



AMATEUR GOLFER'S ENTRY FORM ONLY

2015 Emirates Australian Open



THE AUSTRALIAN
GOLF CLUB

The Australian Golf Club
53 Bannerman Crescent, Rosebery NSW

Thursday 26 November - Sunday 29 November 2015

GA HANDICAP LIMIT: 2.0

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 5.00 pm (AEDT) Thursday 5 November 2015

www.australianopengolf.com



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NB – Australian PGA Members and Non-Members must enter through PGA Australia

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NAME	Surname		Preferred Given Name		
POSTAL ADDRESS				Postcode	
NATIONALITY (if not Australian) or STATE/TERRITORY				DOB	
Private Phone	(0)	Business Phone	(0)		
Mobile Phone			Email		

Home Club			
GA Handicap		GOLF LINK NUMBER or COUNTRY/SYSTEM handicap held under	

SECTION OF CHAMPIONSHIP

(only supply details for the section you are initially entering)

Final Qualifying (Entrance Fee AUD\$115.00) incl GST	
Championship Proper (Entrance Fee AUD\$115.00) incl GST	Exemption Category —

METHOD OF PAYMENT (tick selected option and complete credit card details if applicable)

(ACCEPTED CREDIT CARDS) Visa MasterCard CHEQUE MONEY ORDER CASH (Office Payments Only)

Amount

CCV Number Expiry Date / Card Number

Cardholder's Name Cardholder's Signature

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.

Signature of Competitor	
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Acknowledgement of Receipt

www.australianopengolf.com contains a current list of AMATEUR GOLFER entrants only.
A player's entry form has not officially been received until their name appears on this list.

2015 CONDITIONS

A. GENERAL

1. The Championship is scheduled to be played over 72 holes stroke play; 18 holes each on Thursday 26 November, Friday 27 November, Saturday 28 November, and Sunday 29 November 2015.
2. 156 players will be eligible to compete comprising those exempt from Qualifying and successful competitors from Qualifying. The leading 60 professionals after 36 holes, plus any tying for 60th place, plus any amateur with an equivalent or better 36-hole total to the 60th placed professional, will qualify for the 3rd and 4th rounds; the remainder will be eliminated. In the event that the number of competitors qualifying for the 3rd and 4th rounds is such that the number of players in each group will not total the requisite figure, the Championship Play Committee will appoint a playing marker, or markers.
3. In the event of a tie for the Championship after 72 holes, a play-off to produce a single winner must be conducted. Players in such a tie will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee will decide in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.
4. In the event of play being either delayed or declared null and void for any round of the Championship or the play-off (if one is required), additional play beyond Sunday 29 November will be at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee.
5. The winner will receive the Championship Gold Medal and will hold the Stonehaven Cup for one year. The leading amateur in the Championship, unless they be the winner and given that they have completed the Championship, will receive the Championship Silver Medal. All amateurs who complete the Championship will receive a bronze medallion.
6.
 - (a) The Championship will be under the sole management and control of the Championship Play Committee which will comprise Golf Australia's Director – Championships, Chairman – Rules Committee, Manager – Rules & Handicapping, Manager – Championships, and the PGA Tour of Australasia's Director of Tournaments. In the absence of any members of the Championship Play Committee, such members of the Championship Play Committee who may be present at any time may give a decision, and any such decision will be deemed to be a decision made by the Championship Play Committee in its entirety.
 - (b) The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply together with such Local Rules as are approved by the Championship Play Committee.
 - (c) Any decision of the Championship Play Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Championship.
 - (d) The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event.
7. The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls, Conforming Driver Heads, and One Ball Condition.
8. Clubs Conforming with Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: The player's 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.
NB. This is in effect for the Championship Proper Only (it is not in effect for Qualifying).
9. The following Local Rule will be in effect for the Qualifying Rounds only (it is not in effect for the Championship Proper):
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.
10. It is prohibited for a player or their caddie to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless permitted to do so by the Championship Rules Committee. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four 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.
11. 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, shall 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
12. Pace of Play: Pace of play guidelines will be laid down and strictly enforced (see Note 2; Rule 6-7).
13. During practice or during the Championship, a player or their caddie will not mark the course, or cause to have the course marked, to indicate, or to assist in gauging, course measurements. A player in breach of this condition may be disqualified.
14. Caddies must wear the caddie clothing provided. Competitors will at all times be liable for the actions of their caddies. A player whose caddie is in breach of this condition may be disqualified.
15. All amateur competitors agree to conform to the 2015 PGA of Australia Members Regulations. One such Regulation being that long pants **must** be worn when attending the tournament venue during tournament week.
16. Golf Australia, PGA of Australia and OneAsia, and Sponsors arrange publicity before and during the Championship in the Media, by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting, by filming, and in electronic form. The players assent to references to them and pictures of them in practice and play appearing and being used for commercial purposes by Golf Australia, PGA of Australia and OneAsia and its Sponsors. All rights for televising live, television recordings or for any visual or electronic reproduction of the Championship are reserved only to Golf Australia, PGA of Australia and OneAsia and may only be made under licence.

