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2023 MEN'S & WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN MASTER OF THE AMATEURS CHAMPIONSHIPS – TERMS & CONDITIONS.

Participants in the 2023 Men's Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship or the 2023 Women's Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship acknowledge and agree to be bound by the following Terms and Conditions of entry and play.

All participants will comply with any COVID-19 Rules and Restrictions if in place in Victoria at the time of the 2023 Men's & Women's Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships being played. Rules specific to the playing of golf, golf course regulations, and general COVID-19 Rules & Restrictions will be included in your Championship Itinerary closer to the championships. Any changes to these will be explained at player registration at the championships.

If required, the tournament functions may be subject to the COVID-19 Restrictions and function numbers allowed at the time of the Championships.

EXEMPTION QUALIFICATIONS & ENTRY 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 who do not meet the Exemption Criteria may email an Expression of Interest with their Golf Resume to the Australian Master of the Amateurs International Selection Committee and its Chairman for consideration. Email amann@masteroftheamateurs.com.au
3. Players participating in the 2023 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships must be available to play either the practice round the morning of Monday 2nd January or the Australian Master of the Amateurs AM-AM Team Challenge the afternoon of Monday 2nd January. Players will be placed in either the morning field or the afternoon field at the discretion of the Australian Master of the Amateurs.
4. The 2023 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships will be played Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 6th January 2023.
5. Competitors must have an official handicap of +2 or above. This handicap must be endorsed by Golf Australia, or the international equivalent.
6. The field for the 2023 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships will be capped at 111 elite male amateur golfers and 45 elite female amateur golfers. The number of female and male players may be adjusted closer to the championships, depending on player entries. The field size will be capped at a total of 156 players.
7. 2023 Australian Master of the Amateurs Men's Championship Exemptions are displayed on the Australian Master of the Amateurs website www.masteroftheamateurs.com.au
8. 2023 Australian Master of the Amateurs Women's Championship Exemptions are displayed on the Australian Master of the Amateurs website www.masteroftheamateurs.com.au
9. The 2023 Australian Master of the Amateurs Men's Green Jacket Champion shall receive an exemption into the 2023 Amateur Championship (UK), the 2023 Porter Cup (USA), the 2023 Dogwood Invitational (USA), the 2023 Canadian Men's Amateur Championship (CAN) and the 2023 Men's NSW Open.
10. The 2023 Australian Master of the Amateurs Women's Green Jacket Champion shall receive an exemption into the 2023 The Women's Western Amateur Championship (USA), the 2023 Women's Porter Cup Championship (USA), the 2023 Canadian Women's Amateur Championship (CAN) and the 2023 Women's NSW Open.
11. A **Championship Entry Fee of AU \$400.00 incl GST** is to be paid by all players or their 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, except as stated below in point 12 for a medical condition.
12. Players may receive a refund at the discretion of the Australian Master of the Amateurs, if the withdrawal is received prior to 5pm on Monday 26th December 2022, for a medical condition which prevents them being able to participate in the championship. A medical certificate written by a medical practitioner must be provided for such a refund. An administration fee of \$100 will be withheld from the entry fee. No refund will be given for any circumstances after 5pm on Monday 26th December 2022, notwithstanding any medical condition of a player.
13. Please note player entry is non-transferable.

RULES OF GOLF

The Rules of Golf; Effective January 2023, as published by The R&A and the USGA, subsequent clarifications and any Terms of the Competition (TCs) and Local Rules (LRs) apply to all play at the 2023 Men's & Women's Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships.

It is the player's responsibility to be aware of the Rules of Golf, clarifications, TCs and LRs.

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.

RETURNING OF SCORECARD

A player's scorecard is officially returned when the player has left the recording office / scorers area with both feet.

ANTI-DOPING POLICY

The Golf Australia anti-doping policy applies for this event. The Golf Australia anti-doping policy is the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy, effective from 1 January 2021. www.golf.org.au/policiesandbylaws/ to view the policy.

MOTORISED TRANSPORT

A player or a caddie will only be permitted to ride on motorised transportation in circumstances expressly described in (a) or (b) or (c) below.

