

Australian Amateur Golf Championships



Tuesday 15 ~ Sunday 20 January 2013

Commonwealth Golf Club and Woodlands Golf Club
Melbourne, Victoria

FORMAT

Men: 36-holes stroke play qualifying at Commonwealth Golf Club and Woodlands Golf Club to qualify 64 players for elimination match play at Commonwealth Golf Club

Women: 36-holes stroke play qualifying at Commonwealth Golf Club and Woodlands Golf Club to qualify 32 players for elimination match play at Commonwealth Golf Club

HANDICAP LIMIT

Men: 1.4; Women: 5.4

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

5.00 pm (AEDT) Tuesday 18 December 2012

CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION:

Information for competitors will be posted on www.golfaustralia.org.au on 16 October 2012



2013 Australian Men's & Women's Amateur Championships – ENTRY FORM

NAME	Surname		Preferred Given Name	
POSTAL ADDRESS				
				Postcode
NATIONALITY (if not Australian) or STATE/TERRITORY				Date of Birth
Private Phone	(0)	Business Phone	(0)	
Mobile Phone			Email	

Home Club			
Exact Handicap		GOLF LINK NUMBER or COUNTRY/SYSTEM handicap held under	

CHAMPIONSHIP

(tick the box of the Championship you are entering)

Women's Amateur Championship <i>Entry Fee (\$215.00)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Men's Amateur Championship <i>Entry Fee (\$270.00)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

A \$20.00 discount applies to players who enter on-line.

EXEMPTION CATEGORY

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

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

Amount \$

CCV Number 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 \$60.00. 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 5.10.

Signature of Competitor	
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Acknowledgement of Receipt

www.golfaustralia.org.au contains a current list of all entrants.

A player's entry form has not officially been received until their name appears on this list.

2013 CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. Format

- 1.1 Both the Men's and Women's Championships shall be played in two separate sections.
- 1.2 (i) The first section shall be decided by strokes over two qualifying rounds of 18 holes each.
- (ii) For these two rounds, each player shall play one round at Commonwealth Golf Club and one round at Woodlands Golf Club.
- (iii) First Round:
Tuesday 15 January, Commonwealth & Woodlands Golf Clubs
Second Round:
Wednesday 16 January, Commonwealth & Woodlands Golf Clubs
- 1.3 The leading qualifier shall be the Men's and Women's Australian Medallist and receive a silver medal. The Women's Medallist will also hold the Una Clift Bowl for one year. In the event of a tie, joint winners will be declared.
- 1.4 The sixty-four (64) lowest men's scores and the thirty-two (32) lowest women's scores after the two qualifying rounds shall compete in the second section of the Championship.
- 1.5 In the event of there being a tie for a position after the two qualifying rounds such that more than 64 men or 32 women remain in the Championship, those players tying for the last qualifying position or positions shall continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee determines in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the qualifiers have been determined. However, if the Championship Play Committee determines that there is not sufficient time available for a play-off, such a tie will be resolved by lot.
- 1.6 The second section of the Championship shall be played at Commonwealth Golf Club and consist of successive rounds of match play, with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round.
- (i) The automatic draw shall be applied to establish the match pairings. Ties for these places will be decided by lot.
- (ii) If a competitor, who has posted a two round total that will qualify for the match play stage, withdraws before or after the match play draw is made, the competitor's results will still be used to calculate the leading 64 men's places and ties, and the leading 32 women's places and ties that will determine the cut mark, but their opponent will receive a bye.
- Men:
Round One: Thursday 17 January (am) – 18 holes
Round Two: Friday 18 January (am) – 18 holes
Round Three: Friday 18 January (pm) – 18 holes
Quarter-finals: Saturday 19 January (am) – 18 holes
Semi-finals: Saturday 19 January (pm) – 18 holes
Final: Sunday 20 January – 36 holes
- Women:
Round One: Thursday 17 January (pm) – 18 holes
Round Two: Friday 18 January (pm) – 18 holes
Quarter-finals: Saturday 19 January (am) – 18 holes
Semi-finals: Saturday 19 January (pm) – 18 holes
Final: Sunday 20 January – 36 holes
- 1.7 In the event of a halved match in any round;
- (i) players shall continue to play until a winner is determined, and;
- (ii) the last stipulated round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.
- 1.8 The winner of the Women's Championship will be the *Australian Women's Amateur Champion* and receive the Amateur Championship Gold Medal and hold the Championship Cup for one year. The winner of the Men's Championship will be the *Australian Men's Amateur Champion* and receive the Amateur Championship Gold Medal and hold the Challenge Cup for one year.

