



2021

AUSTRALIAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

TERMS OF COMPETITION

YARRA YARRA GOLF CLUB

January 12 – 15, 2021

Entry Fee:

\$275.00 (incl. GST)

Note: all registrations via online portal at: www.golf.org.au/events

Inclusions:

Practice round, range balls, pull buggies, yardage book, player lunches

Exemptions:

Winners receive an exemption into their respective Australian Open & Vic Open

Format:

72 Holes Strokeplay. Max 156 players. Field of 105 men & 51 women

GA Handicap Limit:

0.0 (Men) & 2.0 (Women) - ballot if required at close of entries

Entries Open:

October 1, 2020 – Midday AEDT

Entries Close:

December 1, 2020 – Midday AEDT

1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1.1 The Australian Men's and Women's Amateur Championships are scheduled to be played over 72 holes stroke play at Yarra Yarra Golf Club (VIC) with a cut after 36 holes - Men leading 50 players plus ties, Women leading 24 players plus ties.

- Practice Round – Monday 11 January
- Round 1 – Tuesday 12 January
- Round 2 – Wednesday 13 January
- Round 3 – Thursday 14 January
- Round 4 – Friday 15 January

1.2 In the event of a tie for both championships, unless the Championship Play Committee determines otherwise, players in such a tie will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee will decide in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.

2. ROSS HERBERT STROKE TEAMS EVENTS

2.1 Each invited international association may nominate a team of four players (two men and two women) who will meet eligibility conditions as outlined in Condition 3. States will nominate teams for the National Trophy from the final player list.

2.2 The winning team will be determined by the lowest aggregate of all stroke scores relative to par from each of Rounds 1 and 2.

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

3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Whose GA handicap (or overseas equivalent) at the time of entry does not exceed 0.0 strokes (men) and 2.0 stroke (women) in accordance with the World Handicapping System or players exempt under Conditions 6 and 7. **Note:** if required a handicap ballot will take place at the close of entries.

4. ENTRIES

4.1 The entry fee is \$275 (incl. GST). Entry fee must be paid at the time of entry.

4.2 Entries shall only be made online via the registration portal at www.golf.org.au/events

4.3 Golf Australia shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.

4.4 The confirmed starting list will be sent following the close of entries.

4.5 The draw for the competition will be sent to players and available at www.golf.org.au/events approximately one week before the event.

5. FIELD SIZE

5.1 The field for the championship will be limited to 156 players. 105 men's positions and 51 women's positions will be reserved until the close of entries. In the event entries exceed the number of positions available in either championship, players on the reserve list will be elevated to the starting field until a total of 156 players total for the championship is reached.

5.2 In the event that entries exceed the number of available places in either championship, a ballot will be undertaken with players on the **highest GA/WHS handicaps subject to elimination.**

6. AUSTRALIAN MEN'S AMATEUR EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions from a handicap ballot for the 2021 Australian Men's Amateur Championship will be granted sequentially to the following players:

A. Past Winners (last 2 years)

B. International Players:

- Team members – Ross Herbert Stroke Teams Event
- Leading 20 players on WAGR at close of entries (inside top 250)

C. Australian Players:

- Leading 5 players on WAGR at close of entries (inside top 250)

D. Current Australian Junior Champion

E. Current Australian Mid-Amateur Champion

F. Current Australian Senior Champion

G. Current Host Club Champion

H. National OOM event winners from the previous 12 months prior to close of entries (matchplay winner where there is stroke qualifying followed by matchplay eg NSW Amateur)

I. Top 5 from National Order of Merit as at October 31

J. Top 2 from State Orders of Merit as at October 31

K. Top 3 from National Junior Order of Merit at October 31

L. State player nominations (2 per state)

M. Players exempted by Golf Australia (max 8 players)

Balance of field will be via handicap ballot at close of entries.

Note – Where applicable, players are requested to ensure the Championship Play Committee has received notification of his exempt status through the entry process. Players exempted by the above, must meet the handicap criteria in Condition 3.1.

7. AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions from a handicap ballot for the 2021 Australian Women's Amateur Championship will be granted sequentially to the following players:

A. Previous Year Winner

B. International Players:

- Team members – Ross Herbert Stroke Teams Event
- Leading 5 players on WAGR at close of entries (inside top 250)

C. Australian Players:

- Leading 3 players on WAGR at close of entries (inside top 250)

D. Current Australian Junior Champion

E. Current Australian Mid-Amateur Champion

F. Current Australian Senior Champion

G. Current Host Club Champion

H. National OOM event winners from the previous 12 months prior to close of entries (matchplay winner where there is stroke qualifying followed by match play eg. NSW Amateur)

I. Top 3 from National Order of Merit as at October 31

J. Top 1 from State Orders of Merit as at October 31

K. Top 2 from National Junior Order of Merit as at October 31

L. Players exempted by Golf Australia (max 3 players)

Balance of field will be via handicap ballot at close of entries.

Note – Where applicable, players are requested to ensure the Championship Play Committee has received notification of her exempt status through the entry process. Players exempted by the above, must meet the handicap criteria in Condition 3.1.

8. TROPHIES

8.1 The men's and women's winners will be the *Australian Men's Amateur Champion* and *Australian Women's Amateur Champion* respectively and will receive the Championship Gold Medals. The runners-up will receive Silver Medals and 3rd place getters will receive Bronze Medals.

8.2 Members of the winning team for the Ross Herbert Stroke Teams Event will receive gold medallions.

9. CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY COMMITTEE

- 9.1 The Championship Play Committee will comprise of; GA Tournament Director, GA Tournament Coordinator(s), a representative from the host venue and/or a representative from the host state.
- 9.2 In the absence of a 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.
- 9.3 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 of the conditions.
- 9.4. The Championship Play Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship will be final.

10. REFUND POLICY

Any entrant may withdraw and have the entrance fee refunded provided notification is received 5 days prior to the first round. To be eligible for a refund after this time players must provide Golf Australia supporting documents regarding their withdrawal from the event (eg. Medical certificate).

11. MOTORISED TRANSPORT

Golf Australia is currently reviewing this policy and it will be updated here when finalised.

12. RULES OF GOLF & GOLF AUSTRALIA HARD CARD

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

13. DRUG TESTING

All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency for banned substances as laid down in GA'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 the 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.

14. DATABASE OF COMPETITORS' DETAILS

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

For further details, please refer to our privacy policy by [click here](#).

15. CODE OF CONDUCT

All entrants are bound by GA's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available by [clicking here](#). 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 GA 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 GA codes of conduct and/or other related matters.

16. 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. [Click here](#) to view GA's Legal Policies.

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. IMAGES

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.