



**Golf Queensland**

# CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

## **2017 QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP** (including the 2017 QLD Champion of Champions title)

20 – 22 August



## **2017 QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S AMATEUR**

24 – 25 August



***Entries Close***

***Wednesday 9 August at 5pm***

# 2017 QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

QUALIFYING FOR THE 2016 QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

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### 1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP:

**1.1 QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP** - will be played over 72 holes of stroke play - 18 holes Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 18 holes Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August, and the leading 50 players (plus ties) after two rounds shall play the final 36 holes on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. The draw for Tuesday will be an automatic draw, determined by the finishing positions after the first 36 holes. Venue: Bribie Island Golf Club.

**1.2 QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP** - The sixteen (16) lowest scores over the 72 holes of stroke play will qualify for the Queensland Women's Amateur Championship (match play), to be played on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017 - Venue Pacific Golf and Country Club. Matches will be contested over 18 holes. If necessary a play-off will be held immediately following play at Bribie Island on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August to decide the qualifiers for this event.

### 1.3 QUEENSLAND CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

**1.3.1** Eligible players are those who, during the period of the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016 to the closing date of entry of the competition, were

- (a) the **female Champion** of one of the following bodies
  - (i) a golf club affiliated with Golf Queensland,
  - (ii) a District Golf Association affiliated with Golf Queensland, or
- (b) title holders of the following State events:
  - (i) the Queensland Girls' Amateur Championship
  - (ii) the Queensland Schoolgirls Championship
  - (iii) the Queensland Women's Stroke Play Championship
  - (iv) the Queensland Women's Amateur Championship
  - (v) the Queensland Women's Indigenous Championship
  - (vi) the Queensland Women's Sand Green Championship
  - (vii) the Queensland Women's Mid-Amateur Championship
  - (viii) the Queensland Women's Country Championship
  - (ix) the Queensland Senior Women's Amateur Championship

**1.3.2** The Championship will be played over the opening 36 holes of the Queensland Women's Stroke Play Championship – 18 holes Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 18 holes Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

**1.3.3** The winning player will be the Queensland Champion of Champions and will receive a trophy. The runner-up will also receive a trophy.

**2. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:** A Championship Committee, appointed by Golf Queensland, shall have sole management and control of the event. The Championship Committee reserves the right to: (a) fix and/or alter starting times, (b) in the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, either shorten the contest or fix another day/venue, (c) vary any condition should they deem it advisable, (d) reject any entry without assigning any reason therefore. The decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters and in the absence of a full committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision and any decision so given shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Committee.

### 3. ENTRIES:

**3.1** The Championship events are open to all female amateur golfers with an GA Handicap (**not exceeding 18.4 at the time of entry**) who are members of a golf club affiliated through their District Golf Association with Golf Queensland, or other State/National Golf Associations.

**3.1.1:** Players eligible under section 1.3.1 may have a handicap that exceeds 18.4 at the time of entry.

**3.2** Should entries be received in excess of the capacity as determined by the Championship Committee, non-exempt players with higher handicaps will be balloted out and their entry fee refunded. (Note – see Condition 21)

**3.3** Entries must be received by 5:00 pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Committee. It is the player's responsibility to ensure that the entry is received by the Golf Queensland office. All entries will be displayed on our website [www.golfqueensland.org.au](http://www.golfqueensland.org.au) as they are received. Inquiries can be made through the Golf Queensland office on (07) 3252 8155.

**3.4** The total entry fee for the Championship is \$100.00 (incl. GST). Should entries be received in excess of the capacity field of 156, players not exempt will be balloted from the field based on their exact GA Handicap as at Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Players on the same exact Golf Australia Handicap will be separated by lot. An alternate list will be established. Those players not gaining a place in the field will have their full entry fee refunded after the first round unless otherwise requested. (Note – see Condition 21 for exemption categories)

**3.5** Do not send cash in the mail – Golf Queensland will not accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received.

**3.6** Entries without a Golf Link number must be supported by a printed handicap record endorsed by an official of the player's home club.

**3.7** Nominations are accepted at face value, on the basis that information contained therein is correct, and up to date. Should this subsequently be proven not to be the case, GQ reserves the right to deem any competitor ineligible – at any time prior to or during the Championship.

**3.8** Once the draw for the first round of the Championship is published, there will be no refund of entry fees to players who withdraw from the event. Players who withdraw prior to the situations above be refunded their entry fee, less an administration fee of \$11.00.

**4. PUBLICITY:** Golf Queensland arranges publicity before, during and/or after this Championship. It is a condition of entry that all players assent to references to them, and pictures of them in practice and play being published via any medium (including the internet).

**5. PRIVACY:** Golf Queensland may retain the personal details (i.e. name, address, handicap) of entrants in this Championship on its records. The purpose of doing so is such that information on other future events conducted by Golf Queensland (or other parties) can be forwarded as deemed appropriate by Golf Queensland. This information will not be available to any other organisation. Any person may have their details removed from this database by phoning the Golf Queensland on 3252 8155.

