

2025 GOLD COAST OPEN

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(To be used in conjunction with the Golf Australia Hard Card)

1. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

- 1.1. The 2025 Gold Coast Open is scheduled to be played over 36-holes Stroke Play at Southport Golf Club
- Round 1 – Saturday 5 April 12pm shotgun
 - Round 2 – Sunday 6 April 12pm shotgun
- 1.2. In the event of a tie for the Gold Coast Open, a play-off is to be staged. (if time permits), otherwise a count-back will be utilised. The playoff will be played at a time and in a manner as decided by the Championship Play Committee. Ties for all other positions shall be decided by count-back as recommended by GA.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Eligible players are amateurs whose GA handicap or overseas equivalent at the time of entry does not exceed 24.0 for males, females, boys & girls in accordance with the World Handicap System.
- 2.2. An entrant who holds current handicaps in multiple countries, and who is not exempt from a handicap ballot, is required to advise GA of the details of all handicaps they hold. GA will determine which handicap is to be used for ballot purposes; this handicap will also be used to determine whether the player has conformed with the handicap limit for the championship.
- 2.3. Players must comply with GA's Gender policy at the time of the competition.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. The entry fee for members is \$60 and for visitors is \$180 (incl. GST). Entry fee must be paid at the time of entry.
- 3.2. Entries shall be made online via the registration portal at www.golf.org.au/eventscalendar for non Southport Golf Club members. Southport Golf Members may enter in the Golf Shop or via the MiClub tee sheet.
- 3.3. GA shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal
- 3.4. Fully completed registrations, together with appropriate entrance fees, must be received by GA by 5pm AEST on Friday 28th March 2025. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to ensure their entry has been received. A player's registration has not officially been received until their name has been posted at www.golf.org.au.
- 3.5. The field for the championship will be limited to 124 players, with a minimum of 24 positions reserved for women gender, (once entries close, unused gender positions will open). In the event of entries exceeding the number of available places in the Championship, a ballot will be undertaken based on handicap (higher handicap players will be eliminated). Note: The Championship Play Committee reserves the right to increase the number of male or female players should the total field size not be achieved.
- 3.6. Unsuccessful applicants will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur. Monies received from balloted entrants, who do not subsequently compete, will be refunded in entirety.

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3.7. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Championship Play Committee.

3.8. The draw for the competition will be sent to players and available at www.golf.org.au/events approximately one week before the event.

4. TROPHIES:

4.1. Trophies will be awarded for:

- Gold Coast Open Championship:
 - Gross (Champion, Runner-Up & Third Place)
- Men's Class:
 - Gross (Champion & Runner-Up)
- Women's Class:
 - Gross (Champion & Runner-Up)
- Boys Class:
 - Gross (Champion & Runner-Up)
- Girls Class:
 - Gross (Champion & Runner-Up)
- Round 1:
 - Men Nett (Winner & Runner-Up)
 - Women Nett (Winner & Runner-Up)
 - Boys Nett (Winner & Runner-Up)
 - Girls Nett (Winner & Runner-Up)
- Round 2:
 - Men Nett (Winner & Runner-Up)
 - Women Nett (Winner & Runner-Up)
 - Boys Nett (Winner & Runner-Up)
 - Girls Nett (Winner & Runner-Up)

5. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

5.1. The Championship Play Committee will comprise of; GA Tournament Coordinator(s), a representative from the host venue and/or a representative from the host state.

5.2. In the absence of a full Championship Play Committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision, and any decision so given will be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Play Committee.

5.3. 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.

5.4. The Championship Play Committee's decision on matters affecting the Championship will be final.

6. REFUND POLICY

6.1. Any entrant may withdraw and have the entrance fee refunded provided notification is received 5 days prior to the first round. To be eligible for a refund after this time players must provide GA supporting documents regarding their withdrawal from the event (e.g., medical certificate). In the case of an event not being completed (for example due to weather delays) refunds will not be provided.

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7. MOTORISED TRANSPORT

- 7.1. Motor Buggies and personal GPS are permitted. (Rule 4.3a applies), however if, for any reason, motor buggies are not allowed on the course and the course is open for play, the competition will proceed.
- 7.2. Golf carts are at the player's own expense and MUST be booked directly with the host club. Carts are subject to availability.

8. SCORECARD

- 8.1. Official Score Submission of a player's scores under Rule 3.3b is via GolfBox or MiScore mobile scoring – players should enter their own scores on their mobile device. Score submission must be accompanied by certification from both the player and the marker. Exception: players who do not have access to a phone to use during the competition must advise the competition organisers at registration, where a paper scorecard will be administered. For a non-mobile user who needs to submit their scores via a physical card, it is the marker who must write the player's hole-by-hole scores on the scorecard. At the end of the round, the card must be signed by the player and the marker. PLEASE NOTE: scorecards are considered submitted upon digital signature (player/marker) & 5 minutes has elapsed.

9. RULES OF GOLF & GOLF AUSTRALIA HARD CARD

- 9.1. The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply, together with GA's Hard Card, and any additional Local Rules as drawn up by the Championship Play Committee.

10. ANTI-DOPING POLICY AND IMPROPER USE OF DRUGS AND MEDICINE POLICY

- 10.1. The Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy within Sport Integrity Australia's National Integrity Framework and Sport Integrity Australia's National Anti-Doping policy apply for this event. The National Anti-Doping Policy prevails if there are inconsistencies. These can be found by clicking [here](#).

11. DATABASE OF COMPETITORS' DETAILS

- 11.1. 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

- 12.1. All entrants are bound by GA's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available by clicking [here](#). 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.

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13. LEGAL POLICIES (E.G. MATCH FIXING POLICY)

13.1. All entrants are bound to comply with all of GA's legal policies (i.e. Match Fixing) and the Competition Manipulation and Sports Wagering Policy within Sport Integrity Australia National Integrity Framework. 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.

14. SMOKING & CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL POLICY

14.1. Players and caddies 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:

- First breach: Warning
- Second breach: One-Stroke Penalty
- Third breach: General Penalty
- Fourth breach or any

subsequent misconduct: Disqualification

The Championship Play Committee will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final.

15. IMAGES

15.1. GA may arrange for promotion of the Championship, for radio, internet and television broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship or excerpts thereof in any and all media throughout the world, whether now known or hereafter developed. By this application, the player consents to the use by GA, or persons authorised by GA, of their name, likeness, voice and references to them and photographs and other images of them and their play connected with their appearance in the Championship, or any portion(s) thereof, in connection with such media promotion, broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship. GA may utilise the rights granted it hereunder in connection with the promotion of this Championship as well as other GA Championships and GA. The cooperation of players with authorised representatives of the media is required, provided that no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required and provided that the player's Championship play is not unreasonably interfered with.