



Play 9 at the 2019 Australian Open Conditions of Play

1. Format

- 1.1 Play 9 at the 2019 Australian Open will be played as a Single Stableford competition over holes 10-18 at The Australian Golf Club on Saturday 7 December 2019.
- 1.2 The stroke index to be used shall be provided to players immediately prior to play.
- 1.3 Male players will play the Men's White Course (Slope Rating of 132) and female players will play the Women's Red Course (Slope Rating of 132).
- 1.4 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
 - Winner & Runner Up: Male
 - Winner & Runner Up: Female
 - Winner: Interstate Team Event
- 1.5 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 there is still a tie the last 3 holes (i.e. holes 16-18), if a tie still persists then hole-by-hole from the 18th hole.
- 1.6 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

- 2.1 The field will consist of a maximum of 28 players who have qualified via their State/Territory Association qualifying competition held between 6 May 2019 and 10 November 2019. In the event of a withdrawal of one of those 28 players, a substitution is permitted as determined by the Championships Play Committee.
- 2.2 Must hold a valid GA handicap with a maximum limit of 36.4 for men and 45.4 for women.
- 2.3 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited.
- 2.4 The qualifying players will receive the following at no cost:
 - A weekend pass for the 2019 Australian Open as guests of Golf Australia;
 - Return economy air travel to Sydney from the nearest major city in the player's state/territory;
 - Two nights' accommodation (Friday and Saturday nights);
 - \$200 to cover local transport and meals in Sydney;
 - Attendance at the Play 9 presentation reception;
 - Tickets to the Australian Open champion's cocktail reception on Sunday evening;
 - A player gift pack.

3. Interstate Stroke Teams Event

- 3.1 Each competing state and the Northern Territory will nominate a team comprising a maximum of four players (two male/two female).
- 3.2 The winning team will be determined by the highest aggregate of the three best Stableford scores.
- 3.3 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.

4. Championship Play Committee

The Championship Play Committee will comprise the Tournament Director - Opens, General Manager – Golf Development, Senior Manager – Play Management and Regulations and the Junior Products Coordinator.

5. Rules of Play

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply, together with the GA hard card and 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

Players must not ride in any form of transportation during the event unless authorised by the Championship Play Committee. Penalty: Stroke Play – 2 strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

Any player seeking authorisation to use a golf cart due to a disability as defined under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 should contact Golf Australia to obtain information on procedures for submitting such requests. All such requests and required information must be submitted to Golf Australia simultaneously and together with the entry form (or within 2 days of the on-line entry being received). Requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not qualify as a permanent disability under the Act will not be granted.

10. Code of Conduct

All entrants are bound by GA's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available at <http://www.golf.org.au/policies>. 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.

11. Smoking Policy

Players are prohibited from smoking during a stipulated round. (Note: In addition to the more traditional forms of smoking, this policy is also considered to cover vaping and the like, etc.) Details of sanctions for a breach of this policy are contained in GA's Code of Conduct.