2018
SORRENTO
SENIOR AMATEUR

(Incorporating the 2018 Victorian Senior Club Teams Championship)

2019 Victorian Men's Senior Order of Merit Event

to be played at the

Sorrento Golf Club

Thursday 6 – Friday 7 December

Entry Fee:	**$165.00** *(incl. GST)*
Inclusions:	Light lunch on both days, Tournament Dinner (Two-Course Meal) (inc. 2018 Victorian Senior Order of Merit presentations) – 6:30pm on Thursday 6 December and all trophies.
	Dress: *Smart casual (**Blazer Preferred**)*
Format:	36-Hole Stroke (Men) *max 108 players*
Tee Time:	Round 1 – Thursday 6 December (18-Hole Stroke)
	Multi-tee start at 12:30pm
	Round 2 – Friday 7 December (18-Hole Stroke)
	Multi-Tee Start at 8:30am
GA Handicap Limit:	24.4 at date of entry
Age Limit:	55 years and above as of 6 December 2018
Entries Close:	5.00pm on Friday 16 November 2018 or when a capacity field is reached.

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1. **COMPETITION PROCEDURES**
1.1 The Championship is scheduled to be played over 36 holes Stroke play, 18 holes each round.
1.2 The field for the Championship will be limited to 108 players with entries accepted on an as received basis.
Note:
   (i) Places will be reserved for the top ten Men according to the 2018 Victorian Men's Senior Order of Merit Rankings (Gross & Nett) as at the completion of the 2018 Melton Valley Senior Amateur.
   (ii) To receive an exemption into the starting field for the 2018 Sorrento Senior Amateur, a player must have submitted a valid entry to the event by the stated time on the closing date for entries.
1.3 The player with the lowest stroke score after 36 holes shall be the Sorrento Senior Amateur Champion.
1.4 The player with the lowest nett score after 36 holes shall be the Sorrento Senior Amateur Handicap Champion.
1.5 All ties shall be decided by count-back as recommended by Golf Australia.

2. **ELIGIBILITY**
2.1 Eligible players are male amateurs who have reached their 55th birthday by the 6 December 2018 and whose Golf Australia Handicap at the time of entry does not exceed 24.4 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.
2.3 A player is required to play from their current GA Handicap with the exception that no player shall play from a GA Handicap greater than 24 strokes.

3. **ENTRIES**
3.1 The entry fee is $165.00. Entry fee must be paid at the time of entry and includes GST.
3.2 Golf Australia shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
3.3 Entries shall only be made on the official entry form or online at www.golfvic.org.au.
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: Order of Merit Events:
- **36 Hole Gross** – Sorrento Senior Amateur Champion & Runner-up
- **36 Hole Nett** – Sorrento Senior Amateur Handicap Champion & Runner-up

No player may win a trophy in both the stroke and nett sections

Other:
- 36-hole nett ball run-down
- Golf Fore a Cause NTP (overall) – gold coin donation

5. **CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE**
The Committee shall consist of Golf Australia representatives and the Match Committee of the Club upon whose course the rounds are being played. 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.

6. **REFUND POLICY**
Any entrant may withdraw and have their entry fee refunded providing 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).

7. **MOTORISED TRANSPORT**
According to GA'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 GA - Victorian 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 through Golf Australia 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.

8. **VICTORIAN SENIOR CLUB TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP**
8.1 The 2018 Victorian Senior Club Teams Championship will be played over 36 holes stroke play in conjunction with the Sorrento Senior Amateur.
8.2 Eligible players are male amateurs who meet the criteria as per the Sorrento Senior Amateur entry conditions.
8.3 To be eligible for the Victorian Senior Club Teams Championship the three players must be members of the same golf club. Multiple teams from the same golf club are permitted to enter.
8.4 For each round of the competition, the stroke and nett aggregate scores from each team of three players shall count as the team score.
8.5 The team with the lowest stroke team aggregate score shall be the Victorian Senior Club Teams Gross Champions. Each member of the winning and runner-up teams shall receive a trophy.
8.6 The team with the lowest nett team aggregate score shall be the Victorian Senior Club Teams Nett Champions. Each member of the winning and runner-up teams shall receive a trophy.
8.7 In the event of a tie for any team event, it shall be decided by count-back on the basis of the final round team score.
8.8 No team can win trophies in both the stroke and nett team competitions.
8.9 Player substitutions are permissible prior to the playing of the 1st round of the Championship. No substitutions are permitted once a team has participated in the 1st round. The substitute player must be eligible to compete in accordance with the conditions of the competition.

9. **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.