



Kingston Heath
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2016 MEN'S & WOMEN'S PORT PHILLIP OPEN AMATEUR

(Incorporating the 2016 Victorian Men's & Women's Amateur Championship Qualifying Rounds)

to be played at the



**Commonwealth Golf Club &
Kingston Heath Golf Club**



over 72-holes as follows:

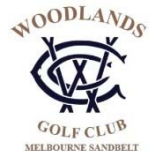
Friday 9 December	Kingston Heath Golf Club	18 Holes Stroke
Saturday 10 December	Kingston Heath Golf Club	18 Holes Stroke
Sunday 11 December	Commonwealth Golf Club	36 Holes Stroke

followed by the

2016 VICTORIAN MEN'S & WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

to be played at the

Woodlands Golf Club



Monday 12 December	AM – 1 st Rd Matches (Men's Top 32) PM – 2 nd Rd Matches (Men's Top 16) / 1 st Round (Women's Top 16)
Tuesday 13 December	AM – Men's & Women's Quarter Finals PM – Men's & Women's Semi-Finals
Wednesday 14 December	AM & PM – Men's & Women's Finals (36 Holes)

Notes:

- (i) The field for the Port Phillip Open Amateur will be limited to 129 male players and 39 female players. If excess entries are received, a **pre-qualifying round** will be held at the Commonwealth Golf Club on the afternoon of **Wednesday 7 December 2016**. See Condition 1 for further details.
- (ii) GA handicap limit at close of entry: **3.0 strokes (Men)** and **6.4 strokes (Women)**.
- (iii) After 36-holes, the leading 52 male players and 22 female players including ties will qualify to play in Rounds 3 & 4 of the 2016 Port Phillip Open Amateur (Conditions 1.2 & 2.2).
- (iv) After 72-holes, the leading 32 male players and the leading 16 female players will advance to the Victorian Men's and Women's Amateur Championships – Match-Play Rounds.
- (v) **Entrance Fee \$175.00** per player (incl. lunch during all rounds of the Port Phillip Open Amateur and GST). Players that fail to pre-qualify will be refunded an amount of \$105.00. Any balloted player will receive a full refund. Refunds will be processed after the entry closing date.
- (vi) Entries open on **Monday 12 September 2016** & close at **5.00pm on Thursday 10 November 2016**.
Note: Entrant lists will be published on Friday 11 November.
- (vii) **No practice shall be permitted on either Commonwealth or Kingston Heath courses prior to the Port Phillip.**

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2016 PORT PHILLIP OPEN AMATEUR / VICTORIAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – CONDITIONS

(To be read in conjunction with the Golf Victoria Standard Event Conditions as published on the GV Website at www.golfvic.org.au)

1. 2016 Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur Conditions

1.1 Format – Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur

The Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur will be played over 72-holes stroke play consisting of 18 holes on each of Friday 9 December and Saturday 10 December and 36-holes Sunday 11 December.

1.2 After 36 holes, the top 52 male players including ties will continue.

1.3 The field for the Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur will consist of 129 male players.

Note: The Championship Committee reserves the right to increase the number of male players should the total field size not be achieved.

1.4 Eligibility

Eligible players are male amateurs whose GA Handicap or overseas equivalent at the close of entry does not exceed 3.0 strokes unless otherwise exempt as per condition 1.5.

1.5 Exemptions

A maximum total of 119 male players will be exempted into the starting field in order of priority in accordance with the following exemption categories:-

