

## 2019 Australian Girls Amateur - Conditions of Play

### 1. Format

- 1.1 The Championship will be played over 72-holes of stroke play at Coolangatta & Tweed Heads Golf Club (River Course).  
 Round 1: Wednesday 10 April  
 Round 2: Thursday 11 April  
 The leading 60 players after 36-holes, and any tying for 60<sup>th</sup> place, will qualify for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Rounds; the remainder will be eliminated.  
 Round 3: Friday 12 April – am  
 Round 4: Friday 12 April – pm
- 1.2 The winning player will be the *Australian Girls' Amateur Champion*, hold the Championship Trophy for one year and receive the Championship Gold Medal. The runner-up will receive a silver medallion. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place getter will receive a bronze medallion.
- 1.3 a) Unless they be the winner of the Championship, the leading player in the 13 years and under age category will receive a bronze medallion. In the event of a tie, multiple medallions will be presented.  
 b) Unless they be the winner of the Championship, the leading player in the 14 and 15 years age category will receive a bronze medallion. In the event of a tie, multiple medallions will be presented.  
 c) Unless they be the winner of the Championship, the leading player in the 16 and 17 years age category will receive a bronze medallion. In the event of a tie, multiple medallions will be presented.
- 1.3 In the event of a tie for first place after 72-holes, those players tying for first place will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee determines, in a sudden-death hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined. In the event of a tie for the runner up or the third place getter, multiple medallions will be presented.

### 2. Championship Play Committee

- 2.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise the GA Board Member responsible for Championships, GA's Event Senior Manager, and GA's National Events Manager/Coordinator.
- 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 Championship, 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 Championship shall be final.

### 3. Rules of Play

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply, together with Golf Australia's Hard Card (see condition 6), and any additional Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

### 4. Entries

- 4.1 Eligible players are female amateurs whose GA Handicap or overseas equivalent does not exceed 15.0 and have not reached their eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) birthday by 10 April 2019. For players with a GA Handicap, the exact Handicap at the close of entries will be used for ballot purposes.  
 Players from international unions will be required to submit their handicap at the time of entry. This handicap will be used for ballot purposes unless Golf Australia is advised of any changes.  
 An entrant who holds current handicaps in multiple countries, and who is not exempt from a handicap ballot, is required to advise GA of the details of all handicaps they hold. GA will determine which handicap is to be used for ballot purposes; this handicap will also be used to determine whether the player has conformed with the handicap limit for the championship
- 4.2 The Entrance Fee is AUD\$155.00 (includes GST).
- 4.3 Entries must only be made via the Golf Australia on-line entry process.
- 4.4 A decision of the Championship Play Committee as to the acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.
- 4.5 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
- 4.6 Entries must be received by Golf Australia prior to 12.00 pm AEDT, on Monday March 25, 2019. **IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTRANT HERSELF TO ENSURE THAT HER ENTRY IS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE CLOSING TIME FOR ENTRIES.** A player's entry form has not officially been received until her name has been posted at [www.golf.org.au](http://www.golf.org.au).
- 4.7 In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (84), entries for higher handicap competitors who are not exempt as in condition 5 will be decided by a handicap ballot. Unsuccessful entrants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entrance fees will be refunded to entrants balloted out, who do not compete.
- 4.8 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee.

- 4.9 Entries will be accepted via the Golf Australia online entry system only. Manual entries may be accepted at the discretion of Golf Australia. Payment will be made online using the Paypal gateway.
- 4.10 Entrance Fees will be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries, except for those entrants who may be balloted out and who do not subsequently compete.

## **5. Exemptions**

Exemptions from a handicap ballot for the 2019 Australian Girls' Amateur Championship will be granted to the following. (**Note** – Where applicable, it is the sole responsibility of the player to ensure the Championship Play Committee has received notification of her exempt status. Should the Championship Play Committee not be so advised, that player will be deemed to be a non-exempt player.)

