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# 2018 MEN'S & WOMEN'S PORT PHILLIP OPEN AMATEUR

(Incorporating the 2018 Victorian Men's & Women's Amateur Championship Qualifying Rounds)

to be played at the



**Commonwealth Golf Club &  
Kingston Heath Golf Club**



over 72-holes as follows:

<b>Thursday 6 December</b>	Kingston Heath GC	18 Holes Stroke
<b>Friday 7 December</b>	Kingston Heath GC	18 Holes Stroke
<b>Saturday 8 December</b>	Commonwealth GC	36 Holes Stroke

followed by the



# 2018 VICTORIAN MEN'S & WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS



to be played at the

**Huntingdale Golf Club**

<b>Monday 10 December</b>	Huntingdale GC	AM – 1 <sup>st</sup> Rd Matches (Men's Top 32) PM – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rd Matches (Men's Top 16) 1 <sup>st</sup> Rd Matches (Women's Top 16)
<b>Tuesday 11 December</b>	Huntingdale GC	AM – Men's & Women's Quarter Finals PM – Men's & Women's Semi-Finals
<b>Wednesday 12 December</b>	Huntingdale GC	AM & PM – Men's & Women's Finals (36 Holes)

#### Notes:

- (i) The field for the Port Phillip Open Amateur will be limited to 129 male players and 39 female players. If excess entries are received, a **handicap ballot will apply**. See Condition 1 for further details.
- (ii) GA handicap limit at close of entry: **3.0 strokes (Men)** and **6.4 strokes (Women)**.
- (iii) After 36-holes, the leading 52 male players and 22 female players including ties will qualify to play in Rounds 3 & 4 of the 2018 Port Phillip Open Amateur (Conditions 1.2 & 2.2).
- (iv) After 72-holes, the leading 32 male players and the leading 16 female players will advance to the Victorian Men's and Women's Amateur Championships – Match-Play Rounds.
- (v) **Entrance Fee \$180.00** per player (incl. lunch during all rounds of the Port Phillip Open Amateur and GST). Any balloted player will receive a full refund. Refunds will be processed after Sunday 25 November.
- (vi) Entries open on **Monday 8 October 2018** & close at **5.00pm on Thursday 15 November 2018**.  
*Note: Entrant lists will be published on Friday 16 November.*
- (vii) **No practice shall be permitted on either Commonwealth or Kingston Heath courses prior to the Port Phillip.**

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# 2018 PORT PHILLIP OPEN AMATEUR & VICTORIAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – CONDITIONS

(To be read in conjunction with the [Standard Event Conditions](#) and the [Golf Australia Hard Card](#))

## 1. **2018 Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur Conditions**

### 1.1 **Format – Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur**

The Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur will be played over 72-holes stroke play consisting of 18 holes on each of Thursday 6 December and Friday 7 December and 36-holes Saturday 8 December.

1.2 After 36 holes, the top 52 male players plus ties will continue. A seeded draw for Rounds 3 & 4 will be created on the basis of 36-hole totals, with ties determined on a second-round count-back.

1.3 The field for the Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur will consist of 129 male players.

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

### 1.4 **Eligibility**

Eligible players are male amateurs whose GA Handicap or overseas equivalent at the close of entry does not exceed 3.0 strokes unless otherwise exempt as per condition 1.5.

### 1.5 **Exemptions**

A maximum total of 129 male players will be exempted into the starting field in order of priority in accordance with the following exemption categories:-

- a) Any player in the top 50 of Golf Australia's Men's Order of Merit as at close of entries
- b) Any player in the top 100 players of the Men's World Amateur Golf Rankings (R&A) as at close of entries
- c) Any player in the top 10 of the Golf Australia Boys' Order of Merit as at close of entries
- d) Competitors at the 2018 Men's Interstate Teams Matches  
**Note:** Does not include participants at the Boys' Teams Matches
- e) Players exempted by Kingston Heath & Commonwealth Golf Clubs (10 max.)
- f) Players exempted by Golf Australia (Victoria) (5 max.)
- g) Competitors nominated by GA Member State Associations (max. 3 each - must meet handicap criteria)
- h) Any player in the top 20 of the 2018 Ivo Whitton Trophy as at the close of entries who has played a minimum of 20 rounds and holds an average of 75.00 and lower.
  - i) 2018 Victorian Junior Boys' Team
  - j) Top 10 players plus ties from the 2018 Men's Riversdale Cup
  - k) 2017 Victorian Men's Amateur Championship semi-finalists
  - l) Amateur players that competed in all Championship rounds of the 2018 Oates Men's Victorian Open
- m) Current holders, as at the close of entries, of the following Victorian Championships/titles:
  - 2018 Victorian Men's Country Champion
  - 2018 Victorian Men's Mid-Amateur Champion
  - 2017 Victorian Men's Champion of Champions
  - 2018 Victorian Boys' Champion
  - 2018 Victorian Junior Masters Boys' Champion
  - 2017 Victorian Junior Open Boys' Champion
  - 2018 Men's Portsea Open Amateur Champion
  - 2018 Men's Traralgon Classic Champion
  - 2018 Men's Westcoast Open Amateur Champion
  - 2018 Men's Cobram-Barooga Open Amateur Champion
- n) Current Victorian Country Districts Men's Champion and the Victorian Golf League Men's Champion of Champions (must meet handicap criteria)
- o) 2018 Southern University Games Men's Champion
- p) Remaining positions up to a maximum of 129 exempt players will be filled based on GA handicap. Those players tied for the 129<sup>th</sup> position will be separated according to Golf Australia's Men's Order of Merit

