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## **2019 MEN'S & WOMEN'S AUSTRALIAN MASTER OF THE AMATEURS CHAMPIONSHIPS – TERMS & CONDITIONS.**

Participants in the 2019 Men's Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship or the 2019 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 a 72-hole stroke event played over four days open to elite amateur golfers through Exemptions. Players participating in the 2019 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships must be available to play the Australian Master of the Amateurs AM-AM Challenge on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019. The 2019 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship will be played Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
2. All competitors participating in the 2019 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships are required to attend the Australian Master of the Amateurs Welcome Function at The Royal Melbourne Golf Club, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Dress Code shall be Official National or International Golf Association Blazer or Jacket.
3. Competitors must have an official handicap not exceeding 1.4. This handicap must be endorsed by Golf Australia, or the International equivalent.
4. The field for the 2019 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships will be capped at 78 elite male amateur golfers and 48 elite female amateur golfers.
5. Registration: All competitors in the 2019 Men's & Women's Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship must register at the Australian Master of the Amateurs Tournament Office, at The Royal Melbourne Golf Club between 07:00am – 11:00am on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019. 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discretion of the Championship Committee, have their entry rights to the Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship withdrawn.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.
6. **2019 Australian Master of the Amateurs Men's Championship Exemptions:**  
2018 USA Amateur Champion (USA), 2018 Amateur Champion (UK), 2018 European Amateur Champion, 2018 Porter Cup Champion (USA), 2018 The Players Amateur Champion (USA), 2018 The Dogwood Invitational Champion (USA), The highest ranked Australian Junior as ranked by the R&A World Amateur Golf Ranking on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018 (AUS), 2018 Canadian Men's Amateur Champion (CAN), 2018 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018, Australian Master of the Amateurs International Championship Committee Exemptions.
7. **2019 Australian Master of the Amateurs Women's Championship Exemptions:**  
2018 Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific Champion, 2018 US Ladies Amateur Champion (USA), 2018 European Ladies Amateur Champion (EUR), 2018 Ladies British Open Amateur Champion (UK), NCAA Women's Medal Champion (USA), Canadian Women's Amateur Champion (CAN), Internationaux De France U21 – Trophée Esmond Champion (FRA), Spanish Ladies Amateur Champion (ESP), The highest ranked Australian Junior as ranked by the R&A Amateur Golf Ranking on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018, 2018 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018), 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 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018, Australian Master of the Amateurs International Championship Committee Exemptions.
8. Please note player entry is non-transferable.
9. The 2019 Australian Master of the Amateurs Men's Green Jacket Champion shall receive an exemption into the 2019 Amateur Championship (UK), the 2019 Porter Cup (USA), 2019 The Players Amateur (USA), the 2019 Dogwood Invitational (USA), the 2019 Canadian Men's Amateur Championship (CAN) and the 2019 Men's NSW Open.
10. The 2019 Australian Master of the Amateurs Women's Green Jacket Champion shall receive an exemption into the 2019 The Women's Western Amateur Championship (USA), 2019 Women's Porter Cup Championship (USA), and the 2019 Canadian Women's Amateur Championship (CAN).

9. A **Championship Entry Fee of AU \$340.00** 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.

## **TOURNAMENT RULES:**

### **Conditions of Competition & Local Rules for the 2019 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championships – The New Rules of Golf as by the R&A and USGA will be in effect for the 2019 Championships.**

**The following rules will be amended to the New Rules of Golf prior to the 2019 Championships.**

The full text of the Local Rules may be found in the current edition of the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Limited at the page numbers noted.

#### **SECTION A – CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION**

The following Conditions, in concert with those contained in the specific event conditions on the R&A website and any other additions or amendments as published, will apply under Rule 33-1.

##### **1. Pace of Play (note 2 to rule 6-7)**

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 second or subsequent groups, out of position.

From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a “first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt” or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or “second or third to play shot” they shall be deemed to have had a bad time.

The time allowed will be determined by the committee and will be available prior to play. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front. (“Ready Golf” is encouraged at all times).

A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time. Note: It is not necessary for players to be advised they are being timed.

#### **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION**

1<sup>ST</sup> Bad Time: Player will be warned by the official and told that if they have a further Bad Time they will be penalised.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bad Time: One Stroke Penalty

3<sup>rd</sup> and any subsequent Bad Time: Additional two-stroke penalty for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and each subsequent, bad time.

#### **WHEN TIMING COMMENCES:**

*Other than when on the putting green*, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is their turn to play and they can play without interference or distraction. Reasonable time spent by the first player to play in determining their yardage will not count as time taken for the next stroke.

*On the putting green*, the timing of a player's stroke will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace their ball, repair ball marks and remove loose impediments on their line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and /or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

2. **Transportation** – The specimen condition on page 159 - 160 is in effect.

##### **3. Practice (Rule 7)**

- (a) Players may use all recognised practice areas within the bounds of the course for practice at specified times.
- (b) Practice between holes – Practice on or near the putting green of the last hole played, and rolling a ball on the putting green of the last hole played is prohibited.

##### **4. Drugs**

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, will be disqualified and subject to any sanction(s) brought down by ASADA. A list of the prohibited substances will be available at registration. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via the ASADA hotline – 13 000 ASADA (13 000 27232) – or from [www.asada.gov.au](http://www.asada.gov.au)

##### **5. Returning of Scorecard**

A scorecard will be deemed returned when a player has completely left the designated recording area, unless the player verbally informs the scoring official that they need to leave the recording area and will immediately return.

