



2023 SILVER SPOON

A Club Qualifying Event

State Final: Gardiners Run Golf Course
Monday 20 November 2023

Entry Fee:	\$8.00 per player (incl. GST) – Paid at club level (forward to Golf Australia) Note: The minimum club entry fee is \$48.00 Note: all registrations via online portal at: www.golf.org.au/events
Inclusions:	Light lunch for all State Final participants
Format:	18-Hole Stableford
Tee times:	AM & PM – multi tee start (dependent on final numbers)
GA Handicap Limit:	45.4 at date of entry
Entries Open:	9:00am Monday 2 January 2023
Entries Close:	12:00pm Friday 10 November 2023

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

1.1 The 2023 Silver Spoon will be played in two stages.

The **First Stage** will be Club Qualifying events. Each Golf Australia Victorian affiliated club shall arrange between one (1) and four (4) Stroke or Stableford rounds on dates decided by the club, between 1 January 2023 and 1 November 2023. Players will pay the nominated entry fee when they play in their first qualifying round. Players may enter in one or all four (if applicable) of the Club Qualifying rounds. The same player may win one or all Club Qualifying rounds (if applicable).

The winner of each round (if applicable) plus ties (includes those on a countback) MAY then play-off in a play-off round, on a date decided by the club, to determine the First Stage Silver Spoon winner. The winner will then represent the club in the Second Stage, where they will receive a Silver Spoon. Note: a club may determine their First Stage winner by a countback only if this is deemed more practical.

The **Second Stage** will be the Silver Spoon State Final. Winners from each Club Qualifying will play individual Stableford. The player recording the best 18 Hole Stableford Score will win the Silver Spoon Final and be presented with the Case of Spoons.

1.2 In the event of a tie in the Second Stage (State Final), a count-back according to the Golf Australia method shall be used to determine the winner.

1.3 **Substitutes** – players may not be substituted for the Second Stage (State Final).

1.4 Silver spoons for the players unable to attend the State Final will be sent to their respective golf clubs by mail to be presented at the appropriate time on behalf of Golf Australia.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Eligible players are female amateurs whose Golf Australia Handicap at the time of entry does not exceed 45.4. Players must be a financial member of the club they are representing at **all** stages. Should a player change club between the first and second stages, the spoon shall be sent to the player via mail.

2.2 A player is eligible to compete for the Silver Spoon at any Golf Australia fully affiliated club(s) of which she is a member, so long as she pays the entry fee at each club before she competes and meets the requirements of condition 2.1.

2.3 Players must comply with any COVID-19 vaccination policy in place at the time of the competition. The vaccination policy can be found [here](#). Note: requirements may change on short notice.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 The entry fee is \$8.00 (incl. GST) per player to be paid at Club Qualifying, with the minimum entry fee for clubs being \$48.00. A light lunch will be included for all State Final participants. There is no entrance fee for the Final.

3.2 Entries close 12.00pm on Friday 10 November 2023.

3.3 Golf Australia has the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.

3.4 Entries shall only be made online via the GolfBox tournament system.

3.5 The draw for the State Final will be sent to players and available at www.golf.org.au approximately one week prior to the event.

3.6 Refund Conditions do not apply for the Silver Spoon.

4. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to:

- Club Winners – Silver Spoons will be awarded to each Club winner at the State Final or mailed out for those who do not attend the State Final.
- State Final Winner (AM & PM – if required)
 - *A Case of Spoons & the perpetual Burtta Cheney Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the Silver Spoon State Final.*
- State Final Runner-Up (AM & PM – if required)

5. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee shall consist of Golf Australia representatives and the match committee of the club upon whose course the round is being played. In the absence of a full championship committee, such members thereof 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 committee. In the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, the championship committee may shorten the championship, appoint another day or days for completion of, or may transfer play to another course. Protests must be made to the championship committee not later than 10 minutes after the conclusion of each round.

6. MOTORISED TRANSPORT

First Stage (Club qualifying)

The use of motorised transport is at the discretion of the host club.

Second Stage (State Final)

A player or a caddie will only be permitted to ride on motorised transportation in circumstances expressly described in (a) or (b) or (c) below.

- a. When authorised (or later approved) by the committee in charge of the competition due to circumstances that arise during the playing of a round. For example, a player who is about to play (or who has just played) under penalty of stroke and distance, and their caddie, is automatically authorised to ride on motorised transportation.
- b. When approved by Golf Australia as a person who currently requires the use of motorised transportation in order to participate in the game of golf. To be considered for approval, the player or caddie must provide to Golf Australia written advice from a medical practitioner, or a physiotherapist, or a chiropractor, or an osteopath, or the like, stating they currently require the use of motorised transportation to participate in the game of golf. The advice must be emailed to [insert contact] before the event's closing time for entries. The advice from the health professional must specify the period of time that use of the motorised transportation is required (i.e. 1 week, 1 month, 1 year, or indefinitely). When an exemption is granted, the use of motorised transportation must solely serve the purpose of transportation.
- c. Any player or caddie aged 75 years or over is permitted to use motorised transportation without needing to apply to Golf Australia for approval.

Penalty for breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

7. RULES OF GOLF

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, and any supplementary local rules as determined by the Championship Play Committee, will apply.

8. SUSPENSION OF PLAY (RULE 5.7)

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

- Immediate stop for imminent danger – one prolonged note of a siren
- Stop for a non-dangerous situation – three consecutive notes of a siren
- Resumption of play – two consecutive notes of a siren
- Note: When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

9. 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 [clicking here](#).

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. IMAGES

GA 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 GA, or persons authorised by GA, 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. GA may utilise the rights granted it hereunder in connection with the promotion of this Championship as well as other GA Championships and GA. 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.