



GOLF AUSTRALIA

SENIOR SELECTION EVENTS & FUNDING

POLICY as at June 2025

Introduction

Golf Australia (GA) recognises it is an honour and achievement to represent Australia, a State/Territory or Golf Australia, and that players selected for, or winning their way into, representative events have deserved their selection based on performance. It is also acknowledged that these players represent the highest achievers of our elite amateur senior golfers, hopefully inspiring others to stay engaged in golf and contest events.

This document outlines:

- The selection events in which the Golf Australia Senior Selection Committee select men and women to represent Australia, their State/Territory and/or Golf Australia;
- The funding policy for each selection event.

For all Australian senior representatives, players must:

- i. Be an Australian citizen; and
- ii. Be a member of a Golf Australia affiliated golf club.

Understandably comparisons between funding of elite senior teams and other elite programs such as the High-Performance Program, National/State squads and the Rookie Professional Program are occasionally brought to our attention. Although an imbalance does exist, it is important to understand that the Golf Australia High Performance program is funded almost exclusively via government funding, as well as corporate and private benefactor support, and as such does not rely on general revenue (or member fees) to function.

In the case of these three funding sources, there are very clear directions on what the funding is for – senior golf does not sit within this framework, which outlines the purpose of the High Performance program as producing major winners, Olympic medallists and top-50 ranked players.

In the case of elite level senior representative golf, Golf Australia has made the decision to invest general revenue into providing opportunities for our elite golfers to play at the highest level and in Australian teams. This investment, of course, needing to be balanced against meeting the continual need to invest in growing the game, increasing membership, and providing more support to improve club health around the country.

1. GA v ADF Match

About:	An annual match between a 12-person GA team and a 12-person Australian Defence Forces Team, to be played in March at Portsea GC, VIC. The format is four-ball match-play, foursomes match-play and singles match play.
Selection:	<p>Categories as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">One (1) leading female senior player as determined by the Senior Selection CommitteeLeading one (1) local male player from each state/territory (total of eight (8) players) as determined by the Senior Selection Committee.One (1) leading male mid-amateur player as determined by the Senior Selection Committee.One (1) leading female mid-amateur player as determined by the Senior Selection Committee.One (1) captain's pick (may be male or female). <p>Captain is nominated by GA. In the event there is no available player in the above categories, any remaining places will be at the discretion of GA and the Captain.</p> <p>Players who have played in the most recent Asia-Pacific Senior Amateur or Senior Trans-Tasman, or have been selected in the current teams, are ineligible for selection.</p>
Funding:	\$400 per person (GST exempt) (including a non-playing team manager if applicable) to offset travel and/or accommodation. Host venue costs, meals as determined, practice round and uniforms will be covered by GA. Any additional requested items (e.g. golf bags) and/or ad-hoc meals, caddie fees etc are at the players' expense.

2. Men's & Women's Senior Trans-Tasman Matches

About:	A biennial match between a 6-woman senior GA team and a 6-woman senior NZ Golf team (Women's Senior Trans-Tasman Cup), played concurrently with a 6-man senior GA team and 6-man senior NZ team (Sanctuary Cove Cup). The format is four-ball match-play, foursomes match-play and singles match play.
Date:	3-days adjacent to the respective Australian and New Zealand Senior Amateur Championships. <i>Next event: Australia hosts in 2026; NZ hosts in 2028.</i>
Selection:	<p>Categories as follows:</p> <p>Women's Team</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Leading four (4) available women from the GA National Senior Order of Merit as at the time of selection (3 months prior to the event).Two (2) additional women as determined by the Senior Selection Committee <p>A female playing team manager/captain will be nominated by the Senior Selection Committee. In the event there is no available player in the above categories, any remaining places will be at the discretion the Senior Selection Committee.</p> <p>Men's Team</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Leading four (4) available men from the GA National Senior Order of Merit as at the time of selection (3 months prior to the event).Two (2) additional men as determined by the Senior Selection Committee <p>A male playing team manager/captain will be nominated by the Senior Selection Committee. In the event there is no available player in the above categories, any remaining places will be at the discretion the Senior Selection Committee.</p>
Funding:	\$1000 travel & accommodation grant per person (the tournament will cover lunch on the event proper days and GA will cover uniforms). Any additional requested items (e.g. golf bags) and/or ad-hoc meals for team members or their guests, caddie fees, local transport, etc are at the players' expense.

3. Asia-Pacific Senior Amateur

About: An annual individual championship conducted by the APGC, with a 4-man and 3-women team event played in conjunction.

Date: 24 – 26 September 2025 - The Orchard Golf & Country Club (Philippines)

Selection: Selection takes place following the Queensland Senior Amateur.

Categories as follows:

Women's Team

- (i) Leading one (1) available woman from the GA National Senior Order of Merit as at the time of selection.
- (ii) The leading Australian woman from the previous year's Australian Senior Amateur
- (iii) One (1) additional woman as determined by the Senior Selection Committee.
- (iv) If a player selected under the above criteria is not available, the position will be offered to the next available player from the GA National Senior Order of Merit as at the time of selection.

Men's Team

- (i) Leading two (2) available men from the GA National Senior Order of Merit as at the time of selection.
- (ii) The leading Australian man from the previous year's Australian Senior Amateur
- (iii) One (1) additional man as determined by the Senior Selection Committee.
- (iv) If a player selected under the above criteria is not available, the position will be offered to the next available player from the GA National Senior Order of Merit as at the time of selection.

Funding: Entry fee & a \$1,750 (GST exempt) grant per person to assist with travel & accommodation. GA will cover uniforms, with any additional requested items (e.g. golf bags) and/or ad-hoc meals, caddie fees, local transport, etc at the players' expense.

4. Australian Senior Amateur – State Teams

About: An annual individual championship conducted by GA, with a 2-man and 2-women team event played in conjunction.

Date: Annually in October

Selection: Categories as follows:

Women's State Teams

- i. Leading one (1) available woman from the GA National Senior Order of Merit as at the time of selection
- ii. Leading one (1) available woman from the relevant State Senior Amateur

Men's State Team

- i. Leading one (1) available man from the GA National Senior Order of Merit as at the time of selection
- ii. Leading one (1) available man from the relevant State Senior Amateur

Note: Selection to be completed at the close of entries of the Australian Senior Amateur.

Funding: Three shirts, a cap and a grant of \$250 (GST exempt).

Note: This selection policy applies to Victorian, Queensland, South Australian, Northern Territory and Tasmanian teams only. NSW, ACT and WA teams will be selected by the individual states.

5. Individuals contesting international senior events

GA does not provide grants for individuals who contest international senior events (exception point 1 and 2). Individuals may secure their own funding. Methods to assist securing funding are below:

- [Promotion & Advertising](#): see pages 4 and 5
- [Australian Sports Foundation](#)

Note: This document should be read in conjunction with the GA Senior Selection Committee Charter.