



2018 WESTCOAST OPEN AMATEUR

Ivo Whitton / Susie Tolhurst Trophy Ranking Event

to be played at

Port Fairy and Warrnambool Golf Clubs

over 72-holes as follows:

Friday 25 May	Warrnambool GC - 18 Holes Stroke (PM)
Saturday 26 May	Port Fairy GC - 36 Holes Stroke (AM & PM)
Sunday 27 May	Warrnambool GC - 18 Holes Stroke (AM)

Notes:

- (i) The field for the Westcoast Open Amateur will be limited to 60 male players and 24 female players. Should a capacity field be reached, a **ballot by handicap** will occur at the close of entries.
- (ii) GA handicap limit at close of entry: **9.0 Strokes (Men)** and **15.0 Strokes (Women)**.
- (iii) **Entrance Fee \$100.00** per player (incl. lunch all days and GST). Any balloted player will receive a full refund and will be processed after the closing date.
- (iv) Entries open on **Monday 9 April 2018** & close at **5.00pm on Thursday 10 May 2018**.
Note: Entrant lists will be published on Friday 11 May 2018.
- (v) The Westcoast Open Amateur will be allocated conditional men's and women's amateur exemptions to the 2019 Men's & Women's Vic Open starting field. (See Condition 1.6)

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2018 WESTCOAST OPEN AMATEUR – 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)

1. COMPETITION PROCEDURE

1.1 The Westcoast Open Amateur will be played over 72-holes stroke play consisting of 18 holes Friday, 36-holes on Saturday and 18-holes Sunday.

1.2 The field for the Westcoast Open Amateur will consist of 60 male players and 24 female players.

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

1.3 In the instance the number of entries exceeds the maximum field capacity, a **ballot by handicap** will occur at the close of entries. Unsuccessful entries will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if subsequent withdrawals occur

1.4 If a competitor alters their handicap during the Competition, their handicap as of the first day of play shall prevail throughout for all prizes. Players must play from their current handicap during the Championship, with the exception that no player shall play from a GA handicap greater than the maximum limit of 9.0 strokes (men) and 15.0 strokes (women).

1.5 The male and female players with the lowest stroke score after 72 holes shall be the respective Men's and Women's Westcoast Open Amateur Champions. In the event of a tie for the Men's or Women's Westcoast Open Amateur Champion, a play-off is to be staged if time permits, otherwise a count-back will be utilised. The play-off will be played at a time and in a manner as decided by the Championship Committee. Ties for all other positions shall be decided by count-back as recommended by Golf Australia.

1.6 2019 MEN'S & WOMEN'S VIC OPEN EXEMPTION

The Men's and Women's Champions will be allocated conditional amateur exemptions to the 2019 Vic Open starting field.

Amateur exemptions will be allocated in order as outlined on the 2019 Victorian Open entry form from category (a) onwards. Therefore, exemption into the starting field is dependent on prior exemption categories being fully utilised.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Eligible players are male amateurs whose GA Handicap or overseas equivalent at the close of entry does not exceed 9.0 strokes, and female amateurs whose GA Handicap or overseas equivalent at the close of entry does not exceed 15.0 strokes in accordance with the Australian Handicapping System.

2.2 Entries will be restricted to amateurs, who are members of clubs affiliated with Golf Victoria, or of golf clubs registered with such State or Overseas Associations as are affiliated with or recognised by this Association, or of clubs affiliated with the Victorian Golf League and Registered Golfers.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 The entry fee is **\$100.00** (incl. GST) per player and must be paid through the Golf Victoria registration portal. Light lunch is included for all days.

3.2 Entries shall only be made on the official entry form or online at www.golfvic.org.au.

3.3 Golf Victoria shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.

3.4 The draw for the competition will be sent to players and available at www.golfvic.org.au approximately one week before the event.

4. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded for:

MEN

- **Overall 72-Hole Gross** – Winner, Runner-Up & Third Place
- **Overall 72-Hole Nett** – Winner & Runner-Up
- **Best Gross & Nett (Each Round)** – Winner
- **Daily NTP**

WOMEN

- **Overall 72-Hole Gross** – Winner & Runner-Up
- **Overall 72-Hole Nett** – Winner & Runner-Up
- **Best Gross & Nett (Each Round)** – Winner
- **Daily NTP**

Players may win a maximum of 2 trophies (exc. NTP)

Note: Trophies are subject to change dependent on final numbers.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The Championship Committee shall consist of representatives of Port Fairy Golf Club, Warrnambool Golf Club and Golf Victoria. In the absence of the full Championship Committee, 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.

6. 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).

7. 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.

8. 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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