

2012 AUSTRALIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

STATE & NATIONAL FINAL CONDITIONS OF PLAY AND NATIONAL FINAL ENTRY FORM

*The National Final to be played
Sunday 2 – Tuesday 4 December 2012 at Peninsula Country Golf Club
Format – 36-Holes Stableford (Best Two (2) Round Scores to Count Each Day)*

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

1. Eligibility

- i. 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. (NB Secondary School is years 7-12)
- ii. Only full-time enrolled students during the year of the Championship may represent the school.
- iii. All competitors must be eligible to hold an Australian passport.
- iv. Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
- v. 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. The player's handicap on the day of the competition will apply. (NB. For the National Final, the player's handicap at the beginning of the Competition (ie the National Final) will apply for both rounds one and two.)

2. Format:

- i. Teams will comprise two or three competitors (there are no gender restrictions) from the same secondary school.
- ii. 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
- iii. The Championship will be played in two separate sections:
 - a) 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 winning team must be advised to Golf Australia as soon as possible. (NB. ACT Schools are eligible for the NSW State Final, and NT Schools are eligible for the SA State Final.)
 - b) The second section, known as the National Final will comprise the winning team from each of the six (6) 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. Disqualification of a team member under the Rules of Golf in any round will not be effective for any subsequent round of the National Final unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise. The winning team will receive the perpetual shield with each player in the winning team to receive a Golf Australia bronze medallion. The leading individual will also receive a memento. In the event of a tie for the leading individual, joint winners will be declared.
- iv. In both sections of the Championship, boys will play from the designated tees for men and use the men's index, and girls will play from the designated tees for women and use the women's index.
- v. For the National Final, a girl's score will be adjusted as follows:
 Firstly, the girl's handicap will be re-calculated: *Girl's Competition Handicap = Women's Australian Handicap + (AWCR – AMCR)*. The Course Rating adjustment is then added as points to the girl's returned points.
 An additional adjustment will then be made for the difference in the Pars (as points are scored against Par not Course Rating) of the two courses. *Additional Par Adjustment = Par men – Par women (NB reversal of Man/Woman is correct)*
 This will be added to (if the result is minus it is subtracted from) the girl's points as modified by the Handicap Adjustment. For example:

<i>Courses: AMCR = 73, AWCR = 75. Male off 18 plays to Handicap. Female off 18 plays 1 over handicap</i>			
Par men = 72	Male	Female	
Par women = 75	Points	Points	
Scores as returned	35	36	Left unadjusted female has most points
Adjust the female pts for Course Rating difference	35	36+2=38	Female's COMPETITION Handicap now 20 (18+(75-73))
Adjust the female for Par difference	35	38-3=35	Par adjust = (72-75) = -3 (so subtracted)
<i>In this case, the male and female have equal scores after the female's score is adjusted</i>			

NB. if the AWCR and Par (eg AWCR = 73, Par = 72) have the same relationship as the Men's Par and AMCR (AMCR = 71, Par = 70) then the handicap and par adjustments will cancel each other out (Course Rating = 73-71 (+2) and Par = 70-72 (-2)). When the relationships are the same, the women's values will almost always be higher but this does not matter, as points are scored relative to handicap and par so the two adjustments will result in zero overall.

Note i: The scorer will make the necessary adjustment, not the player.

Note ii: It is at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee at the State Final as to whether it adopts this adjustment formula.

- vi. In the event of a tie in either section of the Championship, the third player's score will be used (NB in the National Final, the third player's score from the second round will be used initially, and if still a tie, the third player's score from the first round will be used). In

the event that there is still a tie, the method of count-back will apply using the card of the team member who returned the best score (NB in the National Final this will be based on the player's best score from the second round.)

3. **Championship Play Committee**

- i. The Championship Play Committee for the State Finals is as determined by the State Association. The Championship Play Committee for the National Final will comprise the Chair of the Golf Australia Championships Committee, Golf Australia's Director – Championships, and Golf Australia's Manager - Championships.
- ii. 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.
- iii. Protests must be made in writing to the Championship Play Committee no later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the day's play, except on the final day of the National Final, where they must be made within 5 minutes of the conclusion of play.
- iv. 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.
- v. The Championship Play Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship will be final.

