## 2017 JUNIOR VICTORIAN OPEN

to be played at
$13^{\text {th }}$ Beach and Barwon Heads Golf Clubs
Monday 18 - Thursday 21 December 2017

Entry Fee:
Format:

Tee Times:

Age Limit:
GA Handicap Limit:
Entries Close:
\$170.00 (Inc. GST; lunch packs each day and all trophies)
72-Hole Stroke Play
$13^{\text {th }}$ Beach Golf Club (Beach and Creek Courses) Barwon Heads Golf Club

All players will compete one round on each course before a 'cut' after 54-holes
Round 1 - Monday 18 Dec (18-Holes: Field split into thirds on all three courses)
Tee times from 7.00 am
Round 2 - Tuesday 19 Dec (18-Holes: Field split into thirds on all three courses)
Tee times from 7.00 am
Round 3 - Wednesday 20 Dec (18-Holes: Field split into thirds on all three courses)
Tee times from 7.00 am
Round 4 - Thursday 21 Dec (18-Holes: $13^{\text {th }}$ Beach - Beach Course)
Tee times from 7.00 am
Under 18 as at Monday 18 December 2017
Dependant on eligibility criteria. See condition 2.1 for specific details.
5.00pm on Monday 4 December 2017

## 1. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

1.1 The Championship is scheduled to be played over 72 holes stroke play from Monday 18 - Thursday 21 December with 18 holes on each day of the tournament.
1.7 After the cut, the field will be seeded as follows with the leading players competing in the afternoon field.

- Leading five players (plus ties) from the Under 14 age group.
- Leading five players (plus ties) from the Under 16 age group.
- The balance of the field will consist the players with the lowest aggregate scores until a total of 54 boys and 30 girls is reached. Any ties for final positions will be determined on count-back.

NOTE: The Championship Committee reserves the right to increase the number of players qualifying to play in Round 4 subject to total field size.

ELIGIBILITY
Eligible players are male \& female amateurs who are aged under 18 as at the 18 December 2017 whose GA Handicap, or international equivalent, at the time of entry meets the following criteria;
92 Boys aged 16 or 17 years with handicaps of 10.4 or below;
59 Boys aged 14 or 15 years with handicaps of 16.4 or below;
29 Boys aged 12 or 13 years and under with handicaps of 20.4 or below;

72 Girls aged 17 years and under with handicaps of 20.4 or below; the Championship field
If insufficient entries are received in any age group, additional players may be accepted into the Championship with the lowest handicap players regardless of age at the close of entries accepted.
the number of boys and girls should the the field size not be the number of boys and girls should the total field size not be achieved. If this occurs, players with the lowest handicaps at the close of entries will be accepted
After 54-holes, a maximum of 114 male players and 42 female players will qualify to play in Round 4. The number of players competing in Round 4 in both the boys and girls section will be determined as follows:

- Leading five players (plus ties) from the Under 14 age group;
- Leading five players (plus ties) from the Under 16 age group.
- The remaining players on the basis of those with the lowest aggregate scores after 54-holes until a maximum of 114 boys and 42 girls is reached. Any ties for final positions will be determined on count-back.

Subject to the general age and eligibility requirements, the following players shall be exempt from any ballot and will automatically be included in the starting field for the Championship upon receipt of a tournament entry:

- 2017 Victorian Junior State Team - Boys \& Girls
- 2016 Junior Victorian Open Champion
- 2017 Victorian Junior Masters Champion
- 2017 Victorian Boys Champion.
- 2017 Victorian Girls Champion
- 2016 Murray River Junior Masters Champion
- Two male and female nominated representatives from each invited state/country, JGFQ \& JNJGF
- Any special exemptions at discretion of Championship Committee


## ENTRIES

The entry fee is $\$ 170$ (inc. GST). Entry fee must be paid at the time of entry.
The Championship Committee shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal
Entries shall only be made online at www.golfvic.org.au
The draw for the competition will be sent to players and available at www.golfvic.org.au approximately five days before the event.

## TROPHIES

4.1 The male and female player with the lowest stroke score after 72 holes shall be the 2017 Victorian Boys and Girls Junior Open Champions respectively and shall receive a trophy and medallion. Both Champions shall also receive a conditional exemption into the 2018 Oates Victorian Open. Note: the Junior Victorian Open trophies will be held at Golf Victoria.
4.3 The male and female players with the lowest nett score after 72 holes shall be the 2017 Junior Victorian Open Handicap Champions respectively and shall receive a trophy and medallion. medallion
Additional trophies and medallions will also be awarded as follows:
Under 14 (boys \& girls): gross \& nett winner, gross \& nett runner-up
Under 16 (boys \& girls): gross \& nett winner, gross \& nett runner-up
4.6 In the event of a tie for the overall gross championships a hole by hole play-off will be conducted on a hole(s) as decided by the Championship Committee, players who are tied being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality. In the event of a tie for the runner-up not determined by the above play-off, the count back method recommended by Golf Australia will be used. Golf Australia's count back method will be used to separate all ties for age division gross and nett trophies.
4.7 No player may win more than one trophy in the overall 72 hole stroke and nett sections. However, a player may win one additional trophy in his or her age group section.
5. PRACTICE

Any arrangements for practice rounds MUST be made with the host club concerned. In accordance with the note to Rule of Golf $7-1 \mathrm{~b}$, it is permissible to practice on the competition courses on any day of or between Championship rounds subject to appropriate green fees being paid/arrangements made with the host venue.

## 6. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The Championship Committee shall consist of representatives of host clubs and Golf Victoria. In the absence of the full Championship Committee, present members of the committee 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. The decision of the Championship Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Tournament.

