



# **AMATEUR GOLFER'S ENTRY FORM ONLY**

# 2013 Emirates Australian Open



The Royal Sydney Golf Club Kent Road, Rose Bay, NSW

# Thursday 28 November - Sunday 1 December 2013

**AMATEUR HANDICAP LIMIT: 2.0** 

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 5.00 pm (AEDT) Thursday 7 November 2013

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## **Acknowledgement of Receipt**

<u>www.australianopengolf.com</u> contains a current list of AMATEUR GOLFER entrants only. A player's entry form has not officially been received until their name appears on this list.



# **2013 CONDITIONS**

#### A. GENERAL

- 1. The Championship is scheduled to be played over 72 holes stroke play; 18 holes each on Thursday 28 November, Friday 29 November, Saturday 30 November, and Sunday 1 December 2013.
- 2. 156 players will be eligible to compete comprising those exempt from Qualifying and successful competitors from Qualifying. The leading 60 professionals after 36 holes, plus any tying for 60<sup>th</sup> place, plus any amateur with an equivalent or better 36-hole total to the 60<sup>th</sup> placed professional, will qualify for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> rounds; the remainder will be eliminated. In the event that the number of competitors qualifying for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> rounds is such that the number of players in each group will not total the requisite figure, the Championship Play Committee will appoint a playing marker, or markers.
- 3. In the event of a tie for the Championship after 72 holes, a play-off to produce a single winner must be conducted. Players in such a tie will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee will decide in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.
- 4. In the event of play being either delayed or declared null and void for any round of the Championship or the play-off (if one is required), additional play beyond Sunday 1 December will be at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee.
- 5. The winner will receive the Championship Gold Medal and will hold the Stonehaven Cup for one year. The leading amateur in the Championship, unless they be the winner and given that they have completed the Championship, will receive the Championship Silver Medal. All amateurs who complete the Championship will receive a bronze medallion.
- 6. (a) The Championship will be under the sole management and control of the Championship Play Committee which will comprise Golf Australia's Director Championships, Chairman Rules Committee, Manager Rules & Handicapping, Manager Championships, and the PGA Tour of Australasia's Director of Tournaments. In the absence of any members of the Championship Play Committee, such members of the Championship Play Committee who may be present at any time may give a decision, and any such decision will be deemed to be a decision made by the Championship Play Committee in its entirety.
  - (b) 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.
  - (c) Any decision of the Championship Play Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Championship.
  - (d) The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event.
- 7. The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls, Conforming Driver Heads, and One Ball Condition.
- 8. Clubs Conforming with Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: 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.
    - NB. This is in effect for the Championship Proper Only (it is not in effect for Qualifying).
- 9. It is prohibited for a player or their caddie to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless permitted to do so by the Championship Rules Committee. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round four 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.
- 10. 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, shall 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 13 000 ASADA (13 000 27232), or from <a href="https://www.asada.gov.au">www.asada.gov.au</a>
- 11. Pace of Play: Pace of play guidelines will be laid down and strictly enforced (see Note 2; Rule 6-7).
- 12. During practice or during the Championship, a player or their caddie will not mark the course, or cause to have the course marked, to indicate, or to assist in gauging, course measurements. A player in breach of this condition may be disqualified.
- 13. Caddies must wear the caddie clothing provided. Competitors will at all times be liable for the actions of their caddies. A player whose caddie is in breach of this condition may be disqualified.
- 14. All amateur competitors agree to conform to the 2013 PGA of Australia Members Regulations. One such Regulation being that long pants must be worn when attending the tournament venue during tournament week.
- 15. Golf Australia, PGA of Australia and OneAsia, and Sponsors arrange publicity before and during the Championship in the Media, by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting, by filming, and in electronic form. The players assent to references to them and pictures of them in practice and play appearing and being used for commercial purposes by Golf Australia, PGA of Australia and OneAsia and its Sponsors. All rights for televising live, television recordings or for any visual or electronic reproduction of the Championship are reserved only to Golf Australia, PGA of Australia and OneAsia and may only be made under licence.

