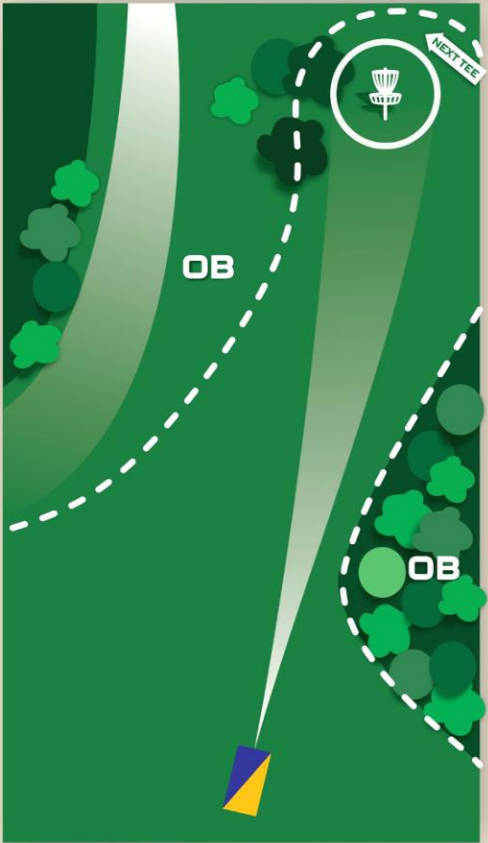
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GROUP 1  
PAR 3  
128m



GROUP 2  
PAR 4  
128m



**BOTH GROUPS**

- PLAY FROM THE SAME TEE TO THE RAISED BASKET.
- OB LEFT, RIGHT AND LONG.



- This hole needed a decent tweak this year, and has seen the basket location moved back 30m.
- The hole plays slightly uphill.
- A notable feature for both groups is the significantly raised basket.
- No island in play this year for either group.
- Par relief for Blue.



Running putts at this raised basket in windy conditions can lead to large scores.



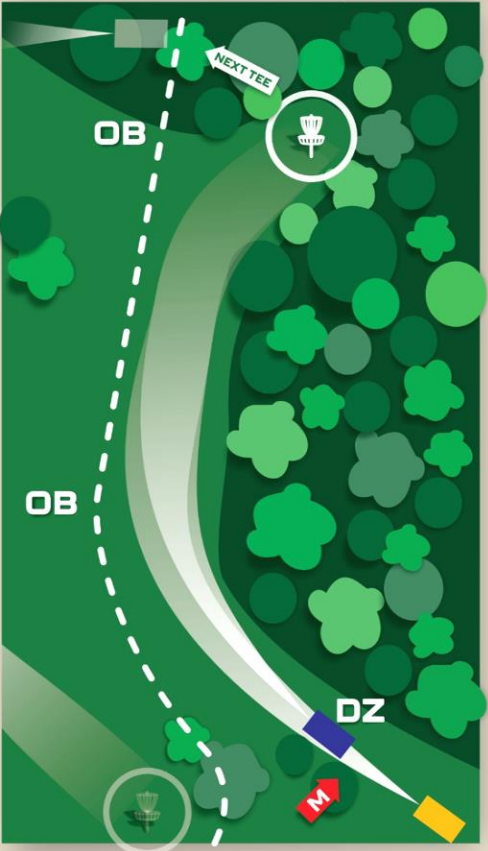
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GROUP 1  
PAR 4  
205m



GROUP 2  
PAR 4  
161m



**GROUP 1:**

- PLAY FROM THE LONG TEE.
- PLAY TO RIGHT OF MANDO (DZ BLUE TEE).

**GROUP 2:**

- PLAY FROM THE SHORTER TEE.

OB LEFT SIDE ALONG FAIRWAY. FOLLOW DIRECTION FROM SPOTTER.



- Group 1 (Gold) play from the longer tee-pad, with this shot proving to be one of the most demanding tee shots last year.
- Double dog leg from left to right. Lefty backhand or righty forehand dream!
- Ensure you have clearance from the spotter before you tee off.
- Basket is tucked into a recessed clearing (sloping away), with plenty of guardian shrubs.



