

# 2016 AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR - CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

## 1. Format

- 1.1 Both the Men's and Women's Championships shall be played in two separate sections.
- 1.2 (i) The first section shall be decided by strokes over two qualifying rounds of 18 holes each.
- (ii) For these two rounds, each player shall play one round at Metropolitan Golf Club and one round at Peninsula-Kingswood Country Golf Club (Kingswood Course)
- (iii) **First Round:**  
Tuesday 12 January, Metropolitan Golf Club and Peninsula-Kingswood Country Golf Club (Kingswood Course)
- Second Round:**  
Wednesday 13 January, Metropolitan Golf Club and Peninsula-Kingswood Country Golf Club (Kingswood Course)
- 1.3 The leading qualifier shall be the Men's and Women's Australian Medallist and receive a silver medal. In the event of a tie, joint winners will be declared.
- 1.4 The sixty-four (64) lowest men's scores and the thirty-two (32) lowest women's scores after the two qualifying rounds shall compete in the second section of the Championship.
- 1.5 In the event of there being a tie for a position after the two qualifying rounds such that more than 64 men or 32 women remain in the Championship, those players tying for the last qualifying position or positions shall continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee determines in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the qualifiers have been determined. However, if the Championship Play Committee determines that there is not sufficient time available for a play-off, such a tie will be resolved by lot.
- 1.6 The second section of the Championship shall be played at Metropolitan Golf Club and consist of successive rounds of match play, with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round.
- (i) The automatic draw shall be applied to establish the match pairings. Ties for these places will be decided by lot.
- (ii) If a competitor, who has posted a two round total that will qualify for the match play stage, withdraws before or after the match play draw is made, the competitor's results will still be used to calculate the leading 64 men's places and ties, and the leading 32 women's places and ties that will determine the cut mark, but their opponent will receive a bye.

### Men:

*Round One:* Thursday 14 January (am) – 18 holes

*Round Two:* Friday 15 January (am) – 18 holes

*Round Three:* Friday 15 January (pm) – 18 holes

*Quarter-finals:* Saturday 16 January (am) – 18 holes

*Semi-finals:* Saturday 16 January (pm) – 18 holes

*Final:* Sunday 17 January – 36 holes

### Women:

*Round One:* Thursday 14 January (pm) – 18 holes

*Round Two:* Friday 15 January (pm) – 18 holes

*Quarter-finals:* Saturday 16 January (am) – 18 holes

*Semi-finals:* Saturday 16 January (pm) – 18 holes

*Final:* Sunday 17 January – 36 holes

- 1.7 In the event of a halved match in any round:
- (i) players shall continue to play until a winner is determined, and;
- (ii) the last stipulated round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.
- 1.8 The winner of the Women's Championship will be the *Australian Women's Amateur Champion* and receive the Amateur Championship Gold Medal and hold the Championship Cup for one year. The winner of the Men's Championship will be the *Australian Men's Amateur Champion* and receive the Amateur Championship Gold Medal and hold the Challenge Cup for one year.

## 2. Ross Herbert National and International Stroke Teams Event

- 2.1 Each Australian State and Overseas Governing Body may nominate a team comprising two men and two women who meet eligibility conditions laid down by Golf Australia.
- 2.2 The winning National and International Teams will be determined by the lowest aggregate of all team members' scores from the qualifying rounds.
- 2.3 In the event of a tie, joint winners will be declared.
- 2.4 Members of the winning National Team will receive the Ross Herbert National Teams Trophy and a silver medallion; members of the winning International Team will receive the Ross Herbert International Teams Trophy and a silver medallion.