##### **6. How to Decide Ties**

Stroke Play – In the event of a tie for first place there will be a “sudden-death” play-off to decide the winner on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole for as long as required.

## **SECTION B – LOCAL RULES**

The following Local Rules, together with any other additions or amendments as published, will apply in accordance with Rule 33-8.

##### **1. Out of Bounds (Rule 27)**

(a) Beyond the inside line of any wall, fence (or the extension of such wall or fence line) or line of white stakes and/or white lines defining the boundary of the course.

(b) A ball which crosses a public pathway / roadway area defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that area is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

**Note:**

- (i) Where out of bounds is defined by white stakes or fence posts (excluding angled supports) the line joining the nearest inside points at ground level of such stakes or posts defines the boundary. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies over such line. (Note: Angled supports of a boundary fence are obstructions).
- (ii) Where boundary fence posts have concrete bases, out of bounds is defined by the post (NOT the bases) – additionally, the concrete bases are NOT obstructions.

**2. Water Hazards (Including lateral water hazards) (Rule 26.)**

- (a) When both stakes and lines are used to define a water hazard, the stakes identify the hazard and the lines define the margin.
- (b) A water hazard marking stake is a movable obstruction if it may be moved without unreasonable effort, without unduly delaying play, and without causing damage.

**Note:** Dropping Zones for Water Hazards – Where there are dropping zones for water hazards, a ball may be played under Rule 26, or a ball may be dropped in the dropping zone nearest to where the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard under penalty of one stroke. When dropping a ball in a dropping zone, the dropped ball must not be re-dropped if it comes to rest within two club-lengths of the spot where it first struck a part of the course even though it may finish outside the boundaries of the dropping zone or nearer the hole.

**3. Ground Under Repair (Rule 25-1)**

- (a) Areas encircled by white paint. The white paint may appear in any of the following ways – dots, broken lines, or unbroken lines
- (b) Seams of cut turf – the Specimen Local Rule on page 145 is in effect
- (c) Washaways in bunkers and at the margins of bunkers
- (d) Any area of damaged ground (e.g. Caused by crowd or vehicle movement) that is considered by a referee to be abnormal damage.

**4. Abnormal Ground Conditions (Rule 25-1)**

- (a) Relief will be denied for interference to stance from a hole, cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or bird.
- (b) Relief is available for lie of ball or area of intended swing from any painted distance markings situated in any closely mown area through the green and paint-markings at the fronts and backs of greens. Note: This does not include painted distances on long driving holes.

**5. Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24-2)**

- (a) The asphalt and concrete (only) artificial surfaces and sides of roads and paths.
- (b) White – Lined areas adjoining an obstruction are part of that obstruction and not GUR.

**6. Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green (e.g. Sprinkler Heads)**

The Specimen Local Rule on pages 146 – 147 is in effect

**7. Integral Parts of the Course**

All garden beds, roads, paths and tracks which are not artificially surfaced in asphalt or concrete.

**8. Staked / Protected Trees and Shrubs**

Staked / Protected trees and Staked / protected shrubs are immovable obstructions. The obstruction includes the shrub / tree, AND the stakes, AND any artificial protective guard. Note – A wood-chipped (or other constructed) basin surrounding a tree or shrub that is either staked and/or protected by a tree guard is considered to be a part of the obstruction. If the ball lies in a water hazard, the player may lift and drop the ball in accordance with Rule 24-2b(i) except that the nearest point of relief must be in the water hazard and the ball must be dropped in the water hazard or the player may proceed under Rule 26. The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this Local Rule.

**NOTE:** The stakes and tree guards are **IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS**.

**9. Stones in Bunkers**

Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies)

**10. Embedded Ball – Extended to Through the Green**

The Specimen Local Rule on page 142 - 143 is in effect.

**11. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (e.g. Temporary Signage Erected for the Event)**

The Specimen Local Rule on pages 147 – 148 is in effect.

**12. Accidental Movement of a Ball on the Putting Green (Rules 18-2, 18-3, and 20-1)**

Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

**13. Distance Measuring Devices**

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance – measuring device. If during a stipulated round, a player 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 14-3.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE – STROKE PLAY – TWO STROKES**

## **OTHER TOURNAMENT RULES**

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. A draw for each day's play will be made and displayed. Players must start at the time and in the order arranged by the Championship Committee in accordance with rule 6-3a. The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification.
4. However, it is a condition of the tournament that, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, if a player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes of his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole in stroke play, instead of disqualification.
5. The championship will be played over 72 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 Royal Melbourne Golf Club, the morning of Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019. 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 Royal Melbourne 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 Royal Melbourne Golf Club during the tournament.
6. The preferred local accommodation for the 2019 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.
7. All competitors participate in the 2019 Australian Master of the Amateurs Championship at their own risk. The Championship Committee, Master of the Amateurs Pty. Ltd., the sponsors, The Royal Melbourne 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.
8. Air travel, airport transfers and tournament accommodation are **not included**, unless specified by the Australian Master of the Amateurs.
9. A daily transfer from the Quest Cheltenham Serviced Apartments to The Royal Melbourne Golf Club and return will be provided by Quest Cheltenham for players with accommodation at the Quest Cheltenham.
10. All visitors entering Australia must possess a valid Passport.
11. All visitors are required to check if a VISA is required for entry into Australia, and to obtain a VISA if it is required.
12. Climate in Melbourne. Summer: 25-35 deg Celsius (Average).
13. The Tournament Directors, and Championship Match Committee of Master of the Amateurs Pty. Ltd., together with the management of The Royal Melbourne 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.
13. 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 Royal Melbourne Golf Club.