- a) Any player in the top 50 of the Australian Men's Amateur Ranking System as at close of entries
- b) Any player in the top 100 players of the Men's World Amateur Golf Ranking system (R&A) as at close of entries
- c) Any player in the top 10 of the Australian Boys' Amateur Ranking System as at close of entries
- d) Competitors at the 2016 Men's Interstate Teams Matches
Note: Does not include participants at the Boys' Teams Matches
- e) Players exempted by Kingston Heath & Commonwealth Golf Clubs (10 max.)
- f) Players exempted by Golf Victoria (4 max.)
- g) Competitors nominated by GA Member State Associations (max. 3 each - must meet handicap criteria)
- h) Two players as nominated by New Zealand Golf (must meet handicap criteria)
- i) Any player in the top 30 of the 2016 Ivo Whitton Trophy as at the close of entries who has played a minimum of 20 rounds and holds an average of 75.00 and lower.
- j) 2016 Victorian Junior Boys Team
- k) Top 10 players plus ties from the 2016 Men's Riversdale Cup
- l) Top 5 players plus ties from the 2016 Men's Portsea Open Amateur
- m) Top 5 players plus ties from the 2016 Men's Cobram-Barrooga Open Amateur
- n) 2015 Victorian Men's Amateur Championship semi-finalists
- o) Amateur players that competed in all Championship rounds of the 2016 Men's Oates Victorian Open
- p) Current holders, as at the close of entries, of the following Victorian Championships/titles:
 - 2016 Victorian Men's Country Champion
 - 2016 Victorian Men's Mid-Amateur Champion
 - 2016 Victorian Boys Champion
 - 2016 Victorian Junior Masters Champion
 - 2015 Murray River Junior Masters Champion
- q) Current Victorian Country Districts Men's Champion and the Victorian Golf League Men's Champion of Champions (must meet handicap criteria)
- r) All remaining positions up to a maximum of 119 exempt players will be filled on the basis of GA handicap.

Notes:

- (i) To receive an exemption into the starting field for the 2016 Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur, a player must have submitted an entry to the event by the stated time on the closing date for entries.
- (ii) In the case of exemption r, those tied for the 119th position will be separated according to the Men's Australian Rankings. All other players not exempt from that category and any subsequent category shall be allocated a position in the pre-qualifying event subject to condition 1.6.

1.6 Pre-Qualifying

All remaining positions in the Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur will be filled via a pre-qualifying event to be held on Wednesday 7 December 2016. A minimum number of 10 positions in the Championship field will be available at the pre-qualifying event. Entries to the pre-qualifying event will be accepted on the basis of handicap with the exception that in the event of entries exceeding field size capacity, a ballot will be undertaken with players on the highest handicaps as at the close of entry subject to elimination.

1.7 Trophies – Port Phillip Open Amateur

- **72-Hole Gross:** 2016 Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur Champion (Victorian Medallist) & Runner-Up
- **36-Hole Gross (Rd 1 & 2):** Kingston Heath Open Amateur Champion & Runner-Up
- **36-Hole Gross (Rd 3 & 4):** Commonwealth Open Amateur Champion & Runner-Up

1.8 Ties – Port Phillip Open Amateur

In the event of a tie for the 72-Hole title, a hole by hole play-off will be conducted on a hole(s) as decided by the Championship Committee, players who have tied being eliminated as they fail to maintain equality. In the event of a tie for runners-up not determined by the above play-off, the count back method recommended by Golf Australia will be used.

In the event of a tie for the 36-hole trophies, the count back method recommended by Golf Australia will be used.

Victorian Men's Amateur Championship

1.9 After 72-holes, the leading 32 players from the Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur will advance to the Victorian Men's Amateur Championship - Match-Play Rounds.

1.10 Ties for the Victorian Men's Amateur Match Play qualifying positions shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off. The play-off will be held at the conclusion of the formal presentations of the Port Phillip Open Amateur trophies.

1.11 The Victorian Men's Amateur Championship shall consist of successive rounds of match play with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round. An automatic draw shall be applied to establish the first round matches. Ties for positions, other than for the last qualifying position or positions (or for the first position in the Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur), will be decided by lot. The first round, second round, quarter-finals and semi-finals shall be determined over 18 holes of match play. The Final shall be determined over 36 holes match play.

1.12 Matches which are all square after the completion of 18 holes in the first round, second round, quarter-finals and semi-finals or are all square after the completion of 36 holes in the final shall continue until one player secures the advantage.

1.13 The winning player shall be the Men's Victorian Amateur Champion and shall receive a trophy. The runner-up and semi-finalists shall also receive a trophy.

2. 2016 Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur / Victorian Amateur – General (incl. Entry Criteria & Exemptions)

2.1 Format – Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur

The Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur will be played over 72-holes stroke play consisting of 18 holes on each of Friday 9 December and Saturday 10 December and 36-holes Sunday 11 December.

2.2 After 36 holes the top 22 female players including ties will continue.

2.3 The field for the Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur will consist of 39 female players.

Note: The Championship Committee reserves the right to increase the number of female players should the total field size not be achieved.

2.4 Eligibility

Eligible players are female amateurs whose GA Handicap at the close of entry does not exceed 6.4 strokes in accordance with the Australian Handicapping System unless otherwise exempt as per condition 2.5.

