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## **2020 MEN'S & WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN MASTER OF THE AMATEURS CHAMPIONSHIPS – TERMS & CONDITIONS.**

Participants in the 2020 Men's Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship or the 2020 Women's Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship acknowledge and agree to be bound by the following Terms and Conditions of entry and play.

### **EXEMPTION QUALIFICATIONS & DETAILS:**

1. The Australian Master of the Amateurs Men's & Women's Championships, are open to elite amateur golfers through Exemptions, with both 72-hole stroke championships having a cut after 54 holes. The top 45 male players plus ties and the top 25 female players plus ties will compete in the final round (Round 4) of the championships.
2. Players participating in the 2020 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships must be available to play either the practice round the morning of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January or the Australian Master of the Amateurs AM-AM Team Challenge the afternoon of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. The 2020 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships will be played Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
3. All competitors participating in the 2020 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships are requested to attend the Australian Master of the Amateurs Welcome Cocktail Party at The Victoria Golf Club, on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Players who have an Official National or International Golf Association Blazer or Jacket are requested to wear their jacket to this function.
4. Competitors must have an official handicap not exceeding 1.4. This handicap must be endorsed by Golf Australia, or the International equivalent.
5. The field for the 2020 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships will be capped at 78 elite male amateur golfers and 48 elite female amateur golfers.
6. Registration: All competitors in the 2020 Men's & Women's Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships must register at the Australian Master of the Amateurs Tournament Office, at The Victoria Golf Club between 07:00am –11:00am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Any competitor failing to register within that time may, at the discretion of the Championship Committee, have their entry rights to the Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship withdrawn. The Championship Committee reserves the right to waive this condition in special individual circumstances.
7. **2020 Australian Master of the Amateurs Men's Championship Exemptions:**  
2019 USA Amateur Champion (USA), 2019 Amateur Champion (UK), 2019 European Amateur Champion (EUR), 2019 Porter Cup Champion (USA), 2019 The Players Amateur Champion (USA), 2019 The Dogwood Invitational Champion (USA), the highest ranked Australian Junior as ranked by the R&A World Amateur Golf Ranking on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (AUS), 2019 Canadian Men's Amateur Champion (CAN), 2019 Men's Golf Australia Benchmark Tier 1 Players, Top 50 amateur players on the R&A World Amateur Ranking – International Players nominated by International Golf Associations - International Teams for the Australian Master of the Amateurs "World Cup", Australian Master of the Amateurs Past Champions (2 year exemption), Top 15 Australian Amateur Golfers as ranked by the R&A World Amateur Golf Rankings on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Australian Master of the Amateurs International Championship Committee Exemptions.
8. **2020 Australian Master of the Amateurs Women's Championship Exemptions:**  
2019 Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific Champion, 2019 US Ladies Amateur Champion (USA), 2019 European Ladies Amateur Champion (EUR), 2019 Ladies British Open Amateur Champion (UK), 2019 NCAA Women's Medal Champion (USA), 2019 Canadian Women's Amateur Champion (CAN), 2019 Internationaux De France U21 – Trophée Esmond Champion (FRA), 2019 Spanish Ladies Amateur Champion (ESP), the highest ranked Australian Junior as ranked by the R&A Amateur Golf Ranking on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019, 2019 Women's Golf Australia Benchmark Tier 1 Players, Top 30 amateur players on the R&A World Amateur Ranking – International Players nominated by International Golf Associations – International Teams for the Women's Australian Master of the Amateurs "World Cup" (Players representing their country must be ranked in the top 700 as ranked by the R&A World Amateur Golf Ranking on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019), the Women's Australian Master of the Amateurs Past Champions (2 year exemption), the top 8 Australian Amateur Golfers as ranked by the R&A Amateur Golf Rankings on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Australian Master of the Amateurs International Championship Committee Exemptions.
9. Please note player entry is non-transferable.
10. The 2020 Australian Master of the Amateurs Men's Green Jacket Champion shall receive an exemption into the 2020 Amateur Championship (UK), the 2020 Porter Cup (USA), 2020 The Players Amateur (USA), the 2020 Dogwood Invitational (USA), the 2020 Canadian Men's Amateur Championship (CAN) and the 2020 Men's NSW Open.

11. The 2020 Australian Master of the Amateurs Women's Green Jacket Champion shall receive an exemption into the 2020 The Women's Western Amateur Championship (USA), 2020 Women's Porter Cup Championship (USA), and the 2020 Canadian Women's Amateur Championship (CAN) and the 2020 Women's NSW Open.

