

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

18 Years & Under Golf Championships

RULES AND GUIDELINES

Section A – Championship Overview

- A - 1.** These Rules and Guidelines should be read in conjunction with School Sport Australia Policies, Championship Protocols and the Golf Championship Organisational Manual.
- A - 2.** The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews (R&A) and United States Golf Association (USGA) in conjunction with the following Conditions of Play in B - 3.1.
- A - 3.** The Championships shall be conducted in accordance with a current Memorandum of Understanding between School Sport Australia and Golf Australia.

A - 4. Championship Length

- A - 4.1** Duration of competition shall be six (6) days from Sunday to Friday.
- A - 4.2** The championship is made up of 3 ½ days of play, followed by presentation lunch on the final day. Wednesday is allocated to the education program.

A - 5. Eligibility

- A - 5.1** Bona-fide secondary school students 18 years of age and under as at 31 December in the year of competition unless age dispensation has been granted as per rule A - 6.
- A - 5.2** A Player must possess a Club Handicap which is recognised by Golf Australia.

A - 6. Age Dispensation

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

A - 7. Team Size

- A - 7.1** A team will consist of six (6) players.

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- A - 7.2** Either a boys' team or a girls' team or both with a minimum of four (4) bona-fide players may be entered by each State / Territory.
- A - 7.3** There will be separate divisions for boys' teams and girls' teams.
- A - 7.4** Each Team may have one (1) Manager.

A - 8. Attendance at Championships

All students who participate in the School Sport Australia Golf Championships must remain at the Championship location throughout the duration of the Championships and be bound by all Championship arrangements, except in exceptional circumstances as per School Sport Australia policy.

Section B – Competition Structure

B - 1. Program / Schedule

B - 1.1 36 Hole Strokeplay Championship

The students will play 36 holes of Strokeplay with a 7:00am and 12:15pm hit off times on the first day of the Championships. The competition is a Gross and Nett event. The respective boys and girls winners will be declared SSA Golf Strokeplay Champions.

B - 1.2 Teams Match Play

The draw will be prepared by the National Golf Advisor in consultation with Championship Convenor to suit the local conditions.

B - 1.3 Adverse Playing Conditions

B - 1.3.1 Stroke and Handicap Events

B - 1.3.1.1 Play will continue under any weather conditions, except as follows:

B-1.3.1.1.1 The Club in question declares its course unplayable, or

B-1.3.1.1.2 A suspension of play is declared by the referee appointed by the host State / Territory

B-1.3.1.1.3 In the event of B-1.3.1.1.1 or B-1.3.1.1.2 above, the Tournament Convenor of the host State / Territory in consultation with the National Golf Advisor shall, without delay, convene a meeting of team managers, to determine what action will be taken to decide the winners of the event.

B - 1.3.2 Teams Match Play – Australian Teams Matchplay Championship

B - 1.3.2.1 Matches are to be played at the times set down, under any weather conditions, except as follows

B-1.3.2.1.1 The Tournament Convenor and the National Golf Advisor in consultation with relevant managers decide to alter the tee times or match order

B-1.3.2.1.2 The Club being used declares its course unplayable before the start of play, or

B-1.3.2.1.3 A suspension of play is declared by the referees appointed by the host State / Territory.

B - 1.3.2.2 In B-1.3.2.1.1 above, the matches will be played on that day, if the course becomes playable.

B - 1.3.2.3 In B-1.3.2.1.3 above, play will be resumed from the point reached at the time of suspension of play.

B - 1.3.2.4 In B-1.3.2.1.2 and B-1.3.2.1.3 above, the referee will be the sole judge in deciding when play will commence, and any changed conditions, such as the number of holes for the determination of matches.

B - 1.3.2.5 Should play not be possible on any day, every attempt will be made to complete the Teams Championship, with one or more of the following:

B-1.3.2.5.1 by playing more rounds than originally scheduled for a day or days

B-1.3.2.5.2 by using the education-come-recreation day, and

B-1.3.2.5.3 by shortening the number of holes for matches in one or more rounds.

B - 2. Draw

B - 2.1 Individual Championships – Stroke Event

B - 2.1.1 The draw is to be conducted by the Host Member body. It is recommended for students with equal ability to be grouped together.

