



THE AUSTRALIAN MEDAL JANUARY 3-4, 2026 AT THE AUSTRALIAN GOLF CLUB

EVENT NOTICE & KEY INFORMATION

Dates: Saturday, 3 & Sunday, 4 January 2026.

Venue: The Australian Golf Club.

Format: 36-Hole Individual Stroke Play (Net).

Eligibility: Full male amateur Members of The Australian Golf Club, The Lakes Golf Club, New South Wales Golf Club and Royal Sydney Golf Club with a **GA Handicap of 12.3 or less**.

Field Size: 96 Players.

Cut: Top 60 net scores from round 1 to qualify for round 2.

Entry Fee: **\$115 for AGC Members. \$240 for LGC, NSWGC & RSGC Members.**

(Entry includes breakfast snack, tea/coffee + post round lunch on Saturday and breakfast snack, tea/coffee + post round lunch/presentation on Sunday for those who make the cut).

Entries Close: **8.00pm on Wednesday, 17 December 2025.**

Event Schedule:

Saturday, 3 January 2026

- 6.15am: Registration in Golf Shop. Driving range opens. Niblick Café opens (breakfast snack, tea & coffee available for all players).
- 7.00am to 8.50am: Round 1 from 1st & 10th Tees (Draw will be available by Friday, 19 December 2025).
- 11.30am: Post round lunch served in the Clubhouse (Golf attire accepted).
- 4.00pm: Round 2 Draw available, sent to all players via email and published online at australiangolfclub.com

Sunday, 4 January 2026

- 6.15am: Registration in Golf Shop. Driving range opens. Niblick Café opens (breakfast snack, tea & coffee available for all players who make the cut).
- 7.00am to 8.30am: Round 2 from 1st & 10th Tees (Draw will be available at 4.00pm following round 1, sent to all players via email and published online at australiangolfclub.com).
- 12.30pm: Post round lunch served in the Clubhouse (**Smart casual - Jacket preferred**).
- 1.00pm: Official presentation and prize giving.



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TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

Defending Champion – Simon Gunnis (The Australian)

EVENT HISTORY

The Australian Medal was first held in 1966 and was originally open to Members of The Australian Golf Club and Royal Sydney Golf Club. In 2014, Members of The Lakes Golf Club and New South Wales Golf Club were also invited to participate.

EVENT STATUS

- Named event

FORMAT

- 36-hole Individual Stroke Play (net), played over two rounds of 18-holes.
- Medal course (blue tees).
- The top 60 players (net), will make the cut after 18-holes.
- Field size: 96 players maximum
- The event shall be played in accordance with the Terms of the Competition, the Club's By-Law's, the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, the Local Rules on the back of the Scorecard and any supplementary Temporary Local Rules that may be applicable on the date/s of play.

ELIGIBILITY

- Gender: Male.
- Age: Unrestricted.
- Professional Golfers: Not permitted.
- Handicaps: Open to players with a GA Handicap of 12.3 or less. Players to play off their Daily Handicap as of the date of the first round of the competition. Daily Handicap Maximum of 15. A player with a Provisional, Suspended, Lapsed, Frozen or Unallocated GA Handicap is not eligible to compete in the event. If a player's handicap index is adjusted after commencing their first round, the player must play with the original handicap allocated for the first round for the duration of the event.
- Membership Category: Must be current financial amateur Members of The Australian Golf Club (AGC), The Lakes Golf Club (LGC), New South Wales Golf Club (NSWGC) or Royal Sydney Golf Club (RSGC) with unrestricted (i.e. full) rights to play on Saturday's at that Club. AGC Regular B membership category is permitted to register for the event. AGC Junior/Intermediate categories may register for the event as of the specific times designated under By-Law 21 (Rights and Privileges of Membership).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Entry via the sign-up sheet in the Members Locker Room or equivalent notice board. **Entries close at 8.00pm on Wednesday, 17 December 2025.**
- Entry Fee: AGC Members = \$115.00. LGC, NSWGC & RSGC Members = \$240.00 (to be billed to the players house account at their respective Club). Entry includes breakfast snack, tea/coffee + post round buffet lunch on Saturday and breakfast snack, tea/coffee + post round presentation lunch on Sunday, for those who qualify.
- Late Entries: Accepted if position/s in the field are available.
- Entries Oversubscribed: In the event of an entry oversubscription, places in the field will be offered on the following basis:
 - A) AGC Members who meet the eligibility criteria.
 - B) The defending champion.
 - C) Board/Committee Members from LGC, NSWGC & RSGC who meet the eligibility criteria.
 - D) Lowest exact GA Handicap at the time of close of entries. Every effort will be made to offer an even number of spots in the field for LGC, NSWGC & RSGC Members.
 - E) Late entries.

TIES

- In the event of a tie, the result for all applicable prizes will be determined by count-back using net scores over holes 19-36, then 27-36, then 31-36, then 34-36, then hole-by-hole working back from hole 36.
- Ties for the top 60 players to make the cut after 18-holes will be determined by count-back using net scores over holes 10-18, then 13-18, then 16-18, then hole-by-hole working back from hole 18. If a player in the top 60 withdraws prior to commencing the second round, the next best available player will make the cut.

TROPHY & PRIZES

- The overall winner will be known as The Australian Medal Champion for 2026.
- The overall winner will receive a set of Waterford Crystal Tumblers, or equivalent, and a \$300.00 AGC Golf Shop voucher to be presented at the conclusion of play.
- The runner up will receive a \$200.00 AGC Golf Shop voucher.
- The 3rd placegetter will receive a \$150.00 AGC Golf Shop voucher.
- The scratch winner will receive a \$150.00 AGC Golf Shop voucher.

MOTORISED TRANSPORT

- Use of a motorised cart is permitted in this event for players who are medically unfit to walk 18-holes or over 70yrs of age. A medical certificate must be supplied to the Match Committee via golf@australiangolfclub.com.

CLUBS & BALLS

- List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.
- List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

OTHER CONDITIONS

- The Match Committee reserves the right to amend the terms at any time including the right to arrange and/or alter starting times. The decision of the Match Committee is final in all matters.
- A player's scorecard is considered returned when the player has placed it in a designated scorecard box or submitted it to a Golf Shop staff member and subsequently exited the Golf Shop.
- The result of the competition is final once the winners have been announced at the prize presentation.

RECENT PAST CHAMPIONS

- 2005 – S.C. Cox (The Australian)
- 2006 – H.R. Cottle (The Australian)
- 2007 – B. Weber (The Australian)
- 2008 – A. Revai (The Australian)
- 2009 – M.B. Giles (The Australian)
- 2010 – G.A. Cameron (The Australian)
- 2011 – R.A. Balcomb (The Australian)
- 2012 – N. Crews (The Australian)
- 2013 – *Not Played - Course Renovation*
- 2014 – S. Roubicek (New South Wales)
- 2015 – A.W. Blackman (The Australian)
- 2016 – E.J. Brownlow (The Australian)
- 2017 – J.A. Williams (The Australian)
- 2018 – A.N. Grzetic (The Australian)
- 2019 – N. Talbert (Royal Sydney)
- 2020 – A. Coull (The Lakes)
- 2021 – J. Frechtling (The Australian)
- 2022 – D. Pullini (The Australian)
- 2023 – R.A. Balcomb (The Australian)
- 2024 – S. Klotz (Royal Sydney)
- 2025 – S.G. Gunnis (The Australian)



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