

2017 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship - CONDITIONS

1. Championship Procedure

- 1.1 The Championship will be played in two separate sections.
- 1.2 The first section will consist of two stroke play qualifying rounds of 18 holes each at Maroochy River Golf Club.

Schedule for First Section

1st Round – Monday 23 October

2nd Round – Tuesday 24 October

- 1.3 After the first section of the Championship, the sixteen (16) lowest scores will compete in the second section for the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship.

In addition, the eight (8) lowest scores in each of the following age groups will compete in the Championship Flights:

New-Age Veterans Flight: 55-59 years

Veterans Flight: 60-64 years

Super-Veterans Flight: 65-69 years

Super-Veterans Plus Flight: 70 years and over

- 1.4 In the event of there being a tie for a position after the first section of the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship such that more than 16 players remain in the Championship, those players tying for the last qualifying position or positions will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee determines in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the 16 qualifiers for the second section of the Championship have been determined. However, if the Championship Play Committee determines that there is not sufficient time available for a play-off, such a tie will be resolved by lot.

In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position or positions in the Championship Flights, such a tie will be decided by count-back.

NB. A player is not permitted to forfeit her place in the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship in order to be drawn in her respective Championship Flight.

- 1.5 The second section of the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship will consist of successive rounds of match play, with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round. The automatic draw will be applied to establish the match pairings for the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship and the Championship Flights (ties for positions will be decided by count-back).

Schedule for Second Section

Wednesday 25 October (am) – 18 holes

Australian Women's Senior Championship - Round 1

Championship Flights - Quarter-Finals

Thursday 26 October (am) – 18 holes

Australian Women's Senior Championship - Quarter-Finals

Championship Flights - Semi-Finals

Thursday 26 October (pm) – 18 holes

Australian Women's Senior Championship - Semi-Finals

Friday 27 October (am) – 18 holes

Australian Women's Senior Championship - Final

Championship Flights - Finals

- 1.6 In the event of a halved match in any round;
 - (i) players will continue to play until a winner is determined, and;
 - (ii) the last stipulated round is deemed to extend to as many holes as are required for a match to be won.
- 1.7 The winner will be the *Australian Women's Senior Amateur Champion* and receive the Championship Gold Medal and hold the Championship Cup for one year. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The Championship Flight winners will receive a silver medallion and hold their respective Flight Cups for one year. The Championship Flight runners up will receive a bronze medallion. The leading qualifier (medallist) will receive a silver medallion. The winner and runner up of the 36-holes net competition held in conjunction with the first section of the Championship will receive a memento. Ties will be decided by count-back.

2. Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event (*in conjunction with Section One*)

- 2.1 Each state and territory may nominate a team comprising a maximum of three players who will meet eligibility conditions laid down by GA.
- 2.2 The winning team will be determined by the lowest aggregate of the two best scores from each round in Section One.
- 2.3 Disqualification of a team member under the Rules of Golf in any round will not be effective for any subsequent round of the Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event 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 bronze medallions.

3. Championship Play Committee

- 3.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise a GA Board Member, GA'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 GA'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 female amateurs who have reached their 55th birthday by 23 October 2017 and; whose GA Handicap does not exceed 20.0 strokes at the time of entry. The exact handicap certified at the close of entries is the handicap to be used in the case of a ballot (see 5.8). For all other purposes, the player's handicap at the commencement of the first round will be used.

An entrant who holds current handicaps in multiple countries, and who is not exempt from a handicap ballot, is required to advise GA of the details of all handicaps they hold. GA will determine which handicap is to be used for ballot purposes; this handicap will also be used to determine whether the player has conformed with the handicap limit for the championship.

- 5.2 Players must comply with the GA Gender Policy. To view [click here](#)
- 5.3 The Entrance Fee is \$110.00 (includes GST).
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 The decision of the Championship Play Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.
- 5.6 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
- 5.7 Entries must be received by GA by 12.00 pm on Tuesday 26 September 2017. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT THEMSELVES TO ENSURE THAT THEIR ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES.** A player's entry form has not officially been received until their name has been posted at www.golf.org.au.
- 5.8 In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (108), the first fifty (50) entrants in the championship will be guaranteed a position in the field. The remaining balance of the field will be determined by handicap ballot and the exemption categories in point 6. 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.

- 5.9 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).
- 5.10 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).
- 5.11 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.

6. Exemption Categories

Exemptions from a handicap ballot for the 2016 Australian Women's Senior 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.)

- 6.1 Team members – 2017 Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event.
- 6.2 Previous winners of the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship.
- 6.3 Any player who qualified for the Championship Match Play (top 16) in the 2016 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship.
- 6.4 Any player in the top 30 from the 2017 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Ranking System as at closing date of entries.
- 6.5 Current state women's senior amateur champions as at closing date of entries.
- 6.6 Winners of 2017 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Ranking Events.
- 6.7 Players exempted by Golf Australia.

NB: All players exempt by the above must meet the handicap criteria.

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 GA Hard Card for Pace of Play conditions.

NOTE: GA strongly encourages Ready Golf in stroke play. Further information about Ready Golf is available in the Player Information and will be available at Registration.

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): Stroke Play – 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes. Match Play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match will be adjusted by deducting 1 hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – 2 holes

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: GA 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

Sunday 22 October 2017.

11. Registration

Competitors are to register between 10.30 am and 3.00 pm on Sunday 22 October at Maroochy River Golf Club. 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 GA'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 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 GA. This data may be utilised by GA 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 GA e-newsletter, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of GA events, or information about events conducted by GA approved bodies. Upon receipt by GA 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

GA 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 GA, or persons authorised by GA, 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. GA may utilise the rights granted it hereunder in connection with the promotion of this Championship as well as other GA Championships and GA. 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 2017 Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship. The Hard Card is available by [clicking here](#).