

2018
VICTORIAN MEN'S
COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP
(INC. JUNIOR COUNTRY
REGIONS)

SATURDAY 24 – SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY

ROSEBUD COUNTRY CLUB
(NORTH COURSE)



PLAYER INFORMATION & DRAW

About

The Victorian Men's Country Championship is played over 36 holes stroke and is open to male amateur country golfers. The Country Colts & Boys Championship titles are played in conjunction with the main Men's Country Championship.

The Championship commenced in 1924. Following a major review by the Golf Victoria Match Committee, the Championship will be played separately on a weekend in conjunction with the rescheduled Junior Boys Country Regions event.

Host Club

Venue: Rosebud Country Club
Address: 207 Boneo Road, Rosebud, VIC 3939
Pro Shop: (03) 5950 0888
Website: www.rosebudcountryclub.com.au

Date: Saturday 24 - Sunday 25 February 2018
Format: 36-Hole Stroke

Tournament Committee

- Danny McGrath (Rosebud CC – General Manager)
- Matt Lang (Rosebud CC – Operations Manager)
- Douglas O'Keeffe (GV Junior Events Coordinator)
- Michelle Hui (GV Golf Events Manager)

Event Format

Saturday 24 February – Round 1 (North Course)

11:30 am Registration starts
 12:45 pm Player Briefing
 1:30 pm Play commences – Multi-tee start

Sunday 25 February – Round 2 (North Course)

6:30 am Registration starts
 7:30 am Player Briefing
 7:45 am Play commences – Multi-tee start
 1:00 pm Lunch & Presentations (approx.)

Round 2 Seeded Draw

A seeded draw will be created for round 2 based on 18-hole gross scores following round 1. This draw will be emailed to all players and on the Golf Victoria Website at www.golfvic.org.au from approximately 7:30pm on Saturday evening.

Golf Victoria reserves the right to modify the draw.

Trophies

Men's Country Championship

- Overall Gross Winner (Victorian Men's Country Champion), Runner-Up & Third Place
- Overall Nett Winner & Runner-Up
- Colts Gross & Nett Champion
- Boys Gross & Nett Champion

Note: Players may win a maximum of one overall trophy plus one additional trophy in subsequent eligible sections.

Junior Boys Country Regions

- Winning Gross Team
- Winning Nett Team

Ties

In the event of a tie after 36 holes in the Men's Country Championship (including Colts & Boys sections) a hole by hole play-off will be conducted. Players who have tied will be eliminated as they fail to maintain equality with others until a winner is determined.

Presentation

All trophies will be presented immediately after the conclusion of play on Sunday. It would be appreciated if as many competitors as possible remain for the presentation to honor the respective trophy winners.

Men's Country Championship Meals

Lunch will be provided to all players for the first round and will be distributed at registration. Breakfast and lunch is also included for the final round on Sunday. These meals are included in the entry fee. Please note that all other expenses will be the responsibility of the competitor.

Junior Country Regions Meals

Meal vouchers for all players and team managers will be given upon registration. The vouchers are to be exchanged in the clubhouse for each respective meal including lunch on both days, dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

Notes:

- Junior Regions Dinner will be held at approximately 6:30pm at the golf club on Saturday 24 February
- All meals will be coordinated by the host club and paid for by the Golf Victoria. *However, all drinks will be at each individual/team's expense.*

Victorian Country Regions Outline

Division A
Ballarat
Dalhousie
East Gippsland
Golf Peninsula Vic
Goulburn Murray
North Eastern
South Western
Western

- Each team to consist of 6 – 9 junior male amateurs aged under 18 as of February 24 2018 with an Australian handicap of 27 and below.
- 36 Hole Stroke Play Competition - 18 holes on Saturday afternoon and 18 holes on Sunday morning.
- The top 6 scores from each team to count for each round.

Scratchings

Any player wishing to scratch prior to Friday 23 February 2018 must ring GV tournaments on 8545 6207 or email tournaments@golfvic.org.au. After this date please call Michelle Hui on 0435 924 495 or Douglas O'Keeffe 0417 104 758.

Course Map

Players are requested to familiarise themselves with the course maps to avoid any delay in commencement of play from allocated holes. **Note:** Both rounds will be played on the **North Course**.



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Registration

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

Handicaps

All players must ensure that their current and correct daily handicap is recorded on the scorecard in accordance with Rule 6-2b. Players must play from their **DAILY** handicap during the Championship, with the exception that no player shall play from a GA handicap greater than the maximum limit of **27.4**.

Scorecards

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

Dress Regulations

Please visit the relevant website: [Rosebud Country Club](#)

All **players & caddies** are required to adhere to the Club's dress regulations with particular reference to the links above.

Course Care / Club Regulations

Players are reminded that sand buckets **MUST** be taken and used and pitch marks are to be repaired. 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 GV Code of Conduct.

Motorised Carts

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 Golf Victoria as soon as possible. Golf Victoria cannot guarantee the use of a golf cart on any given day of play.

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.

Pace of Play

"Ready Golf" will be encouraged during the championship. Slow play will be monitored and enforced under Rule 6-7. 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.

Further details can be found at www.golfvic.org.au/pace-of-play

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 (**5pm Wednesday 21 February 2018**) to 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).

'Safe thru 18' – First Aid Information Guide for Golfers

Golf Victoria is aware that occasionally situations arise out on golf courses where first aid or emergency action is needed, and often golfers are unsure of the best way to respond.

A compact and comprehensive first aid guide titled "Safe thru 18" has been developed in a format that can easily fit into a player's bag. This guide provides information covering many situations that players may face out on course, both critical and common.

A PDF version of the 'Safe Thru 18' guide can be obtained via the following link:

<http://www.golfvic.org.au/resources>. In addition a complimentary "Safe thru 18" guide will be available for all players at registration. Additional copies can be purchased through the Golf Victoria office for \$1 per guide.



Golf Victoria stresses that "Safe thru 18" is not designed as an alternative to a first aid course and we encourage all clubs and members to consider taking a professionally delivered first aid course.

Golf Victoria Website

The Golf Victoria Website is located at www.golfvic.org.au. Complete tournament draws, preview/review articles and a full summary of results will be posted within the "Championships & Events" page from the Golf Victoria homepage.

Further Conditions

For further conditions please consult the Event Conditions and GV Standard Event Conditions.