

# 2018

# OATES VIC OPEN

## FINAL QUALIFYING ROUND

MONDAY 29 JANUARY

CURLEWIS, KOORINGAL  
& PORTARLINGTON GOLF CLUBS



## PLAYER INFORMATION & DRAW



**Date:** Monday 29 January 2018  
**Format:** 18-Hole Stroke

### Host Clubs

**Venue:** **Curlewis Golf Club**  
**Address:** 1345 Portarlington Rd, Curlewis VIC 3222  
**Phone:** (03) 5251 1111  
**Website:** [www.curlewisgolf.com.au](http://www.curlewisgolf.com.au)

**Venue:** **Kooringal Golf Club**  
**Address:** Wilga Avenue, Altona VIC 3018  
**Pro Shop:** (03) 9398 2717  
**Website:** [www.kooringalgolf.com.au](http://www.kooringalgolf.com.au)

**Venue:** **Portarlington Golf Club**  
**Address:** 130 Hood Rd, Portarlington VIC 3223  
**Pro Shop:** (03) 5259 3361  
**Website:** [www.portarlingtongolf.com.au](http://www.portarlingtongolf.com.au)

### Tournament Committee

- David Greenhill (GV Chief Operating Officer)
- Brian Lasky (GV Match Committee Chairman)
- Michelle Hui (GV Golf Events Manager)
- Stephanie Wearne (GV Golf Events Coordinator)
- Tim Witherow (GV Golf Events Officer)
- Emily Smith (GV Golf Development Officer)

### Venue Allocations

All women are allocated to Kooringal for the pre-qualifying. Men have been split across all three venues.

### Event Format

6:30am Registration starts  
7:30am Play commences – Two-tee start

**Note: Due to possible cancellations in the lead-up to the Final Qualifying, it may be necessary for players to move up in the draw and play at an earlier tee-time. Please consult with the tournament officials upon arrival at the course.**

### Qualifying Positions

#### Women's Championship

A minimum of five (5) places will be available to make up the field for the Women's Oates Vic Open Championship proper. Players will be advised on the day of the exact number of spots being played for.

#### Men's Championship

A minimum of fifteen (15) places will be available to make up the field for the Men's Oates Vic Open Championship proper and shall be **divided** on the basis of field size at each course. Players will be advised on the day at each qualifying venue of the exact number of spots being played for.

### Ties

Ties for the last places in the qualifying competitions shall be decided by a hole by hole playoff at the conclusion of play at each course. Alternate places in case of subsequent scratching from the Championship proper shall also be decided by hole by hole playoff.

### Cancellations

Cancellations must be telephoned or emailed through as follows:

#### Male Professionals

Kim Hooper (PGA Tour Australasia) – 0499 433 077  
[khooper@pga.org.au](mailto:khooper@pga.org.au)

#### Female Professionals

Jennifer Johnson (ALPG Tour) – 0437 311 821  
[jenj@alpg.com.au](mailto:jenj@alpg.com.au)

#### Amateurs

Michelle Hui (Golf Victoria) – 0435 924 495  
[michelle.hui@golfvic.org.au](mailto:michelle.hui@golfvic.org.au)

### On the day (all players):

**Curlewis:** 0435 924 495 (Michelle Hui)  
**Kooringal:** 0435 949 992 (Stephanie Wearne)  
**Portarlington:** 0448 577 640 (Tim Witherow)

### Practice

Players can organise a practice round via contacting the respective pro-shop at each venue:

**Curlewis:** (03) 5251 1111  
**Kooringal:** (03) 9398 2717  
**Portarlington:** (03) 5259 3361

### Distance Measuring Devices

The following Local Rule will be in effect for the Qualifying Rounds only (it is not in effect for the Championship Proper):

*A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule of Golf 14-3, for which the penalty is two-strokes for the first breach and disqualification for any subsequent breach.*

### Oates Vic Open Registration

All successful qualifiers must register at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm on Tuesday 30 January 2018.

