

TERMS OF COMPETITION 2021
(Subject to change)

1. Format

- 1.1 The Avondale Amateur ("the Championship") shall be decided over 72 holes stroke play. Men will compete for The Avondale Medal and women will compete for The Avondale Bowl. There will be 18 holes on Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th January, followed by a cut to the top 60 men plus ties and the top 24 women plus ties, with a seeded draw for the remaining 36 holes (18 holes on Thursday 21st and 18 holes on Friday 22nd January).
- 1.2 In the event of a tie for either The Avondale Medal or Avondale Bowl, and conditions permitting, a playoff will be conducted as prescribed by the Championship Committee, with the lowest score being determined the winner. If a playoff is not possible, joint winners will be declared. All other ties shall be determined using the Golf Australia count back system.

2. Championship Committee

- 2.1 The Championship Committee shall consist of the Tournament Director, all members of the Avondale Match Committee, and invited representatives of Golf NSW.
- 2.2 In the absence of the full Championship Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision and any decision so given shall be the decision of the full Championship Committee.
- 2.3 The Championship Committee shall have the sole management and control of the Championship with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the Terms of Competition.
- 2.4 The Championship Committee's decision on matters regarding the Championship shall be final. Protests may be made in writing and submitted to the Championship Committee within 15 minutes of the conclusion of the day's play.

3. Rules of Play

- 3.1 The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Ltd shall apply together with Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Committee.
- 3.2 Players may only rely on rulings provided by the Championship Committee or an appointed tournament referee.

4. Entries, Code of Conduct, Use of Images

- 4.1 Entries must be made on the official online entry form by 5.00 PM on Thursday 31 December 2020 (the closing date).
- 4.2 The entrance fee is AUD \$240 (includes GST).
- 4.3 Eligible players for The Avondale Medal are male amateurs whose handicap does not exceed 2.0 strokes (GA handicap or WHS equivalent). Eligible players for The Avondale Bowl are female amateurs whose handicap does not exceed 5.0 strokes (GA handicap or WHS equivalent).
- 4.4 In the event of the number of applicants exceeding the places available in the Championship, those applicants with the highest handicaps at the closing date will be progressively removed from the Championship. In the event of applicants with the same handicap being liable for removal, the Championship Committee will conduct a ballot amongst them to determine who will be removed. Applicants who are not included in the field will be placed on an "alternates" list in the order of closing date handicap. Such applicants may elect to be removed from the alternate list.
- 4.5 Entry fees will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the closing time for entries, except for those applicants who fail to secure a place, or after the close of entries for medical reasons (a medical certificate must accompany a request for withdrawal on medical grounds). All refunds (except those given to applicants not accepted into the starting field) will incur a \$10 processing fee.
- 4.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Committee.
- 4.7 Entries will not be accepted by telephone.
- 4.8 Unless the applicant has provided their Golf Link number, entries must be accompanied by a copy of the applicant's handicap record for the previous six months, officially endorsed by the applicant's home club or national association.
- 4.9 The Championship Committee may decline at its discretion the application of any applicant who otherwise meets the above criteria.
- 4.10 The current Code of Conduct published by Golf NSW will be applied by the Championship Committee and is accepted as applying by applicants on entering the Championship.
- 4.11 By entering the Championship, applicants provide full authority for images of them at, and playing at, the Championship to be used in any social or print media created and posted by Avondale Golf Club, including the Avondale website, or by other entities that Avondale provides access to cover the Championship, or considers it appropriate to provide such images to for the promotion or reporting of the Championship.