4. **Rules of Play**

In both sections of the Championship, the Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply together with such Local Rules as are approved by the Championship Play Committee.

5. **Discontinuance of Play – Rule 6-8 applies**

In the event play is abandoned on any one day of either section, the Championship Play Committee will determine the most equitable method possible of determining the winner.

6. **Advice**

In both sections of the Championship, in accordance with the Note to Rule 8, the official team manager is permitted to give advice to members of their team during a stipulated round.

7. **Motorised Transport**

In both sections of the Championship, 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. Penalty: 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.

8. **Conforming Golf Balls, and Driving Clubs**

In both sections of the Championship, the specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls, and Driving Clubs.

9. **Pace of Play**

In both sections of the Championship, Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding it. Any group with a clear hole in front of it will be considered out of position. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

10. **Practice**

For the State Finals, practice is as determined by the Championship Play Committee. For the National Final, the official practice day will be the Sunday preceding the event. Practice is for players only.

11. **Caddies**

For the State Finals, caddies are permitted as determined by the Championship Play Committee. For the National Final, caddies are not permitted.

12. **Entry Fees and National Final Expenses**

- i. The entry fee for each Team at the State Final is as determined by the Championship Play Committee, however \$20.00 per team (incl GST) must be forwarded to Golf Australia. Golf Australia will invoice State Associations for this fee. State Associations must advise Golf Australia of the number of teams who contested their State Final.
- ii. Additionally, each State Association will be invoiced \$2,000 (incl GST) for its competing team in the National Final at the conclusion of the National Final.
- iii. At the National Final, Golf Australia will pay for the following:
 - Airfares of three players and one manager from each interstate team and the travel costs of three players and one manager from the home state school team.
 - Accommodation of three players and one manager from each state team for Sunday and Monday evenings. Accommodation will be on a triple-share or twin-share basis.
 - Meals consumed at the host club (and other designated meals) by three players and one manager from each state team.
 - Transportation of three players and one manager from each state team both to and from the host city airport and to and from the host club.

All other costs will be the responsibility of the participating school team. If teams wish to stay in the host city past the Presentation, this can be arranged by Golf Australia but will be at the cost of each team.

13. **Substitutions**

- i. A maximum of one substitute per team is permitted for the National Final.
- ii. If the winning State Final team is unable to attend, the second placed team from the State Final may compete.
- iii. On the day immediately preceding the first scheduled day of play of the National Final, each team will advise in writing the names of their players. No team may change once a team has been submitted to the Championship Play Committee. *This restriction may be waived under exceptional circumstances.*

14. **Golf Australia Hard Card and Code of Conduct**

The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in operation throughout the Australian Secondary Schools Teams Championship National Final and all entrants assent to be bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

15. **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

2012 Australian Secondary Schools Teams Championship – National Final ENTRY FORM

Please enter the following school for the 2012 Australian Secondary Schools Teams Championship. The conditions of the event are understood.

SCHOOL NAME			
POSTAL ADDRESS			Postcode
Contact Name		Mobile Phone	
Business Phone	(0)	Email	

PLAYER ONE			
Home Phone		Mobile Phone	
Date of Birth		Home Club	
Handicap		Golf Link No.	
E-mail			

PLAYER TWO			
Home Phone		Mobile Phone	
Date of Birth		Home Club	
Handicap		Golf Link No.	
E-mail			

PLAYER THREE			
Home Phone		Mobile Phone	
Date of Birth		Home Club	
Handicap		Golf Link No.	
E-mail			

* Flight Details (please provide these details and Golf Australia will make the booking)			
Arrival Date and Time		Flight Number	
Departure Date and Time		Flight Number	
<i>* Teams must arrive no later than 12.00 pm on Sunday of the event, and depart no earlier than 3.30 pm on the Tuesday of the event.</i>			

Manager Name:	
Manager Phone:	
Manager E-mail:	

<i>Signature of School Contact</i>	<i>Date:</i>
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To be returned to Golf Australia as soon as possible