2.5 Exemptions

A maximum of 34 players will be exempted into the starting field in order of priority in accordance with the following exemption categories:-

- a) Any player in the top 20 of the Australian Women's Amateur Ranking System as at close of entries
- b) Any player in the top 100 players of the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking system (R&A) as at close of entries
- c) Any player in the top 5 of the Australian Girls Amateur Ranking System as at close of entries
- d) 2016 Victorian Women's State Team
- e) Players exempted by Kingston Heath & Commonwealth Golf Clubs (5 max)
- f) Players exempted by Golf Victoria (2 max)
- g) Competitors nominated by GA Member State Associations (maximum 3 each) (must meet handicap criteria)
- h) Two players as nominated by New Zealand Golf (must meet handicap criteria)

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- i) Any player in the top 10 of the 2016 Victorian Women's Susie Tolhurst Trophy rankings as at the close of entries who has played a minimum of 10 rounds and holds and average of 77.00 and lower.
- j) 2016 Victorian Junior Girls Team
- k) Top 10 players plus ties from the 2016 Women's Riversdale Cup
- l) Top 5 players plus ties from the 2016 Women's Portsea Open Amateur
- m) Top 5 players plus ties from the 2016 Women's Cobram-Barooga Open Amateur
- n) 2015 Victorian Women's Amateur Championship semi-finalists
- o) Amateur players that competed in all Championship rounds of the 2016 Women's Oates Victorian Open
- p) Current holders, as at the close of entries, of the following Victorian Championships/titles:
 - 2016 Women's Country Championship
 - 2016 Victorian Girls Championship
 - 2016 Victorian Women's Champion of Champions
 - 2016 Victorian Women's Mid-Amateur Champion
 - 2016 Victorian Junior Masters
 - 2015 Murray River Junior Masters Champion
- q) All remaining positions up to a maximum of 34 exempt players will be filled on the basis of GA handicap.

Notes:

- (i) To receive an exemption into the starting field for the 2016 Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur, a player must have submitted an entry to the event by the stated time on the closing date for entries.
- (ii) Should the maximum total of 34 exempt players be exceeded within an exemption category, the exempt players will be determined on the basis of those with the lowest Australian Handicaps. In the case of exemption q, those tied for the 34th position will be separated according to the Women's Australian Rankings. All other players not exempt from that category and any subsequent category shall be allocated a position in the pre-qualifying event subject to condition 2.6.

2.6 Pre-Qualifying

All remaining positions in the Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur will be filled via a pre-qualifying event to be held on Wednesday 7 December 2016. A minimum number of 5 positions in the Championship field will be available at the pre-qualifying event. Entries to the pre-qualifying event will be accepted on the basis of handicap with the exception that in the event of entries exceeding field size capacity, a ballot will be undertaken with players on the highest handicaps as at the close of entry subject to elimination.

2.7 Trophies –Port Phillip Open Amateur

- **72-Hole Gross:** 2016 Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur Champion (Victorian Medallist & Nell Smithett) & Runner-Up
- **36-Hole Gross (Rd 1 & 2):** Kingston Heath Open Amateur Champion & Runner-Up
- **36-Hole Gross (Rd 3 & 4):** Commonwealth Open Amateur Champion & Runner-Up

2.8 Ties – Port Phillip Open Amateur

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In the event of a tie for the 36-hole trophies, the count back method recommended by Golf Australia will be used.

Victorian Women's Amateur Championship

2.9 After 72-holes, the leading 16 players from the Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur will advance to the Victorian Women's Amateur Championship - Match-Play Rounds.

2.10 Ties for the Women's Victorian Amateur Match Play qualifying positions shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off. The play-off will only be held at the conclusion of the formal presentations of the Port Phillip Open Trophies.

2.11 The Women's Victorian Amateur Championship shall consist of successive rounds of match play with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round. The automatic draw shall be applied to establish the first round matches. Ties for positions, other than for the last qualifying position or positions (or for the first position in the Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur), will be decided by lot. The first round, quarter-finals and semi-finals shall be determined over 18 holes of match play. The Final shall be determined over 36 holes match play.

2.12 Matches which are all square after the completion of 18 holes in the first round, quarter-finals and semi-finals or are all square after the completion of 36 holes in the final shall continue until one player secures the advantage.

2.13 The winning player shall be the Women's Victorian Amateur Champion and shall receive a trophy. The runner-up and semi-finalists shall also receive a trophy.