2. Ross Herbert National and International Stroke Teams Event

- 2.1 Each Australian State and Overseas Governing Body may nominate a team comprising two men and two women who meet eligibility conditions laid down by Golf Australia.
- 2.2 The winning National and International Teams will be determined by the lowest aggregate of all team members' scores from the qualifying rounds.
- 2.3 In the event of a tie, joint winners will be declared.
- 2.4 Members of the winning National Team will receive the Ross Herbert National Teams Trophy; members of the winning International Team will receive the Ross Herbert International Teams Trophy.

2. Championship Play Committee

- 3.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise a Golf Australia Board Member, Golf Australia's Director - Championships, and Manager - Championships.
- 3.2 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.
- 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 one 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 7), and any additional Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

5. Entries

- 5.1 Eligible players for the Women's Championship are female amateurs whose Australian Women's Handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 5.4 strokes. Eligible players for the Men's Championship are male amateurs whose Australian Men's Handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 1.4 strokes. (NB The handicap limits do not apply to those players who are exempt as detailed in Condition 6.) The exact Handicap certified at the time of entry is the handicap to be used for ballot purposes.
- 5.2 Players must comply with the Golf Australia Gender Policy. Refer www.golfaustralia.org.au
- 5.3 The Entrance Fee for the Men's Championship is \$270.00 (includes GST); and for the Women's Championship is \$215.00 (includes GST). **A \$20.00 discount applies to those players who enter on-line.**
- 5.4 Entries must be made via the Golf Australia on-line system, 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.
- 5.5 The decision of the Championship Play Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.
- 5.6 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
- 5.7 Fully completed Entry Forms must be received by Golf Australia prior to 5.00 pm Tuesday 18 December 2012. IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT THEMSELVES TO ENSURE THAT THEIR ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES. A player's entry form has not officially been received until their name has been posted at www.golfaustralia.org.au.
- 5.8 The maximum field size for the Men's Championship is 216. The maximum field size for the Women's Championship is 72. In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in either Championship, entries from higher handicap competitors who are not exempt as noted in Condition 6 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.
- 5.9 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Any such entry will be subject to the application of a \$60.00 late fee (includes GST).
- 5.10 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 \$60.00 (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.
- 5.11 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**.
- 5.12 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.

- 5.13 Entrance Fees will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries, or for a medical or exceptional circumstance, except for those entrants who fail to secure a place.

6. Exemptions and Remaining Places

Exemptions for the 2013 Australian Men's and Women's Amateur Championships will be granted to the below (Note – Where applicable, it is the sole responsibility of the player to ensure that the Championship Play Committee has received notification of their exempt status. Should the Championship Play Committee not be so advised, that player will be deemed to be a non-exempt player).