## Course Maps

### Curlewis Golf Club



### Koorringal Golf Club



### Portarlinton Golf Club





## Registration

All competitors are required to report to Golf Victoria representatives inside the clubhouse **at least 30 minutes prior to the starting time** at the respective clubs upon arrival at the course. Players must then be present on the appropriate tee **no later than 10 minutes' prior to the tee time**.

## Scorecards

All score cards are to be returned to the registration area immediately at the conclusion of play.

## Driving Clubs

Any driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. Exception: A driver with a club head that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition. (The list may be viewed via [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org))

**Penalty for carrying, but not making stroke with, club or clubs in breach of condition:** Two strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to their marker or fellow competitor immediately upon discovery a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified.

**Penalty for making stroke with club in breach of condition:** Disqualification.

## Club Face Grooves

The specimen R&A Rules Limited competition condition regarding club face grooves will be applicable for the Championship rounds of the 2018 Oates Vic Open played at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links **BUT NOT FOR THE QUALIFYING ROUNDS**. This condition states as follows:

*The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are now effective.*

**Penalty for carrying, but not making stroke with, club or clubs in breach of condition:** Two strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes. In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole. Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to their marker or fellow competitor immediately upon discovery a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified.

**Penalty for making stroke with club in breach of condition:** Disqualification.

For further information, please refer to [www.randa.org/equipmentrules](http://www.randa.org/equipmentrules)

## Ball

It will be obligatory for all competitors in the Championship Proper and in the qualifying rounds to play with a ball which is named in the current R&A and/or USGA Approved Lists. (Copies of these will be at the course.)

**Penalty:** Disqualification.

**Balls with Identical Markings to be used:** Throughout a stipulated round, the balls a player uses must be of the same brand and type as detailed by a single entry in the current list of Conforming Golf Balls.

**Penalty:** Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round: Four strokes.

## Code of Conduct

All players are requested to adhere to the respective PGA, ALPG or Golf Victoria Code of Conduct (as applicable) for the duration of the competition.

## Dress Regulations

All **players and caddies** are requested to adhere to the Club's dress regulations. Neat, tidy and clean golf attire is required. Advertising or display materials must not appear on clothing except for small logos. Denim clothing and metal spikes are not permitted. Any player not adhering to the Host Club's dress regulations will be prohibited from playing. Any caddie not adhering to the above dress regulations will be requested to leave the course.

**Note:** All Male Professionals are required to wear long pants for the duration of the 2018 Oates Vic Open including qualifying rounds in accordance with 2018 PGA Member Regulations.

## Course Care / Club Regulations

Players are reminded that sand buckets **MUST** be taken and used, pitch marks are to be repaired, and bunkers raked following play at each course. Mobile phones are not to be used in the clubhouse or on the course unless in the case of an emergency or a ruling during the round.

Play will be from the nominated tee markers. Any player not complying with these requirements will be subject to action in accordance with the GA Codes of Behaviour.

## Slow Play

Rule 6-7 will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding them. Any group with a clear hole in front of them will be considered out of position. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

## Suspension of Play

In the event of heavy rain, lightning or for any other reason, the Championship Committee will be responsible for deciding whether to suspend play. The signal for suspending play will be one short siren blast. The procedure when play is suspended is outlined under Rule 6-8b. When the course is ready for play, players will be advised to return to various locations. The signal for the resumption of play will be one long siren blast.

## Refunds

Any entrant may withdraw and have the entrance fee refunded provided notification is received within three working days prior to the event (**5pm – Wednesday 24 January 2018**). 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).

## Golf Victoria Heat Policy

Please note that this event is contested during the high risk summer period. Please consult the Golf Victoria Heat Policy and relevant host clubs policies prior to play. A full copy of the policy can be viewed on the Golf Victoria Website at [www.golfvic.org.au](http://www.golfvic.org.au) under *Championships & Events* → *Event Resources* → *Golf Victoria Heat Policy*. In addition, important hydration information can be found at <http://sma.org.au/resources/policies/hot-weather>

## Oates Vic Open Website

The Oates Vic Open Website is located at [www.vicgopengolf.com](http://www.vicgopengolf.com). Complete tournament draws, preview/review articles and a full summary of results will be updated.

## Further Conditions

For further conditions please consult the Event Conditions.