



2014 AUSTRALIAN BOYS' AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Heritage Golf and Country Club

Heritage Avenue, Chirnside Park, VICTORIA

Wednesday 9 April to Friday 11 April, 2014

AGE ELIGIBILITY

Entrants must be under 18 years as at 9 April 2014

FORMAT

72-holes stroke play (cut to the leading 60 players and ties after 36 holes)

HANDICAP LIMIT

4.4

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

5.00 pm AEDT Wednesday 12 March 2014

CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

Information for competitors will be posted on
www.golf.org.au on 14 January 2014



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Australian Sports Commission

To: Golf Australia, Level 3, 95 Coventry Street, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205 Australia
 Telephone – 03 9626 5050 Facsimile – 03 9626 5095; championships@golf.org.au

2014 Australian Boys' Amateur Championship – ENTRY FORM

Yardage Books: (Not included in the entry fee). The cost is \$20.00 per book. Books should be purchased at the time of entry but, subject to any books remaining, may still be purchased up until Registration Day. Please complete the payment section below if you would like a yardage book.

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)

Note: Debit cards cannot be accepted

Yardage Book \$ Entry Fee Late Entry Fee (if applicable) \$

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE \$

CCV Number Expiry Date / / Card Number

Cardholder's Name

Cardholder's Signature

Please enter me in the **2014 Australian Boys' Amateur Championship**. I am an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited, and am eligible under the Conditions of the Championship.

THE ENTRANCE FEE (\$160.00) * MUST BE ATTACHED

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

NAME	Surname		Preferred Given Name	
	Address			
				Postcode
Private Phone	(0)	Business Phone	(0)	
Mobile Phone			E-mail	
Home Club	GOLF Link No.			
Date of Birth	Age as at 9/4/2014		Australian H'cap (Exact)	

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 4.9.

Signature of Competitor	NB – All entrants must supply <u>either</u> a six-month HANDICAP RECORD or a GOLF LINK NUMBER.
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT

A list of all entries received by Golf Australia will be posted at www.golf.org.au – please note that inclusion on this list is not an indication of inclusion in the Championship field. A player's entry form has not officially been received until their name appears on this list.

2014 Australian Boys' Amateur Championship - CONDITIONS

1. Format

1.1 The Championship will be played over 72-holes of stroke play at Heritage Golf and Country Club.

Round 1: Wednesday 9 April

Round 2: Thursday 10 April

The leading 60 players after 36-holes, and any tying for 60th place, will qualify for the 3rd and 4th Rounds; the remainder will be eliminated.

Round 3: Friday 11 April – am

Round 4: Friday 11 April – pm

1.2 The winning player will be the *Australian Boys' Amateur Champion*, hold the Championship Trophy for one year and receive the Championship Gold Medal. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The 3rd place getter will receive a bronze medallion.

1.3 In the event of a tie for first place after 72-holes, those players tying for first place will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee determines, in a sudden-death hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined. In the event of a tie for the runner up or the 3rd place getter, joint winners will be declared.

2. Championship Play Committee

2.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise the Chair of the Golf Australia Championships Committee, Golf Australia's Director - Championships, and Manager - Championships.

2.2 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.

2.3 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.

2.4 The Championship Play Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship shall be final.

3. 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 6), and any additional Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

4. Entries

4.1 Eligible players are male amateurs whose Australian Handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 4.4 and have not reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday by 9 April 2014. The exact handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for entry and ballot purposes.

4.2 The Entrance Fee is \$160.00 (includes GST). **A \$20.00 discount applies to players who enter on-line.**

4.3 Entries must only be made via the Golf Australia on-line entry process, or on the entry form issued by Golf Australia, or facsimile copies thereof. Entry by email is acceptable provided it is a scanned image of the official entry form.

4.4 A decision of the Championship Play Committee as to the acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.

4.5 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.

4.6 Fully completed entry forms, together with appropriate entrance fees, must be received by Golf Australia prior to 5.00 pm AEDT, on Wednesday 12 March 2014. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT HIMSELF TO ENSURE THAT HIS ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES.** A player's entry form has not officially been received until his name has been posted at www.golf.org.au.

4.7 In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (156), entries for higher handicap competitors who are not exempt as in condition 5 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.

4.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Any such entry shall be subject to the application of a \$40.00 late fee (includes GST).

4.9 In the event that an entry is received after the closing time for entries and that it is accepted, the entrant shall be automatically liable to the Golf Australia for the sum of \$40.00 (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.

4.10 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**. Debit cards cannot be accepted.

4.11 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.

4.12 Entrance Fees will be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries, except for those entrants who may be balloted out and who do not subsequently compete.

5. Exemptions

Exemptions from a handicap ballot for the 2014 Australian Boys' Amateur Championship will be granted to the following. (**Note** – Where applicable, it is the sole responsibility of the player to ensure the Championship Play Committee has received notification of his exempt status. Should the Championship Play Committee not be so advised, that player will be deemed to be a non-exempt player.)

5.1 Team members ~ 2014 Boys' Interstate Teams Matches

5.2 Any player in the top 75 of the 2014 Australian Boys' Amateur Rankings as at closing date of entries.

5.3 Winners of 2014 Australian Boys' Amateur Ranking Events.

- 5.4 Players nominated by Member Associations (maximum 3 per association) (players are exempt from handicap criteria).
- 5.5 Players nominated by national golf associations (maximum 3 per country).
- 5.6 Players exempted by Golf Australia.

6. Golf Australia Hard Card

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

7. 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.

8. Pace of Play

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

9. Use of Motorised Transport

Players must not ride in any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Championship Play Committee. Penalty: Stroke Play – Two strokes for each hole at which a 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. Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

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.

10. 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.

11. Registration

Competitors are to register between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm on Tuesday 8 April at Heritage Golf and Country Club. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship.

12. Practice

Tuesday 8 April 2014.

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 – 13 000 ASADA (13 000 27232), or from www.asada.gov.au.

14. Publicity and Promotion; Broadcasting

GA 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 GA, or persons authorised by GA, 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. GA may utilise the rights granted it hereunder in connection with the promotion of this Championship as well as other GA Championships and GA. 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. Smoking Policy

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

16. Legal Policies (e.g. Match Fixing Policy)

All entrants are bound to comply with all of GA's legal policies. These policies relate to the golfer's behaviour and the behaviour of their associates during the tournament. Any breach of these policies may result in the competitor being withdrawn from the competition and subject to investigation and disciplinary proceedings. Depending on the nature of the offence, the competitor may also be subject to criminal charges arising from their conduct. It is the duty of the competitors and their associates to familiarise themselves with the relevant policies and ensure they comply. Copies of GA's Legal Policies can be found on the GA website under the Industry Information page on the INDUSTRY Tab.

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.golf.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.