



The Australian Amateur Championships

2020 Australian Amateur

Championship History:

The **Australian Amateur** is the national amateur golf championship of Australia. It has been played annually since 1894, except for the war years, and is conducted by Golf Australia.

Since 1959 it has been played in two stages, a stroke play stage followed by a match play stage. Currently the event is played over six days in January and consists of a 36-hole stroke-play qualifying stage after which the leading 64 play six rounds of match-play. The final is over 36 holes. The 1894 event was played on 5, 7 and 9 November and was won by Louis Whyte, playing off a handicap of 6, with two woods, three lofting irons and a putter. After the formation of the Australian Golf Union (AGU) in 1898, the Victorian Golf Cup became the Amateur Championship of Australia and was held under the AGU's auspices. Winners of the Victorian Golf Cup were recognised officially to be Australian Amateur Champions. Currently, the original Victorian Golf Cup trophy is awarded to the winner of the Victorian Amateur Championship.

In 1906 the first 16 amateurs in the Open Competition played off for the Amateur Championship of Australia. The competition format was match play, each match being played over 18-holes up until the semi-finals and finals, which were played over 36-holes. In that year the first prize for the Championship was a gold medal and such trophy as may be provided by the AGU. Second prize was a trophy valued at two pounds and two shillings. In 1921, the Challenge Cup, presented by The Right Honourable Lord Forster, was awarded to the Australian Amateur Champion. In the early post World War II years there were no qualifying rounds, and all entrants played match play.

In 1948, 149 players competed in the event. From 1959 to 1995 the format was 36-holes stroke play qualifying, followed by match play for the top 64 players. In 1971 the field was reduced to 32 players for the match play rounds. From 1996 until 2011 the qualifying rounds were played over 72-holes. In 2012, qualifying rounds reduced to 36-holes, with the leading 64 players qualifying for the match play rounds. In 2007, the formation of Golf Australia (the amalgamation of the AGU and Women's Golf Australia) led to the Australian Men's Amateur Championship being played at the same venue and time as the Australian Women's Amateur Championship.

The first **Australian Ladies' Amateur Championship** was played in 1894. It was held at Geelong as a 36 holes Bogey Competition, with 17 players and handicaps ranging from scratch to 24. The entrants played for the Championship Cup which originally cost 25 pounds. For the next five years all Championships were held at either Caulfield or Geelong. The turn of the century saw some changes with venues in South Australia and New South Wales, and two Championships decided by Match Play. This was followed by a switch to Stroke Play, usually 54-holes, a method retained for 20 years. By 1906, or perhaps earlier, the Ladies' Championship was held as part of the Open and Amateur Golf Championship Meeting played under the auspices of the Australian Golf Union. In 1926 the Australian Ladies' Golf Union took over the conduct of the event, and in 1928 adopted a format based on two rounds of qualifying, with the leading 8 players to advance to match play, with the final over 36-holes. In 1935, all states were represented for the first time, together with a touring team of six from Great Britain, with a total of 91 entries. By 1955 the number of players advancing to match play was 32 and by 1958 the Championship entries had grown to 100, with the handicap limit reduced to 9. At varying times the ALGU considered reverting to a Stroke Play Championship but agreed that the States' programs provided the necessary practice in this type of play.

Miss C.B (Eveline) McKenzie (Vic), Miss Pat Borthwick (NSW), Miss Sandra McCaw (Vic) and Miss Mona Macleod (Vic) all hold the record for winning the Championship on four occasions each. In 2007, the formation of Golf Australia (the amalgamation of the AGU and Women's Golf Australia) led to the Australian Women's Amateur Championship being played at the same venue and time as the Australian Men's Amateur Championship.

Defending Champions: The 2019 winners were Conor Purcell (IRE) and Yae Eun (Amy) Hong (KOR)



Chairman's Welcome:

On behalf of Golf Australia, I would like to welcome all players, officials, sponsors and spectators to Queensland, for the 2020 Australian Amateur Championships at the Royal Queensland and Brisbane Golf Clubs.



Golf Australia especially recognises the involvement of Royal Queensland in the 2020 Championship as part of the club celebrating its centenary year. A great week of golf lies ahead in the Sunshine state. Players from around the world join the best of Australia's men and women amateurs to contest our oldest event.

We are pleased to again stage our men's and women's national amateur titles simultaneously and presenting the respective men's and women's champions with their trophies on Sunday afternoon. With the winners receiving exemptions into the Emirates Men's Australian Open and the ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open, the titles are highly sought after.

Our sincere gratitude is extended to Royal Queensland and Brisbane Golf Clubs for their generosity in hosting the championships in 2020. Host clubs make a significant commitment when hosting our championships and without their support, events such as these would not be possible.

I also wish to thank Sport Australia for its ongoing support of golf on multiple levels, and elite events such as this pinnacle championship.