- 5.1 Team members ~ 2019 Girls' Interstate Teams Matches.
- 5.2 Any player in the top 40 of the 2019 Golf Australia Girls' Order of Merit as at closing date of entries.
- 5.3 Winners of 2019 Golf Australia Girls' Order of Merit Events.
- 5.4 Players nominated by Member Associations (maximum 2 per association) (players are exempt from handicap criteria).
- 5.5 Players nominated by national golf associations (maximum 2 per country).
- 5.6 Players exempted by Golf Australia.
- 5.7 Four (4) players nominated by the Swinging Skirts Foundation (must meet handicap criteria)

## **6. Golf Australia Hard Card**

The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Australian Girls' Amateur Championship.

## **7. Conforming Golf Balls, and Conforming Driver Heads**

The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls, and Conforming Driver Heads.

## **8. Conforming Groove & Punch Mark Specifications**

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.

Players are required to submit their club specifications to Golf Australia at the time of entry.

## **9. Pace of Play**

Rule 5.6 will be strictly enforced. See the Golf Australia Hard Card for Pace of Play conditions.

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

## **10. Use of Motorised Transport**

Players must not ride in any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Championship Play Committee. Penalty: Stroke Play – Two strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

Any player seeking authorisation to use a golf cart due to a disability as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 should contact Golf Australia to obtain information on procedures for submitting such requests. All such requests and required information must be submitted to Golf Australia simultaneously and together with the entry form (or within 2 days of the on-line entry being receipted). Requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not qualify as a permanent disability under the Act will not be granted. In the event of a change in a medical condition after submitting the entry form but before the commencement of the event, written submission of all documentation must be received by Golf Australia no later than 7 days prior to the first day of the event. Golf Australia will consider any such request in accordance with these conditions and its rules, regulations and policies.

## **11. Caddies**

Rule 10.3a is modified in this way. A player must not have a caddie during the round. Penalty for breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which he or she is helped by a caddie. If the breach happens or continues between two holes, the player gets the general penalty for the next hole.

## **12. Registration**

Competitors must register between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm at the host club on Tuesday 9 April. Failure to comply may result in disqualification from the Championship.

**13. Practice**

Tuesday 9 April 2019 at Coolangatta and Tweed Heads Golf Club.

**14. Drug Testing**

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. A list of prohibited substances will be available at registration. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via the ASADA hotline – 13 000 ASADA (13 000 27232), or from [www.asada.gov.au](http://www.asada.gov.au)

**15. Publicity and Promotion; Broadcasting**

Golf Australia may arrange for promotion of the Championship, for radio, internet and television broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship or excerpts thereof in any and all media throughout the world, whether now known or hereafter developed. By this application, the player consents to the use by Golf Australia, or persons authorised by Golf Australia, of their name, likeness, voice and references to them and photographs and other images of them and their play connected with their appearance in the Championship, or any portion(s) thereof, in connection with such media promotion, broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship. Golf Australia may utilise the rights granted it hereunder in connection with the promotion of this Championship as well as other Golf Australia Championships and Golf Australia. The cooperation of players with authorised representatives of the media is required, provided that no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required and provided that the player's Championship play is not unreasonably interfered with.

**16. Database of Competitors' Details**

The personal data contained in this entry is permanently retained by Golf Australia. This data may be utilised by Golf Australia or its sponsors for the distribution of correspondence, in both electronic and hard copy means. From time to time players may be sent entry forms, event literature, the Golf Australia e-newsletter, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of Golf Australia events, or information about events conducted by Golf Australia-approved bodies. Upon receipt by Golf Australia of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.

**17. Smoking Policy**

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.

**18. Legal Policies (e.g. Match Fixing Policy)**

All entrants are bound to comply with all of GA's legal policies. These policies relate to the golfer's behaviour and the behaviour of their associates during the tournament. Any breach of these policies may result in the competitor being withdrawn from the competition and subject to investigation and disciplinary proceedings. Depending on the nature of the offence, the competitor may also be subject to criminal charges arising from their conduct. It is the duty of the competitors and their associates to familiarise themselves with the relevant policies and ensure they comply. Copies of GA's Legal Policies can be found on the GA website under the Industry Information page on the INDUSTRY Tab.

**19. 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](http://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.