

2019 Australian Women's Senior Amateur

Championship History:

The first Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship was played in 1987 at Metropolitan Golf Club.

It was for players aged 50 years and over. It was played over two 18-hole qualifying rounds with the leading 8 players to qualify for match play. The handicap limit was 14.

From 2007, players had to be 55 years and over to be eligible to participate. The event has always been contested over 36-holes stroke play qualifying, with the leading 8 or 16 players advancing to the match play rounds, with varying flight matches. Currently the leading 16 players advance to elimination match play with four age division flights consisting of eight players each.

Venue:



Nelson Bay Golf Club

57 Dowling Street, Nelson Bay, NSW 2315

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Website: www.nelsonbaygolf.com

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Course Information:

Nelson Bay Golf Club is located near the CBD of Nelson Bay and stunning waterways of Port Stephens just 40 minutes north of Newcastle and 2.5hrs north of Sydney. It is an impressive 27 hole golf course on 175 acres of challenging tree lined fairways. It is an idyllic setting and home to kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, native birds and the occasional goanna.

The course is maintained to an extremely high standard to showcase its beauty and challenging layout. The variable tee positions and undulating holes will test the keenest of golfers.

With demanding par 3's, daring par 4's and long par 5's that can out drive the strongest of "grip it & rippers"; the 22nd is particularly challenging at 535m. The serene lakes and deceiving bunkers make the 13th and 14th holes pretty to watch but can be a punishment if not navigated well. Our most picturesque hole, the 18th is surrounded by blooming Christmas bush in the summer months and if there is a hole that could make anyone's day with a hole in one it would be the 20th. It's a hold your breath tee shot straight down a tree lined hill to a green at the base of it.

With no traffic noise, the only distractions to your day will be the occasional bird call or native audience.

Player Information

Format:

Sunday 20 Oct:	Practice round 10.00am onwards Registration from 9.00 am – 3.00 pm
Monday 21 Oct:	1st Round: Australian Women's Senior Amateur AM & PM tee times – 7.30am – 9.00am & 11.30am – 1.00pm
Tuesday 22 Oct:	2nd Round: Australian Women's Senior Amateur AM & PM tee times – 7.30am – 9.00am & 11.30am – 1.00pm Welcome Cocktail Reception: 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Wednesday 23 Oct:	AM: 1st Round Match Play: Australian Women's Senior Amateur AM: Quarter Finals Match Play: Age Flights
Thursday 24 Oct:	AM: Quarter Finals Match Play: Australian Women's Senior Amateur AM: Semi-Finals: Age Flights AM: Two Ball Ambrose Competition PM: Semi-Finals: Australian Women's Senior Amateur
Friday 25 Oct:	Final: Australian Women's Senior Amateur Finals: Age Flights Presentation Drinks: approximately 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm

Accommodation:

There are many accommodation options within close proximity to Nelson Bay Golf Club.

Tournament Functions:

Australian Women's Senior Amateur - Welcome Cocktail Reception:

Tuesday 22 October; 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Nelson Bay Golf Club

Dress: smart casual; entry to the Reception (finger food plus beer, wine & soft drinks) is included in the tournament entry fee.

Australian Women's Senior Amateur - Presentation:

Friday 25 October at the conclusion of play (approx 12.30 pm – 1.00 pm) at Nelson Bay Golf Club

Dress: golfing or casual attire (no jeans)

Ballot Conditions – if required:

In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (120), the field will be determined by handicap ballot and the exemption categories below:

- Team members ~ 2019 Senior Interstate Stroke Teams Event.
- Previous winners of the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship.
- Any player who qualified for the Championship Match Play (top 16) in the 2018 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship.
- Any player in the top 30 from the 2019 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Ranking System as at closing date of entries.
- Current state women's senior amateur champions as at closing date of entries.
- Winners of 2019 Australian Women's Senior Amateur Ranking Events.

NB: All players exempt by the above must meet the handicap criteria.

Please be aware of this condition when making travel arrangements.

Registration:

Competitors are required to register between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm on Sunday 20 October at Nelson Bay Golf Club. 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 0419 154 003 or 0477 024 505 on registration day.