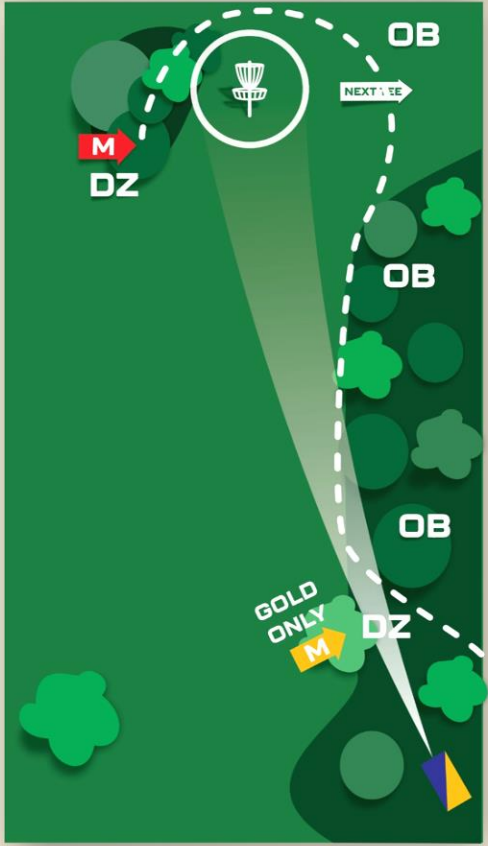
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GROUP 1  
PAR 3  
120m



GROUP 2  
PAR 3  
120m



**GROUP 1:**

- 2 MANDO'S IN PLAY. PLAY TO RIGHT SIDE OF BOTH.

**GROUP 2:**

- ONLY FAR MANDO IN PLAY. PLAY TO RIGHT SIDE.

OB LONG AND RIGHT.



- This is a challenging downhill Par 3, from a brand new, recently opened tee-pad. #sickline
- An early mando for Gold requires a downhill, low ceiling, tight line over OB.
- Out of bounds comes up quickly right and long as the terrain slopes in that direction.
- Note: This target is in a slightly different position to the permanent course layout.



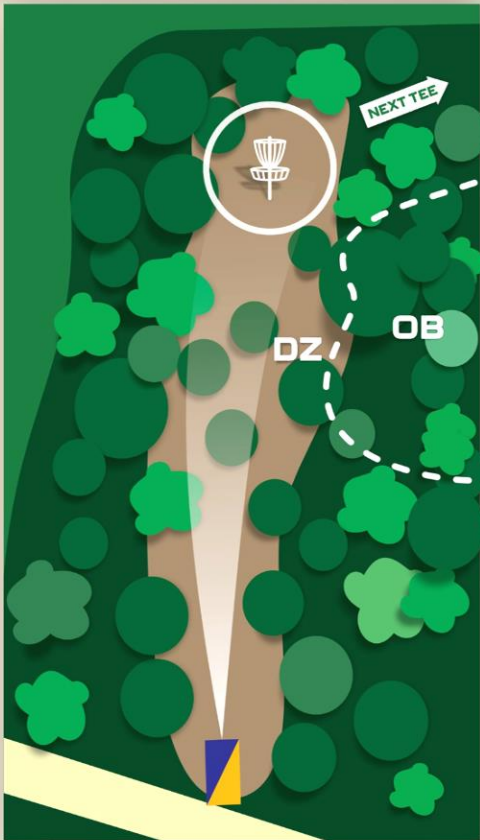
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GROUP 1  
PAR 3  
58m



GROUP 2  
PAR 3  
58m



**BOTH GROUPS**

- PLAY FROM THE SAME TEE.
- OB GULLY ON RIGHT.
- IF OB PLAY NEXT SHOT FROM DZ, ADDING 1 PENALTY.

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- The newest hole of Spa's permanent course may be short but with its basket perched high on a hill and considerable pines to thread through, should not be taken easily.
- Less OB in the main fairway this year should mean fewer 'double punishments'.
- Note: Tree damage from a previous cyclone has made the OB area hazardous. Please be particularly careful if retrieving discs there.



A lowish shot to the base of the retaining wall, to minimise potential deflections, has proven to be a good formula for birdie.





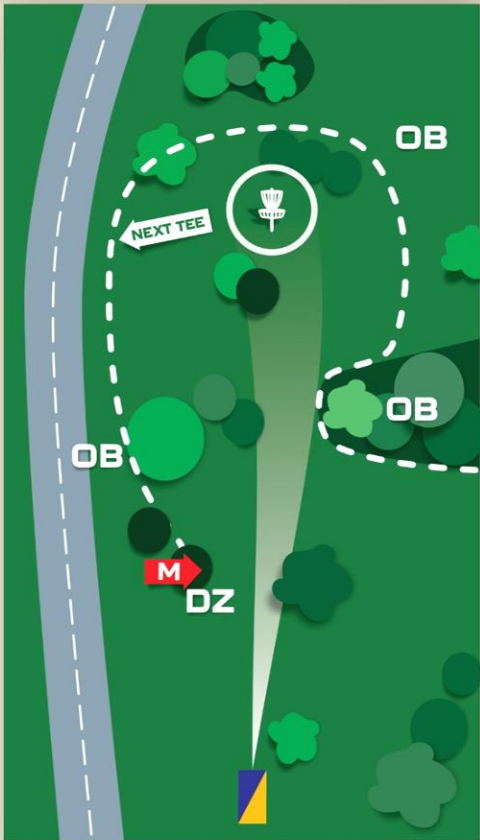
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**12**