B - 2.2 Australian Teams Matchplay Championship

B - 2.2.1 Draws for position are to be conducted at Post-Event Meeting with all eight states and territories included for both Boys and Girls and will be recorded in minutes of the Meeting.

B - 2.2.2 If after invitations are issued and acceptances received, the individual states or territories not able to participate are removed from the draw and all other States / Territories are moved up to fill the vacant position/s.

B - 2.2.3 The draw to be structured so that boys and girls' teams play the same opposition in each round. Where possible tees be organized to facilitate close proximity of both teams.

B - 2.2.4 A balance between early and late starts should be pursued for participating teams matches where practical.

B - 2.2.5 The draw is a Round Robin format.

B - 3. Game Protocols / Specific Rules / Results

B - 3.1 Conditions of Play

B - 3.1.1 No ride-on motorised carts or power buggies, caddies or bag-pullers will be allowed for players unless dispensation is given by School Sport Australia. An appropriate person may need to be provided to drive the cart. Under no circumstances are cart drivers allowed to act in the role of a caddy.

B - 3.1.2 On Course Team Managers are to be identified at the Pre Event meeting. In any subsequent rule the word “manager” refers to the “On Course Team Manager”.

B - 3.1.3 The responsible use of motorised carts is to be addressed at the pre-event meeting of the Championship:

B - 3.1.3.1 Managers are to set a responsible example with the appropriate use of motorised carts, abiding by the safe use of these vehicles i.e. 2 people per cart.

B - 3.1.3.2 Students are not to be in charge of motorised carts at any time during the Championship. Exemptions may be sought from the National Golf Advisor.

B - 3.1.4 Mobile phones and other communication devices are to be stored in golf bags while on the course.

B-3.1.4.1 Where the Championship Convenor has accessed and arranged for online scoring systems, students can use phones to utilize live scoring ONLY. Breach of this rule in match play is loss of hole and in stroke play disqualification. After that hole and before next tee.

B-3.1.4.2 In case of an emergency which includes rule clarification from the designated rules official, the phone or communication device may be used to contact the designated number. This number is to be given out at the pre championship meeting."

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- B - 3.1.5** Distance measuring devices may be used in all forms of play during the National Championships.
 - B - 3.1.6** On golf courses hosting match play rounds, where limited practice facilities exist, players can be granted permission by the Championship Convenor and National Golf Advisor to play a maximum of one hole up to their starting tee with the use of one ball only.
 - B - 3.1.7** The National Golf Advisor has the right to alter the tee times, taking into account School Sport Australia policies of participation.
 - B - 3.1.8** At the completion of a Match Play round the players must cease play.
 - B - 3.1.9** **In match play events advice may be given to the player only by the designated team managers.** In the first instance a warning will be given by the referee or National Golf Advisor and any subsequent breaches will result in loss of hole.
 - B - 3.1.10** Parents/supporters/team members must remain at least 30 metres from players during competition play. In the first instance a warning will be given by the referee or National Golf Advisor and any subsequent breaches will result in loss of hole, as per the rules of Golf 8.1.
- B - 3.2 Individual Championships – Stroke Event**
- B - 3.2.1** A separate competition for Boys and Girls is to be conducted using Gross scores in a 36 Hole Stroke Event.
- B - 3.3 Individual Championships – Handicap Event**
- B - 3.3.1** An individual 36 Hole Nett Event shall be played in conjunction with the Individual Championships for Boys and Girls.
- B - 3.4 Australian Teams Matchplay Championship**
- B - 3.4.1** Match Play - six players from a State / Territory to play against six from another State / Territory.
 - B - 3.4.2** Except as noted (B - 1.3), matches are scheduled for determination over 18 holes. In the event of an individual match being "all square" at the completion of 18 holes, the match shall be declared squared.
 - B - 3.4.3** In the event of a player being unavailable for play with prior knowledge of the Team Manager, the position of that player will be "number 6". If however, the team sheet has been submitted and an unforeseen circumstance arises, then the match where the player was listed shall be forfeited.

B - 3.4.4 Team managers are to hand in to the National Golf Advisor at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start of the teams match play each day, a written list of their team numbered 1- 6. The order is at the discretion of the team manager. The order cannot be changed once team lists have been submitted. The matches will hit-off in the order of number six (6) through to number one (1).

