



Final Qualifying INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

The list of players and their allocated course will be available by 5.00 pm on Monday 23 November. The draw for all three courses will be available by 5.00 pm on Thursday 26 November.

Qualification for Championship Proper

Approximately 8 positions in the field for the Championships Proper will be available to competitors in Final Qualifying. **NB approximately 2-3 positions will be available in each Final Qualifying competition.** Confirmation of the exact numbers available at each course will be made on the day.

In a Final Qualifying competition, should there be a tie for the last available position(s) (or for alternate positions), such that the position(s) remains undecided, those competitors in such a tie SHALL CONTINUE IN A SUDDEN-DEATH, HOLE-BY-HOLE PLAY-OFF, which will be conducted immediately upon the conclusion of the scheduled event.

Alternates from Qualifying will be used only for the purposes of filling Qualifying positions which become vacant. All other Championship alternates will be taken directly from the relevant eligibility category vacated.

Championship Proper and Registration

The Championship Proper will be played at New South Wales Golf Club, Sydney from 3 to 6 December. Successful Final Qualifying competitors must ensure they register at New South Wales Golf Club either between 2.00 pm and 6.00 pm on Monday 30 November, or between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm on Tuesday 1 December.

Practice

All competitors are entitled to one free practice round, from daily tee markers only – one ball only – competitors only. In order to play a practice round, competitors are asked to book a time.

- Liverpool GC: 02 9727 2422; practice from 3.00 pm on Sunday 29 November
- Terrey Hills GCC: 02 9486 4115; practice from 2.00 pm on Sunday 29 November
- New Brighton GC: 02 9602 7547; practice anytime on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, or after 1.00 pm on Thursday, or after 3.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Dress

During both practice and competition, competitors and their caddies must ensure a standard of dress in keeping with national championships. Jeans, t-shirts, and garments with excessive advertising are not permitted on the courses or in the clubhouses. Shirts must be tucked in; golf shoes must be worn. In addition, competitors must ensure that they and their caddies adhere to the host club's dress regulations.

Yardage Books

Yardage Books will be available to purchase at Terrey Hills G&CC and Liverpool GC at Registration. Dots at certain positions will be painted on the fairways at New Brighton GC.

Driving Clubs – Characteristic Time Limitation

Driving Clubs: Any 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 the R&A. Exception: A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition. (The list may be viewed via www.golfaustralia.org.au.)

*PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Two strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. *Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to their marker or fellow competitor immediately upon discovery a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified. PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

Balls with Identical Markings to be Used

Throughout a stipulated round, the balls a competitor uses must be of the same brand and type as detailed by a single entry in the current list of Conforming Golf Balls.

The current list of Conforming Golf Balls can be found on the Golf Australia website (see Rules & Handicapping).

Practice Putting

Practice putting and chipping on the green of the hole last played is prohibited in Final Qualifying and the Championship Proper.

Amateur Status

Amateur competitors should note that they will not be permitted to change the status of their entry from amateur to professional after Friday 27 November.

Further Conditions

For further conditions please consult the championship entry form.

Withdrawals

Any competitor wishing to withdraw prior to 5.00 pm on Friday 27 November must e-mail championships@golfaustralia.org.au. For withdrawals after that time, please phone Golf Australia on 0414 696 810 or 0410 131 565