

2022 Play 9 National Final Terms of Competition

1. Format

- a) The Play 9 National Final will be played over 9-holes of individual Stableford in Melbourne, the week commencing 28 November 2022.
- b) The stroke index to be used shall be provided to players immediately prior to play.
- c) Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - Winner, Runner Up and Third: Male
 - Winner, Runner Up and Third: Female
 - Winner: Interstate Team Event
- d) Ties for positions will be determined by Golf Australia countback. The best score for the last 6 holes shall be used (i.e. holes 13-18 if play occurs on the back nine, or holes 4-9 if play occurs on the front nine); if there is still a tie the last 3 holes (i.e. holes 16-18 if play occurs on the back nine or holes 7-9 if play occurs on the front nine), if a tie still persists then hole-by-hole from the 9th or 18th hole.
- e) In the event that the competition cannot be played, or that the number of holes played is less than 9-holes, the Championship Play Committee will determine how the winners are decided.

2. Entries

- a) The field will consist of a maximum of 28 players who have qualified via their State/Territory Association qualifying competition. In the event of a withdrawal of one of those 28 players, a substitution is permitted as determined by the Championships Play Committee.
- b) Entrants must hold a GA handicap with a maximum limit of 54.4. Players' GA Daily Handicaps will apply at the National Final.
- c) Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
- d) Entrants must adhere to GA's Covid-19 vaccination policy, found [here](#).
- e) The qualifying players will receive the following at no cost:
 - Return flights to the national final from their nearest major city.
 - Two nights' accommodation.
 - \$200 local meal and transport allowance.
 - Attendance at the 2022 Play 9 function.
 - A player gift pack.
 - Two (2) x Seasons Passes to the 2022 Australian Open.
- f) The Championship Play Committee has the right to withdraw any person from the event at any time for COVID-19 related circumstances.

3. Interstate Stroke Teams Event

- a) Each competing state and the Northern Territory will contest the Interstate Stroke Teams Event.
- b) The winning team will be determined by the highest aggregate of the three best Stableford scores.
- c) In the event of a tie, the winning team shall be decided by the score of the fourth player and if a tie still exists the result shall be decided by a Golf Australia count-back on the fourth players' score. If a tie still exists, joint winners will be declared.

4. Championship Play Committee

- a) The Championship Play Committee will comprise GA's General Manager - Golf Development, GA's General Manager - Events & Operations, and GA's Junior Product Manager.
- b) In the absence of a full Championship Play Committee, such members thereof, as may be present at the time, may give a decision so given shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Play Committee.
- c) The Championship Play Committee will have the sole management and control of the Championship, with full power at any time to alter or vary any of the terms.
- d) The Championship Play Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship will be final.

5. Rules of Play

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply, together with any additional Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

6. Pace of Play

Rule 5.6 will be strictly enforced. Each group will be allocated a walking referee to ensure pace of play is adhered to. Players must pick up once they can no longer score on a hole.

7. Caddies

A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the event. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. A player having a caddie in breach of this condition must immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that they conform with this condition for the remainder of the stipulated round.

8. 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 4.3.

9. Motorised Transport

A player 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, is automatically authorised to ride on motorised transportation.
- b) When approved by GA due to one of the 10 eligible disability impairments recognised by the International Golf Federation.
 - Details of the 10 eligible impairments are provided by [clicking here](#).
 - A player seeking authorisation to ride on any form of motorised transportation as a result of one of the 10 eligible disability impairments recognised by the International Golf Federation must email GA (golfoperations@golf.org.au) to obtain information on procedures for submitting requests.
 - All such requests and required information must be submitted to GA before the date of the National Final.
- c) Any player who is not covered by one of the 10 eligible disability impairments recognised by the International Golf Federation (see clause (b)), but who believes they are impacted by exceptional circumstances, has the option of applying to GA for special approval to use motorised transportation. To be considered, such applications must be received via email by GA's General Manager – Events & Operations before the date of the National Final (email: golfoperations@golf.org.au).

10. Anti-Doping Policy

The GA anti-doping policy applies for this event. The GA anti-doping policy is the Australian National Anti-Doping Policy, effective from 1 January 2021, and can be found by [clicking here](#).

11. Database of Competitors' Details

The personal data contained in this entry is permanently retained by GA. This data may be utilised by GA 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 GA e-newsletter, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of GA events, or information about events conducted by GA approved bodies. Upon receipt by GA 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](#).

12. Code of Conduct

All entrants are bound by GA's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available at www.golf.org.au/policies-and-by-laws. 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.

13. 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. 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 GA's Legal Policies.

14. Smoking and Alcohol Policy

Players are prohibited from smoking and consuming alcohol during a round. (Note: In addition to the more traditional forms of smoking, this policy is also considered to cover vaping and the like). The following penalty structure applies for a breach of the above policy:

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| ▪ First breach: | Warning |
| ▪ Second breach: | One-Stroke Penalty |
| ▪ Third breach: | General Penalty |
| ▪ Fourth breach or any subsequent misconduct: | Disqualification |

The Committee in charge of the competition will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final.