



# The Australian Amateur Championships




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## 2015 PLAYER INFORMATION

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**Venue:** The Australian Golf Club  
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### Format (Men):

Sunday 18 January Practice round at The Lakes Golf Club; tee times from 6.30 am – 3.00 pm  
 Monday 19 January: Practice Round at The Australian Golf Club; tee times from 7.00 am – 3.00 pm  
*Registration at The Australian Golf Club from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm*  
 Tuesday 20 January: 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round: The Australian and The Lakes Golf Clubs  
 Wednesday 21 January: 2<sup>nd</sup> Qualifying Round: The Australian and The Lakes Golf Clubs  
 Thursday 22 January: AM: 1<sup>st</sup> Round: Match Play (The Australian GC)  
 Friday 23 January: AM: 2<sup>nd</sup> Match Play Round; PM: 3<sup>rd</sup> Match Play Round (The Australian GC)  
*Sweet Sixteen Dinner (7.00 pm – 8.30 pm) (The Australian GC)*  
 Saturday 24 January: AM: Quarter-Finals Match Play; PM: Semi-Finals Match Play (The Australian GC)  
 Sunday 25 January: AM & PM: Final (36-holes) (The Australian GC)  
*Conclusion of Play (approx 4 pm): Presentation/Cocktail Reception (The Australian GC)*

### Format (Women):

Sunday 18 January Practice round at The Lakes Golf Club; tee times from 6.30 am – 3.00 pm  
 Monday 19 January: Practice Round at The Australian Golf Club; tee times from 7.00 am – 3.00 pm  
*Registration at The Australian Golf Club from 10.00 am – 3.00 pm*  
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**Championship Courses:**

The Men's Championship will be played from the Club's Championship Course.

The Australian Golf Club

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
METRES	461	198	340	193	553	378	392	440	424	3379
PAR	5	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	36

HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN
METRES	381	172	385	362	485	188	430	399	486	3288
PAR	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	5	36

The Lakes Golf Club

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
METRES	365	400	444	339	363	312	160	503	138	3024
PAR	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	35

HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN
METRES	314	528	409	288	502	180	396	454	191	3266
PAR	4	5	4	4	5	3	4	5	3	37

The Women's Championship will be played as follows:

The Australian Golf Club

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
METRES	430	144	328	130	455	365	330	338	355	2875
PAR	5	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	36

HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN
METRES	363	148	356	331	427	150	430	350	447	3002
PAR	4	3	4	4	5	3	5	4	5	37

The Lakes Golf Club

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
METRES	338	365	427	339	350	312	133	458	130	2852
PAR	4	4	5	4	4	4	3	5	3	36

HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN
METRES	266	450	406	281	460	160	330	454	160	2967
PAR	4	5	5	4	5	3	4	5	3	38

**Tournament Functions:**

Sweet Sixteen Dinner: *The Australian Golf Club; Friday 23 January; 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm*

It is MANDATORY that the 8 men and 8 women contesting the Quarter-Finals attend a two-course dinner with officials and sponsors. Player dress: dress shirt and long pants (women equivalent).

Presentation & Cocktail Reception: *The Australian Golf Club; Sunday 25 January; approx 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm*

All players and officials are invited to attend the Presentation and Cocktail Reception. Player dress: Golf attire.



**Registration and Starting:**

Competitors are required to register between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm on Monday 19 January at The Australian Golf Club in the Niblick Bar. 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 registration day on +61 418 426 613.

Competitors are NOT required to register each day. Players will NOT be called to the tee and should proceed to their starting tee approximately 5 minutes prior to their starting time. Score cards, Local Rules and hole placement sheets will be distributed by the starter on tee.

**Withdrawals:**

For withdrawals, please contact GA immediately on +61 3 9626 5050, or +61 418 426 613 or [championships@golf.org.au](mailto:championships@golf.org.au).

**Results & Draws:**

All results and draws will be posted at [www.golf.org.au](http://www.golf.org.au). The Qualifying Rounds draw will be available after 5.30 pm on Monday 19 January. If players are traveling together and would like similar tee times, this must be advised to Golf Australia no later than **5 January** via phone +61 3 9626 5050 or [championships@golf.org.au](mailto:championships@golf.org.au). Requests after this time will NOT be accommodated.

**Pull 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/trolley 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. Buggies will be complimentary for the practice rounds and the championship rounds for those players who require them.

**Practice:**

- Players are entitled to ONE complimentary practice round ONLY.
- Play must be from the daily tee markers only.
- Practice rounds are available at the following times:
  - The Lakes Golf Club: From 6.30 am – 3.00 pm on Sunday 18 January
  - The Australian Golf Club: From 7.00 am – 3.00 pm on Monday 19 January
- Any player who arrives at either club outside of these times will be asked to leave.
- Players **MUST** contact Golf Australia to make a booking for the official practice rounds: phone +61 3 9626 5050 or [championships@golf.org.au](mailto:championships@golf.org.au). On booking a round, players must provide the names of all players if they are booking on behalf of other players (e.g. a player cannot book themselves in four times).

