



2020 Men's & Women's Tasmanian Open Golf Championships Championship Conditions

1. The Championship

- 1.1 The Men's and Women's Tasmanian Open Championships will be played over 72-holes stroke play, 18-holes on Thursday 27, Friday 28, Saturday 29 February and Sunday 1 March, 2020.
- 1.2 The 60 lowest scores in the Men's Tasmanian Open Championship over 36-holes and any tying for 60th place, plus any members of the invited amateur interstate or overseas teams, shall qualify for the 3rd and 4th rounds. The remainder shall be eliminated.
- 1.3 The winners shall become Men's and Women's Tasmanian Open Golf Champions and hold the Championship Cups for one year. The Champion, 2nd and 3rd runners-up will receive medallions and trophies.

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 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 The Men's Tasmanian Open Championship is open to male golfers, either amateur or professional. Amateur players, other than exempt players, must have an official Golf Australia handicap of seven (7) or less. In the case of overseas amateurs they must have a handicap equivalent to a Golf Australia handicap of seven (7) or less certified by his home club or National association.
- 4.2 The Women's Tasmanian Open Championship is open to female golfers, either amateur or professional. Amateur players, other than exempt players, must have an official Golf Australia handicap of thirty six (36) or less. In the case of overseas amateurs they must have a handicap equivalent to a Golf Australia handicap of thirty six (36) or less certified by her home club or National association.
- 4.3 The exact handicap certified at the time of entry is the handicap to be used in the case of a ballot. For all other purposes, the player's handicap at the commencement of the first round will remain for the entirety of the event.
- 4.4 The entrance fee for amateurs and professionals in the Men's and Women's Tasmanian Open Golf Championships is \$100.00 (Inc. GST).
- 4.5 Entrance fee must be paid at the time of entry and must be made on the attached entry form.
- 4.7 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 14 February, 2020. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant themselves to ensure that their entry is received prior to the closing time for entries.
- 4.8 The maximum field size for Men's and Women's Tasmanian Open Golf Championships is 180. 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.

- 4.9 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
- 4.10 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.
- 4.11 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
- 4.12 The decision of the Championship Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.

5. Ties

In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship, unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise, play shall continue over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with others, until the winner is determined.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

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.

9. Pace of Play

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.

10. 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

11. Database of Competitors' Details

The personal data contained in this entry is permanently retained by Golf Australia-Tasmania. This data may be utilised by Golf Australia-Tasmania 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 or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of Golf Australia-Tasmania events, or information about events conducted by Golf Australia-Tasmania-approved bodies. Upon receipt by Golf Australia-Tasmania of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.

12. 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 14-3.

13. Golf Australia Hard Card

The Golf Australia Hard Card will be in effect throughout the Men's and Women's Tasmanian Open Golf Championships.

14. Code of Conduct

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

15. Protests

The decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters relating to the tournament. Protests must be made to the Championship Committee not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the day's play except on the final day when they must be made within 5 minutes of the conclusion of play.

16. Registration

Competitors in the Men's and Women's Tasmanian Open Golf Championships must register between 10am and 4pm at Ulverstone Golf Club on either Tuesday 25 or Wednesday 26 February. Failure to comply may result in disqualification.

17. 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.

18. Membership Privileges and Practice

18.1 Competitors will be made honorary members of Ulverstone Golf Club from Tuesday 25 February to Sunday 1 March inclusive. Practice times will be Tuesday 25 February however the 1st tee may be closed for course maintenance at the discretion of Ulverstone Golf Club.

18.2 During practice or during the Championship a player shall not place on the course, or cause to be placed on the course, any artificial marker or other device designed to indicate course measurements. A player in breach of this condition shall be disqualified.

19. 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