B - 3.5 Teams Stroke Play – Dean Shakes Trophy

B - 3.5.1 A separate competition for Girls and Boys is to be conducted using gross scores from both rounds in the 36 Hole Stroke Event.

B - 3.6 Gavin Semple Shield

B - 3.6.1 As an originating and special competition within the match play championship the Teams Match Play Round Robin clash between New South Wales and Queensland boys will be played in normal sequence according to the draw.

B - 3.7 Inter Territory Trophy

B - 3.7.1 As a special competition within the match play championship the Teams Match Play Round Robin clash between the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory boys will be played in normal sequence according to the draw.

B - 3.8 The David Bottroff Southern Shield

B - 3.8.1 The David Bottroff Southern Shield is competed between the southern States and Territories, ACT, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia. A competition for combined boys and girls, the winning team will be the team with the least aggregate NETT scores using all the boys and girls scores from the morning and afternoon stroke round.

B - 3.8.2 To be eligible to participate, a state must have both Boys' and Girls' teams present.

B - 3.8.3 At least two states with both Boys' and Girls' teams present are needed for the trophy to be contested for the year.

B - 3.8.4 Where only one state has both Boys' and Girls' teams present then the trophy is not awarded for that year.

B - 3.9 Kath Atherton Salver

B - 3.9.1 As a special competition within the match play championship the Teams Match Play Round Robin clash between New South Wales and Queensland Girls will be played in normal sequence according to the draw.

B - 3.10 Helen Pascoe, Teams Foursomes Challenge

B - 3.10.1 When time is available the girls' teams will play Foursomes Team Match Play after the Single Team Match Play. This competition is to be organised by the host State / Territory in consultation with the National Golf Advisor.

B - 3.10.2 The Foursomes Team Match Play event shall be named the "Helen Pascoe, Teams Foursomes Challenge" and be named and awarded retrospectively. Gold medals will be awarded to winning team.

B - 3.10.3 The Foursomes Team Match Play event seeding will be done on the results of the team stroke play.

B - 4. Points Allocation**B - 4.1 Australian Teams Matchplay Championship**

B - 4.1.1 Points will be awarded for each team match.

B - 4.1.2 The State / Territory winning more individual matches than its opponent State / Territory receives two (2) points and their opponent nil (0) points. Opponent States / Territories winning equal number of matches, receive one (1) point each.

B - 4.2 The David Bottroff Southern Shield

B - 4.2.1 Two (2) points are awarded for the team win and one (1) point for the draw.

B - 4.2.2 In the event of a tie, the individual matches won will determine the winner.

B - 4.2.3 If a tie still exists then the trophy will be shared.

B - 5. Method of Determining a Winner

B - 5.1 Individual Championships – Stroke Event

B - 5.1.1 The winners of each division will be determined by the lowest aggregate scores from the two rounds, each of 18 holes stroke play, to be played concurrently on the same day.

B - 5.1.2 In the event of a tie occurring by two or more competitors after 36 holes of Stroke Play in either the Boys or Girls Individual 36 Hole Stroke Event, a Sudden-Death Play-Off shall be conducted from a tee to be determined by the Tournament Committee to determine the winner. If play has to be suspended due to bad light or any unforeseen circumstance then joint winners shall be awarded.

B - 5.1.3 The Referee for a Sudden-Death Play-Off shall be the National Golf Advisor or a Manager appointed by Her/Him.

B - 5.1.4 All minor placings in the Boys and Girls Individual 36 Hole Stroke Event are to be decided by a Countback (0).

B - 5.2 Individual Championships – Handicap Event

B - 5.2.1 The winners of each division will be determined by the lowest aggregate scores from two rounds, each of 18 holes stroke play, to be played concurrently on the same day.

B - 5.2.2 In the event of a tie in the Individual 36 Hole Nett Event, all places are to be decided by a Countback (0).

B - 5.3 Relative Importance of the Stroke and Handicap Events

B - 5.3.1 At School Sport Australia National Championships first, second and third places in the Individual Stroke Championship are the premier positions, then followed by the Handicap winners. This should be reflected in terms of trophy values. The program should list in the Individual Stroke Play results first, second and third together with their scores.