(a) When authorised (or later approved) by the committee in charge of the competition due to circumstances that arise during the playing of a round. For example, a player who is about to play (or who has just played) under penalty of stroke and distance, and their caddie, is automatically authorised to ride on motorised transportation.

(b) When approved by GA as a person who currently requires the use of motorised transportation in order to participate in the game of golf. To be considered for approval, the player or caddie must provide to GA written advice from a medical practitioner, or a physiotherapist, or a chiropractor, or an osteopath, or the like, stating they currently require the use of motorised transportation to participate in the game of golf. The advice must be emailed to golfoperations@golf.org.au before the event's closing time for entries. The advice from the health professional must specify the period of time that use of the motorised transportation is required (i.e. 1 week, 1 month, 1 year, or indefinitely). When an exemption is granted, the use of motorised transportation must solely serve the purpose of transportation.

(c) Any player or caddie aged 65 years or over is permitted to use motorised transportation without needing to apply to Golf Australia for approval.

Penalty for breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

Golf carts are at the player's own expense and MUST be booked directly with the host club. Carts are subject to availability, and players may be requested to share. Use of own carts is permitted.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

All entrants are bound by GA's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available on the GA Website www.golf.org.au/competitionpolicies. 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 any State Association or GA for the purposes of administering Competitions or state championships, events, competitions, practice sessions or major activities conducted or sanctioned by a State Association, or any State Association or GA codes of conduct and/or other related matters.

LEGAL POLICIES (E.G MATCH FIXING POLICY)

All entrants are bound to comply with all of GA'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.

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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. Registration: All competitors in the 2023 Men's & Women's Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships must register at the Australian Master of the Amateurs Tournament Office, at Southern Golf Club between 06:00am – 1pm on Monday 2nd January 2023. 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.
4. Practice balls will be provided on the Practice Fairway, at Southern Golf Club, prior to tee off for the practice round (Monday AM), the AM-AM Team Challenge (Monday PM) and on each of the four tournament days. (Tuesday – Friday)
5. Players will have access to the Practice Fairway, prior to tee off, for the practice round (Monday AM), the AM-AM Team Challenge (Monday PM) and the four tournament days (Tuesday – Friday).
6. The 2023 Australian Master of the Amateurs Tournament functions may be subject to COVID Restrictions and numbers at the time. No additional guests will be able to attend these functions. This may be reviewed closer to the championships. If additional guests are allowed to attend a fee will be charged.
 - The AM-AM Team Challenge players (Monday PM Field) are invited to attend the AM-AM Cocktail Party on Monday 2nd January 2023. Players will receive details of this function in the Player Itinerary, in December.
 - Players participating in the Final Round of the Championships, on Friday 6th January will be able to attend the Australian Master of the Amateurs Closing Ceremony at the end of play.
7. Any access to Southern Golf Club prior to the 2nd January 2023 must be approved by The General Manager, Southern Golf Club.
8. 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 Southern Golf Club during the tournament.
9. The preferred local accommodation for the 2023 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship is the Quest Cheltenham Serviced Apartments. Booking details on 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 Southern Golf Club, by 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.
10. No billets shall be provided for players by the Australian Master of the Amateurs.
11. No caddies shall be provided for players by the Australian Master of the Amateurs. Players may use their own caddies.
12. All competitors participate in the 2023 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship at their own risk. The Championship Committee, Master of the Amateurs Pty. Ltd., the sponsors, Southern 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.
13. Air travel, airport transfers and tournament accommodation are not included in the tournament entry fee and are not provided by the Australian Master of the Amateurs.
14. All visitors entering Australia must possess a valid Passport.
15. All visitors are required to check if a VISA is required for entry into Australia, and to obtain a VISA if it is required.

16. International players are advised to check the status of Australia's International borders for COVID-19 travel restrictions.
For Australian International Border Restrictions visit:
<https://www.australia.gov.au/information-on-international-travel>
<https://covid19.homeaffairs.gov.au/coming-australia>
17. Climate in Melbourne. Summer: 25-35 deg Celsius (Average).
18. The Tournament Directors, and Championship Match Committee of Master of the Amateurs Pty. Ltd., together with the management of Southern 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.
19. 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 Southern Golf Club.