## 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 & Rules
- 3.2 In the absence of the 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 one 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 7), and any additional Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

## 5. Entries

- 5.1 Eligible players for the Women's Championship are female amateurs whose GA Handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 4.0 strokes. Eligible players for the Men's Championship are male amateurs whose GA Handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 1.0 strokes. (NB The handicap limits do not apply to those players who are exempt as detailed in Condition 6.) The exact Handicap certified at the time of entry is the handicap to be used for ballot purposes.
- 5.2 Players must comply with the Golf Australia Gender Policy. Refer [www.golf.org.au/policies](http://www.golf.org.au/policies)
- 5.3 The Entrance Fee for the Men's Championship is \$270.00 (includes GST); and for the Women's Championship is \$220.00 (includes GST). **A \$20.00 discount applies to those players who enter on-line.**
- 5.4 Entries must be made via the Golf Australia on-line system, 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.
- 5.5 Should a player withdraw from the Championship, they will not be permitted to re-enter unless approved by the Championship Committee.
- 5.6 The decision of the Championship Play Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.
- 5.7 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
- 5.8 Fully completed Entry Forms must be received by Golf Australia prior to 5.00pm (AEDT) Tuesday 15 December 2015. IT IS THE *SOLE* RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT THEMSELV TO ENSURE THAT THEIR ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES. A player's entry form has not officially been received until their name has been posted at [www.golf.org.au](http://www.golf.org.au).
- 5.9 The maximum field size for the Men's Championship is 234. The maximum field size for the Women's Championship is 78. In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in either Championship, entries from higher handicap competitors who are not exempt as noted in Condition 6 will be decided by a handicap ballot. Unsuccessful entrants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entrance Fees will be refunded to entrants balloted out, who do not compete.
- 5.10 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Any such entry will be subject to the application of a \$60.00 late fee (includes GST).
- 5.11 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 \$60.00 (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.
- 5.12 Acceptable payment methods are only as follows – credit card (Visa or MasterCard only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash (please note 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*.
- 5.13 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.
- 5.14 Entrance Fees will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries, or for a medical or exceptional circumstance, except for those entrants who fail to secure a place.

## 6. Exemptions and Remaining Places

Exemptions for the 2016 Australian Men's and Women's Amateur Championships will be granted to the below (Note – Where applicable, it is the sole responsibility of the player to ensure that the Championship Play Committee has received notification of their exempt status. Should the Championship Play Committee not be so advised, that player will be deemed to be a non-exempt player).

### Men's Championship

- 6.1m Any player in the top 200 of the WAGR as at close of entries.
- 6.2m Any player in the top 100 of the Australian Men's Amateur Rankings as at close of entries.
- 6.3m Any player in the top 20 of the Australian Boys' Amateur Rankings as at close of entries.
- 6.4m Current Golf Australia National Squad members.
- 6.5m All past Australian Men's Amateur Champions.
- 6.6m Competitors at the 2015 Men's Interstate Teams Matches. (NB This does not include participants at the Boys' Teams Matches.)
- 6.7m 2009-2015 Australian Boys' Amateur Champions.
- 6.8m Current Australian Men's Mid Amateur Champion.
- 6.9m Current Australian Men's Senior Amateur Champion.
- 6.10m Competitors at 2014 World Amateur Teams Championship.
- 6.11m Competitors at 2014 Asia-Pacific Team Championship (Nomura Cup).
- 6.12m 2006-2015 British Amateur, US Amateur, Asia-Pacific Amateur and European Amateur Champions.
- 6.13m 2013-2015 Amateur Champions of countries affiliated with The R&A and USGA.
- 6.14m 2015 Australian Men's Amateur Championship – match play qualifiers.
- 6.15m 2015 Emirates Australian Open – Championship Proper competitors.
- 6.16m Current Australian men's state amateur champions as at close of entries.
- 6.17m 2015 Australian & Torres Strait Islander Champion.
- 6.18m Competitors nominated by Golf Australia Member State Associations (maximum 2 each) (must meet handicap criteria).

