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**GolfAustralia**

THE INAUGURAL

**2007 MFS AUSTRALIAN MEN'S  
MID AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

*to be played at*

The National Golf Club – Ocean Course  
Mornington Peninsula, Victoria

A National Championship conducted by

GOLF AUSTRALIA

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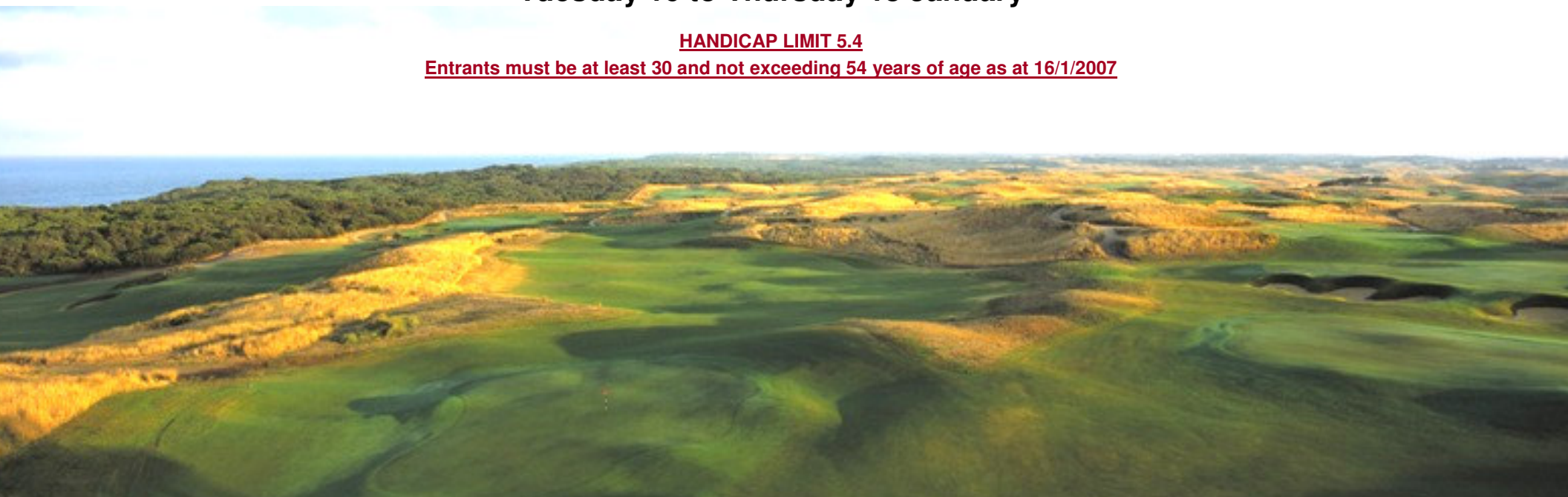
**Tuesday 16 to Thursday 18 January**

**HANDICAP LIMIT 5.4**

**Entrants must be at least 30 and not exceeding 54 years of age as at 16/1/2007**



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## **Golf Australia – Event Conditions**

### **2007 MFS Australian Men's Mid Amateur Golf Championship**

#### **1. Championship Procedure**

- 1.1 The Championship shall be played over 54 holes of stroke play at The National Golf Club, Cape Schank.  
Round 1 – Tuesday 16 January  
Round 2 – Wednesday 17 January  
Round 3 – Thursday 18 January
- 1.2 After 36 holes, 70 players plus ties shall proceed.
- 1.3 The winner shall be the *Australian Men's Mid Amateur Champion* and shall receive the Championship Gold Medal and trophy. The runner-up shall receive a silver medallion. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place getter shall receive a bronze medallion.
- 1.4 In the event of a tie for the championship, unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise, players in such a tie shall continue over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.

#### **2. Championship Committee**

- 2.1 The Championship Committee shall comprise two members appointed by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, Championships Manager and Rules & Handicapping Manager of Golf Australia, together with one member each from the Victorian Golf Association and The National Golf Club.
- 2.2 In the absence of a full Championship Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision, and any decision so given shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Committee.
- 2.3 The Championship Committee shall have the sole management and control of the Championship, with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the conditions.
- 2.4 The Championship Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship shall be final.
- 2.5 The decision of the Championship Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry shall be final.

#### **3. Rules of Play**

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, shall apply together with Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Committee.

#### **4. Entries**

- 4.1 Eligible players are male amateurs who have reached their 30<sup>th</sup>, yet not reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday by 16 January 2007 and; whose Australian Handicap (or overseas equivalent) does not exceed 5.4 strokes at the time of entry or who are an exempt player as detailed in Condition 5.
- 4.2 Entrance Fee \$150.00 (includes GST).
- 4.3 Entries shall only be made on the Entry Form issued by Golf Australia, or a facsimile copy thereof. Entry by emails are accepted providing it is a scanned image of the official entry form.
- 4.4 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, and shall sign a declaration to that effect in the Entry Form.
- 4.5 Entries shall be subject to approval from the committee of the entrant's Home Club.