#### **Note:**

- (i) To receive an exemption into the starting field for the 2018 Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur, a player must have submitted an entry to the event by the stated time on the closing date for entries.

### 1.6 **Trophies – Port Phillip Open Amateur**

- **72-Hole Gross:** 2018 Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur Champion (Victorian Medallist), Runner-Up, Third, Fourth & Fifth
- **36-Hole Gross (Rd 1 & 2):** Kingston Heath Open Amateur Champion & Runner-Up
- **36-Hole Gross (Rd 3 & 4):** Commonwealth Open Amateur Champion & Runner-Up

### 1.7 **Ties – Port Phillip Open Amateur**

In the event of a tie for the 72-Hole title, a hole by hole play-off will be conducted on a hole(s) as decided by the Championship Committee, players who have tied being eliminated as they fail to maintain equality. In the event of a tie for runners-up not determined by the above play-off, the count back method recommended by Golf Australia will be used.

In the event of a tie for the 36-hole trophies, the count back method recommended by Golf Australia will be used.

## **Victorian Men's Amateur Championship**

1.8 After 72-holes, the leading 32 players from the Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur will advance to the Victorian Men's Amateur Championship - Match-Play Rounds.

1.9 Ties for the Victorian Men's Amateur Match Play qualifying positions shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off. The play-off will be held at the conclusion of the formal presentations of the Port Phillip Open Amateur trophies.

1.10 The Victorian Men's Amateur Championship shall consist of successive rounds of match play with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round. An automatic draw shall be applied to establish the first round matches. Ties for positions, other than for the last qualifying position or positions (or for the first position in the Men's Port Phillip Open Amateur), will be decided by lot. The first round, second round, quarter-finals and semi-finals shall be determined over 18 holes of match play. The Final shall be determined over 36 holes match play.

1.11 Matches which are all square after the completion of 18 holes in the first round, second round, quarter-finals and semi-finals or are all square after the completion of 36 holes in the final shall continue until one player secures the advantage.

1.12 The winning player shall be the Men's Victorian Amateur Champion and shall receive a trophy. The runner-up and semi-finalists shall also receive a trophy.

## 2. **2018 Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur Conditions**

### 2.1 **Format – Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur**

The Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur will be played over 72-holes stroke play consisting of 18 holes on each of Thursday 6 December and Friday 7 December and 36-holes Saturday 8 December.

2.2 After 36 holes the top 22 female players plus ties will continue. A seeded draw for Rounds 3 & 4 will be created on the basis of 36-hole totals, with ties determined on a second-round count-back.

2.3 The field for the Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur will consist of 39 female players.

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

### 2.4 **Eligibility**

Eligible players are female amateurs whose GA Handicap at the close of entry does not exceed 6.4 strokes in accordance with the Australian Handicapping System unless otherwise exempt as per condition 2.5.

### 2.5 **Exemptions**

A maximum of 39 players will be exempted into the starting field in order of priority in accordance with the following exemption categories:-