#### **B. ENTRIES**

- 1. The Championship is open to all professional golfers (trainee professionals by Trainee Invite Only) NB professionals do <u>not</u> need to be members of a PGA or PGA Tour; and amateur golfers who either have an Australian (or other national union) Handicap of 2.0 strokes or less, or who are exempt from Qualifying. Amateurs must conform in all respects with the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited. NB Amateurs (excluding those exempt under Tournament Exemption Category D5) will be permitted to change the status of their entry from amateur to professional up until the end of the day immediately prior to Qualifying.
- Entries close 5.00 pm (AEDT), 7 November 2013. IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT TO ENSURE THEIR ENTRY IS
  RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES THAT IS APPLICABLE TO THEM. A LIST OF AMATEUR ENTRIES WILL BE
  POSTED AT <a href="https://www.australianopengolf.com">www.australianopengolf.com</a>. A PLAYER'S ENTRY FORM HAS NOT OFFICIALLY BEEN RECEIVED UNTIL THEIR NAME
  HAS BEEN POSTED AT <a href="https://www.australianopengolf.com">www.australianopengolf.com</a>.
- 3. Amateur entries must be via the GA on-line entry system, or on the attached entry form. Entries will not be accepted by telephone, facsimile or in electronic form (exception entries with credit card payments only may be sent by <u>facsimile</u>, or <u>email</u>), or unless the entry form is fully completed. Fully completed forms from Amateur players must be sent DIRECTLY to Golf Australia. PGA of Australia members MUST enter online via myPGA. OneAsia members and all other Professional golfers MUST enter via OneAsia.
- 4. Non on-line entry forms submitted by Amateur players must be accompanied either by; a copy of the entrant's current handicap record for the past six months officially endorsed by their home club, or by the player's GOLF *Link* number.
- 5. The entry fee for Qualifying and the Championship Proper is AUD\$110.00 (includes GST).
- Acceptable payment methods are only as follows credit card (Visa, or MasterCard only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash.
   Cheques or money orders are to be made payable to Golf Australia. Golf Australia will NOT accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received.
- 7. (a) The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to accept late entries from players who are exempt from Qualifying for the Championship Proper up to 5.00 pm on Friday 22 November 2013, under special circumstances.
  - (b) Under circumstances not covered by B.7(a), entries physically received after the respective closing time may still be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee.

- Players wishing to withdraw may do so fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the event to ensure a full refund. Withdrawal after this period will result in loss of the entry fee (except in exceptional circumstances).
- All entries will be subject to the approval of the Championship Play Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason for its decision which will be final. The Championship Play Committee may require independent certified evidence of the playing ability of entrants.

#### C. QUALIFYING

For those competitors NOT exempt directly into the Championship Proper, the qualifying procedure will be as follows:

- Eight (8) places are available in the Championship Proper for non-exempt players.
- Three separate stroke play competitions of 18 holes each will be played on Monday 25 November 2013 at Liverpool Golf Club, Ryde-2. Parramatta Golf Club and Carnarvon Golf Club.
- Should the number of entries for Qualifying exceed the capacity, priority will be given to (in order): 1. PGA of Australasia Full Tournament 3. Members; 2. Full Members of the Australian PGA (based on most recent Final National Rankings, then order of entry); 3. Members of other recognised Tours (in order of date of entry); 4. Members of other recognised PGAs (in order of date of entry); 5. Non-aligned professionals (in order of date of entry); 6. Amateurs in exact handicap order (handicap as at time of entry).
- For these Qualifying competitions, competitors will be divided between the courses. The 8 places available to make up the field of the 4. Championship Proper will also be pro rataed between the courses.
- Ties for the last available places in each competition will be decided by sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off as soon as practicable after all 5. players have finished play. Reserve places (alternates) in case of subsequent withdrawals of Qualifiers from the Championship Proper will be decided either by sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off, or by lot, as the Committee in charge may determine.
- Alternates from Qualifying will be used only for the purpose of filling Qualifying positions that become vacant. Championship alternates will 6. 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.

