

PLAYER INFORMATION: 2014 Australian Boys' Amateur Championship (9-11 April)



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Venue: The Heritage Golf and Country Club (St John Course)
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Format:

Tuesday 8 April: 18 holes practice from 7.30 am
Registration: 10.00 am – 3.30 pm

Wednesday 9 April: 2014 Australian Boys' Amateur Championship – Round 1

Thursday 10 April: 2014 Australian Boys' Amateur Championship – Round 2
Cut to leading 60 players plus ties.

Friday 11 April: AM: 2014 Australian Boys' Amateur Championship – Round 3
PM: 2014 Australian Boys' Amateur Championship – Round 4
Presentation Ceremony for the Australian Boys' Amateur and Opening Ceremony for the Australian Boys' Interstate Teams Matches – approximately 5.45 pm

Championship Presentation Ceremony:

All players are invited to attend the Australian Boys' Amateur Championship Presentation Ceremony & Australian Boys' Interstate Teams Matches Opening Ceremony on Friday 11 April commencing at approximately 5.45 pm. Dress is Smart Casual (i.e. no jacket or tie) for those players not in their State or Territory Team. Finger food and drinks will be served at the conclusion of the Ceremony.

Registration:

Competitors are required to register between 10:00 am and 3:30 pm on Tuesday 8 April at Heritage Golf and Country 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 Emily Miller on registration day on 0418 426 613.

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

Unavailability:

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.golf.org.au. The FINAL draw will be released at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 8 April. Players are asked to contact Golf Australia by **14 March** if they are travelling with another player and would like a similar tee time (every effort will be made to action requests). Requests after this time will not be considered.

Draw for Rounds 3 and 4:

The draw for Rounds 3 and 4 will be seeded based on scores after the first 36-holes.

Practice:

A practice round is available on Tuesday 8 April from 7.30 am. Players must contact Heritage Golf and Country Club to make a reservation on 03 9760 3322.

Additional practice times may be available prior to Tuesday 8 April. Please contact Heritage Golf and Country Club to ascertain availability and costs.

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.

Yardage Books/Course Guides:

Yardage books/course guides will be available when you enter online or at Registration at a cost of \$20.00.

Distance Measuring Devices:

In this competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (eg gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

Range Facilities and Balls:

A practice fairway is available and practice balls are available from the Pro Shop. There is also a chipping area and putting green.

The range is open from 6.30 am until 3.00 pm and players contesting the championship will be provided complimentary balls for the range for Tuesday – Friday (this is included in the entry fee).

Please note: This is primarily for warm up purposes only prior to a round. We would ask that players do not abuse this privilege by hitting large numbers of balls on the completion of the round.

Pull Buggies:

Local competitors and those travelling by car are requested to use their own pull buggies. Golf Australia will endeavor to source sufficient pull buggies, however players are encouraged to bring a light-weight bag in the case that a hire buggy is not available. Buggies will be complimentary for those players who require them for Tuesday – Friday.

Club Storage:

There is limited club storage. Please see Golf Australia staff if this is required.

Caddies:

A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. A player having a caddie in breach of this condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that they conform with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

Motorised Carts:

Players 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.

Any player 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 receipted). 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.

Ties:

In the event of a tie for the Australian Boys' Amateur Championship, 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. Any competitor in the play-off not ready to play when called will be disqualified. If a play-off is required, holes 1, 4 and 8 will be used repeatedly until a winner is determined.

Dress Regulations:

During both practice and competition, competitors and their supporters must ensure a standard of dress is in keeping with national championships. Jeans, t-shirts, and garments with excessive advertising are not permitted on the course or in the clubhouse. Shirts must be tucked in; golf shoes must be worn. Metal spikes are not permitted; soft spikes are permitted in the clubhouse.

Catering:

The bistro will be open from 8.00 am to 3.00 pm. Food and beverage is at the player's expense.

Bottled Water:

Complimentary bottled water will be provided to players for the Championship Rounds from the 1st and 10th tees.

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.

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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