



**GolfAustralia**

# 2014 AUSTRALIAN MEN'S MID AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

## Lynwood Country Club

253 Pitt Town Bottoms Rd, Pitt Town NSW 2756

**Wednesday 12 to Friday 14 November 2014**

### AGE ELIGIBILITY

Entrants must be at least 30 years of age and not have reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday as at 12/11/2014

### FORMAT

54-holes stroke play

### HANDICAP LIMIT

4.4

### CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

5.00 pm (AEDT) on Wednesday 15 October 2014

### CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEE

\$170.00 (\$20.00 discount applies to those who enter on-line)

*Includes entry fee, practice round, player gift, welcome function and presentation function*

### **CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION:**

Information for competitors will be posted on  
[www.golf.org.au](http://www.golf.org.au) on 12 August 2014



Australian Government  
Australian Sports Commission

## 2014 Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship – ENTRY FORM

### ~~~ CHAMPIONSHIP FUNCTIONS ~~~

**Welcome Cocktail Party:** will be held at Lynwood Country Club on the evening of Tuesday 11 November at 6.00pm This is included in the entry fee.

**Presentation Reception:** will be held at Lynwood Country Club during the Championship Presentations on Friday 14 November. This is included in the entry fee.

### 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)

NB Debit cards are NOT Accepted

Amount \$

CCV Number

Expiry Date

 / 

Card Number

Cardholder's Name

Cardholder's Signature

Please enter me in the 2014 Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship. I am an amateur player 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 (\$170.00) \* 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			Email	
Home Club	GOLF Link No.			
Date of Birth	Age as at 12/11/2014		GA 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 5.9.

<i>Signature of Competitor</i>	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](http://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 Men's Mid Amateur Championship

## CONDITIONS

### 1. Championship Procedure

- 1.1 The Championship will be played over 54-holes of stroke play at Lynwood Country Club.  
Round 1: Wednesday 12 November  
Round 2: Thursday 13 November  
Round 3: Friday 14 November
- 1.2 There is no cut – all players contest 54-holes.
- 1.3 The winner will be the *Australian Men's Mid Amateur Champion* and will receive the Championship Gold Medal and trophy. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place getter will receive a bronze medallion. The overall net winner will receive a bronze medallion.
- 1.4 In the event of a tie for the championship, unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise, players in such a tie will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee decides in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined. In the event of a tie for the second or third place getters, joint winners will be declared. In the event of a tie for the overall net, the winner will be determined using the Australian Count-back system.

### 2. State Stroke Teams Event

- 2.1 Each state may nominate a team comprising a maximum of three players (two males and one female) who will meet eligibility conditions laid down by Golf Australia.
- 2.2 The winning team will be determined by the lowest aggregate of all three scores from each round.
- 2.3 Disqualification of a team member under the Rules of Golf in any round will result in disqualification of the team, unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise.
- 2.4 In the event of a tie, joint winners will be declared.
- 2.5 Members of the winning team will receive mementos.

### 3. 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 a 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 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 18), and any additional Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

### 5. Entries

- 5.1 Eligible players are male amateurs who have reached their 30<sup>th</sup>, yet not reached their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday, by 12 November 2014 and; whose Australian Handicap (or overseas equivalent) does not exceed 4.4 strokes at the time of entry or who are an exempt player as detailed in Condition 6.
- 5.2 The Entrance Fee is \$170.00 (includes GST). **A \$20.00 discount applies to players who enter on-line.**
- 5.3 Entries must be made via the Golf Australia on-line entry process, 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.

- 5.4 The decision of the Championship Play Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.
  - 5.5 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
  - 5.6 Fully completed entry forms, together with appropriate entrance fees, must be received by Golf Australia by 5.00 pm AEDT on Wednesday 15 October 2014. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT HIMSELF TO ENSURE THAT HIS ENTRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED.** A player's entry form has not officially been received until his name has been posted at [www.golf.org.au](http://www.golf.org.au)
  - 5.7 In the event of entry applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship, applications from those higher handicap competitors not exempt from a handicap ballot as detailed in Condition 6 will be decided by a handicap ballot. The exact handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Monies received from balloted entrants, who do not subsequently compete, will be refunded in entirety.
  - 5.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Any such entry will be subject to the application of a \$40.00 late fee (includes GST).
  - 5.9 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 \$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.
  - 5.10 Acceptable payment methods are only as follows – credit card (Visa, or MasterCard only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash (please note though 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*.
  - 5.11 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.
  - 5.12 Monies received will only 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; and those approved by the Championship Play Committee.
- ### 6. Exemptions
- 6.1 All previous winners of the Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship (must satisfy age entry conditions).
  - 6.2 Current Men's State Mid Amateur Champions as at close of entries (must satisfy age entry conditions).
  - 6.3 Current Men's International Mid Amateur Champions as at close of entries (must satisfy age entry conditions).
  - 6.4 Former Australian Men's representatives (must satisfy age and handicap entry conditions).
  - 6.5 Former Australian Men's Amateur Champions (must satisfy age and handicap entry conditions).
  - 6.6 Entrants exempt by Golf Australia.

## 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. Motorised Transport

During play, it is prohibited for a player to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless specific written permission has been granted by the Championship Play Committee. (NB Subject to host club permission, a caddie may use motorised transport at any time.)

Penalty (unless permitted to ride by a member of the Championship Rules Committee): 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 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.

Note i: Permission will only be granted to entrants who can provide a Medical Certificate.

Note ii: Golf Australia takes no responsibility for the availability of golf carts.

Note iii: Permission will be granted on the basis that the following requirements are adhered to. Players failing to adhere to these requirements are liable to have such permission revoked:

*Players who drive at a pace which is clearly quicker than walking pace; and/or who drive to a point past their ball which is clearly unreasonable for a player who is not using motorised transport to reach, are in breach of these requirements.*

## 10. Practice

Tuesday 11 November 2014.

## 11. Registration

Competitors are to register between 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm on Tuesday 11 November at Lynwood Country Club. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship.

## 12. 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 the 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](http://www.asada.gov.au)

## 13. 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.

## 14. Publicity and Promotion; Broadcasting

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. 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](http://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.

## 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 ABOUT US Tab.

## 17. Smoking Policy

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

## 18. 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.

## 19. Golf Australia Hard Card

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