

QUALIFYING - INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

The list of players and their allocated course will be available by 5.00 pm on Monday 26 November. The draw for the courses will be available by Friday 30 November.

Qualification for Championship Proper

Eight 8 positions in the field for the Championship Proper will be available to competitors in Qualifying. **2-3 positions will be available in each Qualifying competition, and the exact numbers available at each course will be confirmed on 30 November.**

In a Qualifying competition, should there be a tie for the last available position(s) (or for alternate positions), such that the position(s) remains undecided, those competitors in such a tie shall continue in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off, which will be conducted immediately upon the conclusion of the scheduled event.

Alternates from Qualifying will be used only for the purpose of filling Qualifying positions that become vacant. Championship alternates will continue to be taken from the relevant eligibility categories until all such avenues have been exhausted, at which time alternates from Qualifying may be utilised to fill field positions that become vacant.

Championship Proper and Registration

The Championship Proper will be played at The Lakes Golf Club, Sydney from 6-9 December. Successful Qualifying competitors must ensure they register at The Lakes Golf Club either between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm on Monday 3 December, or between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on Tuesday 4 December.

Practice

Competitors only are entitled to one complimentary practice round, from the daily tee markers only. In order to play a practice round, competitors are asked to book a time.

- Liverpool: 02 9727 2422; players may play in the members competition on Sunday 2 December. Additional practice times from 3.00pm.
- New Brighton: 02 9602 7547; practice anytime on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, or after 1.00pm on Thursday, or after 3.00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.
- Carnarvon: 02 9649 2438; practice from 3.00 pm on Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 December.

Players may play one ball only throughout the round, however if a player misses the fairway with their drive, they may play one additional tee shot, or if they miss the green with their approach they may play one additional shot into the green. Players **MUST** keep up with the group in front.

Dress

During both practice and competition, competitors and their caddies must ensure a standard of dress in keeping with national championships. Jeans, t-shirts, and garments with excessive advertising are not permitted on the courses or in the clubhouses. Shirts must be tucked in; golf shoes must be worn. In addition, competitors must ensure that they and their caddies adhere to the host club's dress regulations.

By entering the Championship, competitors agree to conform to the 2012 PGA of Australia Members Regulations. One such Regulation being that long pants **must** be worn when attending the tournament venue during tournament week. Accordingly players will not be permitted at The Lakes Golf Club wearing shorts, so players are advised to wear long pants at the Qualifying competitions as well.

Yardage Books & Distance Measuring Devices

Yardage Books will not be available. Measurements to the greens will be on fairways. Distance Measuring Devices are **NOT** permitted.

Clubs Conforming With Groove and Punch Mark Specifications

APPLIES FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP PROPER ONLY (it does not apply for Qualifying):

The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1 January 2010. *PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Two strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes. *Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to their marker or fellow competitor immediately upon discovery a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified. PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

One Ball Condition

Throughout a stipulated round, the balls a competitor uses must be of the same brand and type as detailed by a single entry in the current list of Conforming Golf Balls. The current list of Conforming Golf Balls can be found on the Golf Australia website (see Rules & Handicapping).

Practice Putting

Practice putting and chipping on the green of the hole last played is prohibited in Qualifying and the Championship Proper.

Withdrawals

Any competitor wishing to withdraw prior to 5.00 pm on Friday 30 November must e-mail championships@golfaustralia.org.au. For withdrawals after that time, please phone Golf Australia on 0418 426 613.