



2019 VICTORIAN FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP



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

| 2019 Metropolitan Qualifying Rounds | | 2019 Regional Qualifying Rounds | |
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| Monday 7 January | Commonwealth | Sunday 13 January | Rich River |
| Tuesday 15 January | Kingston Heath | Sunday 20 January | Jubilee & Traralgon |
| Friday 18 January | Cranbourne | Sunday 27 January | Bairnsdale |
| Monday 21 January | Huntingdale | Sunday 3 February | Horsham & Trentham |
| Tuesday 29 January | Woodlands | Sunday 17 February | Ballarat & Warrnambool |
| Thursday 21 February | Keysborough | Sunday 24 February | Lang Lang & Neangar Park |
| Monday 4 March | Southern | Friday 1 March | Flinders |
| | | Sunday 3 March | Hill Top & Mildura |
| | | Tuesday 5 March | 13 th Beach - Vic Open Round* |
| | | Friday 8 March | Mornington |

Note: All tee times are multi-tee starts at 7:45am except for Mildura (9:00am)

~ 2019 Victorian Four-Ball Championship - State Final ~

36 Holes Four-Ball Stableford

Round 1: Sorrento GC – Monday 18 March

Round 2: Moonah Links GC (Open Course) – Tuesday 19 March

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| Entry Fee: | \$130.00 per pair (incl. GST) for each Metropolitan Qualifying Round. \$80.00 per pair (incl. GST) for each Regional Qualifying Round. *\$180.00 per pair (incl. GST) for the Vic Open Qualifying Round at 13 th Beach Golf Links |
| Inclusion: | Light lunch and player gift pack at all qualifying venues |
| Format: | 18-Hole Four-Ball Stableford |
| Tee Times: | 7:45am multi-tee starts at all qualifying venues (excluding Mildura – 9am) |
| Eligibility: | Male and Female Amateur Golfers |
| GA Handicap: | All players must have a valid GA handicap and meet condition 2.2 |
| Entries Open: | Monday 8 October 2018 |
| Entries Close: | Metropolitan Qualifying Rounds – 5pm on Friday 30 November 2018. <i>Note: Venue allocations will be available online after Thursday 6 December 2018.</i> |

Qualifying Rounds:

- Each pair is permitted to play in a maximum of one Metropolitan Qualifying Round and unlimited Regional Qualifying Rounds (subject to availability).
- Each pair is required to nominate their three preferred options of Metropolitan qualifying round 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 Conditions for 2019 (see conditions for more information):

- 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 qualifying round. (See condition 2.2);
- In accordance with Section 17 of the GA Handicap System, the GA Match Committee reserves the right to allocate Special Competition Handicaps to any player participating in the Victorian Four-Ball Championship. (See condition 2.3)

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2019 VICTORIAN FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP – TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

(To be read in conjunction with the Standard Event Conditions as published at 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 (Metropolitan & Regional)**
- 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 Metropolitan qualifying round and unlimited Regional qualifying rounds.
Note: Individual players may enter multiple Metropolitan qualifying rounds with different partners.
- 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.
- 1.2.3 Each competing pair will be required to nominate their **three preferred options** of qualifying venues for **Metropolitan** venues. The Championship Committee will then allocate each pair to a Metropolitan qualifying venue(s) on the basis of entries received and preferred options. Entries with less than three different venues will not be accepted.
- 1.2.4 Should excess entries be received for any Metropolitan 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, women's and mixed pairs from each Qualifying venue will qualify for the final.
Note: Should any of the men's, women's or mixed sections have less than 4 pairs at any venue, the section may be combined with another section (ie. Women's & Mixed Section).
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 State Final shall consist of 36 holes of Four-Ball Stableford play. Round 1 will be played on Monday 18 March 2019 at Sorrento GC & Round 2 at Moonah Links GC (Open Course) on Tuesday 19 March 2019.
- 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 Men's qualifying pairs will play AM (Monday 18 March) & PM (Tuesday 19 March). Women & Mixed pairs will play PM (Monday 18 March) & AM (Tuesday 19 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 amateur golfers whose Golf Australia Handicap (or overseas equivalent) at the time of entry does not exceed 36.4 strokes (Men) and 45.4 strokes (Women), and meet 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 GA 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 GA 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):
- o Qualification for a minimum of two State Finals over the past four years;
 - o Finished with a two round total of 86 points or more at the previous year's State Final;
 - o Qualification for the current year's State Final with a score that in the view of the GA 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;
 - o 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 GA Match Committee will determine.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$130.00 per pair for Metropolitan Qualifying Rounds and \$80.00 per pair per venue for Regional Qualifying Rounds (excluding 13th Beach - \$180.00 per pair). Entry fee includes light lunch and GST at all venues.
- 3.2 Entries shall only be made online via the registration link at www.golfvic.org.au.
- 3.3 Golf Australia shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
- 3.4 The draws for the competition will be sent to players and available at www.golfvic.org.au approximately one week before the event.

4. TROPHIES

- 4.1 **Qualifying Rounds (18-Hole Stableford):**
- Winning Pair – Men's, Women's & Mixed sections
 - Runner-Up Pair – Men's, Women's & Mixed sections
 - Third Place Pair – Men's, Women's & Mixed sections
 - NTP – Men, Women and Open

Note: Minimum of 5 pairs in each of the above sections will be required for third place trophies to be awarded.

4.2 State Final (36-Hole Stableford):

- Winning Pair – Men's, Women's & Mixed sections
- Runner-Up Pair – Men's, Women's & Mixed sections
- Third Place Pair – Men's, Women's & Mixed sections
- Best 18-Hole Stableford (Rd 1 & 2) – Men's, Women's & Mixed sections
- Daily NTP – Men & Women

5. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The Committee shall consist of Golf Australia representatives. 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 Australia 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.

Carts must be booked with Golf Australia and preference will be given to those that require usage for medial purposes.

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

The personal data contained in this entry is permanently retained by GA. This data may be utilised by GA or its sponsors for the distribution of correspondence, in both electronic and hard copy means. From time to time players may be sent entry forms, event literature, the GA e-newsletter, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of GA events, or information about events conducted by GA-approved bodies. Upon receipt by GA of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.