

## PLAYER INFORMATION

### 2017 Australian Girls' Amateur Championship (4-7 April)



**Venue:** Port Kembla Golf Club  
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#### Format:

Schedule	
Tuesday 4 April	Practice Round: 11.15 am – 2.15 pm (one tee start) Registration: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Wednesday 5 April	2017 Australian Girls Amateur Championship – Round 1 (AM tee times)
Thursday 6 April	2017 Australian Girls Amateur Championship – Round 2 (AM tee times) <i>After 36 holes, the top 60 players plus ties will continue to rounds 3 and 4.</i>
Friday 7 April	2017 Australian Girls Amateur Championship – Round 3 2017 Australian Girls Amateur Championship – Round 4 <i>Australian Girls' Amateur Presentation &amp; Interstate Teams Matches Opening Ceremony (&amp; Cocktail Party) – approx 5.30 pm</i>

#### Championship Presentation Ceremony:

All players are invited to attend the Australian Girls' Amateur Championship Presentation Ceremony & Australian Girls' Interstate Teams Matches (Burtta Cheney Cup) Opening Ceremony on Friday 7 April commencing at the conclusion of play (approximately 5.30 pm). Dress is Smart Casual (i.e. no jacket or tie) for those players not in their State or Territory Team. Finger food and drinks will be served at the conclusion of the Ceremony.

#### Registration:

Competitors are required to register on Tuesday 4 April at Port Kembla Golf Club between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm. At this time, competitors will be required to provide a phone number where they can be contacted during the event. Failure to register may result in disqualification from the Championship.

If it is impossible to register in person, competitors must contact Adam Power on registration day on 0448 366 224.

Competitors are not required to register each day. Players are requested to report to the Starter at least 5 minutes prior to the advertised starting time. Score cards, Local Rules, hole placement sheets, etc will be distributed to players on the tee.

#### Unavailability:

If you are unable to compete, please contact Golf Australia immediately on 03 9626 5000.

#### Results & Draws:

All results and draws will be posted at [www.golf.org.au](http://www.golf.org.au). The final draw will be released at 5.00 pm on Tuesday 4 April. Players are asked to contact Golf Australia by **16 March** if they are travelling with another player and would like a similar tee time (every effort will be made to action requests). **Requests after this time will not be considered.**

### Draw for Rounds 3 and 4:

The championship will be decided over 72-holes of stroke play. A draw for Rounds 3 and 4 will be seeded based on scores after the first 36-holes.

### **Practice:**

A practice round is available on Tuesday 4 April (time to be confirmed). Bookings will open following the close of entries; Golf Australia will send all entered players an email allowing bookings to be made online. Please ensure the correct email address is supplied to Golf Australia during the online registration process.

Additional practice rounds may be available at a cost. Please contact the pro shop to ascertain times and make a booking.

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.

### **Yardage Books:**

Yardage books will not be provided for the championship, however the use of Distance Measuring Devices is permitted.

### **Distance Measuring Devices:**

In this competition a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

### **Range Facilities and Balls:**

A practice fairway is available and competitors will receive complimentary practice balls for the official practice round and the championship days. The range will be open from 6.15 am – 4.00 pm each day. Balls are to be collected from the Pro Shop.

### **Pull Buggies:**

Please note that there is currently VERY LIMITED access to pull buggies for the event.

Local competitors and those travelling by car are requested to use their own pull buggies. Golf Australia will endeavor to source sufficient pull buggies; however players are recommended to bring a light-weight bag in the case that a hire buggy is not available. Buggies will be complimentary for those players who require them for Tuesday – Friday.

### **Club Storage and Player Lockers:**

There is limited club storage available. Please see Golf Australia staff if this is required.

### **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.

**Motorised Carts:**

Players must not ride in any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Championship Play Committee. Penalty: Stroke Play – 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes.

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.

**Ties:**

In the event of a tie for the Australian Girls' Amateur Championship, players in such a tie will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee will decide in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined. (Note: Hole 18 will be used) Any competitor in the play-off not ready to play when called will be disqualified.

**Dress Requirements:**

During both practice and competition, competitors and their spectators must ensure a standard of dress is in keeping with national championships. Jeans, t-shirts, and garments with excessive advertising are not permitted on the course or in the clubhouse. Shirts must be tucked in; **metal spikes are not permitted.**

**Catering:**

Catering will be available in the clubhouse from 7.00 am to 3.00 pm each day. Food and beverage is at the player's expense.

**Bottled Water:**

Complimentary bottled water will be provided to players for the Championship Rounds from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees. Drinks are for PLAYERS ONLY with each player entitled to 4 drinks per player per round.

**Mobile Phones:**

Mobile phones may only be use on the golf course to access a distance measuring device or to call for a ruling. A COMPETITOR FAILING TO ADHERE TO THIS REGULATION WILL BE IN BREACH OF GOLF AUSTRALIA'S CODE OF CONDUCT. Phones may be used inside the clubhouse.

**Golf Australia Hard Card:**

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

**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 Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

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