

2019

The National Senior Masters Championship

Tuesday 9 – Thursday 11 April

The National Golf Club



GolfAustralia



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Player Information

About

The National Senior Masters is a 54-hole stroke event open to amateur players aged 55 and over who hold a Golf Australia Handicap at an affiliated club. Since its inception in 2010, The National Senior Masters has quickly established itself as one of the foremost events on the Senior calendar.

This event holds national ranking status and will be part of the Victorian Senior Order of Merit for the Doug Bachli Trophy. The winner of this event will receive the Green Jacket and crowned The National Senior Masters Champion.

Honour Roll

Host Club

Venue: The National Golf Club
Address: Cups Drive, Cape Schanck VIC 3939
Pro Shop: (03) 5988 6777
Website: www.nationalgolf.com.au

Date: Tuesday 9 – Thursday 11 April 2019
Format: 54-Hole Stroke

Tournament Committee

- Craig Funch (The National GC Director of Golf)
- Brett Nelson (The National GC Operations Manager)
- Adrian Barr (The National GC Board Member)
- Tim Witherow (GA Golf Events Coordinator)
- Olivia Kline (GA Golf Events Officer)
- Chris Collingwood (GA Victorian Match Committee)

Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to:

Best 54-Hole Gross

- Winner (National Senior Masters Champion), Runner-Up & Third Place

Best 54-Hole Nett

- Winner (National Senior Masters H'Cap Champion), Runner-Up & Third Place

Daily Prizes

- Gross Winner & Runner-Up
- Nett Winner & Runner-Up
- NTP (Golf Fore a Cause) – gold coin donation

No player may win a trophy in both the stroke and nett sections. *Points will be awarded for the Doug Bachli trophy only.*

Presentations

Daily trophies for rounds 1 and 2 will be presented during the optional Gourmet Buffet Dinner on Wednesday 10 April. Overall and round 3 trophies will be presented immediately after the conclusion of the final round on Thursday 11 April. It would be appreciated if as many competitors as possible remain for the presentation to honour the respective trophy winners.

Event Format

Tuesday 9 April - Round 1

Moonah Course

6:15 am	Registration begins – AM field
7:30 am	AM field commences – Multi tee start
12:00pm	Registration begins – PM field
1:00 pm	PM field commences – Multi tee start

Wednesday 10 April - Round 2

Old Course

6:15 am	Registration begins – AM field
7:30 am	AM field commences – Multi tee start
12:00pm	Registration begins – PM field
1:00 pm	PM field commences – Multi tee start
7:00 pm	Optional Buffet Dinner at The National

Thursday 11 April - Round 3

Please note: Championship Procedure

A total of 100 players will qualify to compete in the final round on the Old Course. The field will comprise:-

- the 75 players (plus ties) with the lowest stroke scores;*
- the remaining places will be made up of players with the lowest nett scores not having qualified as per (i) above.*

All remaining players not qualifying as above will be allocated to the Moonah course for the third round.

Old (Championship) & Moonah (Balance) Courses

6:30 am	Registration begins
8:00 am	Play commences – Multi tee start
2:30 pm	Tournament Presentations (approx.)

Ties

In the event of a tie for the 54-Hole gross title, a hole by hole sudden death play-off will be conducted up hole 18 of the Old Course continuously until a winner is determined. In the event of a tie for the 54-hole nett title, the count back method recommended by Golf Australia will be used.

Round 2 Cut & Final Round Draw

After round 2, a cut will be made for the leading 75 (plus ties) gross scores, plus the leading nett scores (to a total of 100 players).

A seeded draw will be created for the final round on the Old Course via a multi-tee start at 8:00am for the championship field. The remaining balance of the field will compete on the Moonah Course at 8:00am via a multi-tee start.

Final round draws will be emailed and made available on the Golf Australia Website at www.golf.org.au/victoria from 8:30pm on Wednesday 10 April. Golf Australia reserves the right to modify the draw.

Lunches

Lunch packs will be provided to all players each round and will be distributed from the registration/score card return area. Post-round food will be available for purchase at the bar.

Gourmet Buffet Dinner– Wednesday 10 April

Players and guests are invited to the Gourmet Buffet Dinner on Wednesday evening at a cost of \$45 per person. The dinner will commence at approximately 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start.