12. A **Championship Entry Fee of AU \$360.00 incl GST** is to be paid by all players or the Golf Associations and must be forwarded with the completed Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship Entry Form. No refund of payment shall be made for player cancellation.

## **RULES OF GOLF**

**Please note The R&A and USGA have announced a large number of changes to the Rules of Golf which will come into effect 1 January 2019. For additional information please visit [www.usga/rules-hub.html](http://www.usga/rules-hub.html) or [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org) Rules Modernisation.**

**It is the players responsibility to be aware of the New Rules of Golf.**

## **PACE OF PLAY**

Ready golf is encouraged throughout the Tournament to improve pace of play. Ready golf enables competitors to play when ready, and it is safe to do so, rather than strictly adhere to 'farthest from the hole plays first' requirement.

Time allowed to complete 18 holes is 4 hours 27 minutes. Groups are to maintain their position in the field behind the group in front. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front. In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of subsequent groups, out of position. Penalties will apply for slow play.

## **GENERAL**

1. The decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters relating to the tournament. Protests must be made to the Championship Committee not later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the day's play except on the final day when they must be made within 5 minutes of the conclusion of play.
2. The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event without notice.
3. The championship will be played over 72 holes with a cut after 54-holes. In the case of any day's play being cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, the number of holes may be reduced at the discretion of the Championship Committee.

## **OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. Master of the Amateurs (Australia) Pty. Ltd. will endeavour to email a detailed itinerary to participants no less than seven days prior to the Championship.
2. Master of the Amateurs (Australia) Pty. Ltd. and their sponsors may arrange publicity before and during the Championship in the Press, by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting, and by filming. The competitor consents to references to them and pictures of them in practice and play appearing and being used for commercial purposes by Master of the Amateurs (Australia) Pty. Ltd. and its sponsors.
3. A practice round will be available for championship participants, at The Victoria Golf Club, the morning of Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Participants are required to book this practice round, by email, through the office of the Australian Master of the Amateurs, two weeks prior to these dates.
4. Practice balls will be provided on the driving range, at The Victoria Golf Club, prior to tee off on the practise day (Sunday), the AM-AM Day (Monday) and on each of the four tournament days. (Tuesday – Friday)
5. Entrants are deemed to have read and accepted all sections of the tournament competition rules (including these tournament conditions) and all additional matters relating to the conduct of the tournament to be displayed on the boards outside the Australian Master of the Amateurs Tournament Office at The Victoria Golf Club during the tournament.
6. The preferred local accommodation for the 2020 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship is the Quest Cheltenham Serviced Apartments. Booking details on [www.masteroftheamateurs.com.au](http://www.masteroftheamateurs.com.au) All Players are required to book and pay for their accommodation direct through Quest Cheltenham Serviced Apartments to receive the benefit of daily golf transfers to The Victoria Golf Club.
7. No billets shall be provided for players by the Australian Master of the Amateurs.
8. No caddies shall be provided for players by the Australian Master of the Amateurs. Players may use their own caddies.
9. All competitors participate in the 2020 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship at their own risk. The Championship Committee, Master of the Amateurs Pty. Ltd., the sponsors, The Victoria Golf Club, and other suppliers to the tournament of goods or services jointly and severally accept no liability for death, sickness, injury, property loss or damage howsoever incurred by or occurring to competitors, non-playing companions/spouses, spectators or other invitees during or arising out of any aspect or presentation of the tournament, whatsoever or howsoever.
10. Air travel, airport transfers and tournament accommodation are **not included**, unless specified by the Australian Master of the Amateurs.

11. A daily transfer from the Quest Cheltenham Serviced Apartments to The Victoria Golf Club and return will be provided by Quest Cheltenham for players with accommodation booked directly through Quest Cheltenham. Players who book their accommodation at Quest Cheltenham through a third party will be charged a fee by Quest Cheltenham for daily golf transfers.
12. All visitors entering Australia must possess a valid Passport.
13. All visitors are required to check if a VISA is required for entry into Australia, and to obtain a VISA if it is required.
14. Climate in Melbourne. Summer: 25-35 deg Celsius (Average).
15. The Tournament Directors, and Championship Match Committee of Master of the Amateurs Pty. Ltd., together with the management of The Victoria Golf Club, will not be held responsible for any cancellation of the tournament (in part or whole) due to circumstances beyond their control. In such circumstances no refunds will be given.
16. In the event of abnormal weather conditions, determinations as to the commencement or continuation of play shall be made solely by the Australian Master of the Amateurs Match Committee, in conjunction with The Victoria Golf Club.