

Play 9 at the 2018 Australian Open Queensland Qualifying Round Conditions of Play

QUALIFYING COMPETITION

1. Format

- 1.1 The Play 9 at the Australian Open Queensland Qualifying Round will be played on Sunday 28th October.
- 1.2 The day will comprise of one individual medley Stableford competition being played over 9 holes.
- 1.3 The leading male and female from the competition will qualify to Play 9 at the 2018 Men's Australian Open.
- 1.4 Ties for the leading positions will be determined by the method of matching cards. The best score for the last 6 holes shall be used (i.e. holes 4-9); if there is still a tie the last 3 holes (i.e. holes 7-9), if a tie still persists then hole-by-hole from the 9th hole.

2. Championship Play Committee

- 2.1 A Championship Play Committee, appointed by Golf Queensland, shall have sole management and control of the event. 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 Australian Open, Queensland Qualifying Round is open to any member of a Golf club affiliated with Golf Australia who holds a GA handicap.
- 4.2 Winners of the Australian Open Queensland Club Based Qualifying Round event are not eligible to win the major prize as listed in 5.1.
- 4.3 The maximum GA handicap limit is 36.4 for men and 45.4 for women.
- 4.4 Field size: 256. Entries will be accepted based on the date of registration. If the number of entries reaches capacity a reserve list will be made for any player that enters after this time.
- 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 QLD online registration system. Brisbane Golf Club Members may enter via the The Brisbane Golf Club. 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 Tuesday 23rd October 2018. **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. 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 two qualifiers as per condition 1.3 will receive the following at no cost:
 - A weekend pass for the 2018 Australian Open as guests of Golf Australia;
 - Return economy air travel to Sydney from the nearest major city in the player's state/territory;
 - Two nights' accommodation (Friday and Saturday nights);
 - \$200 grant to cover local transport and meals in Sydney;
 - Attendance at the Play 9 presentation reception;
 - Tickets to the Australian Open champion's cocktail reception 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.

11. Smoking

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

12. Code of Conduct

12.1 All entrants assent to be bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code is available at www.golf.org.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 Championship Play Committee shall arrange. The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to alter the draw without notice.

14.2 Tee times will be between 7am and 1pm. Tee times will be available on the Golf QLD website www.golfqueensland.org.au on Thursday 25th October 2018.

NATIONAL FINAL

1. Play 9 at the 2018 Australian Open will be played as a Single Stableford competition over holes 1-9 at The Lakes Golf Club on Saturday 17 November 2018.
2. The stroke index to be used shall be provided to players immediately prior to play.
3. Male players will play the Men's White Course (Slope Rating of 121) and female players will play the Women's Red Course (Slope Rating of 141).
4. Prizes will be awarded as follows:
Winner & Runner Up: Male
Winner & Runner Up: Female
Winner: Interstate Team Event
5. Ties for positions will be determined by the method of matching cards. The best score for the last 6 holes shall be used (i.e. holes 4-9); if there is still a tie the last 3 holes (i.e. holes 7-9), if a tie still persists then hole-by-hole from the 9th hole.
6. In the event that the competition cannot be played, or that the number of holes played is less than 9-holes, the Championship Play Committee will determine how the winners are decided.