

# 2012 AUSTRALIAN GIRLS' AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

# **Carbrook Golf Club**

653 Redland Bay Road, Carbrook, QUEENSLAND

# Wednesday 11 April to Friday 13 April, 2012

# **AGE ELIGIBILTY**

Entrants must be under 18 as at 11 April 2012

# **FORMAT**

72-holes stroke play (cut to the leading 60 players and ties after 36 holes)

# **HANDICAP LIMIT**

15.4

# **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES**

5.00 pm AEDT Tuesday 13 March 2012

# **CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION:**

Information for competitors will be posted on <a href="https://www.golfaustralia.org.au">www.golfaustralia.org.au</a> on 17 January 2012





To: Golf Australia, Level 3, 95 Coventry Street, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205 Australia Telephone – 03 9626 5050 Facsimile – 03 9626 5095; championships@golfaustralia.org.au

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# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT**

A list of all entries received by Golf Australia will be posted at <a href="www.golfaustralia.org.au">www.golfaustralia.org.au</a> – please note that inclusion on this list <a href="is not">is not</a> 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.



# 2012 Australian Girls' Amateur Championship

# CONDITIONS

#### 1. Format

1.1 The Championship will be played over 72-holes of stroke play.

Round 1: Wednesday 11 April

Round 2: Thursday 12 April

The leading 60 players after 36-holes, and any tying for 60<sup>th</sup> place, will qualify for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Rounds; the remainder will be eliminated.

Round 3: Friday 13 April – am

Round 4: Friday 13 April – pm

- 1.2 The winning player will be the Australian Girls' Amateur Champion, hold the Championship Trophy for one year and receive the Championship Gold Medal. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place getter will receive a bronze medallion. The winner of the 72-holes net will hold the Net Trophy for one year, and receive a bronze medallion. The handicap on the first day of play will apply to the 72-hole net competition.
- 1.3 a) Unless they be the winner of the Championship, the leading player in the 13 years and under age category will receive a bronze medallion. In the event of a tie, multiple medallions will be presented.
  - b) Unless they be the winner of the Championship, the leading player in the 14 and 15 years age category will receive a bronze medallion. In the event of a tie, multiple medallions will be presented.
  - c) Unless they be the winner of the Championship, the leading player in the 16 and 17 years age category will receive a bronze medallion. In the event of a tie, multiple medallions will be presented.
- 1.3 In the event of a tie for first place after 72-holes, those players tying for first place will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee determines, in a sudden-death hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.

## 2. Championship Play Committee

- 2.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise the Chair of the Golf Australia Championships Committee, Golf Australia's Director Championships, and Manager Championships.
- 2.2 In the absence of the 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.
- 2.3 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 one of the Conditions.
- 2.4 The Championship Play Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship shall be final.

# 3. 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 16), and any additional Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

#### 4. Entries

- 4.1 Eligible players are female amateurs whose Australian Handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 15.4 and have not reached their eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) birthday by 11 April 2012. The exact handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for entry and ballot purposes.
- 4.2 The Entrance Fee is \$135.00 (includes GST). A \$20.00 discount applies to players who enter online.
- 4.3 Entries must only be made via the Golf Australia online entry process, or on the entry form issued by Golf Australia, or facsimile copies thereof. Entry by email is acceptable provided it is a scanned image of the official entry form.
- 4.4 A decision of the Championship Play Committee as to the acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.
- 4.5 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
- 4.6 Fully completed entry forms, together with appropriate entrance fees, must be received by Golf Australia prior to 5.00 pm AEDT, on Tuesday 13 March 2012. IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT HERSELF TO ENSURE THAT HER ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES. A player's entry form has not officially been received until her name has been posted at <a href="https://www.golfaustralia.org.au">www.golfaustralia.org.au</a>.
- 4.7 In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (84), entries for higher handicap competitors who are not exempt as in condition 5 will be decided by a handicap ballot. Unsuccessful entrants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entrance fees will be refunded to entrants balloted out, who do not compete.
- 4.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Any such entry shall be subject to the application of a \$40.00 late fee (includes GST).
- 4.9 In the event that an entry is received after the closing time for entries and that it is accepted, the entrant shall be automatically liable to the 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.
- 4.10 Acceptable payment methods are only as follows credit card (Visa, or MasterCard only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash (please note 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.
- 4.11 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.

4.12 Entrance Fees 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.

#### 5. Exemptions

Exemptions from a handicap ballot for the 2012 Australian Girls' Amateur Championship will be granted to the following. (**Note** – Where applicable, it is the sole responsibility of the player to ensure the Championship Play Committee has received notification of his exempt status. Should the Championship Play Committee not be so advised, that player will be deemed to be a non-exempt player.)

- 5.1 Team members ~ 2012 Girls' Interstate Teams Matches
- 5.2 Any player in the top 40 players in the 2012 Australian Girls' Amateur Ranking System as at closing date of entries.
- 5.3 Winners of 2012 Australian Girls' Amateur Ranking Events.
- 5.4 Players nominated by Member Associations (maximum 2 per association) (players are exempt from handicap criteria).
- 5.5 Players nominated by national golf associations (maximum 2 per country).
- 5.6 Players exempted 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.

# 7. Conforming Golf Balls, and Conforming Driver Heads

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

# 8. 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

#### 9. Code of Conduct

All entrants are bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available at <a href="https://www.golfaustralia.org.au">www.golfaustralia.org.au</a>. 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 Golf Australia 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 Golf Australia codes of conduct and/or other related matters.

#### 10. Use of Motorised Transport

Players or caddies must not ride in any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised

by the Championship Play Committee. Penalty: Stroke Play – 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. Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

Any player or caddie seeking authorisation to use a golf cart due to a disability as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 should contact Golf Australia to obtain information on procedures for submitting such requests. All such requests and required information must be submitted to Golf Australia simultaneously and together with the entry form (or within 2 days of the on-line entry being receipted). Requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not qualify as a permanent disability under the Act will not be granted. In the event of a change in a medical condition after submitting the entry form but before the commencement of the event, written submission of all documentation must be received by Golf Australia no later than 7 days prior to the first day of the event. Golf Australia will consider any such request in accordance with these conditions and its rules, regulations and policies.

#### 11. Caddies

A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any 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. A player having a caddie in breach of this condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that they conform with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

#### 12. Practice

Tuesday 10 April 2012.

#### 13. Registration

Competitors must register between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm at the host club on Tuesday 10 April. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship.

### 14. Pace of Play

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

# 15. 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.

#### 16. Golf Australia Hard Card

The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Australian Girls' 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.