

UniSport Australia Guideline

Golf (teams and individual)

Men and Women

UniSport Australia (UniSport) golf competitions are conducted in accordance with the rules of golf, as adopted by [R&A Rules Limited](#) except where these differ from UniSport competition guidelines; in which case the latter shall take precedence.

1. Team/Squad Size

- Minimum registered golfers – 1
- Minimum registered golfers required to constitute a men's team – 3
- Minimum registered golfers required to constitute a women's team – 2 (for the avoidance of doubt, 1 player will constitute a women's team and therefore as long as 4 unique universities are competing across any section of women's golf, a pennant will be awarded. To contest the teams section, Universities still need 2 players)
- Maximum registered golfers per team (both genders) – 6

2. Handicaps and Registrations

- 2.1. Entry is open to both professional and amateur golfers.
- 2.2. Eligible players are amateur golfers whose Golf Australia (GA) handicap (or overseas equivalent) at the time of entry does not exceed 18.4 strokes (men) and 30.4 strokes (women).
- 2.3. For the individual competition, players will be separated into Div 1 and Div 2 based on their handicap:
 - a) Nationals Div 1 will be a maximum GA handicap of 9.4 for men and 18.4 for women
 - b) Nationals Div 2 will be a GA handicap range of 9.5 to 18.4 for men and 18.5 to 30.4 for women.
- 2.4. Players who do not have an Australian GolfLink number or a WAGR Ranking will be required to provide GolfWA with proof of their handicap & playing record.
- 2.5. An entrant who holds current handicaps in multiple countries, and who is not exempt from a handicap ballot, is required to advise GolfWA of the details of all handicaps they hold. GolfWA 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.
- 2.6. The maximum field size for a competition may be limited (dependent upon course availability).
- 2.7. In the event of entries exceeding the number of places available, entries from higher handicap players will be decided by handicap ballot. The handicap used for the ballot will be player's current handicap.

3. Competition Format

- 3.1. The competition will be a 72-hole stroke play event contested over four days (18 holes per day):
 - a) Day one – round one
 - b) Day two – round two
 - c) Day three – round three
 - d) Day four – round four
- 3.2. The best three men's daily scores and the best two women's daily scores from each university team will count towards the team total.
- 3.3. An individual competition will be held in conjunction with the team competition.
- 3.4. Male players are required to play off white tees and women players are required to play off red tees.
- 3.5. The use of pull buggies is permitted during competition. UniSport will advise if access to these is available at the competition course/s. Allocation will be on a first come first served basis. Players are strongly encouraged to bring their own buggy should they require one.

- 3.6. The use of golf carts is not permitted during competition play – with the exception of use for competitors with medical exemption.
- 3.7. Caddies are permitted during competition play. Caddies must register as a non-competing official via the UniSport registration system.
- 3.8. The [2026 Golf Australia Hard Card](#) will be in effect throughout the competition and any local rules relevant to the host club at the time of the event.

4. Competition play committee

- 4.1. A competition play committee will comprise of the competition manager, UniSport event representative and representative/s from the host golf club/s.
- 4.2. In the absence of the full competition play committee, such members as may be present at the time, may give a decision. Any such decision will be deemed to be a decision of the full competition play committee.
- 4.3. The competition play committee will have the sole management and control of the competition, with full power at any time to later or vary any one of the conditions.
- 4.4. The competition play committee's decision on matters affecting the competition will be final.

5. Point Score

- 5.1. The winning team will be the team with the lowest aggregate gross total over the four days of competition.
- 5.2. To be eligible to win the team competition:
 - a) Men's teams must post three scores each day (the best three scores will be used)
 - b) Women's teams must post two scores each day (the best two scores will be used)
- 5.3. The winners of the individual stroke play competition (for both Div 1 and Div 2) will be the man and woman with the lowest aggregate gross total over the four days of competition.
- 5.4. Should the competition be reduced due to weather or other circumstances, a lesser number of rounds may be used to decide the winner as determined by the championship play committee.

6. Count Back

In the event of two or more teams/individuals having the same score at the completion of the competition, the Australian Countback System will be used to determine the higher placed team(s). This information can be found in the [Golf Australia Competition Administration & Competition Conditions Recommendations](#) document.

7. Uniform Requirements

- 7.1. The uniform requirements for golf are as per the dress regulations of the golf club/s hosting the event.
- 7.2. UniSport requires participants wear the uniform of the university they are representing.

8. Medals, Pennants and Trophies

- 8.1. Medals will be presented to those teams finishing in the top three placings.
- 8.2. Medals will be presented to individual players finishing in the top three placings for aggregate gross scores in both Div 1 and Div 2 competitions.
- 8.3. A single gold medal will be presented to the individual players finishing with the lowest aggregate nett score in both Div 1 and Div 2.
- 8.4. A separate pennant shall be awarded to each university represented by the winning men's and women's teams.
- 8.5. For the avoidance of doubt, pennants for the men's and/or women's teams golf championship will only be awarded should a minimum of four universities meet the minimum squad requirements (section 1) as per the Awards and Point Scoring for Events guideline
- 8.6. The following trophies will be presented to the overall champion at the UniSport Nationals Div 1 event:
 - a) Men's Team Champion – New Drummond Cup
 - b) Women's Team Champion – AIGM Trophy
 - c) Men's Individual Champion – UniSport Men's Stroke Play Champion Trophy
 - d) Women's Individual Champion – The Edwina Kennedy Trophy

Previous Amendments

May 2012 | May 2014 | February 2015 | April 2017 | June 2017 | April 2018 | August 2018 | August 2019 |
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*All competitions will be held in accordance with the UniSport competition guidelines.

