



## THE 2024 WA OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

To be played at the  
MANDURAH COUNTRY CLUB

From  
THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> TO SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2024

### A. CONDITIONS:

**1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP:** The Championship will be played over 72 holes stroke play, 18 holes on each of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.

**2. COMPETITORS:** A maximum of 132 players will play one round on each of the first two days, after which the leading 50 Pros and ties for 50th place along with any amateur who equals or betters this score, after the second round, shall qualify to play the 3rd and 4th rounds.

**3. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:** The Championship will be under the management and control of the Championship Committee, consisting of representatives of GolfWA and the PGA of Australia. In the absence of the full Championship Committee, such members thereof as may be present at any time may give a decision and any decision shall be deemed the decision of the full Championship Committee. The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event.

**4. RULES:** The Championship will be played under the auspices of the PGA of Australia, in accordance with the current PGA of Australia Member Regulations Handbook. This will include The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R & A Rules Limited, Local Rules and Conditions of Competition (PGA Tour Hard Card) as published by PGA Tour, and such additional Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee. All amateur players are required to adhere to Golf WA's Code of Conduct for the duration of the Championship (a copy is available in the GolfWA website).

**5. TIES:** In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship after 72 holes, unless the Championship Committee otherwise determines, play shall continue over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined. In the event of a tie or ties for the leading Amateur position, unless the Championship Committee otherwise determines, play shall continue over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.

### 6. CLUBS AND BALLS:

- (a) List of Conforming Driver Heads. Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect.  
Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification
- (b) Groove and Punch Mark Specification. Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect.  
Penalty for making a stroke with club in breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification
- (c) Conforming Balls List. Model Local Rule G-3 re Conforming Golf Balls is in effect.  
Penalty for breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.
- (d) The One Ball Rule. Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect.

**8. PGA REGULATIONS:** All amateur competitors in the 2024 WA Open Championship agree to conform to the 2024 PGA of Australia Members Regulations.



**9. PACE OF PLAY:** Pace of Play will be administered in accordance with the PGA of Australia's Pace of Play Policy as outlined on the PGA Tour Hard Card.

**10. TROPHIES:** The winner shall become the Western Australian Open Champion and will hold the Open Championship Trophy for one year. The leading Amateur will hold the Terry Gale Cup Trophy for one year. Amateur runner-up and third placegetters will each receive a prize.

**11. CADDIES:** Caddies must wear the caddie clothing, if provided. Players will at all times be liable for the actions of their caddies. A player whose caddie is in breach of this condition may be disqualified.

**12. MOTORISED TRANSPORT:** It is prohibited for a player or their caddie to ride in or on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Championship/Rules Committee. (A player taking a stroke and distance penalty is always authorised).

Penalty for breach of this Local Rule: General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach.

A breach between holes applies to the next hole.

**13. 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>

**14. PUBLICITY:** GolfWA and the sponsors arrange publicity before and during the Championship in the Press, by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and by filming. The competitors assent to references to them and pictures of them in practice and play appearing and being used for commercial purposes by GolfWA and the sponsors. GolfWA reserves the right to any press, broadcasting or television fees paid or payable for permission to broadcast, photograph or televise play.

**15. 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, shall be disqualified and subject to any sanction(s) brought down by ASADA. A list of prohibited substances will be available at registration. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via the ASADA hotline – 1800 020 506, or from [www.asada.gov.au](http://www.asada.gov.au).

## **B. ENTRIES:**

1. The Western Australian Open is open to male and female golfers, either amateur or professional. Amateur players, other than exempt players must have a GA Handicap of 2.4 or less. In the case of overseas amateurs, they must have a handicap equivalent to an Australian handicap of two or less certified by their home Club or National Association. Should entries for qualifying exceed the number of places available the highest handicap players at close of entries will be balloted.

2. Overseas amateur entries must be accompanied by either the player's Golf Link Number or a copy of the entrant's current handicap record.

3. Amateur entries for the Championship (including qualifying) close on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 at 5.00pm**, but the Championship Committee reserves the right to accept entries after that time.

4. The total entry fee for the Championship (including qualifying) is \$78.00 (includes GST). Exempt amateur players are also required to pay the full entry fee.

5. All amateur entries must be made through the MiTournament registration system. Entries will not be accepted by telephone.

6. All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee who reserve the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving any reason for the decision which shall be final.



7. Entrance Fees will only be refunded in the case of a withdrawal being advised before the applicable closing time for entries and if a player is balloted from qualifying.

### **C. FINAL QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS:**

For those competitors NOT exempt direct into the Championship (Section D), the qualifying procedure will be as follows:

A stroke play round of 18 holes shall be played on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Mandurah Country Club**. A minimum of 12 places to a maximum of 20 places will be available to make up the field for the Championship proper. Should the number of entries exceed the courses capacity, entrants on the higher handicaps will be balloted out.

Ties for the last places in Final Qualifying shall be decided by a hole by hole playoff as soon as practicable after all players have finished play. In addition there will be up to three (3) alternate positions in case of subsequent withdrawals from the Championship proper which will be decided by the same hole by hole playoff or if time does not permit shall be decided by using the Australian Count-back procedure of their full round scores.

Players are permitted to use Distance Measuring Devices at Final Qualifying and the event itself that measure or gauge distance only as per Rule 4.3.

### **D. EXEMPTIONS FROM QUALIFYING:**

Amateur Exemptions from qualifying will be granted as provided for in the agreement between GolfWA and PGA, GolfWA may provide up to a maximum number of 15 exemptions for amateur players from final qualifying into the 2024 Championship. GolfWA will notify the relevant players of their exemption. Exemptions for the 2024 Championship will be allocated in the following order:-

- a. 2024 Australian Men's and Women's Amateur Champion and Runner-up
- b. 2024 WA State Male and Female Amateur Champions and Runner-ups
- c. 2024 WA State Male and Female Amateur Medallist
- d. GolfWA High Performance program Athletes – subject to selection
- e. Amateur Tournament Invitations.

#### **Note:**

(i) A player must be an amateur golfer as of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 in order to receive an amateur exemption as outlined in section D.

### **E. REGISTRATION:**

All competitors must register at Tournament Office at Mandurah Country Club between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on either Monday 14<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

The Championship Committee reserves the right to waive this condition in special individual circumstances.

### **F. MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES AND PRACTICE:**

Competitors will be made Honorary Members of on and from the Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 until the conclusion of the Championship.

