



## **Aim/Objective**

- To provide a format for Tasmania's best golfers to compete in a structured, exciting and meaningful seasonal competition
- To provide an opportunity for all clubs to showcase their course and increase participation and membership
- To create a selection criterion for the Thyne Trophy
- Provide further opportunities for Southern Tasmania's best golfers to compete for other opportunities (reliant on sponsorship)

## **Overview:**

GST Open Series is designed to be an order of merit competition that will lead to the selection criteria for the GST Thyne Trophy Team. The series starts with the first event after the preceding Thyne Trophy and finishes with the final event before the Thyne Trophy. The 25/26 season will start with the Royal Hobart Cup and finish with the Southern Open.

The Top 5 Players from GST clubs on the Open Series Leaderboard after the final event will gain automatic selection into the Thyne Trophy Team with the remaining three picks up to manager/captain/selection committee.

## **Proposed Events to be included in GST Open Series**

Royal Hobart Cup (36)

Brett Johns Memorial (18)

KBGC Summer Cup (36)

Huon Valley Open (36)

Lindisfarne Cup (36)

Claremont Event(18) tbc

Southern Open (36)

\*These are all GST clubs.

## **Format**

- Twelve (12) designated rounds across Seven (7) events will be used for selection purposes.
- These consist of five (5) 36 hole events as follows; Southern Open, KBGC Summer Cup, Lindisfarne Cup, Royal Hobart Cup, Huon Valley Cup and two (2) 18 hole events as follows: Brett Johns Memorial, and Claremont event (tbc)
- To be considered for automatic selection, players must play a minimum of seven (7) rounds.
- Points will be awarded for each round equally as per the table below. At the end of the season, the players highest seven (7) point scoring rounds will count.

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- In the event of a tie (excluding a playoff to decide the winner of the event), the points for the corresponding positions will be amalgamated and then distributed to said players equally. For example, if there are three (3) players tied for 4th, the associated points for 4th, 5th and 6th will be added together and then divided by three (3). If the number of calculated points is not a whole number, they will be rounded up to the next whole number i.e.;  $76+62+50 = 188 \div 3 = 62.66 = 63$  points distributed to said players.
- A bonus of 80 points will be awarded to the outright winner of each of the six (6) 36 hole events. This will be added to the players points total regardless of how many of the rounds played in this 36-hole event count towards the best 7 round total. In the event that joint winners are announced, bonus points will be divided amongst the joint winners. This is denoted on the Leaderboard with \* in the TOTAL POINTS column.
- At the end of the season, the leading five (5) available players will be automatically selected for the Thyne Trophy Team, consisting of eight (8) players. The GST Board has the right to over-rule the automatic selection of a player pending suitability, behaviour or any other reasons that they deem unacceptable for selection. In the event of a tie for 5th place, the selectors will have discretion as to automatic selection. Any remaining positions will be selected at the discretion of the selectors. In making their decision, they will consider including, but not limited to and in no particular order; event wins, top 5 results, other state and interstate results, participation, pennant results and player conduct.

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
<b>1</b>	140	<b>10</b>	30	<b>19</b>	12
<b>2</b>	80	<b>11</b>	26	<b>20</b>	11
<b>3</b>	70	<b>12</b>	24	<b>21</b>	10
<b>4</b>	65	<b>13</b>	22	<b>22</b>	9
<b>5</b>	60	<b>14</b>	20	<b>23</b>	8
<b>6</b>	55	<b>15</b>	18	<b>24</b>	7
<b>7</b>	45	<b>16</b>	16	<b>25</b>	6
<b>8</b>	40	<b>17</b>	14		
<b>9</b>	35	<b>18</b>	13		

**Bonus points for 36-hole event win – 80 points**