2015 AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR RANKING SYSTEM

(Conditions for Determining Final Placing) *Version 5/11/14*

Preamble

These conditions relate to the determination of the winner, place getters and other positions for the 2015 Australian Women's Amateur Rankings upon the conclusion of the ranking period.

1. Eligibility

1.1 For players to accrue points towards their 2015 Australian Women's Amateur Ranking, at a Counting Event, they must meet each of the following conditions at the time of the Counting Event:

- Be a female amateur golfer.
- Conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Ltd.

1.2 Players who breach either the Golf Australia or State or Territory Codes of Conduct, or the Golf Australia Anti Doping Policy may incur penalties which could impact upon their capacity to accrue Ranking Points. Players in breach of either the Code of Conduct or the Anti Doping Policy may be removed from the Australian Amateur Ranking System. Any decision relating to condition 1.2 will be in the sole purview of Golf Australia.

1.3 The decision of Golf Australia as to acceptance or refusal of a player's results from Ranking Events for the Ranking System is final.

2. General

2.1 Golf Australia will have the sole management and control of the Australian Women's Amateur Rankings, with full power at any time to alter or vary any one of the Conditions.

2.2 Golf Australia's decision on matters affecting the Ranking System will be final.

3. Determining the Winner and Other Finishing Positions

3.1 A player's points will be divided by either the minimum divisor of eight (8) or the number of events played (whichever is greater). This figure will be the player's Australian Women's Amateur Ranking Average.

3.2 After 3.1 has been executed, the player with the highest Australian Women's Amateur Ranking Average for Counting Events played between 1 November 2014 and 31 October 2015, will be the winner of the 2015 Australian Women's Amateur Rankings.

3.3 The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters will receive a gold, silver and bronze Golf Australia Medallion respectively. In the case of ties, joint winners will be awarded.

3.4 A player remains eligible to win the 2015 Australian Women's Amateur Ranking System if for example they turn professional between 1 November 2014 and 31 October 2015 as any legitimately accrued points (as per condition 1.1) will remain 'live' until the end of the Ranking period.

4. Australian Women's Amateur Ranking Events and Points Tables

4.1 The events listed in 4.10 are the Counting Events for the Australian Women's Amateur Ranking System. Each event includes its <u>approximate</u> weighting. Points will be awarded to each finishing position based on the Stroke Play and Match Play Points Tables.

4.2 The <u>actual</u> event weighting will be determined on the starting field for that year, based on the following:

- Australian Open is weighted: Stroke Play 10
- State Opens are weighted: Stroke Play 8
- Australian Amateur is weighted: Qualifying Rounds - Stroke Play six (6); Match Play Rounds - Match five (5)
- State Championships are weighted a minimum of: Qualifying Rounds - Stroke Play three (3); Match Play Rounds - Match one (1)

- Territory Championships are weighted a minimum of: Qualifying Rounds - Stroke Play two (2); Match Play Rounds – Match one (1)

Note i: With respect to State and Territory Championships, where the Stroke Play Qualifying Rounds are followed by Match Play Rounds, the Match Play Weighting is two Weightings below the Stroke Play Weighting. Events are considered ONE event with respect to the divisor.

Note ii: After the above has been applied, the following criteria (table below) are then executed to determine the event's actual weighting. Additionally, if an event includes five (5) or more players (excluding Australians) from the Top 250 of WAGR, the event's weighting will automatically be increased by 1 level.

No. of players who compete from the Aust Top 20	No. of players who compete from the Aust Top 100	Actual Weighting
0-4 players		2
4 players	and >25	3
5-9 players		3
9 players	and >25	4
10-14 players		4
14 players	and >25	5
15 or more players		5

Example 1:
Lake Macquarie Amateur:

a. There are 14 players from the top 20 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
b. There are 21 players from the top 100 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
c. Therefore, its Stroke Play Weighting is 4.
d. However, there are also 6 players from the top 250 of the WAGR who contest the event, therefore the Stroke Play Weighting is increased by 1 Weighting, giving the event a Stroke Play Weighting of 5.

Example 2:
Qld Stroke Play and Amateur:

a. There are 9 players from the top 20 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
b. There are 26 players from the top 100 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
c. Therefore, its Stroke Play Weighting is 4 and the Match Play Weighting is 2.

Example 3:
SA Amateur:

a. There are 4 players from the top 20 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
b. There are 12 players from the top 100 of the Australian Rankings who contest the event;
c. Therefore, its Stroke Play Weighting based on the table is 2, however as it is a State Championship and the minimum weighting for the Stroke Play section of a State Championship can be is 3, the Stroke Play Weighting is increased to 3. The Match Play Weighting is 1.