3. Championship Committee

3.1 Port Phillip Amateur & Victorian Amateur Championships

The Championship Committee shall consist of representatives of the Commonwealth & Kingston Heath Golf Clubs and Golf Victoria.

3.2 In the absence of the full Championship Committee at either the Port Phillip Open Amateur or the Victorian Amateur Championship, such members thereof as may be present at any time may give a decision and any decision shall be deemed the decision of the full Championship Committee. The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event.

In the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, the Championship Committee may shorten the competition, appoint another day or days for completion of, or may transfer play to another course. Protests must be made to the Championship Committee not later than 10 minutes after the conclusion of each round. The decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Tournament.

4. Refund Policy

Any entrant may withdraw and have their entry fee refunded provided notification is received within **three working days** prior to the commencement of the event. Under no circumstances will entry fees be refunded after this date unless players can provide Golf Victoria supporting documents regarding their withdrawal from the event (ie. Medical Certificate).

5. Motorised Transport

According to GV's standard conditions of competitions, it is the responsibility of the player, if they require the use of a golf cart during the event to send a Medical Certificate and a completed copy of the Golf Victoria Motorised Transport Approval Return Form for consideration by the Match Committee. Please go to the GV website under *Championships & Events* → *Event Resources* → *Motorised Transport* for the return form and more information.

Exemption: Players aged 75 years and over do not require a Medical Certificate. Golf carts are at the player's own expense and MUST be booked directly with the respective golf club as soon as possible. Golf Victoria cannot guarantee the use of a golf cart on any given day of play as this is subject to each host club's conditions of usage.

Note: In the event in which a limited number of carts are available, players requesting carts will be paired together. Caddies are permitted to ride in the cart with the player ONLY when sufficient carts are available.

6. Database of Competitor's Details

The personal information you provide in the relevant event entry form is collected, used and disclosed in accordance with the Golf Victoria Privacy Policy (available from www.golfvic.org.au). Golf Victoria may use and disclose your personal information for the purposes of conducting the relevant event, administering golfing and other related activities across Victoria, providing you with event-related services or promotional material, complying with legal obligations or otherwise in accordance with the Golf Victoria Privacy Policy.

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The Golf Victoria Privacy Policy contains information about how you may access and request correction of your personal information held by Golf Victoria or make a complaint about the handling of your personal information, and provides information about how a complaint will be dealt with by Golf Victoria. Your relevant event entry may be rejected if the information is not provided. If you do not wish to receive promotional material from Golf Victoria sponsors and third parties you must advise us via email or telephone or via the specific opt-out procedures provided in the relevant communication.



2016 Men's & Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur & Victorian Amateur Championships



Commonwealth & Kingston Heath Golf Clubs
Friday 9 December – Wednesday 14 December



ENTRY FORM

TAX INVOICE – ABN: 26 589 569 172

Player Name (BLOCK Letters) (First Name) (Surname)

Mailing Address **Suburb**

State **Postcode** **Country (If not AUS)**

Home Phone **Mobile Phone**

Email

Home Club

GOLFLink Number **GA Handicap**

I wish to enter into the following section:
(Please select the appropriate option)

Men's Section **Women's Section**

Exemption Eligibility Category
(see Condition 1.5 (Men), 2.5 (Women))

Please Note: The following questions are optional. Golf Victoria is an inclusive environment, as such we wish to capture this data, enabling us to provide a service and accommodate all. Responses will remain confidential.

Do you have a disability? Y / N Please indicate your disability (if any): _____ Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Origin? Y / N

What is your Nationality? _____ Where were you born? _____ How many years have you lived in Australia? _____

Signature **Date**

I am eligible under the conditions of the championship, am an amateur golfer in accordance with the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and will adhere to Golf Australia's Codes of Behaviour for the duration of the Championship. I have provided either a valid GOLFLink No. or a current handicap record verified by my home club.

PAYMENT DETAILS: (Please make Cheques payable to **Golf Victoria**) **Cheque/Money Order** **MasterCard** **VISA**

Card Number

Expiry Date / **Contact Number of Payer**

Signature **Entry Fee** **\$175.00**

Name as it appears on card **TOTAL**

Entries close at 5.00pm on Thursday 10 November 2016

Note: Refund of \$105 will be processed for those that fail to pre-qualify on Wednesday 7 December.

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