

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA
12 YEARS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
RULES AND GUIDELINES

Note: These Rules and Guidelines are to be read in conjunction with the “School Sport Australia General Policies” and with reference to the ‘National Secretary Event Organisation – Roles and Responsibilities’ and to ‘School Sport Australia Awards’.

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1.0 COMPETITION RULES

1.1 *Rules of the Game [National Secretary to speak to spectators before each day's play.]*

All games are to be played under the rules as laid down by "The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland" in conjunction with the following Conditions of Play:

- 1.1.1 No ride-on motorised buggies / carts, caddies or bag-pullers will be allowed for players unless dispensation is given. An appropriate person may need to be provided to drive the buggy.
- 1.1.2 The responsible use of motorised buggies / carts is to be addressed at the pre-event meeting of the Championship:
 - Managers are to set a responsible example with the appropriate use of motorised buggies/ carts, abiding by the safe use of these vehicles i.e. 2 people per buggy.
 - Students are not to be in charge of motorised buggies/ carts at any time during the Championship. Exemptions may be sought from the National Secretary.
- 1.1.3 Mobile phones and other electronic devices must be turned off or on silent mode on the course during competition.
- 1.1.4. Spectators, Parents and team managers are not allowed to coach or offer advice either verbally or by gesture to competitors during their round.
- 1.1.5 Spectators are required to stay 20m behind groups *and* to the side of the fairway.
- 1.1.6 Spectators, for the benefit of students should refrain from smoking in the vicinity of our golfers. School Sport operates under 'smoke free' guidelines.
- 1.1.7 Once competition starts, on course practice is not allowed on all championship venues. Breach of this rule will result in scores from that venue not counting for the relevant players.
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- 1.1.8 Each playing group should be accompanied by an adult 'walker', whose purpose is to monitor scores and control parental influences.

1.2 *Player Participation*

- 1.2.1 Bona-fide school students 12 years of age and under as at 31st December in the year of competition
 - Must possess a golf Handicap which is recognised by Golf Australia
 - Must currently attend a school under the control of state/territory organisations which are members of School Sport Australia
 - Be no younger than 10 years of age as at the 31st December in the year of the competition.

Age Dispensation may be granted to a State or Territory for these Championships as allowed through the School Sport Australia Sport Participation Policy.

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- 1.2.2 Written evidence and or a Golfink Card verifying a current handicap should be handed to the National Secretary by the team manager at the Pre-Event Meeting (Appendix 6.4).

1.3 *Team Size*

- 1.3.1 A team will consist of twelve (12) players, eight (8) boys and four (4) girls. Each State/Territory may enter a team with a minimum number of six (6) boys and three (3) girls.

1.4 *Championship Format*

- 1.4.1 Where possible the championship format should be as follows: Day 1 – Practice Round. Day 2 – 4 Player State Team Ambrose (2 boys and 1 girl team per state) Day 3 – Individual & Team Event. Day 4 – Half Day Excursion. Day 5 – Individual & Team Event
- 1.4.2 Where possible an AM start is preferable on all days.
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- 1.4.3 Pace of Play - To assist in the pace of play – a shot gun start is the preferred start format for all days/formats.

2.0 COMPETITION STRUCTURES

2.1 Invitational Players

- 2.1.1 Where a state or territory nominates a team of only six (6) boys and/or three (3) girls' players, other players from states and territories already represented can be invited to make up the numbers to match competing teams.

2.2 Draws

- 2.2.1 Draws for (i) pairings in the Ambrose Event and (ii) position in the Stroke Event are to be conducted by the host State / Territory and should be included in the Program.

Individual students should play with different students on each day of the Craig Parry Shield. A combination of handicaps should be evenly dispersed through all groups. The intent is to have a mix of handicaps in each group and players from each State and Territory.

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2.3 Team Championships – Handicap Event **- Girls (Brenda Carnavas Shield)** **- Boys (Bowtell/Abbott Shield)**

2.3.1 Play

A team 36 Hole Stroke Event, with the benefit of handicaps, shall be played in conjunction with the team Gross Championships for Boys and Girls.

2.3.2 Method of Determining a Winner

- 2.3.2.1 The winning team will be the team with the least aggregate gross scores using the best six (6) boys or the best three (3) girls rounds on the first two days of stroke play, to be played on two separate days, with the benefit of handicap.

- 2.3.2.2 In the event of a tie in the team 36 Hole Stroke Event joint winners / placings will be declared.

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2.4 Relative Importance of the Stroke and Handicap Events

- 2.4.1 At the School Sport Australia Championship first and second places (third if the numbers warrant) in the team Stroke Championship are the premier positions, then followed by the Handicap winners. This should be reflected in terms of trophy values.

