

The Countdown Begins

Fellow lefties and invited guests, your National Championships Organising Committee is now well into the business end of planning for the 52nd National Left-handed golf championships. Commitments have been made for the 2 championship courses, the venues for the welcome function and presentation dinners. The committee has also introduced a number of innovative arrangements designed to make the running of the tournament as smooth and efficient as possible and hopefully result in a memorable experience for all. Some of the measures to be implemented include:

- Regular updates on the status of planning and arrangements for the tournament (sent to all NALGA members and international registrants);
- Issue of receipts of registrations via email confirming all items selected for the tournament on receipt of payment;
- Recording results using the host club score scanning facilities and processing these through ACT Division's database system (scores will only be sent to golflink at the end of the tournament);
- Presentations of daily results at the completion of each shotgun start round at the course played to enable participants the opportunity to enjoy the facilities of the host club and the award of prizes;
- A pre-set cut off score for the ball-run – eliminating the problem of sorting out and distributing the ball winners (issued when you hand in your card)
- The option to play in the ACT Division's Championships, which will be played jointly with round 1 of the National Championships

Also at this stage selections have been made for the make (Sporte Leisure), fabric, style (Sportec Duke) and colour of the championship sport shirts (white for players and grey for committee) and major items in the registration bag.

And, as a final point, some changes to the arrangements for registration for the tournament.

- The registration form handed out in the package at Royal Pines last year stated that the welcome function included "drinks and finger food" this should have stated "Buffet". The inference being a buffet meal will be provided, but drinks must be purchased.
- If you can only post a hard copy of the registration form, it should be sent to (alternate address to be inserted) not the address noted on the form
- The following cancellation policy will apply in the event that a person who has registered for the 52nd National Left-handed Golf Championships lodges a request to withdraw from the event:
 1. Up to 4 weeks notice – a full refund of the payment will be made;
 2. Subject to approval of the organising committee, a partial (pro-rata) refund of the balance of the registration fee paid will be made if they are unable to continue in the tournament due to a situation (death, injury, family issues) that prevents them from taking further part in the tournament, on the following basis
 - a. 3 weeks notice – full refund less 10%
 - b. 2 weeks notice – full refund minus 15%
 - c. 1 week notice or less – full refund minus 25%
- For international members and guest intending to register for the National Championships the details for all overseas transactions into our account are
Name: NALGA ACT Division
SWIFT CODE: SGBLAU2S
BSB: 112-908; Account: 456017361; Bank: St George Bank; 30 Hibberson St, Gungahlin ACT 2912

We look forward to seeing you in Canberra in October.

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National Association of Left-handed Golfers