6. **DRESS REGULATIONS:** It is a requirement of this tournament that all players must comply with the dress standards of the clubs hosting the events.
7. **PRACTICE:**  
**Bribie Island**– Practice rounds will be available in the week prior to the championship and will be subject to availability. Bookings are essential – ph: 07 3408 1457.  
**Queensland Amateur** – A complimentary practice round (for Queensland Amateur qualifiers only) will be available on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Pacific Harbour. Bookings are essential. Please contact the club on (07) 3410 4001.
8. **RULES:** The Rules of Golf as adopted by the R&A Rules Limited will apply together with the Golf Australia Hard Card and supplementary Local Rules as are approved by the Championship Committee.
9. **COURSE MARKERS:** During practice or during the Championship a player shall not place on the course, or cause to be placed on the course, any artificial marker or other device designed to indicate course measurements. A player in breach of this condition shall be disqualified.
10. **DRAW AND STARTING TIMES:** A draw for each day's play will be published on the Golf Queensland website. Players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Championship Committee. Rule 6-3a provides "If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes of his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole." The draw for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> rounds will be an automatic draw determined on the scores returned from previous rounds.
11. **BALL:** It will be obligatory for all competitors in all events to play with a ball which is named in the current list of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A. Penalty for breach of this condition: Disqualification.
12. **DRIVING CLUBS** - "Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. Exception: A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition.  
\*PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes. \*Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his opponent in match play or his *marker* or a *fellow-competitor* in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.  
PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification."
13. **USE OF MOTORISED VEHICLES:** During any round of the tournament, competitors may not travel in or on any motorised vehicle unless authorised by the Championship Committee. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: In the absence of an exemption – 2 strokes at each hole at which a breach of this condition occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes
14. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** The specimen local rule on page 153 of the rules of golf will be in effect for the Queensland Stroke Play and Queensland Amateur Championship.
15. **MOBILE PHONES:** The use of mobile phones by players and/or caddies during the play of any competition round is prohibited. Serious breaches of etiquette may result in disqualification.
15. **PACE OF PLAY:** Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. A Pace of Play Schedule and description of applicable penalties for breaching this schedule will be supplied to competitors prior to the first round of the tournament.
16. **DRUG TESTING:** All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Drug Agency for banned substances as laid down in the Golf Australia's Doping Policy endorsed by Golf Queensland. Any competitor infringing this condition, or refusing to take a test, may be disqualified.
17. **TIES:**  
17.1 In the event of a tie for the Queensland Women's Stroke Play Championship, play shall continue hole by hole over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide, until one player gains at least a one stroke advantage. The breaking of ties for all other events/trophies will be determined by use of the Australian Count-back System.  
17.2 In the event of a tie for the Queensland Champion of Champions, play shall continue into the third round (18 hole total) of the Women's Stroke Play Championship. If a tie still exists, play shall continue into the fourth round of the Women's Stroke Play Championship. If a tie still exists, play shall continue hole by hole over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide.
18. **PROTESTS:** Protests must be lodged in writing with the Championship Committee no later than 10 minutes after the conclusion of the day's play except on the final day when they must be lodged no later than 5 minutes after the conclusion of play.
19. **PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:** Trophies will be presented at the conclusion of the Queensland Women's Stroke Play Championship and Queensland Women's Amateur Championship, and will be awarded at the determination of the Championship Committee.

- 20. 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.golfaustralia.org.au](http://www.golfaustralia.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.
- 21. EXEMPTIONS FROM BALLOT:**  
Exemptions from ballot if the event is oversubscribed will be granted to the following players (provided they meet the handicap and membership criteria detailed in condition 3.1):

1	Players that meet the eligibility criteria of the 2017 Champion of Champions title – See section 1.3.1	12	Top 10 - 2017 Australian Girls' Ranking System
2	2017 Queensland Women's Team members	13	Top 50 – Australian Women's National rankings as at 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
3	2017 Queensland Girls' Team members	14	Top 15 – Queensland Girl's Stroke Average Trophy as at 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 (VJ)
4	2009 – 2016 Queensland Women's Stroke Play Champions	15	Top 30 – Queensland Women's Stroke Average Trophy as at 9 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 (AB)
5	2009 – 2016 Queensland Women's Amateur Champions	16	Top 10 in 2017 Queensland Girls' Amateur Championship
6	2016 Queensland Women's Amateur Championship - Match Play qualifiers	17	Top 3 - 2017 Queensland Senior Women's Amateur Championship
7	2017 GA National Squad members	18	Top 5 – 2017 Queensland Women's Mid-Amateur Championship
8	2017 QAS Scholarship Holders	19	Members of any State Team in the 2017 Australian Interstate Teams Matches
9	2017 Queensland State Squad Members	20	5 players at the discretion of the host club (Bribie Island)
10	2016 Greg Norman Junior Masters (Girls) Champion	21	Players at the discretion of Golf Queensland
11	2016 Queensland Champion of Champions (Female)		



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