



Conditions of Competition

2018 QUEENSLAND GIRLS' AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

3-6 July



Entry Fee \$110 (includes Official Practice Round)

Entries Close

Wednesday 13th June at 5:00pm

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

- **1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP:** The Championship will be played at Bargara Golf Club over 72 holes stroke play 18 holes on each of Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th July. The leading 20 players (plus ties) after two rounds shall play the final two rounds of the Championship on Thursday and Friday. Those missing the cut will have the option to play the J.R. McCracken Plate (36 holes Stableford) on Thursday and Friday.
- 2. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE: A Championship Committee, appointed by Golf Queensland (GQ), 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 date/venue, (c) vary any condition should they deem it advisable, (d) reject any entry without assigning any reason therefore. The decisions 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 such decision shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Committee.

3. ENTRIES:

- **3.1** The Championship is open to all junior female amateur golfers with a Golf Australia (GA) Handicap or overseas equivalent (not exceeding 29.4 at the time of entry) who are members of a Club affiliated, through their District Golf Association with GQ, or with other State/National Golf Associations. A junior is a golfer who has not and will not attain the age of 18 years on or before Tuesday 3rd July 2018.
- **3.2** The field will be limited to 42 players. Entries close on Wednesday 13th June. Should entries be received in excess of this number the higher handicap players will be eliminated based on their exact GA handicap at close of entries, and placed on a reserve list. Should a player wish to have their entry fee refunded rather than be placed on the reserve list, they will need to contact the GQ office. Should players on the reserve list not gain a position in the field, their entry fee will be refunded at the conclusion of the 1st round.
- **3.3 Entries will be processed via online registration** only with the prescribed nomination fee (\$110) to be paid at the same time as registration. There is no hard copy entry form. Telephone entries will not be accepted.
- **3.4** Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Committee. All entries will be displayed on our website www.GolfQueensland.org.au as they are received. Inquiries can be made through the Golf Queensland office on (07) 3252 8155.
- 3.5 Do not send cash in the mail GQ will not accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received.
- **3.6** Entries without a Golf Link number <u>must</u> be accompanied by a 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 is completed there will be no refund of entry fees for players who withdraw from the event. Players who withdraw prior to the draw being published will be refunded their entry fee, less an administration fee of \$11.00.
- **4. PUBLICITY:** GQ 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:** GQ 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 GQ (or other parties) can be forwarded as deemed appropriate by GQ. This information will not be available to any other organisation. Any person may have their details removed from this database by phoning GQ on 3252 8155.
- 7. **DRESS REGULATIONS:** Players must comply with the dress regulations of the Bargara Golf Club.
- **8. PRACTICE:** The official practice day is Monday 2nd July. <u>This round is included in the entry fee.</u> Practice rounds outside of this day can be arranged by contacting the Pro-Shop on (07) 4159 2257. Availability is at the discretion of the club.
- **9. 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.
- **10. 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.

- 11. DRAW AND STARTING TIMES: A draw for each day's play will be published. Players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Committee. Rule 6-3a provides "The player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee." The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification. However it is a condition of this Championship, that in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, 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, instead of disqualification.
- **12. CADDIES:** A player is prohibited from using a caddie during a stipulated round. *PENALTY BREACH OF CONDITION: Stroke play Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred: maximum penalty per round-Four strokes
- 13. 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 *marker* or a *fellow-competitor* 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."
- **14. BALL:** The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.
- 15. USE OF MOTORISED VEHICLES: Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Committee.
 PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Two strokes at each hole at which a breach of this condition occurred; maximum penalty per round Four strokes.
- **16. MOBILE PHONES:** The use of mobile phones by players during the play of any competition round is prohibited. Serious breaches of etiquette may result in disqualification.
- 17. PACE OF PLAY: Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. A Pace of Play schedule and description of the applicable penalties for breaching this schedule will be supplied to competitors prior to the first round of the tournament.
- **18. 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 policy or refusing to take a test, may be disqualified.
- **19. SMOKING AND ALCOHOL:** Smoking and/or the consumption of alcohol by competitors is not permitted.
- **20. TIES:** In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship, unless the Championship Committee otherwise determines, play shall continue over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with other or others until the winner is determined. All other trophies will be decided by the Australian Countback System.
- 21. **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 his play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.
- **22. PROTESTS:** Protests must be lodged in writing with the Championship Committee no later than 5 minutes after the conclusion of the player's round on each day.
- 23. 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.golf.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.
- **24. TROPHIES:** Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the following events:- Champion and Runner-Up, 14 Years & Under Section Winner and Runner-up, 72 Hole Nett Winner and Runner-up and other prizes at the discretion of the Committee. **Note:** A player is eligible to win only one trophy.