GROUP 1  
PAR 3  
102m



GROUP 2  
PAR 3  
102m



**BOTH GROUPS**

- PLAY FROM THE SAME TEE.
- PLAY RIGHT OF MANDO.
- OB BOTH LEFT, LONG AND RIGHT.



- One of Spa's best holes, it has so much going on!
- The tee shot is really demanding, with multiple OBs, a mando, a semi low ceiling and trees galore.



The main right-side line is most popular, but the dreaded 90 degree kick OB from a slightly offline drive is a real possibility here.



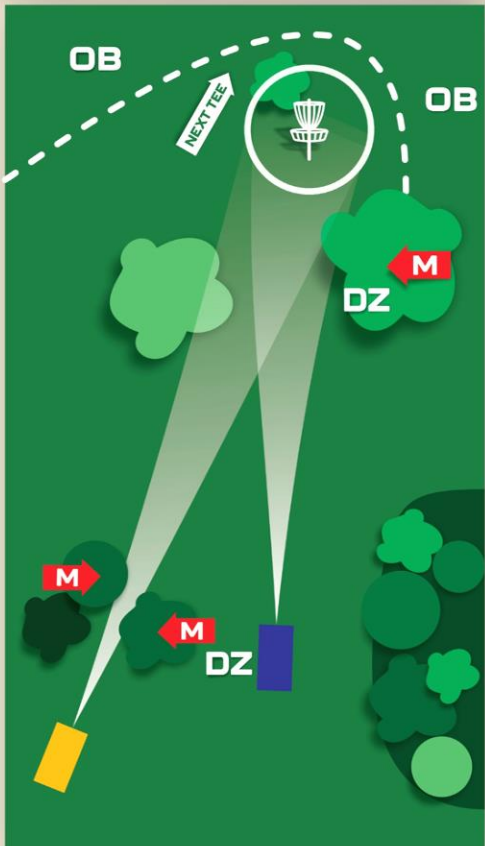
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**13**

**GROUP 1**  
PAR 3  
111m



**GROUP 2**  
PAR 3  
85m



- GROUP 1:**
- PLAY FROM THE LONG TEE.
  - DOUBLE MANDO (IF MISSED PLAY NEXT SHOT FROM BLUE TEE).

- GROUP 2:**
- PLAY FROM THE SHORTER TEE.

BOTH GROUPS PLAY TO LEFT SIDE OF MANDO.



- A new raised tee platform this year creates a fantastic new line for the Gold layout players.
- A very gettable Par 3 for Blue, definitely one of the easiest birdies on the course.
- Distance control is important here with OB close to the basket.
- Please watch out and give way to dog walkers as this is their usual starting spot.



A mando miss or going long is probably the most trouble that you can get into here.



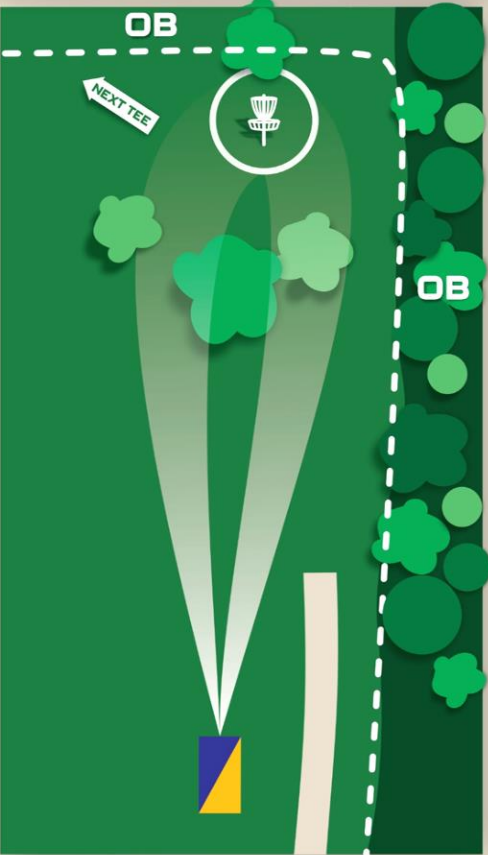
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**14**

GROUP 1  
PAR 3  
132m



GROUP 2  
PAR 4  
132m



**BOTH GROUPS**

- PLAY FROM THE SAME TEE.
- OB LONG OF THE BASKET AND RIGHT SIDE MARKED BY WHITE PEGS.
- NO MANDO.



