The Australian Amateur Championships

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2019 Competitor Information

Venues:

Woodlands Golf Club
109 White Street, Mordialloc Victoria 3195
(03) 9580 3455
www.woodlandsgolf.com.au | info@woodlandsgolf.com.au

Spring Valley Golf Club
Heatherton Road, Clayton South VIC 3169 **(entrance via Heatherton Road only)**
03 9562 3811
www.springvalleygolf.com.au | enquiries@springvalleygolf.com.au

Format (Men):

Sunday 13 Jan:	Practice round at Spring Valley GC; tee times from 7.00 am – 3.00 pm
	Practice round at Woodlands GC: 9.30 am – 2.30 pm
	Registration: available at both host venues between 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Monday 14 Jan:	Practice round at Woodlands GC: 7.00 am – 3.00 pm
	Practice round at Spring Valley GC: 9.00 am – 2.00 pm
	Registration: available at both host venues between 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tuesday 15 Jan:	1st Qualifying Round: Woodlands GC & Spring Valley GC
Wednesday 16 Jan:	2nd Qualifying Round: Woodlands GC & Spring Valley GC
Thursday 17 Jan:	AM: 1st Round Match Play - Woodlands GC
Friday 18 Jan:	AM: 2nd Round Match Play; PM: 3rd Round Match Play - Woodlands CC
	Approx. 5.30pm-7.00pm: Sweet Sixteen function for quarter finalists only (Woodlands GC)
Saturday 19 Jan:	AM: Quarter-Finals Match Play; PM: Semi-Finals Match Play - Woodlands GC
Sunday 20 Jan:	AM & PM: Final (36-holes) - Woodlands GC
	Conclusion of Play (approx 4 pm): Presentation/Cocktail Reception (Woodlands GC)

Format (Women):

Sunday 13 Jan:	Practice round at Spring Valley GC; tee times from 7.00 am – 3.00 pm
	Practice round at Woodlands GC: 9.30 am – 2.30 pm
	Registration: available at both host venues between 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
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Tournament Functions:

- *Sweet Sixteen Dinner: Woodlands GC; Friday 18 January; 5.30 pm – 7.00 pm*
  It is MANDATORY that the 8 men and 8 women contesting the Quarter-Finals attend a cocktail function with officials and sponsors. Player dress: golf attire.

- *Presentation & Cocktail Reception: Woodlands GC; Sunday 20 January; approx 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm*
  All players and officials are invited to attend the Presentation and Cocktail Reception. Player dress: golf attire.

Registration and Starting:

Competitors are required to register at one of the following times. Players may register at either venue.

Sunday 13 January:
Woodlands GC - 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Spring Valley GC - 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Monday 14 January:
Woodlands GC - 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Spring Valley GC - 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Players will be required to confirm entry details, contact information, collect tournament information such as a Championship gift and Golf Australia Hard Card as well as have a player photo taken.

Failure to register may result in disqualification from the Championship. If it is impossible to register in person, competitors must contact the Championship Office on registration day on +61 448 366 224.

Competitors are NOT required to register each day. Players will NOT be called to the tee and should proceed to their starting tee at least 5 minutes prior to their starting time. Score cards, Local Rules and hole placement sheets will be distributed by the starter on tee.

Pace of Play – "Ready Golf" (stroke play rounds only):

In stroke play, "Ready Golf" should be played, but in a safe and responsible way. Play when you are ready – you don't have to wait until the farthest away players has played.

For example, play Ready Golf:

- When the player farther away has a difficult shot and is assessing options
- When a longer hitter has to wait for the green to clear
- On the tee if a player with the honour is delayed
- By playing your shot before helping to look for a lost ball

Withdrawals:

For withdrawals, please contact GA immediately on +61 3 9626 5000, or +61 448 366 224 or championships@golf.org.au.

Results & Draws:

All results and draws will be posted at www.golf.org.au. The Qualifying Rounds draw will be available after 5.30 pm AEDT on Tuesday 8 January. If players are traveling together and would like similar tee times, this must be advised to Golf Australia no later than **2 January** via registration in the 'player note' section, phone +61 3 9626 5000 or championships@golf.org.au**. *Requests after this time will NOT be accommodated.***

Accommodation:

See separate information sheet regarding accommodation.

Pull Buggies/Trolleys:

Local competitors and those travelling by car are requested to use their own pull buggies. Golf Australia will endeavor to provide a buggy/trolley to all players who require one, however players are encouraged to bring a light-weight bag in the case that a buggy is not available. Buggies will be complimentary for the practice rounds and the championship rounds for those players who require them.