We wish all competitors a great week of golf in Brisbane.

Andrew Newbold
Golf Australia - Chairman

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Royal Queensland Golf Club is the premier Golf Club in Queensland and one of the finest in the Country, boasting the number one golf course in the State and a proud reputation of providing its Members and their guests with an outstanding level of service.

This acclaimed golf course, expansive practice facilities, and five-star food and beverage offering provides our Members with the ideal environment to satisfy the joys of the great game of golf, whilst establishing new friendships through a wonderful camaraderie.

Royal Queensland Golf Club was established in 1920 at Hamilton and was granted its Royal Charter in 1921 by King George V, with the King's official letter of notification signed by Winston Churchill.

Dr Alister MacKenzie was persuaded to visit Brisbane in 1926 and contributed his renowned design wisdom to a number of holes. He said; "Royal Queensland already compares favourably with some of the British Championship courses. It should have a very great future and will be an excellent test of golf."

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The Brisbane Golf Club was founded in 1896, moving to its current home in the southern suburb of Yeerongpilly in 1904.

The Brisbane Golf Club is a premier golfing destination thanks to the vision of our founding Members. With great foresight, these pioneers of Australian golf built an exceptional golf course together with traditions and culture that has created the unique combination of challenging golf with unparalleled fellowship among members. Many decades later, we enjoy the benefits of their enthusiasm and energy every day.

The Brisbane Golf Club is the third oldest golf club in Queensland and is currently home to 1,500 Members.

Our heritage-listed Clubhouse stands proud and was recently voted in the Top 25 Clubhouses in Australia.

Our Members, most importantly, adore our 18-hole championship golf course. Our golf course is like no other and we are regarded as one of the countries most improved golf courses. We are ranked in the top 100 golf courses in Australia according to both Golf Australia and Australian Golf Digest magazines.

The course was originally designed by Sydney professional and three-time Australian Open champion, Carnegie Clark. Since then the course has been influenced by the likes of Alastair McKenzie, Wayne Grady and currently, Ross Watson. Mackenzie also designed Royal Melbourne's West Course, Cypress Lakes at Pebble Beach and Augusta National.

In 2015 we became the first Club in Australia to switch our putting surfaces to 'Champion' greens, a putting surface which is installed on over 700 golf courses in the United States. Our greens are among the finest in Queensland.

The Brisbane Golf Club has a rich tournament history. We hosted the first Queensland Amateur (Men's and Ladies) Championship in 1900, the first Queensland Open Championship in 1925, the first Queensland PGA Championship in 1926 and the first Men's Senior Amateur Queensland Championship in 1996.

The Brisbane Golf Club has hosted the Queensland Open on a record 21 occasions with the most recent being in 2018. Some of the past winners of this event when played at Brisbane include Norman Von Nida, Eric Cremin, Stuart Appleby as an amateur, Brett Coletta also as an amateur, Michael Sim and the current Champion, Jordan Zunic. The Club last hosted the Australian Amateur Championships in 1996, in the Club's centenary year. The tournament was won by David Gleeson.

Format (Men):

Sunday 12 Jan: Practice round at Royal Queensland GC; time sheet will be sent out after close of entries
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Monday 13 Jan: Practice round at Royal Queensland GC; time sheet will be sent out after close of entries
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Tuesday 14 Jan: 1st Qualifying Round: Royal Queensland GC & Brisbane GC

Wednesday 15 Jan: 2nd Qualifying Round: Royal Queensland GC & Brisbane GC

Thursday 16 Jan: AM: 1st Round Match Play - Royal Queensland GC

Friday 17 Jan: AM: 2nd Round Match Play; PM: 3rd Round Match Play - Royal Queensland GC

Saturday 18 Jan: AM: Quarter-Finals Match Play; PM: Semi-Finals Match Play - Royal Queensland GC

Sunday 29 Jan: AM & PM: Final (36-holes) - Royal Queensland GC
Conclusion of Play (approx 4 pm): Presentation/Cocktail Reception (Royal Queensland GC)

Format (Women):

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Thursday 16 Jan: AM: 1st Round Match Play - Royal Queensland GC

Friday 17 Jan: PM: 2nd Round: Match Play - Royal Queensland GC

Saturday 18 Jan: AM: Quarter-Finals Match Play; PM: Semi-Finals Match Play - Royal Queensland GC

Sunday 19 Jan: AM & PM: Final (36-holes) - Royal Queensland GC
Conclusion of Play (approx 4 pm): Presentation/Cocktail Reception (Royal Queensland GC)

Tournament Functions:

Presentation & Cocktail Reception: Royal Queensland GC; Sunday 19 January; approx 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm
All players and officials are invited to attend the Presentation and Cocktail Reception. Player dress: golf attire.

Registration and Starting:

Competitors are required to register at one of the following times. Players may register at either venue.

