



KOoyonga



2024 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MEN'S & WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

(INCORPORATING SA MEN'S COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP)

World Amateur Golf Ranking Event
Golf Australia National Order of Merit Event
South Australian Men's & Women's Order of Merit Event

Kooyonga Golf Club
Tuesday 24 – Friday 27 September 2024

Entry Fee:	\$175.00 (incl. GST) Includes practice round – Monday 23 September & range balls on tournament days – Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 September Note: all registrations via online portal at: www.golf.org.au/events
Eligibility:	Open to male & female amateur golfers who are members of golf clubs affiliated with Golf Australia.
GA Handicap Limit:	4.0 (Men) & 12.0 (Women) – The maximum field size is 132 players & HCP ballot if required at close of entries
Format & Tee Time(S):	Tuesday Rd 1 & Wednesday Rd 2 – 7.30am (One-Tee Start) – 36 holes stroke qualifying Leading 16 Men & 16 Women qualify for Match Play (subject to change) Thursday Qualified Men & Women – 7.30am & Quarter Finals – 12pm Friday Semi Finals – 7.30am & Final – 12pm
Practice Round:	Players will be emailed a booking link after registrations close to book
Entries Open:	Wednesday 3 July 2024 – 5 pm ACST
Entries Close:	Monday 9 September 2024 – 5 pm ACST

TERMS OF COMPETITION

(To be used in conjunction with the **Golf Australia Hard Card**)

1. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

- 1.1. The championship is played in two separate sections.
- 1.2. The first section will be 36-holes stroke on Tuesday & Wednesday for the:
 - Vesta Cup (women)
 - SA Medal (men)
 - SA Country Championship (men)
- 1.3. After the first section, the lowest 16 men's scores & 16 women's scores will qualify for the second stage, the SA Amateur Championship. Qualifying cuts are subject to change without notice based on registrations.
- 1.4. In the event of a tie for the SA Medal (men), SA Country Championship (men) and/or Vesta Cup (women), unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise, players in such a tie will continue over such holes as the Championship Play Committee decides in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.
- 1.5. In the event of there being a tie for the last qualifying position after 36 Holes Stroke Play, those players tying for such a position will continue over such holes as the Championship Committee determines in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the 16 qualifiers for the SA Men's Amateur Championship and 16 qualifiers for the SA Women's Amateur Championship has been determined. However, if the Championship Committee determines that there is not sufficient time available for a play-off, such a tie will be resolved by count back.
- 1.6. Qualifying number in the men's and women's championship is subject to change and may be reduced based on the number of entries.
- 1.7. The SA Men's & Women's Amateur Championship will consist of successive rounds of match play, with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round. Qualifying positions will be determined by count back.
- 1.8. In the event of a halved match in any round players will continue to play until a winner is determined.
- 1.9. The winners (male & female) will be the SA Men's & Women's Amateur Champion and hold the Amateur Championship Cups for one year.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Eligible players are male amateurs and female amateurs whose Golf Australia handicap at the time of entry does not exceed 4.0 strokes (men) and 12.0 strokes (women) in accordance with the Australian Handicapping System.
- 2.2. Eligible players for the SA Country Championship are male amateurs whose home club (the body which has primary responsibility for ensuring the proper administration of a player's handicap) is a Member Club of a Country District affiliated with Golf SA and whose Golf Australia Handicap at the time of entry does not exceed 4.0 strokes.
- 2.3. Players must comply with GA's [Gender Policy](#) at the time of the competition.
- 2.4. Handicap limits may be extended based on the number of entries received.
- 2.5. An entrant who holds current handicaps in multiple countries is required to advise GA of the details of all handicaps they hold. GA will determine which handicap is to be used for ballot purposes; this handicap will also be used to determine whether the player has conformed with the handicap limit for the championship.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$175.00 (incl. GST) and must be paid at the time of entry.
- 3.2. Entries shall only be made online via the registration portal at www.golf.org.au/events
- 3.3. GA shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
- 3.4. Fully completed registrations, together with appropriate entrance fees, must be received by GA by 5.00 pm (ACST) on Monday 9 September 2024. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to ensure their entry has been received. A player's registration has not officially been received until their name has been posted at www.golf.org.au/events.
- 3.5. The field for the championship will be limited to 132 players. 66 men's positions and 66 women's positions will be reserved until the close of entries.

- 3.6. In the event of entries exceeding the number of available places in the Championship, a ballot will be undertaken with players on the highest GA handicaps at close of entries subject to elimination.

Note: The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to increase the number of men or women players should the total field size not be achieved. Should two players on the exact GA handicap (or overseas equivalent) be subjected to a ballot, starting positions will be based on receipt of entry.

- 3.7. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Monies received from balloted entrants, who do not subsequently compete, will be refunded in entirety.
- 3.8. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee. A late fee of \$10.00 will apply.
- 3.9. The draw for the competition will be sent to players and available at www.golf.org.au/events approximately one week before the event.