5. Exemptions

- 5.1 A maximum of 120 male players and 48 female players will be accepted into the starting field. Exemptions into the starting field will be provided in order of priority to the following categories:

- A- Current Golf Australia high performance levels two and three, Tiers One and Two members, and Junior Squad members
- B- Players nominated as Australian State Team members- maximum of one Men's Team of two members and one Women's team of one member per State or Territory. Such players must be within the handicaps stipulated at 4.3 above
- C- Players nominated by a national golf association. Such players must be within the handicaps stipulated at 4.3 above
- D- The current male and female club champions of Avondale Golf Club
- E- The current male and female club champions of Avondale's reciprocal clubs
- F- Leading 200 players from the World Amateur Golf Ranking System (R&A) as at 31 December 2020.
- G- Top 30 ranked women and top 40 ranked men in the Golf Australia Order of Merit as at 31 December 2020.
- H- Players exempted by the Championship Committee (maximum of two in each event)

In the event that entries from the above categories exceed 120 men and 48 women, the ranking order or a handicap ballot will be applied to the category which takes the total beyond the limit.

6. Registration

Players must register 30 minutes prior to their allotted tee time for each round at the designated registration area outside the Pro Shop or in inclement weather, inside the Clubhouse.

7. Drug Testing

All players 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 condition, or refusing to take a test, may be disqualified.

8. Pace of Play

Rule 5-6 will be strictly enforced and a Pace of Play policy applied. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups, who infringe on the endorsed Pace of Play guidelines (available at the event). Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

9. Golf Balls

It is obligatory for all players in the Championship to play with a ball that is listed in the current R & A and/or USGA Conforming Golf Balls. Penalty: Disqualification

10. Motorised Transport

Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the Committee or a referee. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorised to ride on motorised transportation to re-join their group, whether in the company of a referee or otherwise.

Penalty for breach: two strokes per breach - maximum of four strokes per round. Caddies may use transportation provided:

- (i) The player does not accept a ride at any time during the stipulated round.
- (ii) The player does not accept advice from any other person travelling with the caddie.

11. By-Laws, Rules and Dress Regulations, Safety Directives, Player Identification

Players and caddies shall comply with the by-laws, rules and dress regulations of the Avondale Golf Club.

Players and or Caddies not dressed appropriately will not be allowed access to the course.

Dress regulations available at www.avondalegolfclub.com.au

For their own safety, players and caddies must follow the directions provided when making their way from the clubhouse to the 10th tee to commence a round, or returning to the clubhouse from the 9th green.

Players are required to display their player identification badge on their golf bag in a readily visible position at all times.

12. Mobile Phones

The use of a mobile phone by a player or his caddie, whilst on the golf course during the event is distracting and inconsiderate. A mobile phone may be used only to contact an official to request assistance with a ruling, or as a Distance Measuring Device (in silent mode). If the player or their caddie is in the possession of a mobile phone it should be on silent. If the phone rings this is deemed to be in use and a breach of the Code of Conduct that applies and the Committee may take disciplinary action against the offending player in accordance with Rule 1.2 "Standards of Player Conduct".

13. Distance Measuring Devices

A player may use equipment in accordance with Rule 4.3a.

14. Consumption of Alcohol

The consumption of alcohol by players and caddies on the course during a round is strictly prohibited. Penalty: Disqualification

15. Suspension of Play

When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, they are disqualified, unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 5.7b.

The following signals shall apply:

- i) Discontinue play immediately – one prolonged air horn/ siren note

- ii Discontinue play – three consecutive air horn/ siren notes, repeated
- iii) Resume play – two short air horn/ siren notes, repeated

16. Practice

One practice round prior to the Championship will be made available to applicants accepted into the starting field at times suitable to Avondale GC. Players must arrange practice round times via the unique web-link that will be sent to all players once the field is confirmed.

17. Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for the best five (5) 72 hole gross scores in the Avondale Medal and the best three (3) 72 hole gross scores in the Avondale Bowl. If ties apply for places other than where a playoff is provided, the prize values for the tied places will be shared equally between the tied players.

18. Compliance with Covid- 19 Safety Plan

A comprehensive plan for the safety of players, officials, staff, volunteers and spectators will be in place for the event. A copy of the plan will be provided to players in their registration pack and must be complied with at all times. Failure to comply with the plan will result in a warning being issued. Serious breaches of the plan may result in the player being required to leave the premises and not permitted to return, and will constitute a withdrawal from the event.