B - 5.3.2 Players are eligible to win only one of the Gross or Nett trophies in the Individual Stroke Championship.

B - 5.3.3 If a player has the best Gross score and the best Nett score in the Individual Stroke Championship, then the Gross trophy becomes the most important and is awarded to the player.

B - 5.4 Australian Teams Matchplay Championship

B - 5.4.1 Aggregate points after each team has played every other team in its division will decide the placings, unless a tie or ties occur. On such occurrence, the team in the tie with the greater number of individual matches won in the series, will determine the placings. If then, the number of individual matches won is the same, joint sharing of the place will be declared.

B - 5.5 Teams Stroke Play – Dean Shakes Trophy

B - 5.5.1 The winning team will be the team with the least aggregate gross scores using the best four rounds in the morning and the best four rounds in the afternoon to count.

B - 5.5.2 In the situation that scores are equal, then the next best score will be used (i.e. fifth best morning round and fifth best afternoon round) from those teams tied. In the situation that scores are equal after using the fifth best scores, then the remaining scores will be used. In the situation that scores are equal then a tie will be declared and the trophy shared and presentations made to each team.

B - 5.6 Gavin Semple Shield

B - 5.6.1 In the event of a squared result then the defending state retains the Shield.

B - 5.7 Inter Territory Trophy

B - 5.7.1 In the event of a squared result then the defending state retains the trophy.

B - 5.8 The David Bottroff Southern Shield

B - 5.8.1 The David Bottroff Southern Shield is competed between the Southern States and Territories (ACT, SA, VIC, WA). It is a competition for combined for boys and girls Nett scores from a Strokeplay competition. All scores are to count.

B - 5.9 Kath Atherton Salver

B - 5.9.1 In the event of a squared result then the defending state retains the trophy.

B - 5.10 Helen Pascoe, Teams Foursomes Challenge

B - 5.11 Countback

B - 5.11.1 The system of countback to be used in deciding minor placings in the Boys and Girls Individual 36 Hole Stroke Event and in deciding all placings in the Boys and Girls Individual 36 Hole Handicap Event shall be:

1. last eighteen (18) holes, then
2. last nine (9) holes, then
3. last six (6) holes, then
4. last three (3) holes
5. if scores are still tied then joint placings will be awarded

Section C – Facilities / Equipment

C - 1. Venue

The Golf course/s must have the following:

- High Standard, challenging Golf Courses/s
- Practice facilities available
- Good club catering that can provide a quality presentation lunch on the final day.
- A presentation area
- Proshop

C - 2. Equipment

- 60 Golf Buggies
- Access to GolfLinks scoring
- An area for display of the scores

Section D – Uniform

D - 1. During the Golf Championship players and officials must wear the designated State / Territory uniform.

Section E – Injury Management

Refer to School Sport Australia Championship Protocols and Policy for the management of injuries. This policy will override any sport specific injury management Protocols.

[School-Sport-Australia-Injury-Management-Policy.pdf \(schoolsportaustralia.edu.au\)](https://schoolsportaustralia.edu.au/School-Sport-Australia-Injury-Management-Policy.pdf)

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Section F – Officials

F - 1. Referees

F - 1.1 It is the responsibility of the Host State to organise a suitable Referee(s) for the Championship.

F - 2. Team Manager Carts

F - 2.1 Where possible, the Host State should include the cost of Team Managers' carts in the Event Budget.

Section G – Protests

G - 1. Protests relating to the Strokeplay must be submitted in writing to the National Golf Advisor within 1 hour of the last card being handed in on the day of the Strokeplay. The judiciary will meet as soon as is practicable to deliberate on the issue.

G - 2. Protests relating to matchplay should be dealt with by the match referees before players commence the next hole. Players and managers should call for an official if there is an unresolved dispute on the course.

Section H – Tribunal / Judiciary

H - 1. Judiciary

H - 1.1 At the pre-event meeting a judiciary should be formed comprising the National Golf Advisor, a representative from the host state and a managers' representative. This manager should not have any conflict of interest in the matters under discussion and should indicate his/her interest at the pre-event meeting. The judiciary should have the flexibility to co-opt specialist personnel if required.

H - 2. All Australian Team

H - 2.1 All Australian Team selection is to be done by ALL managers (male-boys: female- girls) in consultation with the National Golf Advisor.

