



2019 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S COUNTRY FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP

Marion Dwyer Cup

to be played at the

Tocumwal Golf Club

Monday 22 July

Entry Fee:	\$40.00 per pair (inc. GST) Note: all entries online via the registration portal at www.golf.org.au/victoria
Format:	18-Hole Foursomes Stroke
Tee Time:	From 10am on the Captains Course
GA Handicap Limit:	27.4 (individual) at date of entry
Entries Open:	9am Monday 13 May 2019
Entries Close:	5pm Friday 12 July 2019

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2019 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S COUNTRY FOURSOMES CHAMPIONSHIP – TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

1. COMPETITION PROCEDURE

- 1.1 The Victorian Women's Country Foursomes Championship will be played over 18 Holes foursomes stroke.
- 1.2 Entries to the Championship will be accepted on a receipt of entry basis to a maximum of 80 pairs. Unsuccessful entries will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur.
- 1.3 The pair recording the lowest 18-Hole Gross score will be named the Victorian Women's Country Foursomes Champions.
- 1.4 In the event of a tie for the Championship, the tie shall stand and the right to hold the title of Victorian Women's Country Foursomes Champion will be shared. All other ties will be determined according to the Golf Australia count-back method.
- 1.5 **Substitutes** – Eligible substitutes will be accepted after close of entries. Please notify Golf Australia of any substitutes.
- 1.6 Players must play from their current handicap during the Championship, with the exception that no player shall play from a GA handicap greater than the maximum limit 27.4 strokes.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Eligible players are female amateurs whose Golf Australia Handicap at the time of entry does not exceed 27.4 strokes in accordance with the Australian Handicapping System.
- 2.2 Entries are restricted to female amateur golfers who are a bona fide member of a Golf Australia, Victorian affiliated country club in the District they 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 application, the Victorian Match Committee will consider an exemption being granted to a player for this condition.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$40.00 (incl. GST) per pair.
- 3.2 Entries shall only be made through the online registration portal at www.golf.org.au/victoria.
- 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 draw for the competition will be sent to players and available at www.golf.org.au/victoria approximately one week before the event.

4. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to:

- Best 18-Hole Gross Winners (Marion Dwyer Cup) & Runners Up
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No pair may win more than one trophy.

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 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).

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. 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 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. CLUBS AND BALLS

List of Conforming Driver Heads: Model Local Rule G-1 is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a club in breach of Local Rule: Disqualification.

List of Conforming Golf Balls: Model Local Rule G-3 is in effect. Penalty for breach of the Local Rule: Disqualification.

Note: An updated List of Conforming Clubs and Balls is available on www.randa.org

9. PRACTICE

In stroke play, Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practise on the competition course before or between rounds. Exception: All recognised practice areas within the bounds of the course may be used by players for practice on any day of the competition.

10. PACE OF PLAY (RULE 5.6)

In the absence of mitigating circumstances, a group is liable to be timed if it is in excess of the time allowed and in the case of second or subsequent groups, out of position. From the commencement of timing, if any player exceeds 50 seconds on a 'first to play approach shot (including Par 3 tee shot), chip or putt', or 40 seconds if it is a tee shot or 'second or third to play shot', they shall be deemed to have a bad time.

The time allowed will be determined by the Committee and will be available prior to play. Out of position is defined as being more than the starting interval behind the group in front.

A player whose group is timed will have a bad time carried forward in the round even if the group subsequently arrives back in position or within time.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULES

1 Bad Time	Verbal warning from referee and told that if they have a further bad time, they will be penalised
2 Bad Times	<u>Stroke Play</u> – One Stroke Penalty <u>Match Play</u> – One Stroke Penalty
3 Bad Times	<u>Stroke Play</u> – Additional Two Penalty Strokes <u>Match Play</u> – Loss of Hole
4 Bad Times	Disqualification (Match & Stroke Play)

Note:

- It is not necessary for players to be advised they are being timed.
- Timings will be taken from the moment it is deemed by the Official that it is the player's turn to play.
- In exceptional circumstances, an individual player, or two of the three players in a group, may be timed.

When Timing Commences:

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is their turn to play and they can play without interference or distraction. Reasonable time spent by the first player to play in determining their yardage will not count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace their ball, repair damage to the green, and remove loose impediments on their line. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

11. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

In accordance with Rule of Golf 4.3a (1), a player may obtain distance and direction information by use of a distance measuring device. The provisions of Ryle 4.3 apply in relation to Use of Equipment.

12. SUSPENSION OF PLAY (RULE 5.7)

The following signals will be used to suspend and resume play:

- Immediate stop for imminent danger – one prolonged note of a siren.
- Stop for a non-dangerous situation – three consecutive notes of a siren
- Resumption of play – two consecutive notes of a siren
- Note: When play is stopped for imminent danger, all practice areas will be immediately closed.

13. RETURNING OF SCORE CARD

A player's scorecard is officially returned to the Committee when the player has left the recording office/area with both feet.

14. RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION

When the Championship trophy is presented to the winner, the results of the competition are officially announced, and the competition is closed.

15. DRUGS

All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy, or refusing to take a test, will be disqualified and subject to any sanction(s) brought down by ASADA. A list of the prohibited substances will be available at registration. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via the ASADA hotline – 13 000(ASADA (13000 27232), or from www.asada.gov.au

16. 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.