Practice:

- Players are entitled to ONE complimentary practice round at each course ONLY. Play must be from the daily tee markers only.
- Practice rounds are available at the following times:
  - Spring Valley GC: From 7.00 am – 3.00 pm on Sunday 13 January

- Woodlands GC: From 9.00 am – 2.00 pm on Monday 14 January
  From 9.30 pm – 2.30 pm on Sunday 13 January
  From 7.00 am – 3.00 pm on Monday 14 January

- Any player who arrives at either club outside of these times will be asked to leave.
- **Players will be forwarded a link at the close of entries to book a practice round**

During a practice round a player may play one ball only throughout the round with the following exceptions**:** If a player misses the fairway with their drive, they may play one additional tee shot from the tee;

- If a player misses the green with their approach shot, they may play one additional shot to the green;
- Not more than three chip shots may be played from beside the green, and only then provided such practice shots do not damage the course;
- Only two bunker shots may be played towards the green from a greenside bunker. All other bunker shots must be played away from the green;
- Only three practice putts are permitted.
- Notwithstanding the above regulations, no additional practice strokes shall be played if the group behind is waiting to play. Additionally, course staff retain absolute right of way.
- **Competitors in breach of these practice conditions are liable to face action under Golf Australia's Code of Conduct**

Practice Facilities:

IMPORTANT: The practice facilities at the host venues are for warm up and cool down purposes only (i.e. not for players to remain at the course all day using the facilities). Any player in breach of these conditions may be removed from the Championship.

A practice fairway is available at both clubs and competitors will receive complimentary practice balls during the championship and practice rounds.

Range operating times at both clubs is from sunrise (approx. 6.30 am) to 6.00 pm.

Woodlands GC: The balls will be available for collection outside the pro shop
Spring Valley GC: The range token will be available for collection at the pro shop

Please note:
The driving range at Woodlands GC - 5 IRONS OR LESS ONLY
The driving range at Spring Valley GC – VIS driving range (5-minute walk from the clubhouse) – no restrictions

Facilities for using drivers:
Melbourne Golf Academy - 385 Centre Dandenong Rd, Heatherton VIC 3202

Catering:

Golf Australia will provide all players complimentary lunch for the championship days. Catering is available as follows:

- Woodlands GC: Practice Days: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm | Competition Days: 7:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Spring Valley GC: Practice Days: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm | Competition Days: 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Food and beverage for players on the practice days is at the player's expense.

Complimentary Water:

Complimentary bottled water will be supplied to players on the Championship Days only (i.e. not the practice rounds) from various parts of the course. Players are requested not to abuse this privilege and to place empty bottles in rubbish bins. Drinks are NOT for caddies and spectators.

Club Storage and Lockers:

There is limited club storage at both clubs and lockers are not available. Please see the Golf Australia staff for storage options if required.

Physiotherapist and Medical Centres:

There will be no on-site physiotherapist for the Championship. Please see Golf Australia staff for any assistance locating nearby options.

Caddies:
Caddies will not be supplied. If players require a caddie they must make their own arrangements or contact the host venues for any availability.

Yardage Books:
Yardage books for both courses will be included in the entry fee for all players. Players will be required to specify either yards or meters and these will be supplied prior to your first practice round on Sunday 13 January.

Golf Australia Hard Card:
The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Championship and will be provided to players at registration. Click here to view the Golf Australia Hard Card

Distance Measuring Devices/GPS:
Distance measuring devices are permitted for this Championship. The Specimen Local Rule on page 153 in the 2016 Rules of Golf will be in effect.

Conforming Groove and Punch Mark Specifications:
Players 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.

Please note that Golf Australia will **NOT** be conducting field testing during the Australian Amateur Championship and players will need to resolve any questions about their clubs prior to arriving at the Championship.

The R&A has a Club Groove Search facility available at http://www.randa.org/en/Equipment/Equipment-Search/Informational-Clubs.aspx to assist players in determining if their clubs conform to the specifications.

Ties:
In the event of a tie for the last match play places, a sudden-death, hole-by-hole, play-off will be held at Woodlands GC immediately after the 2nd Qualifying round has concluded or, if necessary due to insufficient light, the next morning. Any competitor in the play-off not ready to play when called will be disqualified. Players required to come from Spring Valley GC will be given the appropriate time to travel to Woodlands GC.

In the event of a tie for the Medalist, joint winners will be declared. In the event of a tie for places in the match play draw, ties will be decided by lot.

Dress Requirements:
"Hard/Metal" spikes are not permitted. Players, caddies and spectators must adhere to dress which is neat, tidy and appropriate to the game. Jeans, track or leisure pants, and clothing, hats, caps, and visors with excessive slogans or advertising are not permitted.

Players and spectators are reminded that they are guests of the clubs and failure to adhere to dress regulations may result in them being asked to change or purchase appropriate dress.

CLICK HERE for Woodlands GC dress regulations.
CLCIK HERE for Spring Valley GC dress regulations.

Mobile Phones:
- Mobile phones may not be used on the golf course during competition play except to access a distance measuring device application, in an emergency or to call for a referee.
- Woodlands GC: Mobile phones are permissible in the clubhouse for texting and email only. Mobile phones must be set to silent at all times.
- Spring Valley GC: Mobile phones are permissible in the clubhouse for texting and email only. Mobile phones must be set to silent at all times.

Smoking:

Players and caddies are prohibited from smoking during a stipulated round. (Note: In addition to the more traditional forms of smoking, this policy is also considered to cover vaping and the like, etc.) Details of sanctions for a breach of this policy are contained in GA's Code of Conduct.

Course Care:

All clubs which host Golf Australia National Championships kindly give up their course to you for the duration of the event. The course must be left in a suitable condition once the Championship is completed. Players MUST carry AND use a sand bucket. Any player seen to be in breach of this request may face action under Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

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