- Elevated tee down to a wide-open fairway. Again this year there is no mando for this hole, as the tee-pad adjacent to the basket is not in use. Dual lines are therefore possible into the target.
- The basket is tucked behind trees on a small ridge.
- OB long and right (to protect wooded hole 17).
- This is the final hole to offer par relief to Group 2 (Blue).



Roll-aways can come into play here when putting.



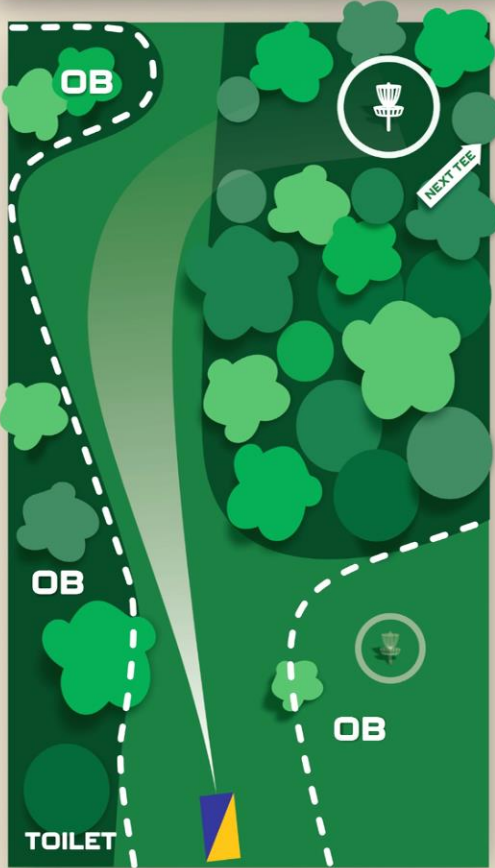
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**15**

GROUP 1  
PAR 4  
161m



GROUP 2  
PAR 4  
161m



**BOTH GROUPS**

- PLAY FROM THE SAME TEE.
- OB ALONG LEFT SIDE AND EARLY RIGHT MARKED BY WHITE PEGS.
- TAKE CARE - STEEP CLIFF LEFT SIDE.



- One of the tougher tee shots on the course with a miss on either side usually costing a stroke.
- OB all along the left side, with hazardous cliff not far into trees. (Please be really careful in this area).
- The basket is slightly elevated on a fallen tree trunk.
- This hole crosses a bike path so please give way to cyclists and follow direction from the marshals.



Prioritise accuracy over distance off the tee. An accurate drive is required, ideally placed close to left OB (to open up angle for a sharp left to right second, as the hole doglegs into the forest).





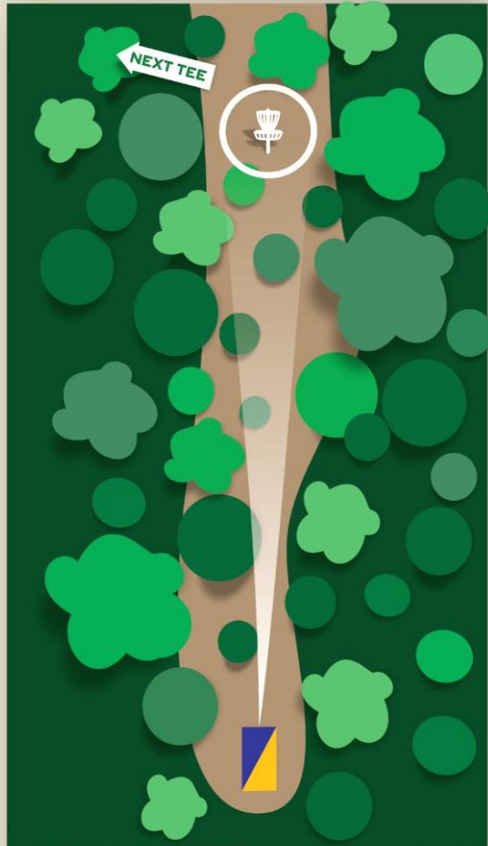
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**16**

GROUP 1  
PAR 3  
97m



GROUP 2  
PAR 3  
97m



**BOTH GROUPS**

- PLAY FROM THE SAME TEE.
- NO OB OR MANDOS.