4.3 If the number of rounds of a Counting Event is reduced, the following points will be allocated:

- An event reduced from 72 holes to 54 holes: no change
- An event reduced from 54 holes to 36 holes: no change
- An event reduced from 72 holes to 36 holes: the points weighting is reduced by 1 level
- An event reduced to 18 holes: the points weighting is reduced to level 1 (ie 70 points)

4.4 Points gained in the Australian Open will be "bonus" points – i.e. the Australian Open is NOT counted in the player's divisor.

4.5 Events comprising stroke play rounds followed by match play rounds are considered ONE event with respect to the divisor.

4.6 Where an event has more than one Grade/Division (e.g. A Grade, B Grade, etc) only scores from the A Grade players count for Ranking purposes.

4.7 Where players finish in tied positions in Counting Events, the points allocated to those finishing positions will be averaged and split evenly among the tied players. Exception: where there is a play-off to determine the winner, the winner of the play-off will be allocated the points for the first position.

4.8 If a player is disqualified from a Counting Event, or fails to complete a round without reasonable justification (as determined by Golf Australia), the player will be deemed to have been disqualified which will result in 0 points being allocated and the event counting as a divisor.

4.9 a) All National, and State and Territory Championships are automatically granted Ranking Status. For additional events to be granted Ranking Status, the event must:

- Be scheduled to be played over at least 54 holes; and
- Must not discriminate against categories of players who are eligible for the relevant Australian Ranking System (ie it cannot be restricted to players aged 25-40 years, for example)
- Where it is a Nominated Event, meet the Regulations in respect to the payment of expenses for the Nominated Players. Should these Regulations not be met, the event may lose its Nominated Event status.

b) An event will be granted Australian Amateur Ranking Status at the discretion of Golf Australia, but must meet the criteria in 4.9a).

c) It is Golf Australia's intent that a competition with Ranking Event status be open to a significant number of players who are eligible to accrue ranking points. Nonetheless, Golf Australia recognises that this desire is sometimes compromised by the benefits of recognising performance in Open events. Golf Australia will continue to monitor the Ranking Event status of various competitions with this in mind.

4.10 2015 Counting Events:

State	Event	Approx Weighting*
Australian	Australian Amateur Championship	Qual Rds (6) + Match Play (5)
	ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open	10
New South Wales	NSW Stroke Play and Amateur	Stroke Play (4) + Match Play (2)
	Lake Macquarie Amateur	4
	NSW Open	8
Queensland	Qld Stroke Play and Amateur	Stroke Play (3) + Match Play (1)
	South Pacific Ladies Open Classic	2
	Sunshine Coast Ladies Open	2
South Australia	SA Amateur	Qual Rds (3) + Match Play (1)
	SA 72-Hole Stroke Play (Rene Erichsen)	4
Tasmania	Tasmanian Amateur	Qual Rds (2) + Match Play (1)
	Tasmanian 72-Hole Stroke Play (Elvie Whiteside)	3
Victoria	Victorian 72-hole (Port Phillip) and Amateur	Stroke Play (4) + Match Play (2)
	Riversdale Cup	4
	Victorian Open	8
	The Dunes Medal	4
Western Australia	WA Amateur	Qual Rds (3) + Match Play (1)
	WA 72-Holes Stroke Play	3
Northern Territory	NT Open Amateur	2

**Based on 2014 fields*

4.11 Points Tables:

Stroke Play

Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 (State Open)	9	10 (Aus Open)	11	12	%
1	70	100	130	160	190	220	250	280	310	340	370	400	
2	57	82	107	131	156	180	205	230	254	279	303	328	0.18
3	51	73	95	117	139	161	182	204	226	248	270	292	0.11
4	48	68	88	109	129	149	170	190	210	231	251	271	0.07

Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 (State Open)	9	10 (Aus Open)	11	12	%
5	45	64	83	103	122	141	160	180	199	218	237	257	0.055
6	43	61	79	98	116	134	153	171	189	208	226	244	0.047
7	41	58	76	93	111	128	146	163	181	198	216	233	0.045
8	39	56	72	89	106	123	139	156	173	190	206	223	0.045
9	37	53	69	85	101	117	133	149	165	181	197	213	0.045
10	36	51	66	81	97	112	127	142	158	173	188	203	0.045
11	34	49	63	78	92	107	121	136	151	165	180	194	0.045
12	33	47	60	74	88	102	116	130	144	158	172	186	0.042
13	31	45	58	71	85	98	111	125	138	152	165	178	0.042
14	30	43	55	68	81	94	107	120	132	145	158	171	0.042
15	29	41	53	65	78	90	102	115	127	139	151	164	0.042
16	27	39	51	63	74	86	98	110	121	133	145	157	0.042
17	26	38	49	60	72	83	94	105	117	128	139	151	0.039
18	25	36	47	58	69	80	90	101	112	123	134	145	0.039
19	24	35	45	56	66	76	87	97	108	118	129	139	0.039
20	23	33	43	53	63	74	84	94	104	114	124	134	0.039
21	22	32	42	51	61	71	80	90	100	109	119	128	0.039
22	22	31	40	49	59	68	77	86	96	105	114	123	0.039
23	21	30	39	47	56	65	74	83	92	101	110	119	0.039
24	20	28	37	46	54	63	71	80	88	97	105	114	0.039
25	19	27	36	44	52	60	68	77	85	93	101	110	0.039
26	18	26	34	42	50	58	66	74	82	89	97	105	0.039
27	18	25	33	41	48	56	63	71	78	86	94	101	0.038
28	17	24	32	39	46	54	61	68	76	83	90	97	0.038
29	16	23	30	37	45	52	59	66	73	80	87	94	0.038
30	16	23	29	36	43	50	56	63	70	77	83	90	0.038
31	15	22	28	35	41	48	54	61	67	74	80	87	0.038
32	15	21	27	33	40	46	52	58	65	71	77	83	0.038
33	14	20	26	32	38	44	50	56	62	68	74	80	0.038
34	14	19	25	31	37	42	48	54	60	66	71	77	0.038
35	13	19	24	30	35	41	46	52	58	63	69	74	0.038
36	13	18	23	29	34	39	45	50	55	61	66	71	0.038
37	12	17	22	28	33	38	43	48	53	58	64	69	0.037
38	12	17	22	27	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	0.037
39	11	16	21	26	30	35	40	45	49	54	59	64	0.037
40	11	15	20	25	29	34	38	43	48	52	57	61	0.037
41	10	15	19	24	28	33	37	41	46	50	55	59	0.037
42	10	14	19	23	27	31	36	40	44	48	53	57	0.037
43	10	14	18	22	26	30	34	38	43	47	51	55	0.037
44	9	13	17	21	25	29	33	37	41	45	49	53	0.037
45	9	13	17	20	24	28	32	36	39	43	47	51	0.037
46	9	12	16	20	23	27	31	34	38	42	45	49	0.037
47	8	12	15	19	22	26	30	33	37	40	44	47	0.037
48	8	11	15	18	22	25	28	32	35	39	42	45	0.037
49	8	11	14	18	21	24	27	31	34	37	40	44	0.037
50	7	11	14	17	20	23	26	30	33	36	39	42	0.037
51	7	10	13	16	19	22	25	28	31	35	38	41	0.037
52	7	10	13	16	19	22	24	27	30	33	36	39	0.036
53	7	9	12	15	18	21	24	26	29	32	35	38	0.036
54	6	9	12	15	17	20	23	25	28	31	34	36	0.036
55	6	9	11	14	17	19	22	25	27	30	32	35	0.036
56	6	8	11	14	16	19	21	24	26	29	31	34	0.036
57	6	8	11	13	15	18	20	23	25	28	30	33	0.036
58	5	8	10	13	15	17	20	22	24	27	29	31	0.036
59	5	8	10	12	14	17	19	21	23	26	28	30	0.036
60	5	7	9	12	14	16	18	20	23	25	27	29	0.036

Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8 (State Open)	9	10 (Aus Open)	11	12	%
MC	1	1	2	2	5	5	10	10	10	15	15	15	
DQ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Match Play

	Match 1	Match 2	Match 3	Match 4	Match 5	Match 6	Match 7	Match 8	Match 9	Match 10	Match 11	Match 12
Winner	70	100	130	160	190	220	250	280	310	340	370	400
Rup	57	82	107	131	156	180	205	230	254	279	303	328
SF	49	70	92	113	134	155	176	197	218	239	261	282
QF	42	60	78	96	114	132	150	168	186	203	221	239
Rd 16	32	46	60	73	87	101	115	128	142	156	169	183
Rd 32	20	28	37	46	54	63	71	80	88	97	105	114
Rd 64	8	12	15	19	23	26	30	33	37	40	44	47