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Woods to Play New Zealand Next Year

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WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Tiger Woods will play in New Zealand next year, yet another stop in his globe-trotting.

He has agreed to compete in the New Zealand Open at Paraparaumu Beach, outside Wellington, on Jan. 10-13.

"We now have a contract with Tiger and it is nice to get the paperwork out of the way," FR Partners managing director Bill Birnie said Friday.

The tournament comes the week after the PGA Tour's season-opening Mercedes Championship in Hawaii.

This will be the 13th country in which Woods has played official tournaments since turning pro five years ago.

The other countries are: the United States, Canada, England, Scotland, Germany, Spain, Australia, South Africa, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia and Argentina. He also played in Ireland last year in an exhibition.

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