

Eligibility:

Students must be enrolled in Grades 3,4, 5 or 6 in a school affiliated with School Sport Victoria.

Competition:

Students will play 9 holes on a short course, using a Multi Tee start at Qualifying events and the Regional finals. The State final will also be a Multi Tee start, however, will be played over 18 shortened holes.

Entries:

Entries for the Qualifying events close with the Golf Victoria 7 days before the advertised date of each qualifying event.

Entry Fee:

The entry fee for the tournament is \$10.00 paid to Golf Victoria on the day of play. If a player qualifies to the Regional or State Final there is no additional fee.

Draw:

A draw will be made by the Tournament Organiser and forwarded to schools and players who have supplied an e-mail address.

Equipment:

Students should have their own golf clubs, balls, tees and pencils etc. Golf Victoria can provide a set of clubs for players if they don't own their own set.

Hole Length:

Courses will be set up using approx. distances to enable the most positive experience for our young players.

Par 3s	-	100 metres
Par 4s	-	200 metres
Par 5s	-	300 metres

Maximum Strokes per Hole:

Once a player has ten strokes on any hole, the ball must be lifted with 10 placed against the relevant hole on the scorecard. Any deliberate attempt to hit the ball must be counted as a stroke. No further strokes are permitted on the hole.

Tee Up:

In Qualifying and Regional event players may choose to tee up any shot, not in a hazard (including bunkers) or on the green.

Bunkers:

After two shots in a bunker the player may pick up their ball and play it from the side of the bunker not closer to the hole. Should a player play directly from one bunker into another bunker then their next shot shall be deemed their second bunker shot. **No extra penalty shot for placing the ball outside the bunker.**



Lost Ball

If a ball is lost during play, a player must drop another ball as close as possible to where the ball was lost under penalty of one shot.

Adult Presence:

Each group must be accompanied by a parent/teacher whose responsibilities include safety, etiquette and scoring where necessary. Members from participating clubs will also be encouraged to assist in this regard. Parents are permitted to caddy for participating students. Strict guidelines must be followed. One adult will be asked to act as marker for the group. At Regional and State Finals 2 adults will be asked to score for the group.

Score Cards:

In the State Final score cards, signed by the marker and countersigned by the competitor must be returned to the Tournament Organiser at the completion of each round.

Rules:

Competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland, together with such local rules, which are in force on the course over which the competition takes place. If a dispute arises on any point, it shall be decided by the Tournament Organiser whose decision shall be final.

Bad Weather:

The Tournament Organiser may in the event of bad weather or for any other reason either shorten the tournament or appoint another day or days for completion of event.

Prizes:

Prizes will be awarded to both Boys and Girls Winners and Runners-up in all events.

Ties:

In the event of a tie for any category, the winner will be decided by count back – total score for last six holes then last three if necessary, then hole by hole if needed starting at last hole.

Qualifying:

Regional & State Finals: Players will be notified of their progression to the Finals on the day of the event by the Tournament Organiser, subject to qualification numbers.

Regional Finals:

There will be 13 Regional finals: 9 Country and 4 Metropolitan. The Regional finals will be played as 9 hole stroke events, as per Qualifying events.

State Final:

This will be held on Wednesday, December 2, with a Multi Tee start at 9.00am. It will be an 18 hole, shortened course, Stroke event.

