2019 VICTORIA GC SENIOR AMATEUR

Victorian Men's & Women's Senior Order of Merit Event

to be played at the

Victoria Golf Club

Friday 16th August

Entry Fee:	**$95.00**
	(incl. GST) - all entries via online registration portal at www.golf.org.au/victoria
Inclusions:	Lunch pack and after golf snacks
Format:	18-Hole Stroke (Men) & 18-Hole Stableford (Women)
	Max 100 players (70 men and 30 women)
Tee Time:	Multi-tee Start at 12:30pm
GA Handicap Limit:	24.4 (Men) and 30.0 (Women) at date of entry
Age Limit:	55 years and above as of 16 August 2019
Entries Close:	5.00pm on Thursday 2 August 2019 or when capacity field is reached

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Supporting:

Golf Australia - Enter Online at www.golf.org.au/victoria
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2019 VICTORIA GC SENIOR AMATEUR CONDITIONS

1. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

1.1. The championship is scheduled to be played over 18 holes stroke play for men and 18 holes stableford for women.

1.2. The field for the championship will be limited to 70 male and 30 female players with entries accepted on an as received basis.

1.3. If a section does not reach capacity by the close of entries, excess entries from the other section will be allocated positions on an as received basis.

1.4. The male player with the lowest stroke score after 18 holes shall be the Victoria Senior Amateur Champion.

1.5. The male player with the lowest nett score after 18 holes shall be the Victoria Senior Amateur Handicap Champion.

1.6. The female player with the highest scratch stableford score after 18 holes shall be the Victoria Women's Senior Amateur Champion.

1.7. The female player with the highest stableford score after 18 holes shall be the Victoria Women's Senior Amateur Handicap Champion.

1.8. All ties shall be decided by count-back as recommended by Golf Australia.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. Eligible players are amateurs who have reached their 55th birthday by the 16 August 2019 and whose Golf Australia Handicap or overseas equivalent at the time of entry does not exceed 24.4 strokes (male) or 30.0 strokes (female).

3. ENTRIES

3.1. The entry fee is $95.00 (inc. GST) and must be paid at the time of entry.

3.2. Entries shall only be made via 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 for:

Men Order of Merit Events:
18 Hole Gross – Victoria Senior Amateur Champion & Runner-up
18 Hole Nett – Victoria Senior Amateur Handicap Champion & Runner-up

Women Order of Merit Events:
18 Hole Scratch Stableford – Victoria Women's Senior Amateur Champion
18 Hole Stableford – Victoria Women's Senior Amateur Handicap Champion

Note: No player may win a trophy in both the stroke/gross and nett/stableford sections

Other:
• 18-hole nett ball run-down
• NTP- 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 (by 5:00pm Tuesday 13th August). 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 Golf Australia'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 (RULE 5.2)

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 had 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 RULE:
1 Bad Time Verbal warning from referee and told that if they have a further bad time, they will be penalised;

	Stroke Play	**Match Play**
2 Bad Times:	One Stroke Penalty	One Stroke Penalty
3 Bad Times:	Additional Two Penalty Strokes	Loss of Hole
4 Bad Times:	Disqualification	Disqualification

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 Rule 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 – COMPETITION CLOSED**
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 (13 000 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.