



GolfAustralia

National Junior Programs & Participation



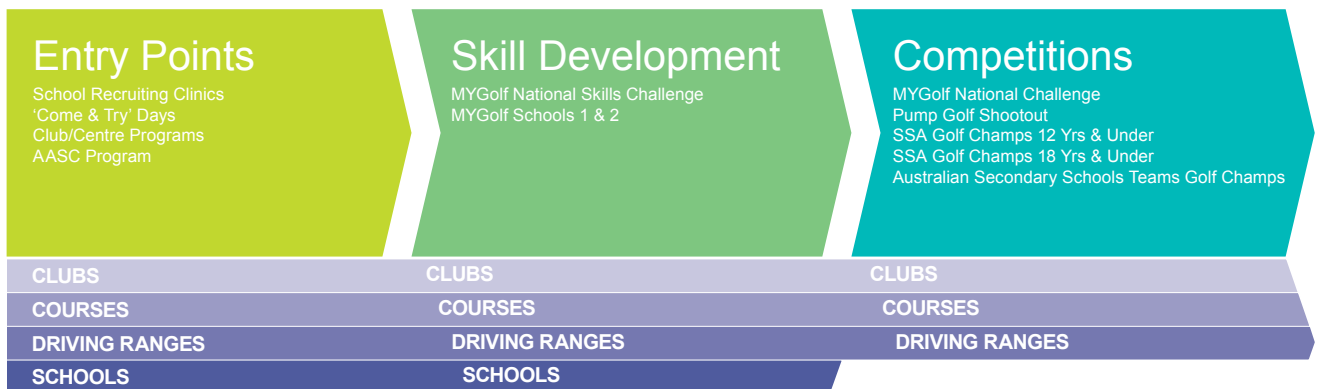
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The following section provides information on the various National Junior Programs and participation opportunities. Clubs are encouraged to consider and utilise these programs within their junior activities:

- MYGolf National Skills Challenge & Awards Program
- MYGolf National Challenge
- MYGolf Schools 1 & 2
- MYGolf Active After-school Communities Program
- School Sport Australia Golf Championship 12 Years and Under
- School Sport Australia Golf Championship 18 Years and Under
- Australian Secondary Schools Teams Golf Championship
- Pump Golf Shootout

Details of each of the above are included in this section.

The relationship between these programs is shown below:



Player Development Pathway

Each State Association has a well developed talent identification and development pathway, to assist golfers who wish to develop their game to their fullest potential. Many clubs devote considerable resources to player development, and encourage individual golfers to play in open tournaments, inter-club competitions, State-level coaching camps, and State and National tournaments.

The main components of the player development pathway are shown below:





MYGolf National Skills Challenge & Awards Program

Golf Australia in collaboration with all State Associations and Junior Foundations launched MYGolf, the National Skills Challenge & Awards Program in 2010.

The Skills Challenge provides a framework for assessing the progress of individual juniors as their skills develop. Targeting boys and girls aged 8 – 16 years, the program mantra is designed to develop the six key skills of the game:

- *Rip It* Long Shots
- *Roll It* Putting
- *Chip It* Chipping
- *Fly It* Pitching
- *Blast It* Bunker Shots
- *Bend It* Manoeuvring the Ball

These skills are tested across five graded levels in each of three main award categories i.e.

BRONZE, SILVER and GOLD

Enrolments into the program receive a range of benefits, including:

- Bag Tag
- Membership Card
- Skills Challenge Chart
- Prepare to Launch Booklet
- Posters
- Certificates
- Access to a Personal MYGolf Profile Page and Games, Videos and Junior Resources
- Personal Liability Insurance
- Opportunity to participate in Skills Challenge Competitions

Program Enrolment Cost

- \$33.00 (one-off)

Delivered By

- PGA Members, Community Golf Coaches, Development Officers, PGA Trainees, School Teachers, Club Volunteers, Parents

Where Conducted

- MYGolf Centres - Golf Clubs, Pay for Play Courses, Driving Ranges
The MYGolf National Skills Challenge & Awards Program can be incorporated into a Centre's junior program. The Centre determines the number of weeks of the program and the cost (in addition to the MYGolf National Skills Challenge one-off fee)

How to Become a MYGolf Registered Centre

Any golf club, pay for play course or driving range at no cost can become a registered centre by completing a registration form at www.golfaustralia.org.au/mygolf

How to Join

Visit www.golfaustralia.org.au/mygolf to find your nearest MYGolf centre or speak to your State Association, Junior Foundation, Golf Club/Course or Driving Range.