Men's Championship

- 6.1m Any player in the top 200 of the WAGR as at close of entries.
6.2m Any player in the top 100 of the Australian Men's Amateur Rankings as at close of entries.
6.3m Any player in the top 20 of the Australian Boys' Amateur Rankings as at close of entries.
6.4m Current Golf Australia National Squad members.
6.5m All past Australian Men's Amateur Champions.
6.6m Competitors at the 2012 Men's Interstate Teams Matches. (NB This does not include participants at the Boys' Teams Matches.)
6.7m 2008-2012 Australian Boys' Amateur Champions.
6.8m Current Australian Men's Amateur Foursome Champions.
6.9m Current Australian Men's Mid Amateur Champion.
6.10m Current Australian Men's Senior Amateur Champion.
6.11m Competitors at 2012 World Amateur Team Championship.
6.12m Competitors at 2011 Asia-Pacific Team Championship (Nomura Cup).
6.13m 2003-2012 British Amateur, US Amateur, Asia-Pacific Amateur and European Amateur Champions.
6.14m 2010-2012 Amateur Champions of countries affiliated with The R&A and USGA.
6.15m 2012 Australian Men's Amateur Championship – match play qualifiers.
6.16m 2012 Australian Open – Championship Proper competitors.
6.17m Current Australian men's state amateur champions as at close of entries.
6.18m 2012 Australian & Torres Strait Islander Champion.
6.19m Competitors nominated by Golf Australia Member State Associations (maximum 2 each) (must meet handicap criteria).
6.20m Players nominated by international golf associations (maximum 4 per country) (must meet handicap criteria).
6.21m Current Champion of each Host Club.
6.22m Players exempted by Golf Australia.

Women's Championship

- 6.1w Any player in the top 100 of the WAGR as at close of entries.
6.2w Any player in the top 40 of the Australian Women's Amateur Rankings as at close of entries.
6.3w Any player in the top 10 of the Australian Girls' Amateur Rankings as at close of entries.
6.4w Current Golf Australia National Squad members.
6.5w All past Australian Women's Amateur Champions.
6.6w Competitors at the 2012 Women's Interstate Teams Matches. (NB This does not include participants at the Girls' Teams Matches.)
6.7w 2008-2012 Australian Girls' Amateur Champions.
6.8w Current Australian Women's Amateur Foursome Champions.
6.9w Current Australian Women's Mid Amateur Champion.
6.10w Current Australian Women's Senior Amateur Champion.
6.11w Competitors at 2012 World Amateur Team Championship.
6.12w Competitors at 2012 Asia-Pacific Team Championship (Queen Sirikit Cup).
6.13w 2003-2012 British Amateur and US Amateur Champions.
6.14w 2010-2012 Amateur Champions of countries affiliated with The R&A and USGA.
6.15w 2012 Australian Women's Amateur Championship – match play qualifiers.
6.16w 2012 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open – Championship Proper competitors.
6.17w Current Australian women's state amateur champions as at close of entries.
6.18w 2012 Australian & Torres Strait Islander Champion.
6.19w Competitors nominated by Golf Australia Member State Associations (maximum 2 each) (must meet handicap criteria).
6.20w Players nominated by international golf associations (maximum 4 per country) (must meet handicap criteria).
6.21w Current Champion of each Host Club.
6.22w Players exempted by Golf Australia.

7. Golf Australia Hard Card

The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Australian Amateur Championship.

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

8. 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.

9. Pace of Play

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

10. 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 – 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes. Match Play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match will be adjusted by deducting 1 hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – 2 holes.

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 received). 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. Registration

Competitors in the Championship must register between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm at Commonwealth Golf Club on Monday 14 January. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

12. Practice

Woodlands Golf Club – Sunday 13 January.

Commonwealth Golf Club – Monday 14 January.

13. 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.

14. Images

Golf Australia may arrange for promotion of the Championship, for radio, internet and television broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship or excerpts thereof in any and all media throughout the world, whether now known or hereafter developed. By this application, the player consents to the use by Golf Australia, or persons authorised by Golf Australia, of their name, likeness, voice and references to them and photographs and other images of them and their play connected with their appearance in the Championship, or any portion(s) thereof, in connection with such media promotion, broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship. Golf Australia may utilise the rights granted it hereunder in connection with the promotion of this Championship as well as other Golf Australia Championships and Golf Australia. The cooperation of players with authorised representatives of the media is required, provided that no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required and provided that the player's Championship play is not unreasonably interfered with.

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. Smoking Policy

Players are prohibited from smoking cigarettes, cigars or the like during a stipulated round. See Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

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 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.