

PLAYER INFORMATION

2018 Australian Mid Amateur Championships (7-9 November)



Venue: Vines Golf Club of Reynella SA
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Accommodation:

[CLICK HERE](#) for accommodation near The Vines Golf Club of Reynella

Format:

Tuesday 6 November:	Official Practice Round: from 11.15 am – 12.45 pm (Two-Tee Start) <i>Registration: 9.30 am – 3.00 pm in the Sprig Bar</i>
Wednesday 7 November:	Round 1: from 7.30 am
Thursday 8 November:	Round 2: from 7.30 am
Friday 9 November:	Round 3: from 7.30 am <i>Presentation at the conclusion of play (approx 2.30 pm)</i>

Tournament Function:

Australian Mid Amateur Championship: Presentation Drinks and Cocktail Reception:
Friday 9 November at the conclusion of play (approx 2.30 pm) at the Vines GC of Reynella
Dress: golfing or casual attire
The cost of this function is included in the entry fee.

Draws & Results:

A draft draw will be released online by Wednesday 31 October. The final draw will be released following registration on Tuesday 6 November. If players are travelling together and would like similar tee times, [this should be advised to Golf Australia at the time of entry via the 'notes' section or please email \[championships@golf.org.au\]\(mailto:championships@golf.org.au\)](#). (NB every attempt will be made to place players at similar times. No requests will be accepted after Friday 26 October)

The draw for Round 3 will be seeded based on scores from Rounds 1 and 2. All draws and results will be posted via www.golf.org.au.

Registration and Starting:

Competitors are required to register between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm on Tuesday 6 November at Vines GC of Reynella. If you are unable to register in person, competitors must contact the Championship Office on registration day on 0477 024 505.

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

Unavailability:

Players must contact Golf Australia immediately on (03) 9626 5000 if they are unable to compete.

Pace of Play

Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. See the GA Hard Card for Pace of Play conditions.

Note: GA strongly encourages Ready Golf. Further information about Ready Golf is available in the Player Information and will be made available at Registration.

Practice:

One complimentary practice round for competitors is available from 11.15 am – 12.45 pm on Tuesday 6 November. Golf Australia will forward players a link to book this practice round following the closing date on 11 October 2018.

Additional practice rounds may be available by contacting the club including Monday 5 November. Players will be charged the special rate of \$20 for any additional rounds outside the official practice time.

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 GA's Code of Conduct.

Range Facilities and Balls:

The Club's practice fairway will be open from 6.45am daily. Range balls are complimentary to players for the official practice day, and the championship days.

Note: Given the length of the range, only irons are permitted to be used.

Distance Measuring Devices:

Distance measuring devices are permitted for this Championship.

Course Guides (Yardage Books):

Yardage books are not available for this event.

GA Hard Card:

The GA Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Championship and will be provided to players at registration. For a copy of the Card prior to the event, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Ties:

In the event of a tie for first place after 54-holes, those players tying for first place will play in a sudden-death hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined (1st & 18th hole repeated).

Pull Buggies:

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 round and the championship rounds for those players who require them. Buggies will be available from the Pro Shop. In order to ascertain the number of pull buggies required, players are asked to advise whether they require a pull buggy at the time of entry.

Motorised Transport:

During play, it is prohibited for a player to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless specific written permission has been granted by the Championship Play Committee. (NB Subject to host club permission, a caddie may use motorised transport at any time.)

Penalty (unless permitted to ride by a member of the Championship Rules Committee): 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes. Procedure when breach discovered: Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

Note i: Permission will only be granted to entrants who can provide a Medical Certificate.

Note ii: Golf Australia takes no responsibility for the availability of golf carts.

Note iii: Permission will be granted on the basis that the following requirements are adhered to. Players failing to adhere to these requirements are liable to have such permission revoked:

Players who drive at a pace which is clearly quicker than walking pace and/or who drive to a point past their ball which is clearly unreasonable for a player who is not using motorised transport to reach, are in breach of these requirements.

Players who meet these conditions and require a golf cart must advise Golf Australia, and must book the cart themselves directly with the club. Any player may use a cart during the practice round.

Lockers/Storage:

Limited storage is available. Please see Golf Australia staff if this is required.

Caddies:

Caddies will not be supplied. If a player requires a caddie they must make their own arrangements.

Dress Requirements:

Players, caddies and spectators must adhere to dress which is neat, tidy and appropriate to the game. Denim jeans/shirts, track or leisure pants, and clothing, hats, caps, and visors with excessive slogans or advertising are not permitted.

Catering:

Egg & bacon muffins, coffee & tea will be available for purchase at The Vines on all Championship Days from **6:30am**.

Lunch will be available from **11.00am-2:30pm**. Players are requested to advise Golf Australia in advance of any specific dietary requirements. **Note:** All food and drinks will be at each player's own expense.

Complimentary Water:

Complimentary bottled water will be supplied to players on the Championship Days only, from on or near the starting tees. Players are requested not to abuse this privilege and to place empty bottles in rubbish bins.

Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones may not be used on the golf course during competition play except to access a distance measuring device application or to call for a Ruling. A competitor failing to adhere to this regulation may be in breach of GA's Code of Conduct. Mobile phones are permitted in the clubhouse.

Smoking:

Players are NOT permitted to smoke cigarettes or the like (including e-cigarettes) during the stipulated round of a Golf Australia National Championship. A competitor failing to adhere to this regulation may be in breach of GA's Code of Conduct

Course Care:

All clubs which host Golf Australia National Championships kindly give up their course for the duration of the event. Hence, so that the course is left in a suitable condition once the Championship is completed, players MUST carry AND use a sand bucket and repair divots. Any player seen to be in breach of this request may face action under GA's Code of Conduct.