- a) Any player in the top 20 of Golf Australia Women's Order of Merit as at close of entries
- b) Any player in the top 100 players of the Women's World Amateur Golf Rankings (R&A) as at close of entries
- c) Any player in the top 5 of the Golf Australia Girls' Order of Merit as at close of entries
- d) 2018 Victorian Women's State Team
- e) Players exempted by Kingston Heath & Commonwealth Golf Clubs (5 max.)
- f) Players exempted by Golf Australia (Victoria) (3 max.)
- g) Competitors nominated by GA Member State Associations (max. 3 each – must meet handicap criteria)
- h) Any player in the top 10 of the 2018 Victorian Women's Susie Tolhurst Trophy rankings as at the close of entries who has played a minimum of 10 rounds and holds and average of 77.00 and lower.
  - i) 2018 Victorian Junior Girls' Team
  - j) Top 10 players plus ties from the 2018 Women's Riversdale Cup
  - k) 2018 Victorian Women's Amateur Championship semi-finalists
  - l) Amateur players that competed in all Championship rounds of the 2018 Oates Women's Victorian Open
- m) Current holders, as at the close of entries, of the following Victorian Championships/titles:
  - 2018 Women's Country Championship
  - 2018 Victorian Women's Mid-Amateur Champion
  - 2018 Victorian Women's Champion of Champions
  - 2018 Victorian Girls' Champion
  - 2018 Victorian Junior Girls' Masters
  - 2017 Victorian Junior Open Girls' Champion
  - 2018 Women's Portsea Open Amateur Champion

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- 2018 Women's Traralgon Classic Champion
- 2018 Women's Westcoast Open Amateur Champion
- 2018 Women's Cobram-Barooga Open Amateur Champion
- n) Current Victorian Country Districts Women's Champions (must meet handicap criteria)
- o) 2018 Southern University Games Women's Champion
- p) Remaining positions up to a maximum of 39 exempt players will be filled based on GA handicap. Those players tied for the 39<sup>th</sup> position will be separated according to the Golf Australia Women's Order of Merit

## Note:

- (ii) To receive an exemption into the starting field for the 2018 Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur, a player must have submitted an entry to the event by the stated time on the closing date for entries.

## 2.6 Trophies –Port Phillip Open Amateur

- **72-Hole Gross:** 2018 Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur Champion (Victorian Medallist & Nell Smithett) & Runner-Up
- **36-Hole Gross (Rd 1 & 2):** Kingston Heath Open Amateur Champion & Runner-Up
- **36-Hole Gross (Rd 3 & 4):** Commonwealth Open Amateur Champion & Runner-Up

## 2.7 Ties – Port Phillip Open Amateur

In the event of a tie for the 72-Hole title, a hole by hole play-off will be conducted on a hole(s) as decided by the Championship Committee, players who have tied being eliminated as they fail to maintain equality. In the event of a tie for runners-up not determined by the above play-off, the count back method recommended by Golf Australia will be used.

In the event of a tie for the 36-hole trophies, the count back method recommended by Golf Australia will be used.

## Victorian Women's Amateur Championship

- 2.8 After 72-holes, the leading 16 players from the Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur will advance to the Victorian Women's Amateur Championship - Match-Play Rounds.
- 2.9 Ties for the Women's Victorian Amateur Match Play qualifying positions shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off. The play-off will only be held at the conclusion of the formal presentations of the Port Phillip Open Trophies.
- 2.10 The Women's Victorian Amateur Championship shall consist of successive rounds of match play with losers being eliminated and winners progressing to the next round. The automatic draw shall be applied to establish the first round matches. Ties for positions, other than for the last qualifying position or positions (or for the first position in the Women's Port Phillip Open Amateur), will be decided by lot. The first round, quarter-finals and semi-finals shall be determined over 18 holes of match play. The Final shall be determined over 36 holes match play.
- 2.11 Matches which are all square after the completion of 18 holes in the first round, quarter-finals and semi-finals or are all square after the completion of 36 holes in the final shall continue until one player secures the advantage.
- 2.12 The winning player shall be the Women's Victorian Amateur Champion and shall receive a trophy. The runner-up and semi-finalists shall also receive a trophy.

## 3. Championship Committee

### 3.1 Port Phillip Amateur & Victorian Amateur Championships

The Championship Committee shall consist of representatives of the Commonwealth, Kingston Heath & Huntingdale (Vic am only) Golf Clubs and Golf Australia.

- 3.2 In the absence of the full Championship Committee at either the Port Phillip Open Amateur or the Victorian Amateur Championship, 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.

### 4. 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 Australia supporting documents regarding their withdrawal from the event (ie. Medical Certificate).

### 5. Motorised Transport

According to the 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 Motorised Transport Approval Return Form for consideration by the Match Committee. Please go to [www.golfvic.org.au](http://www.golfvic.org.au) 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 Australia 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.

### 6. Database of Competitor's Details

The personal data contained in this entry is permanently retained by Golf Australia. This data may be utilised by Golf Australia 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 Golf Australia e-newsletter, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of Golf Australia events, or information about events conducted by Golf Australia approved bodies. Upon receipt by Golf Australia of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.