



## **Play 9 at the 2018 Australian Open NT Qualifying Rounds Conditions of Play**

### **QUALIFYING COMPETITION**

#### **1. Format**

- a) The Play 9 at the 2018 Australian Open NT Qualifying Rounds will be played from 1st September 2018 until 21st October 2018.
- b) Any scores from 9-hole competitions played at a Club affiliated with Golf NT and processed through Golf Link within the qualifying period are eligible for the event.
- c) A player may enter as many 9-hole competitions as they like during the qualifying period.
- d) The Play 9 at the Australian Open NT Qualifying Rounds will be played under the Rules of Golf, and the Local Rules and any supplementary Local Rules of the club where the event is played.

#### **2. Eligibility**

- a) The Play 9 at the Australian Open NT Qualifying Rounds is open to any member of a club affiliated with Golf Australia who holds a GA Handicap.
- b) The maximum GA handicap limit is 36.4 for men and 45.4 for women.

#### **3. Scores**

- a) At the end of the qualifying period (21st October 2018), the best two (2) male scores and the best two (2) female scores returned in 9-hole competitions played at any course affiliated with Golf NT, within the qualifying period and processed through Golf Link will qualify for the National Final.
- b) Ties for qualifying positions will be determined by the player with the lowest GA Handicap as at 5.00 pm 21st October 2018. If a tie still persists, the player's GA Handicap as at the date of their final qualifying score will be used. If a tie still exists players will be drawn randomly.
- c) If for any of the categories listed in 3.a) there is no eligible player, the Championship Play Committee will determine how the qualifier will be determined.

#### **4. Cost**

- a) There is no fee payable to Golf NT for a score to be eligible for the Play 9 at the 2018 Australian Open NT Qualifying Rounds.
- b) Club entry fees into any qualifying rounds are applicable.

#### **5. Prizes**

- a) The four (4) qualifiers as per condition 3.1 will receive the following at no cost:
  - Entry into the Play 9 at the 2018 Australian Open National Final;
  - A weekend pass for the 2018 Australian Open as guests of Golf Australia;
  - Return economy air travel to Sydney from the nearest major city in NT;
  - Two nights' accommodation (Friday and Saturday nights);
  - A \$200 grant to cover transfers and meals in Sydney;
  - Attendance at the Play 9 Event presentation reception;
  - Tickets to the Australian Open champion's cocktail reception on Sunday evening;
  - A player gift pack.

#### **6. Championship Play Committee**

- b) The Championship Play Committee will comprise a member of Golf NT and GA's Director – Game Development. All decisions made by the Championship Play Committee are final.

### **NATIONAL FINAL**

1. The Play 9 at the Australian Open will be played as a Single Stableford competition over holes 1 - 9 at The Lakes Golf Club on Saturday 17th November 2018.
2. The field will consist of 28 players who have qualified via their State Association qualifying competition. In the event of a withdrawal of one of those 28 players, a substitution is permitted as determined by the Championships Play Committee.

Note: If a player under the age of 18 years qualifies for the National Final, they MUST bring a chaperone at their own cost.

3. Male players will play the Men's White Course (Slope Rating of 121) and female players will play the Women's Red Course (Slope Rating of 141).
4. A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the event. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes. 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. Otherwise the player is disqualified.
5. 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; maximum penalty per round – 4 strokes.

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.