- 4.6 In the event of entry applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (156), applications from those higher handicap competitors not exempt from a handicap ballot as detailed in Condition 5 shall be decided by a handicap ballot. The exact handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes. Unsuccessful applicants shall be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Monies received from balloted entrants, who do not subsequently compete, will be refunded in entirety.
- 4.7 Fully completed Entry Forms, together with appropriate Entrance Fees, must be forwarded by Golf Australia **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT HIMSELF TO ENSURE THAT HIS ENTRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED.** A player's entry form has not officially been received until his name has been posted at [www.golfaustralia.org.au](http://www.golfaustralia.org.au).
- 4.8 Acceptable payment methods are only as follows – credit card (Visa, MasterCard or Bank Card only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash (please note though that Golf Australia will NOT accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received). Cheques or money orders are to be made payable to *Golf Australia*.
- 4.9 Only entry forms accompanied by credit card payment will be accepted by facsimile or email. Entry forms accompanied by other acceptable payment methods must be submitted by post or in person. Entries will not be accepted by telephone. Entry forms will not be accepted unless they are fully completed.
- 4.10 Monies received will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries, except for those entrants who may be balloted out and who do not subsequently compete.
- 4.11 Entry Forms must be accompanied either by; a copy of the entrant's current handicap record for the past six months (officially endorsed by his Home Club), or by the entrant's GOLF Link number.

#### **5. Exemptions**

- 5.1 2006 State Men's Mid Amateur Champions
- 5.3 2006 International Men's Mid Amateur Champions
- 5.4 Former Australian Men's representatives (must satisfy tournament entry conditions)
- 5.5 Former Australian Men's Amateur Champions (must satisfy tournament entry conditions)
5. The National GC Club Champion (must satisfy tournament entry conditions)
5. Entrants exempt by Golf Australia

#### **6. Television and Media**

All rights for televising live, television recordings or for any visual or electronic reproduction of the Championship are reserved only to Golf Australia and may only be made under licence.

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## 7. Starting Times & Golf Balls

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls (see page 134) and Time of Starting (see pages 135 & 136).

## 8. Driving Clubs

The driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by R&A Rules Limited. Note: Any individual driver on the List, if tested on pendulum apparatus approved by R&A Rules Limited, must not have a characteristic time greater than 257 microseconds. (The list may be viewed at [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org).)

Penalty: Disqualification

## 9. Practice

Monday 15 January, 2007 – Times to be confirmed.

## 10. Motorised Transport

During play, it is prohibited for a player to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless specific written permission has been granted by the Championship Committee.

Penalty: 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes.

Procedure when breach discovered: Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

## 11. Registration

Competitors shall register between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm at The National Golf Club on Monday 15 January. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship.

## 12. Drug Testing

All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy, or refusing to take a test, shall be disqualified and subject to any sanction(s) brought down by ASADA. A list of prohibited substances will be available at registration. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via the ASADA hotline – 1800 020 506, or from [www.asada.gov.au](http://www.asada.gov.au).

## 13. Dress Regulations, Smoking and Mobile Phones

13.1 The National Golf Club has strict regulations which apply to the golf course, Clubhouse and driving range, which will be enforced.

13.2 The following dress is acceptable. Tailored shorts above the knee, collared or accepted golf shirt and soft spikes only, which are allowed on course, practice areas and clubhouse. Socks must be visible plain white or with The National GC logo, any other club logo or Golf Association, and shirts tucked in.

13.3 The following dress is unacceptable. Sporting shorts, large motifs and advertising, all denim, three quarter or cargo pants, tracksuit tops and pants, running shoes, thongs, sandals, bare feet.

13.4 Smoking is not permitted in the Clubhouse or on course and mobile phone use is only permitted outside the Clubhouse on the Old Course side, in the car park and locker rooms.

13.5 All queries regarding dress, smoking and mobiles should be directed to The National GC.

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## 14. Database of Competitors' Details

14.1 The data contained on an entry form submitted by an entrant for a Golf Australia event is permanently retained by Golf Australia within its database of competitors' details.

14.2 This database is operated to assist with the management of current and future Golf Australia events. From time to time Golf Australia may also allow a sponsor/s to utilise the information contained in this database for its/their own purposes.

14.3 From time to time players may be sent entry forms or event literature for either Golf Australia events, or events conducted by Golf Australia-approved bodies, and accompanying material.

14.4 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.

## 15. Code of Conduct

All entrants assent to be bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

### WHAT YOUR ENTRY FEE GIVES YOU

- Entry into the Tournament (Minimum practice round and 2 rounds)
- Opening Cocktail Night at The National GC – Monday 15 January
- Presentation Function at The National GC – Thursday 18 January
- Souvenir Registration Pack
- Use of pull buggy and practice facilities

Has your entry been received? All entries once received are posted on the Golf Australia website.

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