



The Australian Amateur Championships

2016 PLAYER INFORMATION



Venue: Metropolitan Golf Club
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Venue: Peninsula-Kingswood Country Golf Club (Kingswood Course)
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Pro Shop: +61 3 9551 1571
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Website: <http://www.kingswoodgc.com.au/cms/>

Format (Men):

Sunday 10 January Practice round at Peninsula-Kingswood CGC (Kingswood Course); tee times from 7.00 am – 3.00 pm
 Registration at Peninsula-Kingswood CGC (Kingswood Course) from 10.00 am – 3.30 pm
 Players may walk the course at Metropolitan GC from 4.00 pm

Monday 11 January: Practice round at Metropolitan GC; tee times from 7.00 am – 3.00 pm
 Practice round at Peninsula-Kingswood CGC; tee times from 7.00 am – 11.00 am
 Registration at Metropolitan GC from 10.00 am – 3.30 pm

Tuesday 12 January: 1st Qualifying Round: Metropolitan GC & Peninsula-Kingswood CGC (Kingswood Course)

Wednesday 13 January: 2nd Qualifying Round: Metropolitan GC & Peninsula-Kingswood CGC (Kingswood Course)

Thursday 14 January: AM: 1st Round: Match Play (Metropolitan GC)

Friday 15 January: AM: AM: 2nd Match Play Round; PM: 3rd Match Play Round (Metropolitan GC)
 Sweet Sixteen Dinner (7.00 pm – 8.30 pm) (Metropolitan GC)

Saturday 24 January: AM: Quarter-Finals Match Play; PM: Semi-Finals Match Play (Metropolitan GC)

Sunday 25 January: AM & PM: Final (36-holes) (Metropolitan GC)
 Conclusion of Play (approx 4 pm): Presentation/Cocktail Reception (Metropolitan GC)

Format (Women):

Sunday 10 January Practice round at Peninsula-Kingswood CGC (Kingswood Course); tee times from 7.00 am – 3.00 pm
 Registration at Peninsula-Kingswood CGC (Kingswood Course) from 10.00 am – 3.30 pm

Monday 11 January: Practice round at Metropolitan GC; tee times from 7.00 am – 3.00 pm
 Practice round at Peninsula-Kingswood CGC; tee times from 7.00 am – 11.00 am
 Registration at Metropolitan GC from 10.00 am – 3.30 pm

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Thursday 14 January: AM: 1st Round: Match Play (Metropolitan GC)

Friday 15 January: PM: PM: 2nd Match Play Round (Metropolitan GC)
 Sweet Sixteen Dinner (7.00 pm – 8.30 pm) (Metropolitan GC)

Saturday 16 January: AM: Quarter-Finals Match Play; PM: Semi-Finals Match Play (Metropolitan GC)

Sunday 17 January: AM & PM: Final (36-holes) (Metropolitan GC)
 Conclusion of Play (approx 4 pm): Presentation/Cocktail Reception (Metropolitan GC)

Tournament Functions:

- Sweet Sixteen Dinner: Metropolitan Golf Club; Friday 15 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: Metropolitan Golf Club; Sunday 17 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 3:30 pm on Sunday 10 January at Peninsula-Kingswood CGC (Kingswood Course) in the Clubhouse or on Monday 11 January at Metropolitan Golf Club in the Clubhouse Lounge area. 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.

Results & Draws:

All results and draws will be posted at www.golf.org.au. The Qualifying Rounds draw will be available after 5.30 pm on Monday 11 January. If players are traveling together and would like similar tee times, this must be advised to Golf Australia no later than **4 January** via phone +61 3 9626 5050 or 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:
 - Peninsula-Kingswood CGC (Kingswood Course): From 7.00 am – 3.00 pm on Sunday 10 January
From 7.00 am – 11.00 am on Monday 11 January
 - Metropolitan Golf Club: From 7.00 am – 3.00 pm on Monday 11 January
Players may also walk the course at Metropolitan GC after 4pm on Sunday 10 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. 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). 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 championship rounds.

Range operating times at both clubs is 6.30 am to 6.00 pm.

Metropolitan GC: Range balls will be available from the pro shop

Peninsula-Kingswood CGC (Kingswood Course): The balls will be available at the range

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 during registration for \$20 for one course or \$30 for two courses

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 - Rules & Handicapping/Rules & Competition Management/Competition and Course Management Resources.

Distance Measuring Devices/GPS:

Distance measuring devices are permitted for this Championship. The Specimen Local Rule on page 153 in the 2016 Rules of Golf will be in effect.

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 be required to submit their club specifications to Golf Australia at the time of entry.

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 Metropolitan Golf Club immediately after the 2nd 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 Peninsula-Kingswood CGC (Kingswood Course) will be given the appropriate time to travel to Metropolitan 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. 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. Specific dress regulations of the host clubs can be found at the following link –

- Metropolitan GC – <http://www.metropolitangolf.com.au/cms/golf/rules-etiquette/dress/>
- Peninsula-Kingswood CGC - <http://www.peninsulagolf.com.au/cms/golf/dress-code/>

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:

- Metropolitan GC: 7.00 am – 4.00 pm
- Peninsula-Kingswood CGC: 10.00 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.

Players are entitled to 4 drinks per player per round. Drinks are NOT for caddies and spectators.

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.
- Metropolitan Golf Club: Telephone calls, emailing, texting and web browsing are only permitted to be made in the locker rooms, car park and the Personal Communications Device room. Mobile phones must be set to silent at all times.
- Peninsula-Kingswood CGC: Mobile phones are permissible in the clubhouse for texting and email only.
- A competitor failing to adhere to this regulation will be in breach of Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

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 both clubs. Any player seen to be in breach of this request may face action under Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.