Competitors are not required to register each day. Score cards, Local Rules and Pin Placement Sheets will be distributed by the starter on the starting tee. Players will not be called to the tee – players must make their way to the tee 5-10 minutes prior to their tee time.

Withdrawals:

If you are unable to compete, please contact Golf Australia immediately on 0419 154 003 or 0477 024 505.

Results & Draws:

All results and draws will be posted at www.golf.org.au

The draw for rounds 1 and 2 will be available one week prior to the event. If players have requests to coordinate travel, please email emilys@golf.org.au and these will be accommodated where possible. These must be advised no later than **30 September**.

There will be 36-holes of stroke play to qualify 16 players for elimination match play in the Women's Senior Amateur Championship, and 8 players in each of the four Championship Flights. The Match Play Draws will be available from the Championship Office as soon as possible after the qualifying rounds have been completed.

NB. A player is not permitted to forfeit her place in the Australian Women's Senior Amateur Championship in order to be drawn in her respective Championship Flight.

Practice:

A practice round is available on Sunday 20 October. Tee times are from 10.00am onwards. Golf Australia will forward competitors a link following the close of entries to make practice round bookings via the Golf Australia tournament system.

Additional practice rounds are available prior to the event by contacting the pro shop. Green Fees will apply.

Play must be from the daily tee markers only – one ball only – competitors only. (Competitors in breach of these practice conditions are liable to face action under GA's Code of Conduct.)

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;
- Due to the demands on staff for the course preparations for Round 1, Golf Australia requests that ALL players practicing from greenside bunkers play one (1) shot only. We also ask that the bunker be raked immediately after;
- Only three practice putts are permitted.

Ready Golf:

The Championship is a “Ready Golf” event. “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. Play:

- 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 honor is delayed
- By playing your shot before helping to look for a lost ball

Course Guides:

Yardage books/course guides are not available.

Distance Measuring Devices/GPS:

Distance measuring devices are permitted for this Championship.

Practice Facilities and Balls:

TBC

Pull Buggies:

Local competitors and those travelling by car are requested to use their own pull buggies. Golf Australia will endeavour to provide a buggy 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. Pull buggies will be available from the pro shop for \$5.00 each per day.

Please advise where it is outlined in the entry process if you do require a pull buggy to enable us to try and source sufficient buggies for all players.

Please note that electric buggies are NOT available for hire.

Motorised Carts:

Players are permitted to use Motorised Transport on the production of a Medical Certificate. The Medical Certificate must be received by Golf Australia prior to the event. Players requiring a motorized cart **MUST** book with **Golf Australia on 03 9626 5050** or email championships@golf.org.au by **30 September**. Carts will be approximately \$40.00 each (this cost will depend on whether additional carts are required from an external supplier for the championship).

Club Storage:

There is limited club storage available at Nelson Bay Golf Club. Please see GA staff if this is required.

Caddies:

Caddies are permitted during the championship. If players require a caddie, they must make their own arrangements.

Ties:

In the event of a tie after the qualifying rounds for the last places in the Championship Draw, the places will be determined by a sudden-death, hole-by-hole, play-off to be held immediately after the 2nd qualifying round has concluded on Tuesday 22 October, 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. Ties for the last available places in the Championship Flights will be decided by count-back.

Dress Requirements:

Nelson Bay Golf Club requires a dress standard both on course and in the clubhouse to be of a clean, neat, tidy nature and appropriate to the game. Dress regulations can be found at the following link – [CLICK HERE](#)

Catering:

TBC

If players wish to have dinner in the restaurant at the clubhouse bookings are recommended.

Complimentary Water:

Complimentary bottled water will be supplied to players on the Championship Days only, from on or near the starting tees. Players are entitled to 2 bottles per round only and are required to place empty bottles in rubbish bins.

Mobile Phones:

Mobile phones may be used on the golf course during competition to access a distance measuring device application or to call for a ruling only. The use of mobile phones in the clubhouse is permitted and phones must be on silent.

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 and related championship policies.

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 pitch marks. Any player seen to be in breach of this request may face action under Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

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