

2017 Australian Girls' Amateur Championship - CONDITIONS

1. Format

- 1.1 The Championship will be played over 72-holes of stroke play at Port Kembla Golf Club.
 Round 1: Wednesday 5 April
 Round 2: Thursday 6 April
 The leading 60 players after 36-holes, and any tying for 60th place, will qualify for the 3rd and 4th Rounds; the remainder will be eliminated.
 Round 3: Friday 7 April – am
 Round 4: Friday 7 April – pm
- 1.2 The winning player will be the *Australian Girls' Amateur Champion*, hold the Championship Trophy for one year and receive the Championship Gold Medal. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The 3rd place getter will receive a bronze medallion.
- 1.3 a) Unless they be the winner of the Championship, the leading player in the 13 years and under age category will receive a bronze medallion. In the event of a tie, multiple medallions will be presented.
 b) Unless they be the winner of the Championship, the leading player in the 14 and 15 years age category will receive a bronze medallion. In the event of a tie, multiple medallions will be presented.
 c) Unless they be the winner of the Championship, the leading player in the 16 and 17 years age category will receive a bronze medallion. In the event of a tie, multiple medallions will be presented.
- 1.3 In the event of a tie for first place after 72-holes, those players tying for first place will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee determines, in a sudden-death hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined. In the event of a tie for the runner up or the third place getter, multiple medallions will be presented.

2. Championship Play Committee

- 2.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise the Chair of the Golf Australia Championships Committee, Golf Australia's Director - Championships, and Manager - Championships.
- 2.2 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.
- 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 one of the Conditions.
- 2.4 The Championship Play Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship shall 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 6), and any additional Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

4. Entries

- 4.1 Eligible players are female amateurs whose GA Handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 15.0 and have not reached their eighteenth (18th) birthday by 5 April 2017. For players with a GA Handicap, the exact Handicap at the close of entries will be used for ballot purposes.
 Players from international unions will be required to submit their handicap at the time of entry. This handicap will be used for ballot purposes unless Golf Australia is advised of any changes.
- 4.2 The Entrance Fee is AUD\$125.00 (includes GST).
- 4.3 Entries must only be made via the Golf Australia on-line entry process.

- 4.4 A decision of the Championship Play Committee as to the acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.
- 4.5 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
- 4.6 Entries must be received by Golf Australia prior to 12.00 pm AEDT, on Thursday 9 March 2017. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT HERSELF TO ENSURE THAT HER ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES.** A player's entry form has not officially been received until her name has been posted at www.golf.org.au.
- 4.7 In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (84), entries for higher handicap competitors who are not exempt as in condition 5 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.
- 4.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee.
- 4.9 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.
- 4.19 Entrance Fees will be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries, except for those entrants who may be balloted out and who do not subsequently compete.

5. Exemptions

- Exemptions from a handicap ballot for the 2017 Australian Girls' 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 her exempt status. Should the Championship Play Committee not be so advised, that player will be deemed to be a non-exempt player.)
- 5.1 Team members ~ 2017 Girls' Interstate Teams Matches
- 5.2 Any player in the top 40 of the 2017 Australian Girls' Amateur Rankings as at the closing date of entries.
- 5.3 Winners of 2017 Australian Girls' Amateur Ranking Events.
- 5.4 Players nominated by Member Associations (maximum 2 per association) (players are exempt from handicap criteria).
- 5.5 Players nominated by national golf associations (maximum 2 per country).
- 5.6 Players exempted by Golf Australia.
- 5.7 Four (4) players nominated by the Swinging Skirts Foundation (must meet handicap criteria)

6. Golf Australia Hard Card

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

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. Use of Motorised Transport

Players must not ride in any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Championship Play Committee. Penalty: Stroke Play – Two strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes,

the penalty applies to the next hole. Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

Any player 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 receipted). 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.

10. Caddies

A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. A player having a caddie in breach of this condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that they conform with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

11. Registration

Competitors must register between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm at the host club on Tuesday 4 April. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship.

12. Practice

Tuesday 4 April 2017 at Port Kembla Golf Club.

13. 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

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. 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.

16. Smoking Policy

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

17. 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 INDUSTRY Tab.

18. 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 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 matters.