



2017 QUALIFYING - INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

The list of players and their allocated course will be available by 5.00 pm on Monday 13 November. The draw for the courses will be available by Friday 17 November.

Qualification for Championship Proper

Ten (10) positions in the field for the Championship Proper will be available to competitors in Qualifying. The 10 positions available to make up the field will be prorated between the courses.

In a Qualifying competition, should there be a tie for the last available position(s) (or for alternate positions), such that the position(s) remains undecided, those competitors in such a tie shall continue in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off, which will be conducted immediately upon the conclusion of the scheduled event.

Alternates from Qualifying will be used only for the purpose of filling Qualifying positions that become vacant. Championship alternates will continue to be taken from the relevant eligibility categories until all such avenues have been exhausted, at which time alternates from Qualifying may be utilised to fill field positions that become vacant.

Championship Proper and Registration

The Championship Proper will be played at The Australian Golf Club, Sydney from 23 – 26 November. Successful Qualifying competitors must ensure they register at The Australian Golf Club either between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm on Monday 20 November, or between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm on Tuesday 21 November.

Practice

Competitors only are entitled to one complimentary practice round, from the daily tee markers only. In order to play a practice round, competitors are asked to book a time.

- Liverpool: 02 9727 2422; players may play in the members competition on Sunday 19 November. Additional practice times from 3.00 pm.
- Ryde-Parramatta: 02 9874 4031; practice times available from 12.00 pm on Friday 17 November and limited times available on Sunday 19 November by contacting the pro shop one week prior.
- Carnarvon: 02 9649 2438; practice times available Friday 17 November and after 3.00 pm on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 November. Bookings must be made via the pro shop.

Players may play one ball only throughout the round, however if a player misses the fairway with their drive, they may play one additional tee shot, or if they miss the green with their approach they may play one additional shot into the green. Players **MUST** keep up with the group in front.

Dress

During both practice and competition, competitors and their caddies must ensure a standard of dress in keeping with national championships. Jeans, t-shirts, and garments with excessive advertising are not permitted on the courses or in the clubhouses. Shirts must be tucked in; golf shoes must be worn. In addition, competitors must ensure that they and their caddies adhere to the host club's dress regulations.

By entering the Championship, competitors agree to conform to the 2017 PGA of Australia Members Regulations.

Yardage Books

Yardage Books will **not** be available.

Distance Measuring Devices/GPS

The following Local Rule will be in effect for Qualifying.

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.

Please note DMD's are NOT permitted in the Championship proper.

Clubs Conforming with Groove and Punch Mark Specifications

APPLIES FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP PROPER ONLY (it does not apply for Qualifying):

The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1 January 2010. *PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Two strokes for each hole at which a 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 their marker or fellow competitor immediately upon discovery a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified. PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

One Ball Condition

The One Ball Condition is NOT in effect for Qualifying, but will be in effect for the Championship proper.

Practice Putting

Practice putting and chipping on the green of the hole last played is prohibited in Qualifying and the Championship Proper.

Course Care

All clubs have kindly given up their course for the qualifying competition. The course must be left in a suitable condition once the event is completed. Players MUST carry AND use a sand bucket and repair pitch marks. Players cooperation is appreciated.

Withdrawals

Any amateur competitor wishing to withdraw prior to 5.00 pm on Friday 17 November must e-mail championships@golf.org.au. Professional withdrawals must come through the PGA via email: tour@pga.org.au

For withdrawals after that time, please phone Golf Australia on 0448 742 132.

