

2019 MEN'S & WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP OF TASMANIA - CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS

1. Format

- 1.1 Each of the Men's and Women's Championships will be played in two separate sections
- 1.2 (i) The first section of the Men's and Women's Championships will be decided by stroke play over two qualifying rounds of 18-holes at Mowbray Golf Club.
- (ii) Men's & Women's Stroke Play Rounds– Schedule
1st & 2nd Round: Saturday 23 Nov (am/pm) M & W
- 1.3 The winners of the respective first sections will be the Tasmanian Medallists and receive a silver medal. In the event of a tie for either Championship, players in such a tie will continue over such holes as the Championship Committee decide in a sudden-death, hole by hole play-off until the winner is determined.
- 1.4 After the first section of the Men's and Women's Championships, the eight (8) lowest male scores and eight (8) lowest female scores from each will compete in the second section of the Men's and Women's Championships respectively. The eight (8) lowest male nett scores and eight (8) lowest female nett scores (excluding those who qualify for either male or female Championship proper) will compete in the second handicap section of the Men's and Women's Championships respectively.
- 1.5 In the event of there being a tie for a position after the first section of either the Men or Women's Championships such that more than eight (8) players remain in the respective Championships, those players tying for the last qualifying position or positions will continue over such holes as the Championship Committee determines in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the eight (8) qualifiers for the second section of that Championship have been determined. However, if the Championship Committee determines that there is not sufficient time available for a play-off, such a tie will be resolved by lot.
- 1.6 Ties in handicap events and for runners-up in all stroke play events shall be decided by count-back. Ties for the lowest eight (8) places in the Tasmanian Men's and lowest eight (8) places in the Tasmanian Women's Handicap Championships may be resolved by lot if necessary.
- 1.7 (i) The second section of both the Men's and Women's Championships will be played at Mowbray Golf Club and will consist of successive rounds of match play and handicap match play, with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round. The automatic draw will be applied to establish the match pairings (ties for positions, other than for the last qualifying position of positions (or for the first position), will be decided by lot).
- (ii) Men's & Women's Match Play Rounds– Schedule

Quarter Finals:	Sunday 24 Nov (am)	18 Holes
Semi Finals:	Sunday 24 Nov (pm)	18 Holes
*Finals:	Monday 25 Nov	36 Holes

* - Both the Men's and Women's Handicap finals will be conducted over 18 holes.
- 1.8 In the event of a halved match in any round;
 - (i) players will continue to play until a winner is determined, and;
 - (ii) the last stipulated round is determined to extend to as many holes as required for a match to be won.
- 1.9 The winner of the Men's Championship will be the Tasmanian Men's Amateur Champion and receive the Amateur Championship gold medal and hold the Championship cup for one year. The winner of the Women's Championship will be the Tasmanian Women's Amateur Champion and receive the Amateur Championship gold medal and hold the Championship cup for one year
- 1.10 The Men's and Women's Tasmanian Under 24 Championship will be played over 36-holes stroke play, 36-holes on Saturday 23 November, 2019.

2. Championship Committee

- 2.1 The Championship will be under the management and control of the Championship Committee consisting of Golf Australia-Tasmania's Tournament, Rules and Ratings Committee and Golf Operations Manager.

- 2.2 In the absence of the full Championship Committee such members thereof as may be present at any time may give a decision and any decision shall be deemed the decision of the full Championship Committee.
- 2.3 The Championship Committee will have 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 Committee decision on matters affecting the Championship will be final.

3. Rules of Play

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply together with Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Committee.

4. Entries

- 4.1 Eligible players for the men's championship are male amateurs whose GA Handicap does not exceed 12.4 strokes. Eligible players for the women's championship are female amateurs whose GA Handicap does not exceed 18.4 strokes. In the case of overseas amateurs they must have a handicap equivalent to the Australian men's or women's handicap certified by his/her home club or National association. The exact handicap certified as at the commencement of the first round is the handicap to be used for all purposes.
- 4.2 Eligible players for the Tasmanian Under 24 Championship are male and female golfers with an official GA handicap of 12.4 (male) or 18.4 (female) or less who are over 18 and under 24 years of age as at Monday 25 November, 2019.
- 4.3 The entrance fee for the Men's and Women's Championship is \$55.00 (Inc. GST).
- 4.4 Entrance fee must be paid at the time of entry.
- 4.5 Entries must be made with the Secretary, Golf Australia-Tasmania, PO Box 410 Rosny Park, 7018 (2 Queen Street, Bellerive) not later than 5.00pm on Friday 8 November, 2019. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant themselves to ensure that their entry is received prior to the closing time for entries.
- 4.6 The maximum field size for the Men's and Women's Championships is 84. In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available, entries for higher handicap competitors will be decided by 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.
- 4.7 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
- 4.8 Acceptable payments methods are only as follows – credit card (online only), cheque (personal or bank), money order, cash (please note that Golf Australia-Tasmania will not accept responsibility for cash sent that is not received) or funds transfer (BSB: 083 419, Account: 62524 2173). Cheques or money orders are to be made payable to Golf Australia-Tasmania.
- 4.9 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
- 4.10 The decision of the Championship Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.

5. Conforming Golf Balls, Driver Heads and Time of Starting

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

6. Starting Position of Players

The starting position of players on the same score will be determined by the 'first-in-last-out' procedure as approved by Golf Australia.

7. 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. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via the ASADA hotline – 1800 020 506, or from www.asada.gov.au

8. Practice

Practice will be available on Friday 22 November, all day.

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 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.
- 9.2 A time allotment for the completion of each round will be allocated by the Championship Committee to assist with the pace of play.

10. 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: 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes (unless permitted to ride by a member of the Championship Rules Committee).

Procedure when breach discovered: Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred.

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

Note ii: GT 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.

Match-play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – two holes.

Stroke or Match-play – In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. Use of an unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

11. Distance-Measuring Devices

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 his play (e.g. elevation changes, windspeed, etc), the player is in breach of Rule 4-3.

12. Code of Conduct

All entrants assent to be bound by Golf Australia-Tasmania's Code of Conduct. A copy of the code is available at www.golfaustralia.org.au

13. Golf Australia Hard Card

The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Tasmanian Men's & Women's Amateur Championship.

14. Publicity

Golf Australia-Tasmania and the sponsors arrange publicity before and during the Championship in the press, by live and recorded radio, television broadcasting and by filming. The competitors assent to reference to them and pictures of them in practice and play being used for commercial purposes by Golf Australia-Tasmania and the sponsors. Golf Australia-Tasmania reserves the right to any press, broadcasting or television fees paid or payable for permission to broadcast, photograph or televise play.

15. No Smoking

All competitors and caddies are subject to State Government laws prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes, cigars or the like during the course of any round played in a competition.

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Men's & Women's Amateur Championship & Handicap (inc. Tasmanian Under 24 Championship)

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

36 Holes Stroke Play

The lowest eight (8) male and lowest eight (8) female scores to qualify for the respective Men's and Women's Championship (Match Play). The lowest eight (8) male nett scores and the lowest eight (8) female nett scores (excluding those who qualify for the Championship Match Play) to qualify for the respective Men's and Women's Handicap Championship (Match Play).

SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER

Men's & Women's Amateur Championship

QUARTER FINALS

18 Holes Match Play (Men)

18 Holes Match Play (Women)

SEMI FINALS

18 Holes Match Play (Men)

18 Holes Match Play (Women)

Men's & Women's Handicap Championship

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MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER

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FINAL

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36 Holes Match Play (Women)

Men's & Women's Handicap Championship

FINAL

18 Holes Handicap Match Play (Men)

18 Holes Handicap Match Play (Women)