MYGolf National Challenge

Golf Australia is planning to introduce the MYGolf National Challenge in 2011.

This competition will be an extension of the MYGolf National Skills Challenge & Awards Program where girls and boys can enter a formal skills challenge competition which leads to a Regional, State and then National Final.

Further information will be made available through State Associations, Junior Foundations or the Golf Australia web site.





MYGolf Schools 1 & 2

MYGolf Schools 1 and 2 are programs designed for School Teachers, Development Officers, Community Coaches and PGA Members to deliver golf at schools or at a golf course.

The structured programs incorporate elements of the MYGolf National Skills Challenge and progressively develop the skills of the game through different activities and drills leading to a Skills Challenge and Competition on a modified golf course.

MYGolf Schools 1 is an introductory program.

MYGolf Schools 2 is more advanced program and empowers the students to participate in the running of the program. It also provides numeracy and literacy components.

Detailed manuals are available for both programs from State Associations or the Golf Australia web site:

MYGolf Schools 1: www.golfaustralia.org.au/mygolfschools1

MYGolf Schools 2: www.golfaustralia.org.au/mygolfschools2

Both programs provide students with the foundation and pathway to progress to:

- Participating in the National Primary Schools Golf Championship
- Enrolling in the MYGolf National Skills Challenge & Awards Program and enrolling in a Club/Centre Junior Program
- Participating in the MYGolf National Challenge
- Enrolling in the Pump Golf Shootout
- Participating in the National Secondary Schools Championship and the Secondary Schools Teams Championship



MYGolf Active After-School Community Program

The Active After-school Communities (AASC) Program is a free Australian Government initiative that provides primary school children with access to sport after school (3.00 pm – 5.30 pm).

The program is run nationally through an Australia-wide network of regional coordinators who train community coaches and forge links between children and clubs. The benefits to clubs include:

- Opportunity for clubs to link to primary schools
- Opportunity for clubs to apply for equipment grants
- Opportunity for club coaches to gain payment

More information is available at www.ausport.gov.au/aasc

The MYGolf Active After-School Communities (AASC) Program includes components of the MYGolf National Skills Challenge but in a simple and modified form that integrates with the requirements of the ASSC program.

The program is designed for School Teachers, Development Officers, Community Coaches, Students and PGA Members to deliver golf at school (or a golf course) as part of the AASC Program.

Refer to a **Sample 7-Week MYGolf AASC program** at the end of the Recruitment & Membership section.



School Sport Australia Golf Championship

12 Years and Under

This event has been conducted by School Sport Australia since 2002, and is open to boys and girls with a recognised golf handicap who are bona-fide school students, between the ages of 10 years and 12 years as at 31 December in the year of the competition.

Participating States:

NSW, QLD, SA, VIC

Format:

Qualifying

- Qualifying rounds are conducted in each state with a State Final to determine the State Team.
- The format of the qualifying rounds and State Final are determined by the State Association.

Team Size

- A team will consist of twelve (12) players, eight (8) boys and four (4) girls.
- Each State/Territory may enter a team with a minimum number of six (6) boys and three (3) girls.

National Championship Final

- 36 Holes Team (Boys & Girls) Gross Stroke Champions (Craig Parry Shield)
- 36 Holes Teams Nett Stroke Winner – Boys (Bowtell/Abbott Shield)
- 36 Holes Teams Nett Stroke Winner – Girls (Brenda Carnavas Shield)

Further information is available from State Associations, the Golf Australia web site, or the School Sport Australia web site: www.schoolsport.edu.au





School Sport Australia Golf Championship 18 Years and Under

This event has been conducted by School Sport Australia since 1977 and is open to boys and girls with a recognised golf handicap who are bona-fide secondary school students 19 years and under as at 31 December in the year of the competition.

