

THE SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CONDITIONS OF PLAY



1. Eligibility

Any amateur golfer who is a financial playing member of an approved affiliated club, has attained the age of fifty (50) by the first day of the event, and has a GA Handicap of; Women: 21.0 or less Men: 16.0 or less.

2. Format

The Championships will be played over 54 holes of stroke play on consecutive days:

Round 1 - Monday 25 March (PM)

Round 2 – Tuesday 26 March (AM)

Round 3 – Wednesday 27 March (PM)

The winner of the Championships will be the male and female players who record the lowest fifty four hole gross totals.

i) In the event of a tie for the overall winner in either championship a sudden death playoff will occur. In the case of other ties the Australian Countback System will be used.

ii) In the event of a tie for the leading Western Australian player in either championship a sudden death playoff will occur, subject to available time.

3. Championship Committee

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 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.

- 3.5 The decision of the Championship Committee will be final.

4. Trophies

The leading gross Western Australian player (male and female) will be invited to represent Western Australia in the 2024 Australian Amateur Seniors Championships at venue and date TBC.

Should a state winner be unable to participate then the runner up will be invited in their place.

Representatives will have some of their costs met for playing in the Championship.

5. Entries

- 5.1 Entrance fee \$70.00 (includes GST).
- 5.2 Entries will only be accepted on the entry form issued by Golf Western Australia and through the MiTournament registration system.
- 5.3 Entrants must conform to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by the Royal and Ancient Rules Limited, and will sign a declaration to that effect contained in the Entry Form.
- 5.4 In the event of applications exceeding the number of places available in the Championship (104), 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.
- 5.5 Fully completed entry forms must be received by GolfWA no later than **midday 12.00pm on Monday 18 March.**
- 5.6 Entries will not be accepted by telephone or if the Entry Form/Online Entry is not fully completed.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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>

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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>

12. Mobile Phones

Mobile phones may 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.

13. 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.

14. 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 or 0412 515 712.

Entry fees will be refunded provided notification is received 5 days prior to the first round.

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.

15. Practice

All players are entitled to one practice round only on Wednesday 20 March (PM only) or Friday 22 March (PM only). Pre-booking must be made by calling the pro shop at Rockingham Club to arrange a time. A practice round is only available to players entered into the event.

Neil Goddard
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