



Australian Government
Australian Sports Commission

2011 AUSTRALIAN MEN'S MID AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

to be played at



The National Golf Club
Cape Schanck (Mornington Peninsula), Victoria

Entrants must be at least 30 years of age and not have reached their 55th birthday as at 7/11/2011

Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 November

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES – Monday 10 October 2011 at midnight

HANDICAP LIMIT - 5.4

FORMAT - 54 Holes Stroke Play (No Cut)

conducted by

GOLF AUSTRALIA

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ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:

- Championship Entry (plus Practice Round)
- Championship Presentation Function
- Championship Gift

CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

All players should check the Golf Australia website for important championship information.

www.golfaustralia.org.au

2011 Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship – ENTRY FORM

CHAMPIONSHIP FUNCTION

Presentation Function: Will be held at The National Golf Club following the completion of the final round of the championship. Drinks and finger food will be provided (*included in the player's entry fee*).

Please enter me in the *2011 Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship*. I am an amateur player in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited, and am eligible under the Conditions of the Championship.

THE ENTRANCE FEE (\$170.00) MUST BE ATTACHED

* A \$20.00 discount applies to international players and players who enter on-line

NAME	Surname		Preferred Given Name	
	ADDRESS			
				Postcode
Private Phone	(0)	Business Phone	(0)	
Mobile Phone			E-mail	
Home Club			GOLF Link No.	
Date of Birth		Age as at 7/11/2011	Australian Handicap (Exact)	

METHOD OF PAYMENT (tick selected option and complete credit card details if applicable)

(ACCEPTED CREDIT CARDS) Visa MasterCard CHEQUE MONEY ORDER CASH (Golf Australia Office Payments Only)

Amount \$ Expiry Date / / Card Number

Cardholder's Name Cardholder's Signature

NB In the event that this entry is physically received after the closing time for entries and that it is accepted, the entrant will be automatically liable to Golf Australia for the sum of the "late entry fee", which is \$40.00. Where the entrant nominates to pay the entry fee by credit card, by providing their credit card details, the card holder additionally authorises Golf Australia to debit the nominated account for the sum of the late entry fee (if applicable). Where payment is made by cheque, money order or cash, the entrant will be invoiced for the amount of the late entry fee and the entry will not be accepted until the full requisite payment has been received.

I confirm that the information supplied is correct, that I am eligible to enter under the Conditions of the Championship, and that I submit myself to be bound by these Conditions. I also confirm that I have read and understood Condition 5.9.

Signature of Competitor

*** NB – All players must supply either a six-month HANDICAP RECORD or a GOLF LINK NUMBER.**

Acknowledgement of Receipt

A list of all entries received by Golf Australia will be posted at www.golfaustralia.org.au. Please note that inclusion on this list is not an indication of inclusion in the Championship field. A player's entry form has not officially been received until their name appears on this list.



2011 Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship CONDITIONS

1. Championship Procedure

- 1.1 The Championship will be played over 54-holes of stroke play at The National Golf Club, Cape Schanck.
Round 1: Monday 7 November - Ocean Course
Round 2: Tuesday 8 November - Ocean Course
Round 3: Wednesday 9 November - Ocean Course
- 1.2 There is no cut – all players contest 54-holes.
- 1.3 The winner will be the *Australian Men's Mid Amateur Champion* and will receive the Championship Gold Medal and trophy. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The 3rd place getter will receive a bronze medallion.
- 1.4 In the event of a tie for the championship, unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise, players in such a tie will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee decides in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.

2. State Stroke Teams Event

- 2.1 Each state may nominate a team comprising a maximum of three players (two males and one female) who will meet eligibility conditions laid down by Golf Australia.
- 2.2 The winning team will be determined by the lowest aggregate of all three best scores from each round.
- 2.3 Disqualification of a team member under the Rules of Golf in any round will not be effective for any subsequent round of the Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise.
- 2.4 In the event of a tie, joint winners will be declared.
- 2.5 Members of the winning team will receive mementos.

3. Championship Play Committee

- 3.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise Golf Australia Board Member, Golf Australia's Director - Championships, and Manager - Championships.
- 3.2 In the absence of a full Championship Play Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision, and any decision so given will be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Play Committee.
- 3.3 The Championship Play Committee will have the sole management and control of the Championship, with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the conditions.
- 3.4 The Championship Play Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship will be final.

4. Rules of Play

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply, together with Golf Australia's Hard Card (see condition 18), and any additional Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

5. Entries

- 5.1 Eligible players are male amateurs who have reached their 30th, yet not reached their 55th birthday, by 7 November 2011 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 6.

