

PLAYER INFORMATION:

2014 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship (27-31 October)



Venue: Riverside Golf Club

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Format:

Sunday 26 Oct: Practice round - From 12.00 pm

1st Round: Australian Women's Senior Amateur Monday 27 Oct:

Tuesday 28 Oct: 2nd Round: Australian Women's Senior Amateur

Welcome Cocktail Reception: 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm

Wednesday 29 Oct: AM: 1st Round Match Play: Australian Women's Senior Amateur

Quarter Finals Match Play: Age Flights

Thursday 30 Oct: AM: Quarter Finals Match Play: Australian Women's Senior Amateur

AM: Semi-Finals: Age Flights

PM: Semi-Finals: Australian Women's Senior Amateur

Friday 31 Oct: Final: Australian Women's Senior Amateur

Finals: Age Flights

Presentation Drinks: approximately 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

Accommodation & Travel:

Launceston City Centre is located approximately 10 minutes from Riverside Golf Club. A list of accommodation options close to the course is available on the event page. You may also wish to travel to other parts of Tasmania, the rugged West Coast, picturesque seaside villages of the East Coast or head south to MONA and the City of Hobart. Find time to play two of Australia's top ten golf courses Barnbougle Dunes and Lost Farm both located at Bridport just 1 hour from Launceston City.

The Launceston Travel and Information Centre may assist you with further information http://www.visitlauncestontamar.com.au/

Tournament Functions:

Australian Women's Senior Amateur: Welcome Cocktail Reception:

Tuesday 28 October; 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm, Riverside Golf Club

Dress: smart casual; entry to the Reception (finger food plus beer, wine & soft drinks) is included in the entry fee.

Australian Women's Senior Amateur: Presentation Drinks and Cheese & Fruit Platter:

Friday 31 October at the conclusion of play (approx 12.30 pm – 1.30 pm) at Riverside Golf Club Dress: golfing or casual attire (no jeans)

Registration:

Competitors are required to register between 11.00 am and 3.30 pm on Sunday 26 October at Riverside Golf Club. Failure to register may result in disqualification from the Championship. If it is impossible to register in person, competitors must contact the Championship Office on 0418 426 613 on registration day.

Competitors are not required to register each day. Score cards, Local Rules and hole placement sheets will be distributed by the starter on the starting tee. Players will not be called to the tee – players must make their way to the tee 5-10 minutes prior to their tee time.

Unavailability:

Any player unable to compete is requested to contact GA immediately on 03 9626 5050 or 0418 426 613.

Practice:

A practice round is available on Sunday 26 October. Tee times are available from 12.00 noon, and players must ring the Pro Shop on (03) 6327 4043 to make a booking. Practice may be available outside these times by contacting the pro shop.

Play must be from the daily tee markers only – one ball only – competitors only. (Competitors in breach of these practice conditions are liable to face action under GA's Code of Conduct.)

Course Guides:

There are no course guides / yardage books available.

Sprinkler heads in the fairways indicate distance to the centre of the green. Blue pegs on the right hand side of the fairway indicate 150 metres to the centre of the green.

Distance Measuring Devices/GPS:

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.

<u>Please note:</u> Mobile phones are permitted during a stipulated round to access at DMD application or to ring for a ruling only. Please check the R&A flowchart to ensure your device is conforming - <u>R&A Advice Regarding DMDs</u>

Practice Facilities and Balls:

A small practice range is available (7 irons and above) for warm up purposes only. Practice balls will be available for purchase for \$5 for a small bucket or \$8 for a large bucket.

A practice putting green and warm up nets are also available.

Buggies/Trolleys:

Local competitors and those travelling by car are requested to use their own pull buggies. Golf Australia will endeavour to provide a buggy to all players who require one, however players are encouraged to bring a light-weight bag in the case that a buggy is not available. Pull buggies will be available from the pro shop for \$5 each.

Please advise GA by 29 September if you do require a pull buggy to enable us to try and source sufficient buggies for all players.

Unfortunately electric buggies are NOT available. Players wishing to use an electric buggy must make their own arrangements and are requested NOT to contact Riverside Golf Club. We suggest players contact a friend or relative who lives nearby who may be able to loan players a buggy.

Motorised Carts:

Players are permitted to use Motorised Transport on the production of a Medical Certificate. The Medical Certificate must be received by Golf Australia prior to the event. Players requiring a motorised cart MUST book this with **Golf Australia on 03 9626 5050 by 29 September.** If bookings are not received by this time, it will be the player's responsibility to make their own arrangements. Carts are limited and will have to be sourced externally, therefore the cost will be approximately \$40.00 - \$50.00 each.

<u>Please Note:</u> Riverside Golf Club is a relatively flat and easy walking course. Temperatures will be mild in Launceston so players should not experience too much difficulty walking the course.

Club Storage:

Limited Club storage is available at Riverside Golf Club. Please see the Pro Shop if this is required.

Caddies:

Caddies will not be supplied. If players require a caddy they must make their own arrangements.

Draw for Qualifying Rounds:

A DRAFT draw will be available approximately one week prior to the event. If players are travelling together and would like similar tee times, this must be advised to GA (emilym@golf.org.au) at the time of entry and no later the closing date on 29 September. (NB every attempt will be made to place players at similar times.) Requests after this time will NOT be accommodated.

Although it is unlikely to change, the FINAL draw will be released at approximately 5.00 pm on Sunday 26 October once all players have registered.

Draw for Match Play Rounds:

There will be 36-holes of stroke play to qualify 16 players for elimination match play in the Women's Senior Amateur Championship, and 8 players in each of the four Championship Flights. The Match Play Draws will be available from the Championship Office as soon as possible after the qualifying rounds have been completed.

NB. A player is not permitted to forfeit her place in the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship in order to be drawn in her respective Championship Flight.

Results & Draws:

All results and draws will be posted at www.golf.org.au.

Ties:

In the event of a tie after the qualifying rounds for the last places in the Championship Draw, the places will be determined by a sudden-death, hole-by-hole, play-off to be held immediately after the 2nd qualifying round has concluded on Tuesday 28 October, or, if necessary due to insufficient light, the next morning. Any competitor in the play-off not ready to play when called will be disqualified. Ties for the last available places in the Championship Flights will be decided by count-back.

Dress Requirements:

Riverside Golf Club requires a dress standard both on course and in the clubhouse to be of a clean, neat, tidy nature and appropriate to the game. Soft spikes are preferred but are not mandatory. Any further information on dress requirements can be found on the Riverside Golf Club Website: http://riversidegolf.com.au/

Bottled Water:

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

Catering:

Catering will be available from the clubhouse from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm daily at the player's expense.

A coffee machine is available in the pro-shop and complimentary "help-yourself" tea and coffee will be also be available each morning for players.

Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones may NOT be used on the golf course during competition play (except in the case of an emergency). Phones may be used in the clubhouse.

Smoking Policy

Players are prohibited from smoking cigarettes, cigars or the like during a stipulated round. See GA's Code of Conduct – www.golf.org.au

GA Hard Card:

The GA Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Championship and will be provided to players at registration.

Course Care:

All clubs which host GA 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 GA's Code of Conduct.

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