2.5 Teams Stroke Play – Craig Parry Shield

2.5.1 Play

A Boys and Girls Team Stroke competition is to be conducted using gross scores from both rounds in the 36 Hole Stroke Event.

2.5.2 Method of Determining a Winner

- 2.5.2.1 The winning team will be the team with the least aggregate gross scores using the best six (6) boys plus the best three (3) girls rounds on the first day of stroke play together with the best six (6) boys plus the best three (3) girls rounds on the second day of stroke play to count.

- 2.5.2.2 In the situation that scores are equal **joint winners / placings will be declared**.

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2.6 Ambrose Competition

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2.6.1 Play

A 4 player state team ambrose is the preferred event to be played. Team formation boys ranked on handicap 1-8: Team 1: 1st, 4th, 5th & 8th. Team 2: 2nd, 3rd, 6th & 7th.

Prizes (to be organized by the host state/territory) be awarded for:

- (a) Winners Boys: Gross & Nett
- (b) Winners Girls: Gross & Nett
- (c) No State team should win both Gross & Nett in the same event (Gross shall take precedence)

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- (d) Ambrose State teams should play on consecutive holes. This allows managers to watch all groups more easily.

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Rules

All traditional rules of golf and ambrose format apply.
Each player must nominate a minimum of 3 tee shots during the round.
Through the green: Once selected ball is marked players may place ball within one club length of marker (no closer the hole).

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Green: Once selected ball is marked player may place ball within one putter head of marker (no closer the hole). No tap ins.

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Cards

Each player should record their own card as an educational experience and submit it to their manager as a practice card. The Official with each group should keep the official score card.

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3.0 ADVERSE PLAYING CONDITIONS

3.1 All Events

- 3.1.1 Play will continue under any weather conditions, except as follows:
- 3.1.1.1 the Club in question declares its course unplayable, or
 - 3.1.1.2 a suspension of play is declared by the Tournament Convener appointed by the host state/territory
 - 3.1.1.3 In the event of 3.1.1.1 or 3.1.1.2 above, the Tournament Convener of the host state/territory in consultation with the National Secretary shall, without delay, convene a meeting of team managers, to determine what action will be taken to decide the winners of the event.

4.0 MATCH OFFICIALS

4.1 Referees

It is the responsibility of the Host State to organise a suitable Referee(s) for the championship.

4.2 Judiciary

The Judiciary should consist of the National Golf Advisor (or tournament convener in their absence) and all selected state delegates except from the state that is involved in the dispute.

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5.0 TROPHIES. AWARDS

5.1 Trophies

- 5.1.1 List (Appendix 6.2)

5.2 Trophy Engraving

- 5.2.1 Engraving of Medals (Appendix 6.1)
- 5.2.2 The host state should organise the engraving of the medals.
- 5.2.3 The host state should organise a memento ball marker with host state on one side and school sport Australia logo, venue and year on the other side. This is to be included in the host state levy.

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6.0 APPENDICES

Former rule 6.1 removed June 2017
Former rule 6.2 removed March 2017

6.1 Medal Engravings

<p style="text-align: center;">Craig Parry Champions Team Stroke Champions Wynnum, Qld 2007</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Teams Event (Boys & Girls) Stroke (Nett) Wynnum, Qld 2007</p>
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6.2 Trophy List

6.2.1 Medals

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Championship Medals	<i>TWENTY EIGHT</i>	<i>TWENTY EIGHT</i>	<i>FOURTEEN</i>

6.2.2 Event Trophy/Trophies

Name of	Presented
TEAMS STROKE – CRAIG PARRY CHAMPIONS	
	Aggregate of six best Boys Stroke rounds each day and three best Girls Stroke rounds each day.
Winner	Perpetual Trophy & Gold Medals for team + Managers(2)
Runner up	Silver medal for team +Managers (2)
Third place	Bronze medal for team + Managers(2)

6.2.3 Other Awards

Name of Trophy	Presented
TEAM NETT CHAMPIONSHIPS – BOYS (The Bowtell /Abbott Shield)	
Winner	Perpetual Trophy + gold medal
Runner up	Perpetual Trophy + silver medal
TEAM NETT CHAMPIONSHIPS – GIRLS (Brenda Carnavas Shield)	
Winner	Perpetual Trophy + gold medal
Runner up	Perpetual Trophy + silver medal
AMBROSE EVENTS – BOYS & GIRLS	
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Winners	Trophies to be arranged by host State/Territory for the following winners: Boys and Girls Gross winners Boys and Girls Nett winners
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