Participating States:

ACT, NSW, NT, QLD, SA, VIC, WA

Format:

Qualifying

- Qualifying rounds are conducted in each state with a State Final to determine the State Team.
- The format of the qualifying rounds and State Final are determined by the State Association.

Team Size

- Separate Boys and Girls Teams will consist of six (6) players each.
- Each State/Territory may enter a team with a minimum number of four (4) boys and four (4) girls.

National Championship Final

- 36 Holes Team (Boys & Girls) Gross Stroke Champions
- Match Play Teams Champions – Boys
- Match Play Teams Champions – Girls
- 36 Holes Individual Gross Champion – Boys
- 36 Holes Individual Gross Champion – Girls
- 36 Holes Individual Nett Champion – Boys
- 36 Holes Individual Nett Champion – Girls

Further information is available from State Associations, the Golf Australia web site, or the School Sport Australia web site: www.schoolsport.edu.au





Australian Secondary School Teams Golf Championship

The Australian Secondary School Teams Golf Championship conducted by Golf Australia has been played since 1989. It is open to all secondary schools in Australia, with each team consisting of three team members - either boys, girls or mixed.

The first stage of the event consists of a State Level Final, with each winning State Team contesting the all expenses paid National Final, which is held in the week prior to the Men's Australian Open.

Eligibility

- Only bona fide secondary academic institutions within Australia that offer a general education curriculum, with entry qualifications not related to sporting achievement, will be eligible to compete
- Only full-time enrolled students during the year of the Championship may represent the school
- All competitors must be eligible to hold an Australian passport
- Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status in the R&A Rules of Golf
- Eligible players are female amateurs whose Australian Women's Handicap does not exceed 45.4 strokes and male amateurs whose Australian Men's Handicap does not exceed 36.4

Format

- Teams will comprise two or three competitors (there are no gender restrictions) from the same secondary school
- Teams will contest Stableford, with the two best 18-hole Stableford scores to count as the team score. The team with the highest aggregate total will be the winning team
- The Championship will be played in two separate sections:
 - The first section, known as the State Final, will be played over 18-holes Stableford, with the winning team determined by the highest aggregate of the two best scores from the round. Each State Association may conduct its State Final as it deems it appropriate
 - The second section, known as the National Final, will comprise the winning team from each of the six State Finals. The National Final will be played over 36-holes Stableford, with the winning team determined by the highest aggregate of the two best scores from each round

Further information is available from State Associations or the Golf Australia web site:

www.golfaustralia.org.au/secondaryschoolteamschampionship



Pump Golf Shootout

The PGA of Australia organises Pump Golf Shootouts as part of the Pump Golf program which complements the MYGolf National Skills Challenge & Awards Program.

Pump Golf Shootout - What is it?

The Pump Golf Shootout is a 9 Hole event for juniors aged up to 16 years of age. The aim of the Pump Golf Shootout is to give juniors a chance to win a trip of a lifetime to the Pump Golf Junior Festival. Each junior who wins either the scratch or net event at their local Shootout receives a trophy and is entered in the major prize draw to win the trip away.

How can I run a Pump Golf Shootout at my Golf Club?

To host a Pump Golf Shootout, nominate a date within the staging period (April – October), fill in the event registration form and fax it back to the PGA (see website address below). Following the event registration and prior to the event the PGA will send a staging kit which includes the following items:

- Participation gift for every junior
- Event posters to help promote the Shootout
- Winners Trophies (Scratch and Net)
- Operations Guide on how to best run the day
- Registration and Results Sheets and post event reconciliation forms

What is the Pump Golf Junior Festival?

Approximately 80 lucky juniors will be drawn from the national pool of scratch and net winners to win a place at the Festival. The Pump Golf Junior Festival is held on Queensland's Sunshine Coast and is run in conjunction with the Australian PGA Championship. At the Festival juniors can expect an action packed few days filled with plenty of golf, fun activities, coaching and development. It includes two competition rounds at Twin Waters Golf Club, the opportunity to meet tour players and also a visit to the Australian PGA Championship held at Hyatt Regency Coolum.

For more information contact the PGA Events Division on (03) 8320 1999 or visit www.pumpgolf.com