- 5.2 The Entrance Fee is \$170.00 (includes GST). **A \$20.00 discount applies to international players and to those players who enter on-line.**
- 5.3 Entries must be made via the Golf Australia on-line entry process, or on the entry form issued by Golf Australia, or a facsimile copy thereof. Entry by email is acceptable provided it is a scanned image of the official entry form.
- 5.4 The decision of the Championship Play Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.
- 5.5 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
- 5.6 Fully completed entry forms, together with appropriate entrance fees, must be received by Golf Australia by midnight Monday 10 October 2011. **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
- 5.7 In the event of entry applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship, applications from those higher handicap competitors not exempt from a handicap ballot as detailed in Condition 6 will be decided by a handicap ballot. The exact handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes. Unsuccessful applicants will 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.
- 5.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Any such entry will be subject to the application of a \$40.00 late fee (includes GST).
- 5.9 In the event that an entry is received after the closing time for entries and that it is accepted, the entrant will be automatically liable to Golf Australia for the sum of \$40.00 (the "late entry fee" – includes GST). Where the entrant nominates to pay the entry fee by credit card, by providing their credit card details, the card holder additionally authorises Golf Australia to debit the nominated account for the sum of the late entry fee (if applicable). Where payment is made by cheque, money order or cash, the entrant will be invoiced for the amount of the late entry fee and the entry will not be accepted until the full requisite payment has been received.
- 5.10 Acceptable payment methods are only as follows – credit card (Visa, or MasterCard 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*.
- 5.11 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.
- 5.12 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.

6. Exemptions

- 6.1 All previous winners of the Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship (must satisfy age entry conditions).
- 6.2 Current Men's State Mid Amateur Champions as at close of entries (must satisfy age entry conditions).
- 6.3 Current Men's International Mid Amateur Champions as at close of entries (must satisfy age entry conditions).
- 6.4 Former Australian Men's representatives (must satisfy age and handicap entry conditions).
- 6.5 Former Australian Men's Amateur Champions (must satisfy age and handicap entry conditions).
- 6.6 The current National GC Club Champion as at close of entries (must satisfy age and handicap entry conditions).
- 6.7 Entrants exempt by Golf Australia.

7. Conforming Golf Balls, Conforming Driver Heads, and Time of Starting

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls, Conforming Driver Heads, and Time of Starting.

8. Pace of Play

Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. See the Golf Australia Hard Card for Pace of Play conditions.

9. 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 Play Committee. (NB Subject to host club permission, a caddie may use motorised transport at any time.)

Penalty (unless permitted to ride by a member of the Championship Rules Committee): 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.

Note i: Permission will only be granted to entrants who can provide a Medical Certificate.

Note ii: Golf Australia takes no responsibility for the availability of golf carts.

Note iii: Permission will be granted on the basis that the following requirements are adhered to. Players failing to adhere to these requirements are liable to have such permission revoked:

Players who drive at a pace which is clearly quicker than walking pace; and/or who drive to a point past their ball which is clearly unreasonable for a player who is not using motorised transport to reach, are in breach of these requirements.

10. Practice

Sunday 6 November 2011. Players are entitled to one complimentary practice round on Sunday 6 November. A player may choose to play more than one round on that day, or may have a practice round on any day leading up to the Championship, however these rounds are at the player's cost and are a private arrangement between the player and The National Golf Club. The times and courses available for practice on Sunday 6 November will be designated by The National Golf Club. Please contact the club to make a booking.

11. Registration

Competitors must register between 12.00 pm and 3.00 pm at The National Golf Club on Sunday 6 November. 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, will 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

13. Dress Regulations, Smoking & 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, and collared or accepted golf shirts which must be tucked in. Socks must be plain white or with The National GC logo, any other club logo or Golf Association logo. Soft spikes only.
- 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, and 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 mobile phones should be directed to The National Golf Club.

14. Database of Competitors' 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 e-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.

15. 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.

16. Images

All entrants consent to be photographed during the Tournament. Images are permanently retained by GA and GA retains the rights to those images. Should GA use or distribute the image/s to any medium, it will be in a manner deemed appropriate by the organisation. For further information see the Member Protection Policy under the Industry tab on the GA website or contact us.

17. Code of Conduct

All entrants are bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available at www.golfaustralia.org.au. Any breach of the Code may be recorded on the Central Register of the Code ("the Register"). The Register may be accessed (and published from time to time) by any State Association or GA for the purposes of administering Competitions or state championships, events, competitions, practice sessions or major activities conducted or sanctioned by a State Association, or any State Association or GA codes of conduct and/or other related matters.

18. Golf Australia Hard Card

The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship.

- Note i: Distance Measuring Devices are NOT permitted. Penalty in accordance with Rule 14-3.
- Note ii: The new condition relating to Club Face Grooves will not be in effect until 2014.