Sunday 12 January:

Royal Queensland GC 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Brisbane GC 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Monday 13 January:

Royal Queensland GC 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Brisbane GC 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Players will be required to confirm entry details, contact information, collect tournament information such as a Championship gift and Golf Australia Hard Card as well as have a player photo taken.

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 registration day on +61 419 154 003.

Competitors are NOT required to register each day of the Championship. Players will NOT be called to the tee and should proceed to their starting tee at least 8 minutes prior to their starting time. Score cards, Local Rules and pin placement sheets will be distributed by the starter on tee.

Pace of Play – “Ready Golf” (stroke play rounds only):

In stroke play, “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.

For example, play Ready Golf:

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

Withdrawals:

For withdrawals, please contact GA asap on +61 3 9626 5000, or +61 419 154 003 or championships@golf.org.au

Results & Draws:

All results and draws will be posted at www.golf.org.au. The Qualifying Rounds draw will be available after 5.30 pm AEDT on Tuesday 7 January. If players are traveling together and would like similar tee times, this must be advised to Golf Australia no later than **January 1** via entry registration in the 'player note' section or via email at championships@golf.org.au. **Requests after this time will NOT be accommodated.**

Accommodation:

There is no official tournament hotel, but there are many apartments available in the Portside precinct which is very close to Royal Queensland GC.

Pull Buggies/Trolleys:

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 rounds and the championship rounds for those players who require them.

Practice:

- Players are entitled to ONE complimentary practice round at each course ONLY. Play must be from the daily tee markers only.
- Practice rounds are available as per the time sheet links sent out after close of entries.
- Any player who arrives at either club outside of these times will be asked to leave.
- **Players will be forwarded a link at the close of entries to book a practice round**

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 Golf Australia's Code of Conduct**

Practice Facilities:

IMPORTANT: The practice facilities at the host venues are for warm up and cool down purposes only (i.e. not for players to remain at the course all day using the facilities). Any player in breach of these conditions may be removed from the Championship.

A practice fairway is available at both clubs and competitors will receive complimentary practice balls during the championship and practice rounds.

Range operating times at both clubs commence approx. 1 hour prior to play.

Please note:

Both clubs will have a "no driver" policy on the range. Range signs in place and must be adhered to.

Catering:

Golf Australia will provide all players complimentary lunch pack for the championship days. Catering is available at both clubs on the practice days. Food and beverage for players on the practice days is at the player's expense.

Complimentary Water:

Complimentary bottled water will be supplied to players on the Championship Days only (i.e. not the practice rounds) from Tees 1 and 10. Players are requested not to abuse this privilege and to place empty bottles in rubbish bins. Drinks are NOT for caddies and spectators.

Club Storage and Lockers:

There is limited club storage at both clubs and lockers are not available. Please see the Golf Australia staff for storage options if required.

Physiotherapist and Medical Centres:

There will be no on-site physiotherapist for the Championship. Please see Golf Australia staff for any assistance locating nearby options.

Caddies:

Caddies will not be supplied. If players require a caddie they must make their own arrangements or contact the host venues for any availability.

Yardage Books:

Yardage books for both courses will be included in the entry fee for all players. Players will be required to specify either yards or meters and these will be supplied prior to your first practice round on Sunday 13 January.

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.

Ties:

In the event of a tie for the last match play places, a sudden-death, hole-by-hole, play-off will be held at Royal Queensland GC immediately after the 2nd Qualifying round has concluded 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. Players required to come from Brisbane GC will be given the appropriate time to travel to Royal Queensland GC.

In the event of a tie for the Medalist, joint winners will be declared.

Dress Requirements:

"Hard/Metal" spikes are not permitted. Players, caddies and spectators must adhere to dress which is neat, tidy and appropriate to the game. Jeans, track or leisure pants, and clothing, hats, caps, and visors with excessive slogans or advertising are not permitted. **Collared shirts are to be worn at all times, including during play.**

Players and spectators are reminded that they are guests of the clubs and failure to adhere to dress regulations may result in them being asked to change or purchase appropriate dress.

Mobile Phones:

- Mobile phones may not be used on the golf course during competition play except to access a distance measuring device application, in an emergency or to call for a referee.
- Royal Queensland GC: Mobile phones are permissible in the clubhouse for texting and email only. Mobile phones must be set to silent at all times.
- Brisbane GC: Mobile phones are permissible in the clubhouse for texting and email only. Mobile phones must be set to silent at all times.

Smoking:

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.

Course Care:

All clubs which host Golf Australia National Championships kindly give up their course to you for the duration of the event. The course must be left in a suitable condition once the Championship is completed. Players **MUST** carry AND use a sand bucket, particularly during practice rounds. Any player seen to be in breach of this request may face action under Golf Australia's Code of Conduct.

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