

# TERMS OF COMPETITION

## 1. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

- 1.1. The event is scheduled to be played over 9 holes modified stroke play.
- 1.2. Entries will be accepted on an as received basis until the field capacity is reached.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Eligible players are male & female amateurs who are aged under 16 as at the date of competing in their first Rookie Series event for the year.
- 2.2. Players must comply with any COVID-19 vaccination policy in place at the time of the competition. The vaccination policy can be found [here](#). **Note:** requirements may change on short notice.

## 3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$30 (inc. GST). Entry fee must be paid at the time of entry.
- 3.2. The Tournament Committee shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
- 3.3. Entries shall only be made online at [www.golf.org.au](http://www.golf.org.au).
- 3.4. The draw for the competition will be sent to players and available at [www.golf.org.au](http://www.golf.org.au) approximately five days before the event.

## 4. TROPHIES

- 4.1. Players will compete in one of the following divisions:
  - Under 9, 12 or 16 boys
  - Under 9, 12 or 16 girls(Note: Players will compete in the category relative to their age as of each event date, not as of the first event of the year. In the final, players will compete in the age category they first qualified in)
- 4.2. The gross and net winner for each division will receive a trophy. Note: Players need to return one score in a Golf Australia Rookie Series events to be eligible to have a handicap and compete for the net sections of events.
- 4.3. In case of a tie the Golf Australia count back method will be used to separate all trophies.
- 4.4. No player may win more than one trophy in their age group.
- 4.5. A minimum of 4 entries is required to constitute an age division. If insufficient entries are received players will move up to and compete in the next age division and/or for overall prizes.

## 5. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The Championship Committee shall consist of representatives of host clubs and Golf Australia. In the absence of the full Championship Committee, present members of the committee at any time may give a decision and any decision shall be deemed the decision of the full Championship Committee. The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event. In the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, the Championship Committee may shorten the competition, appoint another day or days for completion of, or may transfer play to another course. The decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Tournament.

## 6. RULES

- 6.1. Competition shall be played in accordance with the Royal and Ancient Rules of Golf, specific event rules and local rules
- 6.2. Once a player has enough strokes to be three over the par on any hole, the ball must be lifted with a three over the par placed against the relevant hole on the scorecard. No further strokes are permitted on the hole.
- 6.3. If a ball is lost during play, a player must drop another ball at the point of entry to where the ball was lost under penalty of one shot.
- 6.4. A failed attempt of making contact with the ball, commonly referred to as an 'air swing' **must** be counted as a stroke.
- 6.5. The winner of each division at each Rookie Series event will qualify for a place in the final. If a player has already qualified for the final, that place will be allocated to the runner up (only) in that division not already a qualifier.

## 7. OTHER

Each group should be accompanied by an adult during the event whose responsibilities include safety and scoring where necessary.

## 8. REFUND POLICY

Any entrant may withdraw and have their entry fee refunded providing notification is received within **three working days** prior to the commencement of the event. Under no circumstances will entry fees be refunded after this date unless players can provide Golf Australia supporting documents regarding their withdrawal from the event (ie. Medical Certificate). In the case of an event not being completed (for example due to weather delays) refunds will not be provided.

## 9. SUSPENSION OF PLAY (RULE 5.7)

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

- Immediate stop for imminent danger – one prolonged note of a siren
- Stop for a non-dangerous situation – three consecutive notes of a siren
- Resumption of play – two consecutive notes of a siren
- Note: When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

## 10. DATABASE OF COMPETITOR'S DETAILS

The personal data contained in this entry is permanently retained by Golf Australia. This data may be utilised by Golf Australia or its sponsors for the distribution of correspondence, in both electronic and hard copy means. From time-to-time players may be sent entry forms, event literature, the Golf Australia newsletter, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of Golf Australia events, or information about events conducted by Golf Australia-approved bodies. Upon receipt by Golf Australia of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.