- Spa's infamous 16th hole has brought many great players to their knees, traditionally being the course's '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 straying from the more open central corridor, is possibly a good option. Good luck!



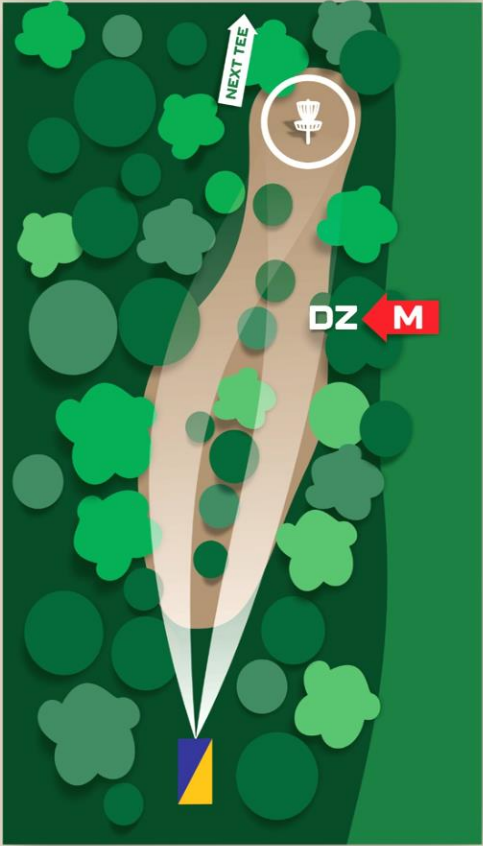
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GROUP 1  
PAR 3  
93m



GROUP 2  
PAR 3  
93m



**BOTH GROUPS**

- PLAY FROM THE SAME TEE.
- SPLIT FAIRWAY - CHOOSE YOUR PATH.
- PLAY LEFT OF MANDO (70M FROM TEE).
- NO OB IN PLAY.



- Another heavily wooded Par 3 to test your nerves on the home stretch, which also plays as one of Spa's most difficult.
- A split fairway from the tee allows for two main strategies (left or right).
- The hole plays slightly downhill.
- Beware of tomos (pits) if retrieving discs from the left bush.



The left side, while initially wider gets thicker 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).





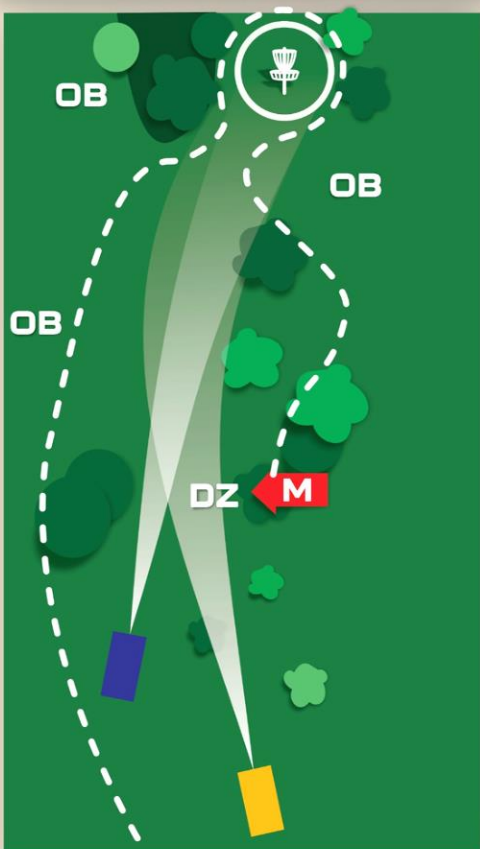
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**18**

GROUP 1  
PAR 4  
190m



GROUP 2  
PAR 4  
162m



**GROUP 1:**

- PLAY FROM THE LONG TEE.

**GROUP 2:**

- PLAY FROM THE SHORT TEE.

BOTH GROUPS PLAY LEFT OF MANDO.  
OB LEFT, LONG AND RIGHT.



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- The final hole sees each group play from different tee-pads.
- Additional and tighter OB this year will demand focus down the stretch.
- A blind, slightly uphill tee shot for Group 1 (Gold), with some small early trees to navigate.
- Group 2 (Blue) has a more elevated and open start to the hole.
- After being kept left by the mando, upshots into the basket will be tested by some aggressively tight OB.



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