B. ENTRIES

1. The Championship is open to all professional golfers (trainee professionals by Trainee Invite Only) – NB professionals do not need to be members of a PGA or PGA Tour; and amateur golfers who either have a GA (or other national union) Handicap of 2.0 strokes or less, or who are exempt from Qualifying. Amateurs must conform in all respects with the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited. NB Amateurs (excluding those exempt under Tournament Exemption Category D5) will be permitted to change the status of their entry from amateur to professional up until the end of the day immediately prior to Qualifying.
2. Entries close 5.00 pm (AEDT), 5 November 2015. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT TO ENSURE THEIR ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES THAT IS APPLICABLE TO THEM. A LIST OF AMATEUR ENTRIES WILL BE POSTED AT www.australianopengolf.com. A PLAYER'S ENTRY FORM HAS NOT OFFICIALLY BEEN RECEIVED UNTIL THEIR NAME HAS BEEN POSTED AT www.australianopengolf.com.**
3. Amateur entries must be via the GA on-line entry system, or on the attached entry form. Entries will not be accepted by telephone, facsimile or in electronic form (exception – entries with credit card payments only may be sent by facsimile, or email), or unless the entry form is fully completed. Fully completed forms from Amateur players must be sent DIRECTLY to Golf Australia. PGA of Australia members MUST enter online via myPGA. OneAsia members enter via OneAsia. All other Professionals must enter via the Non-Member Entry Form available via the PGA of Australia website www.pga.org.au
4. Non on-line entry forms submitted by Amateur players must be accompanied either by; a copy of the entrant's current handicap record for the past six months – officially endorsed by their home club, or by the player's GOLF *Link* number.
5. The entry fee for Qualifying and the Championship Proper is AUD\$115.00 (includes GST).

6. Acceptable payment methods are only as follows – credit card (Visa, or MasterCard only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash. Cheques or money orders are to be made payable to *Golf Australia*. Golf Australia will NOT accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received.
7. (a) The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to accept late entries from players who are exempt from Qualifying for the Championship Proper up to 5.00 pm (AEDT) on Friday 20 November 2015, under special circumstances.
(b) Under circumstances not covered by B.7(a), entries physically received after the respective closing time may still be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee.
8. Players wishing to withdraw may do so fourteen (14) days prior to the commencement of the event to ensure a full refund. Withdrawal after this period will result in loss of the entry fee (except in exceptional circumstances).
9. All entries will be subject to the approval of the Championship Play Committee, which reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving reason for its decision which will be final. The Championship Play Committee may require independent certified evidence of the playing ability of entrants.

C. QUALIFYING

For those competitors NOT exempt directly into the Championship Proper, the qualifying procedure will be as follows:

1. Eight (8) places are available in the Championship Proper for non-exempt players.
2. Three separate stroke play competitions of 18 holes each will be played on Monday 23 November 2015 at Liverpool Golf Club, Ryde-Parramatta Golf Club and Carnarvon Golf Club.
3. Should the number of entries for Qualifying exceed the capacity, priority will be given to (in order): 1. PGA of Australasia Full Tournament Members; 2. Full Members of the Australian PGA (based on most recent Final National Rankings, then order of entry); 3. Members of other recognised Tours (in order of date of entry); 4. Members of other recognised PGAs (in order of date of entry); 5. Non-aligned professionals (in order of date of entry); 6. Amateurs in exact handicap order (handicap as at time of entry).
4. For these Qualifying competitions, competitors will be divided between the courses. The 8 places available to make up the field of the Championship Proper will also be pro rataed between the courses.
5. Ties for the last available places in each competition will be decided by sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off as soon as practicable after all players have finished play. Reserve places (alternates) in case of subsequent withdrawals of Qualifiers from the Championship Proper will be decided either by sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off, or by lot, as the Committee in charge may determine.
6. Alternates from Qualifying will be used only for the purpose of filling Qualifying positions that become vacant. Championship alternates will continue to be taken from the relevant eligibility categories until all such avenues have been exhausted, at which time alternates from Qualifying may be utilised to fill field positions that become vacant.

