



## PLAYER INFORMATION:

### 2016 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship (24-28 October)

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**Venue:** Ballarat Golf Club  
**Address:** 1800 Sturt St, Ballarat VIC 3355  
**Tel:** (03) 5338 3000  
**Pro Shop:** (03) 5338 3010  
**Website:** <http://www.ballaratgolfclub.com.au/>  
**E-mail:** [info@ballaratgolfclub.com.au](mailto:info@ballaratgolfclub.com.au)

#### Format:

Sunday 23 Oct: Practice round – From 11.30 am  
*Registration from 11.00 am – 3.30 pm*

Monday 24 Oct: 1st Round: Australian Women's Senior Amateur

Tuesday 25 Oct: 2nd Round: Australian Women's Senior Amateur  
*Welcome Cocktail Reception: 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm*

Wednesday 26 Oct: AM: 1st Round Match Play: Australian Women's Senior Amateur  
AM: Quarter Finals Match Play: Age Flights

Thursday 27 Oct: AM: Quarter Finals Match Play: Australian Women's Senior Amateur  
AM: Semi-Finals: Age Flights  
PM: Semi-Finals: Australian Women's Senior Amateur  
*Club will run a competition for players eliminated from Match Play (Tee times: 10.00 am – 12.00pm)*

Friday 28 Oct: Final: Australian Women's Senior Amateur  
Finals: Age Flights  
*Presentation Drinks: approximately 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm*

#### Accommodation:

There are a large number of accommodation options within close proximity to Ballarat Golf Club. [Click here](#) to view suggested options

Billets are NOT available.

#### Tournament Functions:

##### **Australian Women's Senior Amateur: Welcome Cocktail Reception:**

*Tuesday 25 October; 6.00 pm – 7.30 pm, Ballarat Golf Club*

Dress: smart casual; entry to the Reception (finger food plus beer, wine & soft drinks) is included in the entry fee.

##### **Australian Women's Senior Amateur: Presentation Drinks and Cheese & Fruit Platter:**

*Friday 28 October at the conclusion of play (approx 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm) at Ballarat Golf Club*

Dress: golfing or casual attire (no jeans)

**Ballot Conditions – if required:**

In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (90), the first fifty (50) entrants in the championship will be guaranteed a position in the field. The remaining balance of the field will be determined by handicap ballot and the exemption categories below:

- Team members ~ 2016 Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event.
- Previous winners of the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship.
- Any player who qualified for the Championship Match Play (top 16) in the 2015 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship.
- Any player in the top 30 from the 2016 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Ranking System as at closing date of entries.
- Current state women's senior amateur champions as at closing date of entries.
- Winners of 2016 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Ranking Events.

NB: All players exempt by the above must meet the handicap criteria.

**Registration:**

Competitors are required to register between 11.00 am and 3.30 pm on Sunday 23 October at Ballarat Golf Club. 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 0418 426 613 on registration day.

Competitors are not required to register each day. Score cards, Local Rules and hole placement sheets will be distributed by the starter on the starting tee. Players will not be called to the tee – players must make their way to the tee 5-10 minutes prior to their tee time.

**Unavailability:**

Any player unable to compete is requested to contact GA immediately on 03 9626 5050.

**Practice:**

A practice round is available on Sunday 23 October. Tee times are available from 11.30 am.

Golf Australia will forward competitors a link following the close of entries on 26 September to make practice round bookings via the Golf Australia tournament system.

Additional practice rounds may be available prior to the event by contacting the pro shop. Players will be charged \$30.00 for additional rounds.

Play must be from the daily tee markers only – one ball only – competitors only. (Competitors in breach of these practice conditions are liable to face action under GA's Code of Conduct.)

**Competition for eliminated players:**

Ballarat Golf Club will run a competition on Thursday 27 October for players eliminated from the match play rounds. Play will be from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee from 10.30 am and the competition fee will be \$15.00 per person. Please see the pro shop to make a booking.

**Course Guides:**

There are no course guides / yardage books available. Distances on sprinkler heads indicate distance to the centre of the green.

**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.

**Practice Facilities and Balls:**

A practice range, chipping area and putting green is available at Ballarat Golf Club. Practice balls will be available for purchase for \$5.00 (40 balls); \$7.00 (80 balls) and \$10.00 (120 balls).

**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 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. Pull buggies will be available from the pro shop for \$5.00 each.

**Please advise GA by 26 September if you do require a pull buggy to enable us to try and source sufficient buggies for all players.**

Please note that electric buggies are NOT available for hire.

**Motorised Carts:**

Players are permitted to use Motorised Transport on the production of a Medical Certificate. The Medical Certificate must be received by Golf Australia prior to the event. Players requiring a motorised cart MUST book this with **Golf Australia on 03 9626 5050** or [championships@golf.org.au](mailto:championships@golf.org.au) by **26 September**. If bookings are not received by this time, it will be the player's responsibility to make their own arrangements. Carts are \$40.00 each.

**Club Storage:**

Limited Club storage is available at Ballarat Golf Club. Please see GA staff if this is required.

**Caddies:**

Caddies will not be supplied. If players require a caddy they must make their own arrangements.

**Draw for Qualifying Rounds:**

A DRAFT draw will be available approximately one week prior to the event. If players are travelling together and would like similar tee times, this must be advised to GA ([championships@golf.org.au](mailto:championships@golf.org.au)) at the time of entry and no later the closing date on 26 September. Requests after this time will NOT be accommodated. (NB every attempt will be made to place players at similar times how this can prove challenging due to the large number of requests received for this event)

Although it is unlikely to change, the FINAL draw will be released at approximately 5.00 pm on Sunday 23 October once all players have registered.

**Draw for Match Play Rounds:**

There will be 36-holes of stroke play to qualify 16 players for elimination match play in the Women's Senior Amateur Championship, and 8 players in each of the four Championship Flights. The Match Play Draws will be available from the Championship Office as soon as possible after the qualifying rounds have been completed.

NB. A player is not permitted to forfeit her place in the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship in order to be drawn in her respective Championship Flight.

**Results & Draws:**

All results and draws will be posted at [www.golf.org.au](http://www.golf.org.au)

**Ties:**

In the event of a tie after the qualifying rounds for the last places in the Championship Draw, the places will be determined by a sudden-death, hole-by-hole, play-off to be held immediately after the 2<sup>nd</sup> qualifying

round has concluded on Tuesday 25 October, 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. Ties for the last available places in the Championship Flights will be decided by count-back.

**Dress Requirements:**

Ballarat Golf Club requires a dress standard both on course and in the clubhouse to be of a clean, neat, tidy nature and appropriate to the game. Dress regulations can be found at the following link - <http://www.ballaratgolfclub.com.au/index.php/dress-code.html>

**Bottled Water:**

Complimentary bottled water will be provided to players during the Championship Rounds. This will be available from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees. Players are entitled to 3 bottles per round only.

**Catering:**

Catering will be available from the clubhouse from 11.00 am daily at the player's expense.

Complimentary "help-yourself" tea and coffee will be also be available each morning for players.

**Mobile Phones:**

Mobile phones may be used on the golf course during competition to access a distance measuring device application or to call for a ruling only.

**Smoking Policy:**

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

**GA Hard Card:**

The GA Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Championship and will be provided to players at registration.

[Click here](#) to view Golf Australia's Code of Conduct, Hard Card and related policies

**Course Care:**

All clubs which host GA National Championships kindly give up their course for the duration of the event. Hence, so that the course is left in a suitable condition once the Championship is completed, players MUST carry AND use a sand bucket and repair divots. Any player seen to be in breach of this request may face action under GA's Code of Conduct.

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