

# THE AMATEUR and MID AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

## TERMS OF COMPETITION



### 1. Amateur and Mid-Amateur Championships of Western Australia

**1.1** Eligible players are amateur golfers whose GA Handicap (or overseas equivalent) at the time of entry does not exceed 5.4 strokes (Men) and 12.4 strokes (Women). Players must be financial playing members of a club affiliated with GolfWA or other approved organisation. Note below in 1.3 the age restriction for Mid-Amateur Championship.

**1.2 The Amateur Championship** will be played in two sections.

**1.2.1 The first section** will be decided by stroke play over two qualifying rounds of 18 holes each.

<b>First Round</b>	Wednesday 13 March
<b>Second Round</b>	Thursday 14 March

**1.2.2** The leading male and female qualifiers will be awarded medallist honours. In the event of a tie multiple medallists will be awarded.

**1.2.3** The 32 lowest scores for Men and 16 lowest scores for Women after the qualifying rounds will compete in the second section of the Championship.

**1.2.4** In the event of a tie for a position after the two qualifying rounds such that more than 32 (men) or 16 (women) players remain in either Championship, those players tying for the last qualifying position or positions, will continue over such holes as the Championship Committee determines in a sudden death, hole-by-hole play-off until the qualifiers have been determined. However, if the Championship Play Committee determines that there is not sufficient time available for a play-off, such a tie will be resolved by lot.

**1.2.5** The Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of players to qualify for the second section of the Championship should insufficient entries be received.

**1.2.6 The second section** of the Amateur Championship will commence on Friday 15 March and consist of successive rounds of match play, with winners progressing to the next round. The automatic draw will be applied to establish the match pairings. If a competitor, who has posted a two round total that will qualify for the match play stage, withdraws before the match play draw is made they will not be included in the match play draw however if the competitor, withdraws after the match play draw is made, the competitor's results will still be used to calculate the leading 32 men's places and ties, and the leading 16 women's places and ties that will determine the cut mark, but their opponent will receive a bye.

**Friday 15 March (AM) 18 holes**

Round One (Men & Women)

**Friday 15 March (PM) 18 holes**

Round Two (Men)

Quarter Finals (Women)

**Saturday 16 March (AM) 18 holes**

Quarter Finals (Men)

Semi Finals (Women)

**Saturday 16 March (PM) 18 holes**

Semi Finals (Men)

**Sunday 17 March 36 holes**

Finals (Men & Women)

**1.2.7** In the event of a halved match in any round, play shall continue until a winner is determined.

**1.3 The Mid-Amateur Championship** is open to players 30 years of age and over as at the date of 13 March 2024 only. It will be played over 36 holes of stroke play on Wednesday 13 March and Thursday 14 March in conjunction with the qualifying rounds of the Amateur Championship.

In the event of a tie for the overall Men's and/or Women's winner a play-off will occur as decided by the Tournament Committee, until a winner is determined, subject to time constraints in particular daylight. If a play-off cannot be held the winner(s) will be decided utilising the Australian Countback system. A player may only win one trophy (EXCEPTION: perpetuals).

### 2. Championship Committee

**2.1** The Championship Committee will comprise of the GolfWA Golf Committee together with the Golf Operations Manager, Events and Championships Officer, and those members of the host club co-opted to the Championship Committee.

**2.2** In the absence of a full Championship 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 Committee.

**2.3** The Championship 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.

**2.4** The Championship Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship will be final. Protests must be made in writing and submitted to the Championship Committee within fifteen (15) minutes of the conclusion of the day's play.

**2.5** The decision of the Championship Committee will be final.

### 3. Rules of Play

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by the Royal and Ancient Rules Limited will apply together with the Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Committee.

### 4. Entries

**4.1** Entrance fee \$80.00 (includes GST).

**4.2** Entries shall only be made online via the MiTournament registration system as per the below link:

<https://www.mitournament.com:443/tournament/register?tournamentId=201531>

**4.3** Entrants must conform to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by the Royal and Ancient Rules Limited, and GolfWA shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.

**4.4** In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (168), entries from higher handicap competitors will be decided by ballot. Unsuccessful entrants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Entrance fees will be refunded to those who are balloted out and do not compete.

**4.5** Fully completed entry forms must be received by GolfWA no later than **5.00pm on Tuesday 5 March.**

**4.6** Entries will not be accepted by telephone or if the Entry Form/Online Entry is not fully completed.

### 5. Drug Testing

All competitors 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 policy, or refusing to take a test, may be disqualified.

### 6. Smoke Free

This is a smoke free event and as such players and caddies are prohibited from smoking during a stipulated round or within the bounds of the clubhouse. (Note: In addition to the more traditional forms of smoking, this policy is also considered to cover vaping and the like, etc.)

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

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

The Committee in charge of the competition will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final.

## 7. Player Code of Conduct

All entrants assent to be bound by the GolfWA Code of Conduct. A copy of the code is available from the Policies section of the GolfWA website <http://www.golfwa.org.au>

## 8. Images

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

## 9. Database of Competitors' Details

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

## 10. Motorised Golf Carts

The GolfWA policy on the use of motorised golf carts will be enforced for the duration of the Championship. A copy of this policy is available from the Policies section of the Golf WA website <http://www.golfwa.org.au>

## 11. Mobile Phones

Mobile phones may **ONLY** be used on the golf course during competition in case of an emergency or to call for a ruling, to access a distance measuring device application or to enter scores via an electronic score card (if in use). Mobile phones must be on silent at all times while on club property.

## 12. Distance Measuring Devices/GPS

In this competition a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a competitor uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a.

## 13. Withdrawals and Refunds

Any competitor wishing to withdraw from the Championship after the closing date of entries should contact GolfWA by phone 08 9367 2490 or direct to Neil Goddard by email [neilg@golfwa.org.au](mailto:neilg@golfwa.org.au) or 0412 515 712.

Entry fees will be refunded provided notification is received 5 days prior to the first round (ie. 8 March).

To be eligible for a refund after this date, competitors must provide GolfWA with supporting documents (eg. medical certificate) regarding their withdrawal from the event for consideration.

## 14. Practice

All players are entitled to one practice round only - must call the pro shop at The Western Australian Golf Club to arrange a time. A practice round is only available to players entered into the event.

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