



2019 VICTORIAN MEN'S COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

*(incl. Junior Country Regions) & Cobram Barooga Open Amateur
to be played at the*

Cobram Barooga Golf Club

Saturday 18 – Sunday 19 May

Entry Fee:	\$100.00 <i>(inc. GST)</i> Note: all entries via online registration portal at www.golf.org.au/victoria
Inclusion:	Light lunch on both days, Saturday evening dinner and Sunday breakfast
Format:	36-Hole Stroke
Tee Time:	<u>1st Round – Saturday 18 May (18-Hole Stroke)</u> Two-tee start from 11.00am <u>2nd Round – Sunday 19 May (18-Hole Stroke)</u> Multi-tee start at 8:00 am
GA H'Cap Limit:	27.4 as at close of entries (see condition 2.1)
Entries Close:	5.00pm on Wednesday 8 May 2019 or prior if a capacity field is reached.
Note	<i>Victorian Men's Country Championship (Open age) Victorian Colts Country Championship (18-23) Victorian Boys Country Championship (Aged under 18)</i>

All Country Championship & Junior Country Regions will be played concurrently

For further eligibility criteria please refer to tournament conditions

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

1. COMPETITION PROCEDURE

- 1.1 All Championships will be played over 36-holes stroke play, 18 holes each day on Saturday 18 May and Sunday 19 May 2019.
- 1.2 The Victorian Country Colts Championship; Victorian Country Boys Championship and the Victorian Junior Country Regions event will all be played concurrently with the Men's Country Championship.
- 1.3 The total field for the Championships/event specified in condition 1.2 will be limited to 220 players (including eligible colts & boys).
- 1.4 If entries exceed capacity; a ballot will be undertaken with players on the **highest GA handicaps subject to elimination**.

Exemptions: Players will be exempted into the starting field for the Championship in order of priority in accordance with the following exemption categories: -

- a) 2018 Victorian Men's Country Champion (1)
- b) 2018 Victorian Colts Country Champion (1)
- c) 2018 Victorian Boys Country Champion (1)
- d) All current District Champions (15)

Notes:

To receive an exemption into the starting field for the 2019 Victorian Men's, Colts & Boys Country Championships, a player must have submitted an entry to the event by the stated time on the closing date for entries.

- 1.5 In the event of a tie after 36 holes for the Men's Country, Country Colts and Country Boys Championships, a sudden-death play-off will be conducted immediately after the final round. Players who have tied will be eliminated as they fail to maintain equality with other(s) until the winner is determined. Ties for the B Division Gross and all other places will be decided by the system of countback as specified by Golf Australia.
- 1.6 The 2019 Victorian Boys Junior Country Regions event will be played concurrently with the above Championships. Specific details in relation to event conditions; format and District entry procedure is available from the Golf Victoria Junior Department.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Eligible players for the Victorian Men's Country Championship are male amateurs in accordance with the Golf Australia eligibility requirements for Victorian Country Championships & Country Week (as specified in condition 2.2) who's GA Handicap at the close of entries does not exceed 27.4 strokes in accordance with the Australian Handicapping System. Players competing simultaneously with the Junior Regions are eligible if their GA Handicap does not exceed 27.4.
- 2.2 Every competitor in the Victorian Men's Country Championship must be an amateur golfer and a bona fide member of a Victorian affiliated country club in the District they represent OR an individual Victorian affiliated country member, who holds a District Affiliation of the District he wishes to represent, irrespective of residential location. Players must have played a minimum of 10 competition rounds at either the affiliated country club or in designated District events in the preceding twelve months for the player to be eligible.

Note: Non-stroke Club or District events such as District Pennant or club match play events (as approved by the Victorian Match Committee) will also count towards the minimum of 10 competition rounds.

Exception: Upon written application, the Golf Australia Match Committee will consider an exemption being granted to a player for this condition.

- 2.3 Players eligible for the **Country Colts Championship** are male amateurs in accordance with the eligibility requirements as specified in Conditions 2.1 and 2.2 and who are aged from 18 to 23 (Under 24) as of 18 May 2019.
- 2.4 Players eligible for the **Country Boys Championship** are male amateurs in accordance with the eligibility requirements as specified in Conditions 2.1 and 2.2 and who are aged under 18 as of 19 May 2019.
- 2.5 Players eligible for the Cobram Barooga Open Amateur are all males and females who hold a GA handicap. Players with handicaps of 6.0 or less (men) and 12.0 (women) are eligible for Ivo Whitton & Susie Tolhurst rankings.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 The entry fee for the Championship is \$100.00 (inc. GST). For those participating in the Junior Country Regions, the entry fee is \$30.00 (inc. GST). The entry fee includes light lunch on both days, Saturday evening dinner and breakfast on Sunday.
- 3.2 All entries must be made online via the registration portal at www.golf.org/victoria.
- 3.3 All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee who reserve the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving any reason for the decision which shall be final.

4. TROPHIES

Victorian Men's Country Championship Trophies will be awarded to:

- Overall Gross Winner (Victorian Men's Country Champion), Runner-Up & Third Place
- Overall 36-Hole Nett: Winner & Runner-Up
- Colts Gross & Nett Champion
- Junior Gross & Nett Champion

Players may only win 1 trophy in the Victorian Men's Country Championship, plus 1 additional trophy in subsequent eligible sections.

Cobram Barooga Open Amateur Trophies will be awarded to:

Men's:

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

Women's:

- Overall Gross Winner
- Overall Nett Winner

Trophies are subject to change dependent on final numbers.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The Championship Committee shall consist of representatives of the Cobram Barooga Golf Club and Golf Australia. In the absence of a full Committee, such members thereof as may be present at the time, may give a decision and any such decision given, shall be deemed to be a decision of the full Committee. The Committee shall have the entire management of the competitions, with full power to alter or vary the conditions. 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. The Committee's decision will be final in all matters affecting all events.

6. REFUND POLICY

Entrance fees must be paid at the time of entry. 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). In the case of an event not being completed (for example due to weather delays), refunds will not be provided.

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 Australia Motorised Transport Approval Return Form for consideration by the Match Committee.

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.

8. 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 data.