

to be played in three sections

## Men's, Women's & Mixed Sections

2018 Metropolitan Qualifying Rounds		2018 Regional Qualifying Rounds	
Monday 8 January	Commonwealth	Sunday 14 January	Horsham & Rich River
Monday 15 January	Southern	Sunday 21 January	Jubilee & Traralgon
Tuesday 16 January	Kingston Heath	Sunday 28 January	Bairnsdale
Friday 19 January	Cranbourne	Sunday 11 February	Trentham
Tuesday 13 February	Woodlands	Sunday 18 February	Ballarat & Port Fairy
Thursday 22 February	Keysborough	Sunday 25 February	Lang Lang & Neangar Park
Friday 9 March	Spring Valley	Sunday 4 March	Coomealla & Hill Top
2018 Peninsula Qualifying Rounds			
Monday 5 February	Barwon Heads		
Monday 19 February	Portsea	<b>Note: All tee times are multi-tee starts at 7:45am</b>	
Friday 2 March	Flinders		
~Championship Final~			
The 2018 Victorian Four-Ball Championship Final will be played over 36 Holes Four-Ball Stableford.			
1 <sup>st</sup> Round: Sorrento – <b>Monday 19 March</b>			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round: The National (Cape Schanck) – <b>Tuesday 20 March</b>			

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	<b>\$130.00</b> per pair (incl. GST) for each Metropolitan & Peninsula Qualifying Round. <b>\$80.00</b> per pair (incl. GST) for each Regional Qualifying Round.
<b>Inclusion:</b>	Light lunch and player gift pack
<b>Format:</b>	18-Hole Four-Ball Stableford Play
<b>Tee Times:</b>	<b>7:45am</b> multi-tee starts at all Qualifying venues.
<b>Eligibility:</b>	Open to Male and Female Amateur Golfers
<b>GA Handicap:</b>	All players must have a valid GA handicap and meet condition 2.2
<b>Entries Open:</b>	Friday 20 September 2017
<b>Entries Close:</b>	<b>Metropolitan &amp; Peninsula Qualifying Rounds</b> – Friday 8 December 2017. <i>Note: Venue allocations will be available online after Thursday 14 December.</i>
	<b>Regional Qualifying Rounds</b> – 10 days prior to each Qualifying round or when entry capacity is reached.

### Qualifying Rounds:

- Each pair is permitted to play in a maximum of one Metropolitan Qualifying Round, one Peninsula Qualifying Round and unlimited Regional Qualifying Rounds (subject to availability).
- Each pair is required to nominate their three preferred options of Metropolitan and/or Peninsula qualifying venues. The Championship Committee will then allocate each pair to a Qualifying venue(s) on the basis of Championship conditions 1.2.4 & 1.2.5. Entries must list the three preferred venues. **Entries with less than three different venues will not be accepted.**

### Notable Condition Amendments for 2018 (see conditions for more):

- A minimum of 10 individual competition rounds must be present within each player's handicap record over the preceding 12 months prior to participating in a regional qualifying round. Upon application from any individual player, the GV Match Committee will consider granting an exemption to this condition (e.g. a new player who has recently obtained a GA Handicap for the first time);
- In accordance with Section 17 of the GA Handicap System, the GV Match Committee reserves the right to allocate Special Competition Handicaps to any player participating in the Victorian Four-Ball Championship. Circumstances which may lead to such action includes (but is not limited to):
  - Qualification for a minimum of two State Finals over the past four years;
  - Finished with a two round total of 86 points or more at the previous year's State Final;
  - Qualification for the current year's State Final with a score that in the view of the GV Match Committee has not resulted in an appropriate reduction of one or both player's GA Handicaps following application of the Four-Ball provisions of the GA Handicap System;
  - Achieved notable performances in club; District or other external Four-Ball and/or team competitions;

*Note: Such Special Competition Handicaps may apply solely to the Victorian Four-Ball Championship or to all Four Ball/Teams events (including Club/District events) for a defined period as the GV Match Committee will determine.*

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# 2018 VICTORIAN FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP – TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

