



2016 Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship

CONDITIONS

1. Championship Procedure

1.1 The Championship will be played over 54-holes of stroke play at The Sands Torquay.

Round 1: Wednesday 9 November
Round 2: Thursday 10 November
Round 3: Friday 11 November

1.2 There is no cut – all players contest 54-holes.

1.3 The winner will be the *Australian Men's Mid Amateur Champion* and will receive the Championship Gold Medal and trophy. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The 3rd place getter will receive a bronze medallion. The overall net winner will receive a bronze medallion.

1.4 In the event of a tie for the championship, unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise, players in such a tie will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee decides in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined. In the event of a tie for the second or third place getters, joint winners will be declared. In the event of a tie for the overall net, the winner will be determined using the Australian Count-back system.

2. State Stroke Teams Event

2.1 Each state may nominate a team comprising a maximum of three players (two males and one female) who will meet eligibility conditions laid down by Golf Australia.

2.2 The winning team will be determined by the lowest aggregate of all three scores from each round.

2.3 Disqualification of a team member under the Rules of Golf in any round will result in disqualification of the team, unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise.

2.4 In the event of a tie, joint winners will be declared.

2.5 Members of the winning team will receive mementos.

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.

3.2 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.

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

5. Entries

5.1 Eligible players are male amateurs who are at least 30 years of age as at 9 November 2016 and a maximum of 54 years at 11 October 2016; and whose GA Handicap (or overseas equivalent) does not exceed 5.4 strokes at the time of entry or who are an exempt player as detailed in Condition 6.

5.2 The Entrance Fee is \$150.00 (includes GST).

5.3 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.

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

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

5.6 Fully completed entry forms, together with appropriate entrance fees, must be received by Golf Australia by 5.00 pm (AEDT) on Wednesday 12 October 2016. IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT HIMSELF TO ENSURE THAT HIS ENTRY HAS BEEN RECEIVED. A player's entry form has not officially been received until his name has been posted at www.golf.org.au

5.7 In the event of entry applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship, applications from those higher handicap competitors not exempt from a handicap ballot as detailed in Condition 6 will be decided by a handicap ballot. The exact handicap certified at the date of entry will be used for all purposes. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Monies received from balloted entrants, who do not subsequently compete, will be refunded in entirety.

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

5.9 In the event that an entry is received after the closing time for entries and that it is accepted, the entrant shall be automatically liable to the Golf Australia for the sum of \$40.00 (the "late entry fee" – includes GST). By providing credit card details at the time of entry, the card holder authorises Golf Australia to debit the nominated account for the sum of the late entry fee (if applicable).

5.10 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.

6. Exemptions

Exemptions from a handicap ballot for the 2016 Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship will be granted to the following. (Note – Where applicable, it is the sole responsibility of the player to ensure the Championship Play Committee has received notification of his exempt status. Should the Championship Play Committee not be so advised, that player will be deemed to be a non-exempt player.) NB: Players exempt by the below, must meet the handicap criteria.

6.1 All previous winners of the Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship (must satisfy age entry conditions).

6.2 Current Men's State Mid Amateur Champions as at close of entries (must satisfy age entry conditions).

6.3 Current Men's International Mid Amateur Champions as at close of entries (must satisfy age entry conditions).

6.4 Former Australian Men's representatives (must satisfy age and handicap entry conditions).

6.5 Former Australian Men's Amateur Champions (must satisfy age conditions).

6.6 Entrants exempt by Golf Australia.

NB: All of the above must satisfy the handicap requirements

7. 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.

8. Pace of Play

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

9. Motorised Transport

During play, it is prohibited for a player to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless specific written permission has been granted by the Championship Play Committee. (NB Subject to host club permission, a caddie may use motorised transport at any time.)

Penalty (unless permitted to ride by a member of the Championship Rules Committee): 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 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.

Note i: Permission will only be granted to entrants who can provide a Medical Certificate.

Note ii: Golf Australia takes no responsibility for the availability of golf carts.

Note iii: Permission will be granted on the basis that the following requirements are adhered to. Players failing to adhere to these requirements are liable to have such permission revoked:

Players who drive at a pace which is clearly quicker than walking pace; and/or who drive to a point past their ball which is clearly unreasonable for a player who is not using motorised transport to reach, are in breach of these requirements.

10. Practice

Tuesday 8 November 2016.

11. Registration

Competitors are to register between 11.30 am and 3.30 pm on Tuesday 10 November at The Sands Torquay. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship.

12. 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

13. 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.

14. Publicity and Promotion; Broadcasting

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.

15. Code of Conduct

All entrants are bound by GA's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available by [clicking here](#). 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 Competitions or state championships, events, competitions, practice sessions or major activities conducted or sanctioned by a State Association, or any State Association or GA codes of conduct and/or other related matters.

16. 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. [Click here](#) to view GA's Legal Policies

17. Smoking Policy

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

18. Golf Australia Hard Card

The 2016 Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Australian Men's Mid Amateur Championship. The Hard Card is available by [clicking here](#).