4. TROPHIES

- 4.1. The lowest scores after the 36-hole Strokeplay will be awarded the Vesta Cup (women), SA Medal (men), SA Country Championship (men - country affiliated) respectively.
- 4.2. The Winners of the match play section, male & female, will be awarded the SA Amateur Championship Trophies and hold them for one year.
- 4.3. In addition, prizes will be awarded to the Championship runner up and semi-finalist.

5. EXEMPTIONS

- 5.1. Exemptions from a handicap ballot for the 2024 South Australian Amateur Championship will be granted to the following. (Note – Where applicable, it is the sole responsibility of the player to ensure the Championship Play Committee has received notification of his exempt status. Should the Championship Play Committee not be so advised that player will be deemed to be a non-exempt player.) Players exempt by the below, must meet the handicap criteria.
 - 5.1.1 2024 SA Junior Amateur Winner (boy & girl).
 - 5.1.2 2024 SA Junior Masters Winner (boy & girl).
 - 5.1.3 2024 SA Amateur Classic & Rene Erichsen Salver Winner (man & woman).
 - 5.1.4 2024 SA Senior Amateur Winner (man & woman).
 - 5.1.5 2023 SA Mid Amateur Winner (man & woman).
 - 5.1.6 2023 SA Amateur Championship winner (man & woman).
 - 5.1.7 Leading three (3) players on the 2024 Men's, Women's, Boys and Girls in the SA OOM tables as of 9 September 2024.
 - 5.1.8 Entrant exemptions by Golf Australia.

6. PRACTICE ROUND:

- 6.1. The official practice round will be held on Monday 9 September 2024. Players accepted into the Championship will be emailed an online booking link after registrations have closed to book their practice round.
- 6.2. Players are responsible for booking their own practice round.
- 6.3. Additional practice rounds on other days are permitted but only at the discretion of the host venue. Players must ensure they have appropriately booked with the host club.

7. CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY COMMITTEE

- 7.1. The Championship Play Committee will comprise representatives from GA Tournament Coordinator(s).
- 7.2. 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.
- 7.3. 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 terms.
- 7.4. The Championship Play Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship will be final.

8. 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 GA supporting documents regarding their withdrawal from the event (e.g., Medical certificate). In the case of an event not being completed (for example due to weather delays) refunds will not be provided.

9. MOTORISED TRANSPORT

9.1 A player 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, is automatically authorised to ride on motorised transportation.
- b) When approved by GA due to one of the 10 eligible disability impairments recognised by the International Golf Federation.
 - Details of the 10 eligible impairments are provided by [clicking here](#).
 - A player seeking authorisation to ride on any form of motorised transportation as a result of one of the 10 eligible disability impairments recognised by the International Golf Federation must be emailed to johnny.tsai@golf.com.au to obtain information on procedures for submitting requests.
 - All such requests and required information must be submitted to GA before the closing time for entries.
- c) Any player who is not covered by one of the 10 eligible disability impairments recognised by the International Golf Federation (see clause (b)), but who believes they are impacted by exceptional circumstances, has the option of applying to GA for special approval to use motorised transportation. To be considered, such applications must be received via email by before the event's closing time for entries (johnny.tsai@golf.com.au).

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.

9.2 Golf carts are at the player's own expense and **MUST** be booked directly with the host club. Carts are subject to availability, and players may be requested to share. Use of own carts is **not** permitted.

10. RULES OF GOLF & GA 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.

11. ANTI-DOPING AND IMPROPER USE OF DRUGS AND MEDICINE POLICY

The Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy within Sport Integrity Australia's National Integrity Framework and Sport Integrity Australia's National Anti-Doping Policy apply for this event. The National Anti-Doping Policy prevails if there are inconsistencies. These can be found by [clicking here](#).

12. 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](#).

13. 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.

14. SMOKING & CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL POLICY

14.1 Players and caddies are prohibited from smoking and consuming alcohol during a round. (Note: In addition to the more traditional forms of smoking, this policy is also considered to cover vaping and the like).

The following penalty structure applies for a breach of the above policy:

- o First breach: Warning
- o Second breach: One-Stroke Penalty
- o Third breach: General Penalty
- o Fourth breach or any subsequent misconduct: Disqualification

The Championship Play Committee will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final.

15. LEGAL POLICIES (E.G. MATCH FIXING POLICY)

15.1 All entrants are bound to comply with all of GA's legal policies (i.e. [Match Fixing](#)) and the [Competition Manipulation and Sports Wagering Policy](#) within Sport Integrity Australia National Integrity Framework. 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. It is the duty of the competitors and their associates to familiarise themselves with the relevant policies and ensure they comply.

16. 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 for an indefinite period of time. By this application, the player or their parent or guardian if they are under 18 years 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. A player may email golfoperations@golf.org.au if there are any concerns with this Term.