

About Golf SA

Golf South Australia Incorporated (Golf SA) is the State Sporting Organisation (SSO) that represents the sport of amateur golf in South Australia.

Golf SA represents the golf clubs within South Australia and all amateur golfers who are members of those clubs. It is an affiliate of Golf Australia the National Sporting Organisation (NSO) for the sport.

The primary objective of Golf SA is to promote, encourage and advance the game of golf.

Charter

The Golf SA Charter includes the following:

- To act as the peak and controlling body for the advancement, conduct, promotion, management, encouragement and administration of amateur golf, in any form, throughout South Australia for all categories of membership.
- To affiliate and otherwise liaise with Golf Australia and with other international entities responsible for the conduct, promotion and development of Golf and whose objects are consistent with the objects of the Association.
- To adopt and apply an Australian course rating system and an Australian handicapping system based on the course rating system formulated and published by Golf Australia from time to time.
- To promote, organise, regulate and manage Golf tournaments, competitions, displays, events and other related activities in South Australia and (where legally permissible) elsewhere.
- To co-operate and collaborate with Golf Australia (and with other Australian and international entities responsible for the conduct, promotion and development of Golf) in the conduct of research and development for improvement in Golf equipment and in Golf generally

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A guide to
Golf South Australia
programs and services

Frequently Asked Questions

What Affiliation Fees do club golfers pay?

Affiliation fees are collected annually from each affiliated club and Golf SA provides member services to the club and its members. For equity, the amount collected from each club is based on the clubs membership size and equates to its share of the total running costs of the organisation.

What does Golf SA do for golfers in return for affiliation fees?

Golf SA works with the key objective of promoting and encouraging the playing and enjoyment of golf. For club golfers, affiliation fees paid to Golf SA means access to a wide range of services including the provision of an Australian Golf Handicap, eligibility to enter State Championship events and participate in talent development programs and coverage for personal and public liability insurances both at your home club and throughout Australia. In addition your club has access to numerous support services such as rules and handicapping, competition management and water and industry research.

Why does Golf SA need to collect affiliation fees?

Golf SA needs income in order to function as the parent body for golf in South Australia. Clubs and club members should understand that their affiliation fee contribution represents an investment in the future of the game.

For more information on Golf SA programs and services, visit the Golf SA website at

www.golfsa.com.au

What Golf SA does for clubs

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The organisation's role is to coordinate, communicate and advise rather than control the activities of affiliated clubs and District Golf Associations. Golf SA monitors a range of social, economic, environmental and political forces and issues that exist in our society, and acts to ensure that a favourable climate for golfers and golf clubs is maintained.

The following list provides a summary of just some of the benefits that affiliated clubs and courses obtain from Golf SA.

- Australian Golf Handicap for members
- Australian Course Rating Golf Services
- Junior Development
- Golf Competitions
- Industrial Relations, Legal and Other Services for Clubs
- Water Management and Advisory Services
- Communications
- Insurances
- Access to Government grants

What Golf SA does for golfers

For club golfers, paying Golf SA affiliation fees means you have access to the following services:

- You have an official Australian Golf Handicap and are accepted into competitions inside and outside of your own club and worldwide.
- You are eligible to enter the numerous open events and State Championships conducted each year by Golf SA and other competitions sponsored or supported by Golf SA
- You are eligible to participate in the wide range of coaching, clinics, talent development programs, squads, teams and special events conducted by the organisation.
- Your club has the protection and opportunities, which flow from being part of a major Association that is well respected by government, media and business sectors.
- Your club has access to the legal, advisory and representation services provided by the organisation on a range of matters, which affect club financial security, environmental and statutory compliance, strategic planning, promotion and other issues.
- You and your club has access to the golf services and resource materials provided by Golf SA for rules of golf training and accreditation, course rating, handicapping, amateur status, competition conditions, junior development, adjudication and dispute resolution.
- You and your club are kept informed with news and information via the organisation's website, and a range of newsletters, circulars and other distributions
- Your club has access to support services such as turf research, industry research, forums, conferences and communications.