For catering purposes, it is **essential** that all guests have pre-booked their dinner. The list of players and guests who have made a booking for the optional dinner as at the close of entries is attached below.

Players and guests that wish to attend and have **not** yet booked for the dinner must contact GA on (03) 8545 6229. Bookings will not be accepted on the day.

Note: Neat & smart casual attire is required. No denim is allowed.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facilities

Practice Facilities are available only on Sunday 7 April from 3pm.

Practice rounds will be available for players on the Moonah Course all day on Monday 8 April upon payment of a \$50 green fee. Bookings must be made through The National Pro Shop on (03) 5988 6777.

Motorised Carts

It is **compulsory** that all competitors use a motorised cart during all three rounds of the Championship.

Please Note: Cart bookings are included as part of the entry fee; all bookings have been made on a shared basis between **PLAYERS ONLY** unless otherwise arranged with The National Golf Club. Carts will only be available to players not spectators. Privately owned motorised golf carts are not permitted at The National Golf Club.

Handicaps

Players are reminded that their GA Handicap as at Tuesday 9 April (Round 1) will be applied for all three rounds of the championship. However, as per the current GA Handicap system, a player's daily handicap will differ according to the slope of each course.

Scratchings

Any player wishing to scratch prior to Friday 5 April 2019 must ring GA tournaments on (03) 8545 6229. To withdraw on the day of play please call the GA mobile (Tim) on **0448 577 640**.

Caddies & Spectators

Spectators and caddies are permitted, subject to obtaining prior approval from the committee, and must strictly adhere to the etiquette and Rules of Golf at all times. Please note carts are supplied for players use only without exception.

Course Maps

Players are requested to familiarise themselves with the course maps below to avoid any delay in commencement of play from allocated holes.



Registration

All competitors are required to report to Golf Australia representatives inside the clubhouse at the respective clubs upon arrival at the course. Players must then be present on the appropriate tee **no later than 10 minutes prior the tee time**.

Handicaps

All players must ensure that their current and correct daily handicap is recorded on the scorecard in accordance with Rule 3.3b(4)/1. Players must play from their **DAILY** handicap during the Championship, with the exception that no player shall play from a GA handicap greater than the maximum limit of 18.0

Scorecards

All score cards are to be returned to the registration area situated in the clubhouse immediately at the conclusion of play.

Dress Regulations

All **players and caddies** are requested to adhere to the Club's dress regulations. Neat, tidy and clean golf attire is required. Advertising or display materials must not appear on clothing except for small logos. Denim clothing and metal spikes are not permitted. Players and guest not adhering to the Host Clubs' dress regulations may be prohibited from playing and requested to leave the facilities.

[The National GC Dress Regulations](#)

Course Care / Club Regulations

Players are reminded that sand buckets **MUST** be taken and used, pitch marks are to be repaired, and bunkers raked following play at each course. Mobile phones are not to be used in the clubhouse or on the course unless in the case of an emergency or a ruling during the round. Play will be from the nominated tee markers. Any player not complying with these requirements will be subject to action in accordance with the GA Code of Conduct.

Pace of Play

"Ready Golf" will be encouraged during the championship. Slow play will be monitored and enforced under Rule 5.6a. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding them. Any group with a clear hole in front of them will be considered out of position. Penalties will be issued to individuals in such groups who by their pace contribute to such delay. Warnings may not be issued prior to penalties.

Suspension of Play

In the event of heavy rain, lightning or for any other reason, the Championship Committee will be responsible for deciding whether to suspend play. The signal for suspending play will be one short siren blast. The procedure when play is suspended is outlined under Rule 5.7b. When the course is ready for play, players will be advised to return to various locations. The signal for the resumption of play will be one long siren blast.

Refunds

Any entrant may withdraw and have the entrance fee refunded provided notification is received within three working days prior to the event (**5pm – Thursday 4 April**). 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).

Golf Australia Website

The Golf Australia Website is located at www.golf.org.au/victoria. Complete tournament draws, preview/review articles and a full summary of results can be found within the Senior Calendar in the "Championships & Events" section on the Golf Australia Victoria homepage.

Further Conditions

For further conditions please consult the Event Conditions and GA Hard Card.

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