D. EXEMPTIONS FROM QUALIFYING

Exemptions for 2015 will be granted to the following (NB there will be 148 exempt players):

TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES

1. Any former Champion of the Tournament in the past 5 years.
 2. Leading 10 Asia-Pacific players from the OWGR as at close of entries (capped at 250th position).
 3. Winner of the 2015 Korea Open
 4. Leading 75 players from OneAsia Categories (*see below*).
 5. Any former Major Champion under the age of 65 as at 26/11/2015.
 6. 10 Tournament Invitations.
 7. Guaranteed 30 local exemptions reserved for relevant regional authority (to be agreed between GA and the PGA). Includes seven (7) Exempt players as follows:
 - a. 2015 Australian Amateur Champion
 - b. 2015 Asian Amateur Champion
 - c. 2014 Aaron Baddeley World Junior Champion
 - d. 2015 Australian Boys' Amateur Champion
 - e. 2015 Open Amateur Champion
 - f. 2015 Japan Amateur Champion
 - g. Player at the discretion of Golf Australia
 8. Residual positions to players not otherwise exempt from the OneAsia Categories until Category 8 (a) and (b) (Category 6 below) have been exhausted. After which, residual positions will be shared with players from the PGA Tour of Australasia Exemption Categories.
- Note: Any unallocated exemptions from Golf Australia will revert back to the PGATA Exemption Categories.*
- a. PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament Exemption Categories (capped at Cat. 12 of the 2015 Categories) (*15 positions*).
 - b. China Golf Tour Exemption Rankings (capped at CGA rank no.100) (*15 positions*). Note: the CGA may nominate any player of their National team ahead of these rankings to a maximum of 7 players. If 1 of these players is an amateur they may play without joining as a member.
 - c. Korea Golf Tour Exemption Rankings (capped at Seed Priority 125) (*15 positions*).
 - d. (i) ASEAN PGA Tour 2014 Order of Merit (capped at position 25) (*5 positions*).
(ii) Additional positions for countries in the ASEAN region (maximum of 1 per country) (*4 positions*)
 6. Leading players from the Japan Golf Tour Categories (capped at top 70 JGTO Order of Merit) (*5 positions*)
 7. a. 4/5th positions at Qualifying school final stage Sabah, 4/5th positions at Qualifying school final stage California, 6/7th positions at Qualifying school final stage Sabah, 6/7th positions at Qualifying school final stage California, 8/9th positions at Qualifying school final stage Sabah, 8/9th positions at Qualifying school final stage California, 10th position at Qualifying school final stage Sabah, 10th position at Qualifying school final stage California,
b. Medical Exemption
 8. Next leading 20 players* from each of:
 - a. PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament Exemption Categories (capped at Cat. 12 of the 2015 Categories).
 - b. China Golf Tour Rankings (capped at rank no. 100).
 - c. Korea Golf Tour Exemption Rankings (capped at Seed Priority no. 125).
 9. a. Position 51-100 of 2014 OneAsia Order of Merit
b. Medical Exemption.
 10. Alternating Positions 11-30 of 2015 Qualifying School Sabah and Positions 11-30 of 2015 Qualifying School California
 11. Positions 101-106 of 2015 final OneAsia Order of Merit.
 12. Alternating Positions 31-last player making the cut/competing 4 rounds at the 2015 OneAsia Qualifying School in both Sabah and California

ONEASIA ELIGIBILITY CATEGORIES

1. a. Winners of the OneAsia Order of Merit (*3 year exemption*);
b. Medical Exemption.
2. a. Winner of any OneAsia Tournament (2 year exemption) and each Qualifying School Final stage (1 year exemption)*.
b. Medical Exemption.
3. a. Top 50 of the 2014 OneAsia Order of Merit
b. Medical Exemption
4. a. 2nd and 3rd positions at OneAsia qualifying schools final stage
b. Medical Exemption.
5. Leading players from each of:

E. REGISTRATION

All competitors in the Championship Proper must register at The Australian Golf Club either between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm on Monday 23 November, or between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on Tuesday 24 November. Any competitor failing to register within these times may be eliminated from the Championship. The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to waive this condition in special individual circumstances.

F. PRIZE MONEY

Prize money of minimum AUD\$1,250,000.00 will be allocated to professional golfers in accordance with the distribution formula of the PGA Tour of Australasia.

G. PRO-AM & PRACTICE

The Championship Pro-Am will be held on Wednesday 25 November (by entering the Australian Open, players automatically commit themselves to play in the Pro-Am as required by Golf Australia). Practice facilities and specific operating times will be noted on the Australian Open website.