- 6.19m Players nominated by international golf associations (maximum 4 per country) (must meet handicap criteria).
- 6.20m Current Champion of each Host Club.
- 6.21m Players exempted by Golf Australia.
- 6.22m 2 players nominated by Swinging Skirts Golf Foundation (must meet handicap criteria)
- 6.23m Members of the New Zealand or Australian Trans-Tasman Team

#### Women's Championship

- 6.1w Any player in the top 100 of the WAGR as at close of entries.
- 6.2w Any player in the top 40 of the Australian Women's Amateur Rankings as at close of entries.
- 6.3w Any player in the top 10 of the Australian Girls' Amateur Rankings as at close of entries.
- 6.4w Current Golf Australia National Squad members.
- 6.5w All past Australian Women's Amateur Champions.
- 6.6w Competitors at the 2015 Women's Interstate Teams Matches. (NB This does not include participants at the Girls' Teams Matches.)
- 6.7w 2009-2015 Australian Girls' Amateur Champions.
- 6.8w Current Australian Women's Mid Amateur Champion.
- 6.9w Current Australian Women's Senior Amateur Champion.
- 6.10w Competitors at 2015 World Amateur Team Championship.
- 6.11w Competitors at 2015 Asia-Pacific Team Championship (Queen Sirikit Cup).
- 6.12w 2006-2015 British Amateur and US Amateur Champions.
- 6.13w 2013-2015 Amateur Champions of countries affiliated with The R&A and USGA.
- 6.14w 2015 Australian Women's Amateur Championship – match play qualifiers.
- 6.15w 2012 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open – Championship Proper competitors.
- 6.16w Current Australian women's state amateur champions as at close of entries.
- 6.17w 2015 Australian & Torres Strait Islander Champion.
- 6.18w Competitors nominated by Golf Australia Member State Associations (maximum 2 each) (must meet handicap criteria).
- 6.19w Players nominated by international golf associations (maximum 4 per country) (must meet handicap criteria).
- 6.20w Current Champion of each Host Club.
- 6.21w Players exempted by Golf Australia.
- 6.22w 4 players nominated by Swinging Skirts Golf Foundation (must meet handicap criteria)
- 6.23w Members of the New Zealand or Australian Trans-Tasman Team

#### 7. Golf Australia Hard Card

The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Australian Amateur Championship.

#### 8. 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.

#### 9. Conforming Groove and Punch Mark Specifications

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.

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

#### 10. Pace of Play

Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. See GA Hard Card for Pace of Play conditions.

#### 11. Motorised Transport

Players or caddies must not ride in any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Championship Play Committee. Penalty: Stroke Play – 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes. Match Play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match will be adjusted by deducting 1 hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – 2 holes.

Any player or caddie seeking authorisation to use a golf cart due to a disability as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 should contact Golf Australia to obtain information on procedures for submitting such requests. All such requests and required information must be submitted to Golf Australia simultaneously and together with the entry form (or within 2 days of the on-line entry being accepted). Requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not

qualify as a permanent disability under the Act will not be granted. In the event of a change in a medical condition after submitting the entry form but before the commencement of the event, written submission of all documentation must be received by Golf Australia no later than 7 days prior to the first day of the event. Golf Australia will consider any such request in accordance with these conditions and its rules, regulations and policies.

#### 12. Registration

Competitors in the Championship must register between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm at Peninsula-Kingswood Country Golf Club (Kingswood Course) on Sunday 10 January or between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm at Metropolitan Golf Club on Monday 11 January. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

#### 13. Practice

*Peninsula-Kingswood Country Golf Club (Kingswood Course)* – Sunday 10 January (limited times may also be available on Monday 11 January)

*Metropolitan Golf Club* – Monday 11 January (players are also permitted to walk the course after 4.00 pm on Sunday 10 January)

Players are entitled to ONE practice round only at each course on the official practice days.

#### 14. 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 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).

#### 15. Images

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.

#### 16. 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.

#### 17. Legal Policies (e.g. Match Fixing Policy)

All entrants are bound to comply with all of Golf Australia'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 Golf Australia's Legal Policies can be found on the Golf Australia website on the 'Policies & Plans' page under the 'GENERAL INFO' tab.

#### 18. Smoking Policy

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

#### 19. 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/policies](http://www.golf.org.au/policies). 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 matter