#### D. EXEMPTIONS FROM QUALIFYING

Exemptions for 2013 will be granted to the following (NB there will be 148 exempt players):

#### **TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES**

- Any former Champion of the Tournament in the past 5 years.
- 2. Leading 10 Asia-Pacific players from the OWGR as at close of entries (capped at 250th position).
- Leading 75 players from OneAsia Categories (see below). 3
- Any former Major Champion under the age of 65 as at 28/11/2013. 4
- 10 Tournament Invitations.
- Guaranteed 30 local exemptions reserved for relevant regional authority (to be agreed between GA and the PGA). Includes seven (7) Exempt players as follows:
  - 2013 Australian Amateur Champion
  - 2013 Asian Amateur Champion b.
  - 2012 Aaron Baddeley World Junior Champion
  - d 2013 Australian Boys' Amateur Champion
  - 2013 Open Amateur Champion
  - Two (2) amateurs at the discretion of Golf Australia

Note: Any unallocated exemptions from Golf Australia will revert back to the PGATA Exemption Categories.

Residual positions to players not otherwise exempt from the OneAsia Categories until Category 9 (a) and (b) have been exhausted. After which, residual positions will be shared with players from the PGA Tour of Australasia Exemption Categories.

#### **ONEASIA ELIGIBILITY CATEGORIES**

- Winners of the OneAsia Order of Merit (3 year exemption); a.
  - Medical Exemption. b.
- Winner of any OneAsia Tournament (2 year exemption) and 2 each Qualifying School Final stage (1 year exemption)\*.
  - Medical Exemption.
- Top 50 of the 2012 OneAsia Order of Merit 3. a.
  - Medical Exemption b.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions at OneAsia qualifying schools final stage
  - Medical Exemption.
- Leading players from each of:
  - PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament Exemption Categories (capped at Cat. 13 of the 2012 Categories) (15 positions).
  - China Golf Tour Exemption Rankings (capped at CGA rank no.100) (15 positions). Note: the CGA may nominate any player of their National team ahead of these rankings to a maximum of 7 players. If 1 of these players is an amateur they may play without joining as a member.

- Korea Golf Tour Exemption Rankings (capped at Seed Priority 125) (15 positions).
- ASEAN PGA Tour 2012 Order of Merit (capped at position 25) d. (5 positions).
- 4/5th positions at Qualifying school final stage Sabah, 6. 4/5th positions at Qualifying school final stage California, 6/7th positions at Qualifying school final stage Sabah, 6/7th positions at Qualifying school final stage California, 8/9th positions at Qualifying school final stage Sabah, 8/9th positions at Qualifying school final stage California, 10th position at Qualifying school final stage Sabah, 10th position at Qualifying school final stage California
  - 11th 14th positions at Qualifying school final stage Sabah
  - Medical Exemption
- Next leading 20 players\* from each of: 7.
  - PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament Exemption Categories (capped at Cat. 13 of the 2012 Categories).
  - China Golf Tour Rankings (capped at rank no. 100).
  - Korea Golf Tour Exemption Rankings (capped at Seed Priority c.
- Position 51-100 of 2012 OneAsia Order of Merit 8. a.
  - Medical Exemption.
- Position 15-30 2013 Sabah OneAsia Qualifying school final stage & positions 11 - 30 California OneAsia Qualifying school final stage, with alternating positions).
- Positions 101-122 and tie 2012 final OneAsia Order of Merit. 10.
- Positions 31-last player making the cut/competing 4 rounds at the 2013 OneAsia Qualifying School in both Sabah and California (alternating positions).
- \* Where players in Category 8a-c and 10a-c are required to be ranked due to uneven numbers this will be done in accordance with ranking on their home tour first, then if required preference given to players from country where tournament being played, then if required draw by lot.
- \* Sabah One Asia final stage takes precedence over California Final stage. The number of positions allocated to Cat. 9(a) above was directly proportional to the number of entries received.

For Categories 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 full membership will be optional in any host partner country i.e. a member's home tour.

#### **E. REGISTRATION**

All competitors in the Championship Proper must register at The Royal Sydney Golf Club either between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm on Monday 25 November, or between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on Tuesday 26 November. Any competitor failing to register within these times may be eliminated from the Championship. The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to waive this condition in special individual circumstances.

#### F. PRIZE MONEY

Prize money of minimum AUD\$1,250,000.00 will be allocated to professional golfers in accordance with the distribution formula of the PGA Tour of Australasia.

#### **G. PRO-AM & PRACTICE**

The Championship Pro-Am will be held on Wednesday 27 November (by entering the Australian Open, players automatically commit themselves to play in the Pro-Am as required by Golf Australia). Practice facilities and specific operating times will be noted on the Australian Open website.