



PLAYER INFORMATION – 2012 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship (4-6 September)



Venue: Yarra Yarra Golf Club
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Format:

Monday 3 September: Practice round from approximately 8.00 am – 2.00 pm;
Registration: 10.00 am – 3.30 pm
Tuesday 4 September: 1st Round 2012 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship
Wednesday 5 September: 2nd Round 2012 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship
(cut to maximum of 108 players)
Thursday 6 September: 3rd Round 2012 Australian Men's Senior Amateur Championship
Presentation Dinner: 7.00 pm – 9.30 pm

Tournament Function:

Presentation Dinner at the Yarra Yarra Golf Club (\$45 per person, not included in the entry fee)
A Presentation Dinner (two-course) will be held at Yarra Yarra Golf Club on the evening of Thursday 6 September from 7.00 pm. Places are limited and are available on a strictly first-come, first-served basis. Tickets should be reserved at the time of entry, but may also be purchased up until 30 August should places still be available.

The cost is \$45 per person with drinks at the players' own cost. A maximum of 2 places are available for each competitor - competitors must purchase a place themselves should they wish to attend.

On Registration Day all competitors attending the Presentation Dinner will be required to select the table on which they wish to sit.

Registration:

Competitors are required to register between 10:00 am and 3:30 pm on Monday 3 September at Yarra Yarra Golf Club. At this time, competitors will be required to provide a phone number where they can be contacted during the event. Failure to register may result in disqualification from the Championship. If it is impossible to register in person, competitors must contact the Championship Office on registration day on 0414 696 810.

Competitors are not required to register each day. Players are requested to report to the Starter approximately no less than 5 minutes prior to the advertised starting time. Score cards, Local Rules and hole placement sheets will be distributed by the Starter on the starting tee.

Withdrawals:

If you are unable to compete, please contact Golf Australia immediately on 03 9626 5050.

Results & Draws:

All results and draws will be posted at www.golfaustralia.org.au

The Draw for Rounds 1 and 2 will be available one week prior to the event. If players have requests to coordinate travel, please email thereser@golfaustralia.org.au and these will be accommodated where possible. These must be advised no later than **13 August**.

Draw for Round 3:

The championship will be decided over 54-holes of stroke play. After 36-holes, a maximum of 108 players (75% of the maximum starting field) shall continue. Those players either in a position greater than 108th, or tying for a position that includes 109th position, shall be eliminated (NB these players shall be eliminated from the championship only – not from the Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event). **HOWEVER, all eliminated players shall be drawn to play at Yarra Yarra Golf Club on the day of the 3rd Round – their starting times will be determined by Golf Australia.**

Practice:

A complimentary practice round is available on Monday 3 September from 8.00 am – 2.00 pm. Players **MUST** book a time with the Golf Shop on 03 9575 0595. Practice rounds are not available at any other time.

During a practice round a player may play one ball only throughout the round with the following exceptions:

- If a player misses the fairway with their drive, they may play one additional tee shot from the tee;
- If a player misses the green with their approach shot, they may play one additional shot to the green;
- Not more than three chip shots may be played from beside the green, and only then provided such practice shots do not damage the course;
- Only two bunker shots may be played towards the green from a greenside bunker. All other bunker shots must be played away from the green;
- Only three practice putts are permitted.

Course Guides:

Yardage books/course guides will not be produced. There are distance markers on sprinkler heads. An illustration of each hole (including measurements) can be found at the following link:
<http://www.yarrayarra.com.au/guests/golf/tourindex.mhtml>

Distance Measuring Devices:

Distance Measuring Devices are NOT permitted in the Championship Proper. They may be used during the practice round. Penalty: Disqualification

Practice Facilities and Balls:

A practice range is available, and practice balls must be purchased from the Golf Shop for \$5.00 per bucket.

Pull Buggies:

Local competitors and those travelling by car are requested to use their own pull buggies. Golf Australia will endeavour to provide a buggy to all players who require one, however players are encouraged to bring a light-weight bag in the case that a buggy is not available. Complimentary pull buggies will be provided by the club.

Electric Buggies:

Yarra Yarra Golf Club has limited electric buggies available for hire at a cost of \$10.00 per day. Bookings can be made by calling the pro shop on 03 9575 0595 and will be on a first-come first-serve basis.

Motorised Carts:

Players are permitted to use Motorised Transport on the production of a Medical Certificate. The Medical Certificate must be received by Golf Australia prior to the event. Players requiring a motorised cart **MUST** book with **Golf Australia on 03 9626 5050 by 13 August**. Carts are \$40.00 per day however if a player wishes to share this may be arranged. Players are NOT permitted to use their own motorised cart.

Club Storage:

There is club storage available at Yarra Yarra Golf Club. Please see the Golf Australia staff if this is required.

Lockers:

Limited lockers are available at Yarra Yarra Golf Club. Please see the Golf Australia staff if a locker is required.

Physiotherapist and Medical Centres:

A list of physiotherapists and Medical Centres is available from the Tournament Office if required.

Caddies:

Caddies will not be supplied. If players require a caddie they must make their own arrangements.

Competition Conditions:

Please refer to the Championship Conditions as listed on the entry form, particularly Condition Number 7 pertaining to Conforming Golf Balls and Driving Clubs. The current list of Conforming Golf Balls can be viewed via www.golfaustralia.org.au (see the Rules & Handicapping section).

Ties:

In the event of a tie for the championship, unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise, players in such a tie shall continue over such holes in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.

Dress Requirements:

"Hard/Metal" spikes are not permitted. Players, caddies and spectators must adhere to dress which is neat, tidy and appropriate to the game.

Catering:

Catering will be available from 7.00 am until close of play from the cafe. All food and beverage for players for the duration of the event is at the player's expense.

Complimentary Water:

Complimentary bottled water will be supplied to players on the Championship Days only, from on or near the starting tees. Players are requested not to abuse this privilege and to place empty bottles in rubbish bins.

Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones may not be used on the golf course during competition play under any circumstances. A COMPETITOR FAILING TO ADHERE TO THIS REGULATION WILL BE IN BREACH OF GOLF AUSTRALIA'S CODE OF CONDUCT. Phones may be used in the Car Park or Locker Rooms only.

Golf Australia Hard Card:

The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Championship and will be provided to players at registration. For a copy of the Card prior to the event, please visit www.golfaustralia.org.au - Rules & Handicapping/Rules & Competition Management/Competition and Course Management Resources.

Course Care:

All clubs which host Golf Australia National Championships kindly give up their course for the duration of the event. Hence, so that the course is left in a suitable condition once the Championship is completed, players MUST carry AND use a sand bucket and repair divots. Any player seen to be in breach of this request may face action under Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

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