



PLAYER INFORMATION: 2016 Australian Mid Amateur Championships (9-11 November)



Venue: The Sand Torquay
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Accommodation:

The Sands Torquay has on-course accommodation operated by Peppers. The hotel is offering the following rates to competitors in the Australian Mid Amateur Championship:

- Single studio accommodation rooms @ \$208 per night, includes breakfast for 1 guest
- Twin share/double studio accommodation rooms @ \$226 per night, includes breakfast for 2 guests

NB: There is limited accommodation available on Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th November.

To book please [download](#) the accommodation booking form and return to The Sands Torquay

Format:

Tuesday 8 November:	Official Practice Round: from 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm <i>Registration: 11.30 – 3.30 pm</i>
Wednesday 9 November:	Round 1: from 8.00 am
Thursday 10 November:	Round 2: from 8.00 am
Friday 11 November:	Round 3: from 8.00 am <i>Presentation at the conclusion of play (approx 2.30 pm)</i>

Tournament Function:

Australian Mid Amateur Championship: Presentation Drinks and Cocktail Reception:

Friday 11 November at the conclusion of play (approx 2.30 pm – 3.00 pm) at The Sands Torquay

Dress: golfing or casual attire (no jeans)

The cost of this function is included in the entry fee.

Draws & Results:

All draws and results will be posted at www.golf.org.au. The final draw will be released following registration on Tuesday 8 November. If players are travelling together and would like similar tee times, this must be advised to Golf Australia at the time of entry. (NB every attempt will be made to place players at similar times.)

The draw for Round 3 will be seeded based on scores from Rounds 1 and 2.

Registration and Starting:

Competitors are required to register between 11.30 am and 3.30 pm on Tuesday 8 November at The Sands Torquay. 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 0448 742 132.

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 the tee.

Unavailability:

Players must contact Golf Australia immediately on 03 9626 5050 if they are unable to compete.

Practice:

One complimentary practice round for competitors is available from 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm on Tuesday 8 November. Golf Australia will forward players a link to book this practice round following the closing date on 12 October 2016.

Additional practice rounds are available by contacting the club. Players will be charged the members' guest rate of \$45.00 for this round.

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 GA's Code of Conduct.

Range Facilities and Balls:

The Club's practice fairway will be open from 6.45am daily. Range balls are complimentary to players for the official practice day, and the championship days. Players can collect a voucher for range balls from the Golf Australia staff.

Distance Measuring Devices:

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.

Course Guides (Yardage Books):

Course guides are available from the pro shop for \$5.00. Distances on sprinkler heads indicate distance to the centre of the green.

GA Hard Card:

The GA 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 [click here](#)

Ties:

In the event of a tie for first place after 54-holes, those players tying for first place will play in a sudden-death hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined (the 10th, 11th, 17th & 18th).

Pull Buggies:

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 round and the championship rounds for those players who require them. Buggies will be available from the Pro Shop. In order to ascertain the number of pull buggies required, players are asked to advise whether they require a pull buggy at the time of entry.

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.

Players who meet these conditions and require a golf cart must advise Golf Australia, and must book the cart themselves directly with the club.

Any player may use a cart during the practice round.

Lockers/Storage:

Limited storage is available. Please see Golf Australia staff if this is required.

Caddies:

Caddies will not be supplied. If a player requires a caddie they must make their own arrangements.

Dress Requirements:

Players, caddies and spectators must adhere to dress which is neat, tidy and appropriate to the game. Denim jeans/shirts, track or leisure pants, and clothing, hats, caps, and visors with excessive slogans or advertising are not permitted. [Click here](#) to view the dress code at The Sands Torquay

Catering:

Catering will be available from 7.00 am – 8.00 pm in the clubhouse.

Players will be provided with a lunch pack containing a sandwich and drink on championship days. All other food and beverage for players for the duration of the event is at the player's expense.

Complimentary Water:

Complimentary bottled water will be supplied to players on the Championship Days only, from on or near the starting tees. Players are requested not to abuse this privilege and to place empty bottles in rubbish bins. Players are entitled to 3 drinks per round.

Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones may not be used on the golf course during competition play except to access a distance measuring device application or to call for a Ruling. A competitor failing to adhere to this regulation will be in breach of GA's Code of Conduct. Mobile phones are permitted in the clubhouse.

Smoking:

Players are NOT permitted to smoke cigarettes or the like during the stipulated round of a Golf Australia National Championship. Competitors in breach of this condition are liable to face action under GA's Code of Conduct.

Physiotherapist and Medical Centres:

A list of physiotherapists and Medical Centres is available from the Tournament Office.

Course Care:

All clubs which host Golf Australia 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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