Section I – Trophies / Awards / Medals

I - 1. All Australian Team

I - 1.1 The All Australian Teams consist of six (6) boys and six (6) girls.

I - 1.2 At the conclusion of the annual competition an All Australian Team (Boys) and an All Australian Team (Girls) shall be selected from the participating players.

I - 1.3 The All Australian Teams together with their two (2) captains shall be announced at the Presentation Dinner.

I - 1.4 Selection procedures for All Australian Teams will be the responsibility of the All Australian Teams selectors with the National Golf Advisor and using the SSA Golf All Australian Teams policy.

I - 1.5 All members of the All Australian team (12) will receive an SSA All Australian Team plaque supplied by the SSA Office.

I - 2. Individual Stroke Championships – Boys

I - 2.1 Perpetual Trophy and gold, silver and bronze medals

I - 3. Individual Stroke Championships – Girls

I - 3.1 Perpetual Trophy and gold, silver and bronze medals

I - 4. Individual Nett Championships – Boys

I - 4.1 Perpetual Trophy and gold, silver and bronze medals

I - 5. Individual Nett Championships – Girls

I - 5.1 Perpetual Trophy and gold, silver and bronze medals

I - 6. Australian Teams Matchplay Championship – Boys

I - 6.1 Depends on the aggregate of all Boys Match Play Rounds.

I - 6.2 Perpetual Trophy and gold, silver and bronze medals for team and Manager

I - 7. Australian Team Matchplay Championship – Girls

I - 7.1 Depends on the aggregate of all Girls Match Play Rounds.

I - 7.2 Perpetual Trophy and gold, silver and bronze medals for team and Manager

I - 8. Australian Teams Matchplay Champions

I - 8.1 The aggregate of boys and girls match play rounds.

I - 8.2 Perpetual Trophy

I - 9. Team Stroke – Dean Shakes Championships – Boys

I - 9.1 Aggregate of four best Stroke rounds in the morning and for best Stroke rounds in the afternoon.

I - 9.2 Perpetual Trophy and gold, silver and bronze medals for team and Manager

I - 10. Team Stroke – Dean Shakes Championships – Girls

I - 10.1 Aggregate of four best Stroke rounds in the morning and for best Stroke rounds in the afternoon.

I - 10.2 Perpetual Trophy and gold, silver and bronze medals for team and Manager

I - 11. Gavin Semple Shield

I - 11.1 Origin of the Championship – depends on the result of the Boys Match Play Round between NSW and QLD.

I - 11.2 Perpetual Team Trophy

I - 12. Inter-Territory Trophy

I - 12.1 Match Play Round between the two Territories.

I - 12.2 Perpetual Team Trophy

I - 13. David Bottruff Southern States Shield (Started in 2000)

I - 13.1 Depends on the aggregate of all Boys and Girls Nett scores from the 36 holes stroke play between ACT, VIC, SA and WA.

I - 13.2 Perpetual Team Trophy

I - 14. Helen Pascoe, Teams Foursomes Challenge

I - 14.1 Gold medals will be awarded to winning team.

I - 15. Kath Atherton Salver (Started in 2000)

I - 15.1 Competition for the Girls Match Play Round between NSW and QLD

I - 15.2 Perpetual Team Trophy

I - 16. Medals & Engraving

	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Championships Medals	Thirty-Two	Thirty-Two	Thirty-Two

GOLF 2003	GOLF 2003	GOLF 2003
OCEAN SHORES, NSW	OCEAN SHORES, NSW	OCEAN SHORES, NSW
BOYS TEAM	DEAN SHAKES GIRLS	BOYS STROKE
MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONS	STROKE TEAM CHAMPION	CHAMPION
(SECOND PLACE)	(SECOND PLACE)	(SECOND PLACE)
(THIRD PLACE)	(THIRD PLACE)	(THIRD PLACE)

NEW PROTOCOL:

THAT ALL PERPETUAL TROPHIES BE RETAINED BY THE HOST STATE TO BE ENGRAVED AND THEN SENT TO THE STATE SPORT OFFICE OF THE STATE/TERRITORY IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

Replica Trophies for Boys and Girls gross and net events be purchased by the host state and included in the Championship budget.