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

## 1. COMPETITION PROCEDURE

- 1.1** The Championship will be played in three sections: -  
\* Men's Section \* Women's Section \* Mixed Section
- 1.1.1** The Championship will be played in two parts:-  
\* Qualifying Rounds \* Championship Final
- 1.2 Qualifying Rounds**
- 1.2.1** All entering pairs must compete in a Qualifying Round. Qualifying Rounds shall consist of 18 holes of Four-Ball Stableford play. Each entering pair is permitted to play in a maximum of one city qualifying round and unlimited country qualifying rounds.
- 1.2.2** Each individual player is permitted to enter as part of a men's or women's pair (as applicable) and as part of a mixed pair. However, once an individual player has qualified for the final, they are not permitted to qualify for the final as part of any other pair.
- 1.2.3** Each competing pair will be required to nominate their three preferred options of qualifying venues for city venues. The Championship Committee will then allocate each pair to a city qualifying venue(s) on the basis of entries received and preferred options.
- 1.2.4** Should excess entries be received for any Metropolitan or Peninsula qualifying venue, a random ballot will be undertaken to determine the starting field. Starting field positions will be reserved for a minimum of 10 men's, 10 women's and 10 mixed pairs at each qualifying venue up until 10 days prior. After this date, excess entries will be determined by a waiting list (if applicable).
- 1.2.5** Entries for the Regional qualifying venues will be accepted on the basis of receipt. Starting field positions will be reserved for a minimum of 10 men's, 10 women's and 10 mixed pairs at each qualifying venue up until 10 days prior. After this date, excess entries will be determined as per date of entry. Pairs may enter as many regional qualifying venues as desired but will be required to meet the entry fee for each venue.
- 1.2.6** The leading men's pair, leading women's pair and leading mixed pair from each Qualifying venue will qualify for the final. Additional pairs may qualify from the venues with the largest fields based on the proportion of total entries. The number of qualifying pairs at each venue in the Men's Section, Women's Section and Mixed Section will be proportionately determined on the basis of the total number of entries for the Championship.
- 1.2.7** Ties for the last places of qualifying pair(s) in any Section and all trophies will be decided by the system of countback as specified by Golf Australia.
- 1.3 Championship Final**
- 1.3.1** The Victorian Four-Ball Championship Final shall consist of 36 holes of Four-Ball Stableford play. Round 1 will be played on Monday 19 March 2018 at Sorrento GC & Round 2 at The National GC (Ocean Course) on Tuesday 20 March 2018.
- 1.3.2** The field for the Championship Final will consist of a maximum of 100 pairs (200 players) comprising of those pairs who have qualified for the Final at a City or Country Qualifying Round, as per condition 1.2.6 above.
- 1.3.3** Women & Mixed qualifying pairs will play AM (Monday 19 March) & PM (Tuesday 20 March). Men's pairs will play PM (Monday 19 March) & AM (Tuesday 20 March).
- 1.3.4** In the event of a tie for the Championship and all trophies in any Section, all positions/winners shall be decided by the system of count-back as specified by Golf Australia.
- 1.4 Substitutions**– Subject to the approval of the Championship Committee, following entry into the competition, it is permissible to substitute an alternative player for a nominated player who is unable to compete due to illness, injury or any other justifiable reason. However, only one player substitution can occur at the specific qualifying round. If both players are unavailable to play they must withdraw allowing any subsequent pairs on the waiting list to participate.

**No substitutions are permitted once a pair has qualified for the Championship Final.** The substitute player must be eligible to compete in accordance with the conditions of the competition.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1** Eligible players are male and female amateurs whose Golf Australia Handicap at the time of entry does not exceed 36.4 strokes (Men) and 45.4 strokes (Women) in accordance with the Australian Handicapping System and meets condition 2.2.
- 2.2** A minimum of 10 individual competition rounds must be present within each player's handicap record over the preceding 12 months prior to participating in a regional qualifying round. Upon application from any individual player, the GV Match Committee will consider granting an exemption to this condition (e.g. a new player who has recently obtained a GA Handicap for the first time);
- 2.3** In accordance with Section 17 of the GA Handicap System, the GV Match Committee reserves the right to allocate Special Competition Handicaps to any player participating in the Victorian Four-Ball Championship.
- 2.4** Entries of amateurs are restricted to members of clubs affiliated with Golf Victoria, or of golf clubs registered with such State or overseas Associations are affiliated with or recognised by these Associations, or of clubs affiliated with the Victorian Golf League and Registered Golfers. Entries from RACV Golf Program members shall also be received.

## 3. ENTRIES

- 3.1** The entry fee is \$130.00 (incl. light lunch and GST) per pair for Metropolitan & Peninsula Qualifying Rounds and \$80.00 (incl. light lunch and GST) per pair per venue for Regional Qualifying Rounds.
- 3.2** Golf Victoria shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
- 3.3** Entries shall only be made on the official entry form or online at [www.golfvic.org.au](http://www.golfvic.org.au).
- 3.4** The draws for the competition will be sent to players and available at [www.golfvic.org.au](http://www.golfvic.org.au) approximately one week before the event.

## 4. TROPHIES

- 4.1 Qualifying Rounds**- Trophies will be awarded to the winning pair, runners-up and third at all Qualifying events in each Section provided there are sufficient pairs competing in the respective section (Men's, Women's or Mixed).
- 4.2 Championship Final**- The winning pair in the Men's Section, Women's Section and Mixed Section shall be the respective Victorian Four-Ball Men's, Women's and Mixed Champions and shall each receive a trophy. The runners-up and third placegetters in the Men's, Women's and Mixed Sections shall also each receive a trophy.

The pairs with the best score for both the first and second rounds in each section shall also receive a trophy.

## 5. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The Committee shall consist of Golf Victoria representatives and the Match Committee of the Club upon whose course the rounds are being played. In the absence of a full Championship Committee, such members thereof, as may be present at the time, may give a decision so given shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Championship Committee. 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 Championship Committee reserves the right to accept additional post entries subject to availability for any venue that has not reached a full field capacity.

## 6. REFUND POLICY

Any entrant may withdraw and have their entry fee refunded providing notification is received within **three working days** prior to the qualifying round. 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).

## 7. **MOTORISED TRANSPORT**

Competitors are permitted to ride in or on a motorised vehicle during any round of the Championship. It should be noted that the hire or provision of such transport is at the competitors own expense subject to arrangements and agreements with each host club.

## 8. **DATABASE OF COMPETITORS DETAILS**

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