

WA OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

To be played at the
SECRET HARBOUR GOLF LINKS

From
THURSDAY 15th TO SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER, 2026

A. CONDITIONS:

1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP:

The Championship will be played over 72 holes stroke play, 18 holes on each of Thursday 15th to Sunday 18th October, 2026.

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.

7. PGA REGULATIONS:

All amateur competitors in the 2026 WA Open Championship agree to conform to the 2026 PGA of Australia Members Regulations.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. ANTI-DOPING AND IMPROPER USE OF DRUGS AND MEDICINE POLICY AND OTHER SPORT INTEGRITY AUSTRALIA POLICIES

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](#).

The following [elearning courses](#) are recommended – Anti-Doping Fundamentals, Annual Update, Introduction to Illicit Drugs in Sport, Child Safeguarding, Competition Manipulation.

13. 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. For further details, please refer to our privacy policy by [clicking here](#).

14. CODE OF CONDUCT

All entrants are bound by GolfWA'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 GolfWA for the purposes of administering Competitions or state championships, events, competitions, practice sessions or major activities conducted or sanctioned by GolfWA or GA codes of conduct and/or other related matters.

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

All entrants are bound to comply with all of Golf Australia's legal policies. 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. Depending on the nature of the offence, the competitor may also be subject to criminal charges arising from their conduct. It is the duty of the competitors and their associates to familiarise themselves with the relevant policies and ensure they comply. [Click here](#) to view Golf Australia's Legal Policies.

16. 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 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 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. A player may email neil.goddard@golf.org.au if there are any concerns with this Term.

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 1st October 2026 at Midday (WST/Perth time)**, but the Championship Committee reserves the right to accept entries after that time.
4. The total entry fee for the Championship (including qualifying) is \$85.00 (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 12th October 2026 at Secret Harbour Golf Links**. 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 2026 Championship. GolfWA will notify the relevant players of their exemption. Exemptions for the 2026 Championship will be allocated in the following order:-

- a. 2026 Australian Men's and Women's Amateur Champion and Runner-up
- b. 2026 WA State Male and Female Amateur Champions and Runner-ups
- c. 2026 WA State Male and Female Amateur Medallist
- d. 2026 Bowra & O'Dea Women's Classic
- e. GolfWA High Performance program Athletes – subject to selection
- f. Amateur Tournament Invitations.

Note:

(i) A player must be an amateur golfer as of Thursday 15th October 2026 in order to receive an amateur exemption as outlined in section D.

E. REGISTRATION:

All competitors must register at Tournament Office at Secret Harbour Golf Links between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on either Monday 12th or Tuesday 13th October 2026.

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 12th October 2026 until the conclusion of the Championship.