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.
- Notwithstanding the above regulations, no additional practice strokes shall be played if the group behind is waiting to play. Additionally, course staff retain absolute right of way.
- **Competitors in breach of these practice conditions are liable to face action under Golf Australia's Code of Conduct**

**Practice Facilities:**

**IMPORTANT:** The practice facilities at the host venues are for warm up and cool down purposes only (i.e. not for players to remain at the course all day using the facilities). Additionally, drill putting is NOT permitted. Any player in breach of these conditions may be removed from the Championship.

A practice fairway is available at both clubs and competitors will receive complimentary practice balls during the practice round and championship rounds.

Range operating times at both clubs is 6.30 am to 5.00 pm.

The Australian Golf Club: Range balls will be available at the driving range

The Lakes Golf Club: Coded tickets will be available from the Pro Shop to acquire range balls

**Club Storage and Lockers:**

There is limited club storage at both clubs and lockers are not available. Please see the Golf Australia staff for storage options.

**Physiotherapist and Medical Centres:**

A list of physiotherapists and Medical Centres is available from the Tournament Office.

**Caddies:**

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

**Yardage Books:**

Yardage books will be available from the pro shop of both golf clubs for approximately \$20.00 each.

**Golf Australia Hard Card:**

The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Championship and will be provided to players at registration. For a copy of the Card prior to the event, please visit [www.golf.org.au](http://www.golf.org.au) - Rules & Handicapping/Rules & Competition Management/Competition and Course Management Resources.

**Distance Measuring Devices/GPS:**

The following Local Rule will be in effect for the Championship:

*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.*

Please note: Mobile phones are permitted during a stipulated round to access a distance measuring device application or to ring for a ruling only. Please check the R&A flowchart to ensure your device is conforming – [R&A Advice Regarding DMDs](#)



### Conforming Groove and Punch Mark Specifications

Players 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.

Please note that Golf Australia will **NOT** be conducting field testing during the Australian Amateur Championship and players will need to resolve any questions about their clubs prior to arriving at the Championship.

The R&A has a Club Groove Search facility available at <http://www.randa.org/en/Equipment/Equipment-Search/Informational-Clubs.aspx> to assist players in determining if their clubs conform to the specifications.

*Players will also be required to submit their club specifications to Golf Australia at the time of entry and we will check the conformance of all clubs at this time.*

#### Ties:

In the event of a tie for the last match play places, a sudden-death, hole-by-hole, play-off will be held at The Australian Golf Club immediately after the 2<sup>nd</sup> round has concluded 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. Players required to come from The Lakes Golf Club will be given the appropriate time to travel to The Australian Golf Club.

In the event of a tie for the Medalist, joint winners will be declared. In the event of a tie for places in the match play draw, ties will be decided by lot.

#### Dress Requirements:

“Hard/Metal” spikes are not permitted. Players, caddies and spectators must adhere to dress which is neat, tidy and appropriate to the game. Jeans, track or leisure pants, and clothing, hats, caps, and visors with excessive slogans or advertising are not permitted.

Please note at The Australian Golf Club, Men with shorts must wear either long socks or short socks in plain white or Golf Club monogrammed. **Anklet socks are not acceptable.**

Players and spectators are reminded that they are guests of the clubs and failure to adhere to dress regulations may result in them being asked to change or purchase appropriate dress.

#### Catering:

Golf Australia will provide all players complimentary lunch for the Championship Days. Players are requested to go to the Bar to “redeem” their complimentary lunch. Catering is available as follows:

The Australian Golf Club:	7.00 am – 4.00 pm
The Lakes Golf Club:	6.30 am – 4.00 pm

Food and beverage for players on the practice days is at the player's expense.

#### Complimentary Water and Powerade:

Complimentary bottled water and Powerade will be supplied to players on the Championship Days only (i.e. not the practice rounds) from various parts of the course. Players are requested not to abuse this privilege and to place empty bottles in rubbish bins.



**Mobile Phones:**

- Mobile phones may not be used on the golf course during competition play except to access a distance measuring device application, in an emergency or to call for a referee.
- The Australian Golf Club: Mobile phones are not permitted in the Clubhouse. They may be used in the car park areas only.
- The Lakes Golf Club: Mobile phones are not permitted in the clubhouse. They may be used on the balcony and in car park areas only.
- A competitor failing to adhere to this regulation will be in breach of Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

**Laptops, Ipods and Personal Music Players – The Australian Golf Club:**

The use of laptops and personal music players such as Ipods and MP3's is not permitted in the Clubhouse or on the Golf Course at The Australian Golf Club, but may be used, using earphones, on the Northern and Southern Driving Ranges.

**Smoking:**

Players are not permitted to smoke cigarettes, cigars or the like during a stipulated round. A competitor failing to adhere to this regulation will be in breach of Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

**Course Care:**

All clubs which host Golf Australia National Championships kindly give up their course to you for the duration of the event. The course must be left in a suitable condition once the Championship is completed. Players **MUST** carry AND use a sand bucket at The Lakes Golf Club or chop-in at The Australian Golf Club. Any player seen to be in breach of this request may face action under Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.