

2016 AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SENIOR AMATEUR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP - CONDITIONS

1. Format

1.1 The Championship will be played at Coolangatta-Tweed Heads Golf Club (West Course).

1.2 (i) The Australian Men's Senior Match Play Championship will be played over six (6) rounds of 18 holes elimination Match Play:

Round 1 – Pools (AM):	Mon 20 June
Round 2 – Pools (PM):	Mon 20 June
Round 3 – Pools (AM):	Tues 21 June
Quarter Finals (PM):	Tues 21 June
Semi Finals (PM):	Wed 22 June
Final (11:00AM - 1:00PM):	Thurs 23 June

The Championship will consist of three (3) rounds of match play in eight (8) seeded pools consisting of four (4) players, with losers being eliminated and pool winners progressing to the Quarter Finals.

The general numerical draw will be applied to establish the pool pairings (based on the player's position on the 2016 Australian Men's Senior Rankings after the Men's NT Senior Amateur on 26-29 May 2016).

If two or more players are tied in the Australian Rankings, the player's exact Australian Handicap at the time of entry will be used, with the player with the lowest exact handicap receiving the lowest number available.

Pools will be comprised as follows: Pool 1 (Seed 1, 32, 16 & 17); Pool 2 (Seed 8, 25, 9 & 24); Pool 3 (Seed 4, 29, 13, 20); Pool 4 (Seed 5, 28, 12, 21); Pool 5 (2, 31, 15, 18); Pool 6 (Seed 7, 26, 10 & 23); Pool 7 (3, 30, 14 & 19); Pool 8 (6, 27, 11 & 22).

The general numerical draw will be applied for the main Championship with the winner of each pool progressing to the quarter-finals.

Players eliminated from the main Championship will be drawn to play in consolation rounds for the remaining three rounds with the general numerical draw also applied for all consolation pools.

- 1.3 In the event of a halved match in any round;
- Players will continue to play until a winner is determined, and;
 - The round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.
 - In the event that two or more players are on the same number of matches won in their pool after round three;
 - Final positions will be determined based on the number of holes won during the three round robin matches played, and if two players are still tied then their individual match result will determine their position.
 - If three players are tied after matches won and total holes won, then their seeding at the beginning of the Championship will determine final pool positions.

1.4 The winner will be the *Australian Men's Senior Amateur Match Play Champion* and will receive the Championship gold medallion and hold the Championship Trophy for one year. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The third place getter (ie. the winner of the match between the losing semi-finalists) will receive a bronze medallion.

2. Championship Play Committee

2.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise Golf Australia Board Member, Golf Australia's Director - Championships, and Manager – Championships & Rules.

2.2 In the absence of a 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.

2.3 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 of the conditions.

2.4 The Championship Play Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship will be final.

3. 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 18), and any additional Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

4. Entries

4.1 Eligible players for the first section are male amateurs who have reached their 55th birthday by 20 June 2016 and who are the leading 32 entries according to the 2016 Australian Men's Senior Rankings as at after the 2016 Men's NT Senior Amateur (26-29 May 2016).

4.2 Entrance Fee \$240.00 (includes GST). Entry Fees will not be processed until after entries close.

4.3 The decision of the Championship Play Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.

4.4 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.

4.5 Entries must be received by Golf Australia prior to 5:00 pm on Monday 30 May 2016.

IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT THEMSELVES 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

4.6 In the event of entry applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (32), applications outside of the leading 32 entries, according to the 2016 Australian Men's Senior Rankings after the 2016 Men's NT Senior Amateur on 26-29 May 2016 will be balloted. Unsuccessful applications will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entry Fees will not be processed until after entries have closed.

4.7 In the event that 64 or more entries are received by the closing date, Golf Australia may consider increasing the field size to 64 players.

4.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. Any such entry shall be subject to the application of a \$40.00 late fee (includes GST).

4.9 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 \$40.00 (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).

4.10 Entries will be accepted via the Golf Australia online entry system only. Manual entries may be accepted at the discretion of Golf Australia. Payment will be made online using the Paypal gateway.

4.11 Entrance Fees will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries, except for those entrants who fail to secure a place.

- 5. 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.
- 6. Pace of Play**
Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. See the Golf Australia Hard Card for Pace of Play conditions.
- 7. Motorised Transport**
All players are permitted to use motorised transport.
- 8. Practice**
Sunday 19 June, tee times between 11:00 am – 12:00 pm to be booked through Coolangatta-Tweed Heads Golf Club. Additional times may be available at the club's discretion.
- 9. Registration**
Competitors are to register between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm at Coolangatta-Tweed Heads Golf Club on Sunday 19 June. If a player cannot be at the club at that time, players must register via phone. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship.
- 10. Match Play Draw and Withdrawals**
The draw will be released once all players have registered. If there is a subsequent withdrawal, the opponent will receive a forfeit. A player is **not** permitted to withdraw from any round of the Championship unless on the receipt of a medical certificate, or in exceptional circumstances (as determined by the Championship Play Committee). Penalty: As determined by the Golf Australia's Championship Committee.
- 11. 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 the 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. 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.
- 13. Publicity and Promotion; Broadcasting**
GA 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 GA, or persons authorised by GA, 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. GA may utilise the rights granted it hereunder in connection with the promotion of this Championship as well as other GA Championships and GA. 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.
- 14. 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. 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 GA for the purposes of administering state and national championships, any codes of conduct and/or other related matters.
- 15. Legal Policies (e.g. Match Fixing Policy)**
All entrants are bound to comply with all of GA'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 GA's Legal Policies can be found on the GA website under the Industry Information page on the ABOUT US Tab.
- 16. Smoking Policy**
Players are prohibited from smoking cigarettes, cigars or the like during a stipulated round. See GA's Code of Conduct.
- 17. Golf Australia Hard Card**
The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Australian Men's Senior Amateur Match Play Championship.