

2018 GOLF NORTH QUEENSLAND MENS' OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONS OF PLAY

NOTE TO PLAYERS

- a. **MOTORISED CART HIRE:** All buggy booking is through We R Golf (07) 4942 1362 (Mackay Golf Club). Please contact the golf club should you be a visitor whom wishes to bring your personal motorised cart onto the course.
- b. **PULL CART HIRE** – Local players are encouraged to bring their own pull carts. For pull cart bookings please ring Mackay Pro Shop on (07) 4942 1521
- c. **DRAW** – The draw will be available on the Golf North Queensland website from 13th June 2018. It is the player's responsibility to check the website for the draw.
- d. **HANDICAPS** – Players will play on their Golf Australia handicap as of Saturday 16th June 2018 for the entirety of the championship. Golf North Queensland will take note of each player's handicap through Golfink at 5pm on 11th June 2018 to determine playing divisions for draw purposes.
Please note: Whilst players' GA Handicaps may change between the 11th and 16th June, each player will remain in the Draw they were placed on the 11th June. Players' Daily Handicaps may fall outside the Grade parameters and will be used to determine Net prizes.
- e. **TRAVEL** – If you are travelling with others please notify in the text box provided in the online entry and Golf North Queensland will endeavour to accommodate the requests of all players.
- f. **NOMINATIONS CLOSE:** Monday 11th June at 5pm.

1. **GNQ MENS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP:** The GNQ Mens Open Championship will be 36 holes Stroke Play on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June 2018 at Mackay Golf Club. GNQ Open Grades are: A Grade: up to 10, B Grade: 1-18, C Grade: 19-36 and Senior Division: 55 and over, Junior: A junior is a golfer who has not attained the age of 18 years on or before Saturday 16th June 2018.
2. **GNQ MENS MATCH COMMITTEE:** The GNQ Mens Match Committee will have control of the event in conjunction with Mackay Golf Club Match Committee and Golf QLD. The GNQ Mens Match Committee reserves the right to: (a) fix and /or alter starting times, (b) in the event of bad weather or for any other reason either shorten the contest or fix another day/venue, (c) vary any condition should they deem it advisable, (d) reject any entry without assigning any reason therefore.

The decision of the GNQ Mens Match Committee will be final in all matters and in the absence of a full committee, such members as may be present at the time may give a decision and any decision so given shall be deemed to be the decision of the full Match Committee.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 The Golf North Queensland Open Championship is open to all male amateur golfers with a Golf Australia Handicap who are members of a golf club affiliated through their District Golf Association with Golf Queensland or other State/National Associations.

3.2 Entry is by online registration only.

3.3 Entries close on Monday 11th June at 5.00pm.

3.4 The entry fee must be paid at the time of registration. Telephone entries will not be accepted.

3.5 Once the draw is published there will be no refund of entry fee to players who withdraw from the event.

4. **PUBLICITY:** Golf North Queensland and Golf Queensland arranges publicity before, during and/or after this Championship. It is a condition of entry that all players assent to references to them, and pictures of them in practice and play being published via and medium, including internet.
5. **PRIVACY:** Golf North Queensland and Golf Queensland may retain the personal details (i.e. name, address, handicap) of entrants in this Championship on its records. The purpose of doing so is such that information on other future events conducted by Golf North Queensland (or other parties) can be forwarded as deemed appropriate by Golf Queensland. This information will not be available to any other organisation. Any person may have their details removed from this database by phoning Golf North Queensland Secretary on 0456 847 566.
6. **DRESS REGULATIONS:** It is a requirement of this tournament that all players must comply with the dress regulations of the Host Club.
7. **PRACTICE:** The provision of practice rounds will be by arrangement with the host club, under whatever terms and conditions they determine.
8. **RULES:** The Rules of Golf as adopted by the R&A Rules Limited will apply together with additional Local Rules as are approved by the GNQ Mens Match Committee.
9. **COURSE MARKERS:** During practice or during the Championship a player shall not place on the course, or cause to be placed on the course, any artificial marker.
10. **HANDICAP:** Players will use their Golf Australia Daily handicap as of Saturday 16th June 2018 for the entirety of the championship. Golf Queensland will take note of each player's Golf Australia Daily handicap through Golflink on 11th June 2018 at 5pm to determine playing divisions for draw purposes.
11. **DRAW AND STARTING TIMES:** A draw for each day's play will be published on the Golf North Queensland website, Golf North Queensland Facebook page and the Mackay Golf Club website. Players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the GNQ Mens Match Committee. Rule 6-3 applies. *Rule 6-3a provides "The player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee". The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification.*
12. **MOTORISED BUGGIES:** Players may use motorised Buggies in this Championship. Golf North Queensland accepts no responsibility for the availability of motorised transport or whether permission is granted to use motorised transport at the Host Club. Private cart hire: Any player using a cart buggy is responsible for any costs associated with injury or damage as a result of their use of the cart. Club hire of carts is according to Club regulations.
13. **BALL:** It will be obligatory for all competitors in the Championship to play with a ball which is named in the current R&A and/or USGA Approved Lists. Copies of these lists are available from www.randa.org. Penalty: Disqualification.
14. **PACE OF PLAY:** Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced.
15. **MOBILE PHONES:** The use of mobile phones by Players and/or Caddies during the play of any competition round is prohibited. Serious breaches of etiquette may result in disqualification.



- 16. TIES:** In the event of a tie or ties for Gross winner, unless the GNQ Mens Match Committee otherwise determines, play shall continue over such holes as the GNQ Mens Match Committee shall decide, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with other or others until the winner is determined. All other trophies will be decided by the Australian Countback System.
- 17. CODE OF CONDUCT:** All entrants are bound by the Golf North Queensland - Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available on Queensland's website www.golfnq.org.au.
- 18. PROTESTS:** Protests must be lodged in writing to the GNQ Mens Match Committee no later than 10 minutes after the player's round each day.
- 19. RESULTS:** Cards must be submitted within 10 minutes after the player's round each day.
- 20. TROPHIES:** Trophies will be awarded for the following events: - 36-hole Gross & Gross Runner-up over A,B & C Grade; 36-holes Net & Net Runner-up over A,B & C Grade, 18-hole Net over A,B & C Grade on Saturday and Sunday and those other categories that the committee may determine. NOTE: Each competitor will be eligible to win ONE trophy only in each event.

The Golf North Queensland Open Champion will be eligible for exemption into the Isuzu Queensland Open event provided he has a Golf Australia Handicap of 4.4 or less. This Exemption is not transferable.

The Golf North Queensland Closed Champion will be eligible to play in the QLD Men's Champion of Champions Championship with expenses to \$1,000. GNQ will reimburse reasonable expenses to the value of \$1000 on proof of receipts to the Treasurer.

The Golf North Queensland Senior Closed Champion will be eligible to play in the Queensland Senior Men's Amateur Championship provided his GA is 18.4 or less and will receive \$1,000 toward expenses. GNQ will reimburse reasonable expenses to the value of \$1000 on proof of receipts to the Treasurer.

The Golf North Queensland Junior Closed Champion will be eligible to play in the QLD Boy's Amateur Championship provided his GA handicap is 12.4 or less and will receive \$1000 toward expenses. An additional \$500 will be available for parent or guardian to accompany player. If he has not already nominated for this event, then the Gary Player Classic may be substituted. GNQ will reimburse reasonable expenses to the total value of \$1500 (\$1000 + \$500) on proof of receipts to the Treasurer. ** To qualify a junior golfer will not attain the age of 18 years on or before Tuesday 3rd July 2018.

For all information, draws and results visit

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