

Play 9 at the 2017 Emirates Australian Open South Australian Qualifying Round Conditions of Play

QUALIFYING COMPETITION

1. Format

- 1.1 The Play 9 at the 2017 Emirates Australian Open South Australia Qualifying Round will be played on Wednesday 4 October.
- 1.2 The individual Stableford competition will be played over 9 holes. One Tee Start.
- 1.3 The leading male and female from a metropolitan and country club will qualify to Play 9 at the 2017 Emirates Australian Open. Note: a player's GolfLINK number determines whether they are a metropolitan or country player.
- 1.4 Ties for qualifying positions will be determined by countback.
- 1.5 If there is no eligible player, the Championship Play Committee will determine how the qualifier will be determined.

2. Championship Play Committee

- 2.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise the Chair of the Golf SA Player Participation Committee, Golf SA Communications & Development Manager and GA Director - Game Development. All decisions made by the Championship Play Committee are final.
- 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 event, 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 event will be final.
- 2.5 Any dispute or protest must be made to the Championship Play Committee not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of play on the day on which the disputed matter has arisen.
- 2.6 The Championship Play Committee may, in the event of bad weather or for any other reason, alter the venue, time or day of play.

3. Rules of Play

- 3.1 The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R & A Rules Limited, will apply together with Local Rules any supplementary Local Rules of the venue Club.

4. Eligibility & Entries

- 4.1 The Play 9 at the 2017 Emirates Australian Open South Australia Qualifying Round is open to any member of a South Australian club affiliated with Golf Australia who holds a GA handicap and has played in a Golf SA sanctioned competition in the previous 12 months (between 1 September 2016 - 31 August 2017). Includes Golf SA Pennant and Club Vardons.
- 4.2 Entries will open at 12pm Thursday 31 August 2017.
- 4.2 The maximum GA handicap limit is 36.4 for men and 45.4 for women.
- 4.3 Entrants must be 18 years of age or over as at 4 October 2017.
- 4.4 Field size: 120 players – 60 male (30 metropolitan and 30 country) and 60 female (30 metropolitan and 30 country). Refer condition 'Note' 1.3. Entries will be accepted based on the date of registration.

Should any of the four categories not be filled as at the close of entries 5pm Wednesday 20 September, a new registration page will open at 10am Thursday 21 September and players from alternate categories will be given the opportunity to register until the max. field size is reached. Entries will be accepted based on the date of registration.

- 4.5 The Entrance Fee for the event is \$35.00 (including GST), and must be paid at the time of entry.
- 4.6 Entries must be made via the Golf SA online registration system. Entries by any other method will not be accepted
- 4.7 The decision of Championship Play Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.
- 4.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee
- 4.9 Players must register by 5.00pm on Wednesday 20 September 2017. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT THEMSELVES TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE REGISTERED CORRECTLY.** A player has not officially registered until their name is listed in the **registered Participants** section of the event registration page.
- 4.10 Entrance fees will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries.

5. Prizes

- 5.1 The four (4) qualifiers as per condition 1.3 will receive the following at no cost:
 - To Play 9 at the 2017 Emirates Australian Open;
 - A weekend pass for the 2017 Emirates Australian Open as guests of Golf Australia;
 - Return economy air travel to Sydney from Adelaide;
 - Two nights' accommodation (Friday and Saturday nights), transfers and all meals in Sydney;
 - Attendance at the Play 9 presentation cocktail party;
 - Tickets to the Emirates Australian Open champion's cocktail party on Sunday evening;
 - A player gift pack.

6. Conforming Golf Balls and Conforming Driver Heads

- 6.1 The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls and Conforming Driver Heads.

7. Drug Testing

- 7.1 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.

8. Mobile Phones

- 8.1 Except in case of emergency, mobile phones must not be used to make or receive calls or messages when on the golf course.

9. Pace of Play

- 9.1 Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding it. Any group with a clear hole in front of it will be considered to be out of position. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

10. Motorised Transport

- 10.1 Ride-on buggies will be permitted only on medical evidence from the player's Club and by permission of the venue Club. Application and approvals to be forwarded to Golf SA at time of registration. Caddies are not permitted to use ride-on buggies.

11. Smoking

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

12. Code of Conduct

- 12.1 All entrants assent to be bound by Golf SA's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code is available at www.golfsa.com.au.

13. Measuring Devices

- 13.1 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.

14. Draws

- 14.1 Competitors will be drawn in such manner as the Match Committee shall arrange. The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to alter the draw without notice.
- 14.2 Tee times will be between 1pm and 4.37pm. Tee times will be available on the Golf SA website www.golfsa.com.au on Wednesday 27 September 2017.

NATIONAL FINAL

1. The Play 9 at the Emirates Australian Open will be played as a Single Stableford competition over holes 10-18 at The Australian Golf Club on Saturday 25 November 2017.
2. The field will consist of 28 players who have qualified via their State Association qualifying competition. In the event of a withdrawal of one of those 28 players, a substitution is permitted as determined by the Championships Play Committee.
Note: If a player under the age of 18 years qualifies for the event, they MUST bring a chaperone at their own cost.
3. Male players will play the Men's White Course (Slope Rating of 129) and female players will play the Women's Red Course (Slope Rating of 129).
4. A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the event. 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.
5. Players must not ride in any form of transportation during the event 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.