



2019  **VICTORIAN  
MEN'S SAND GREENS  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

*to be played at the*

**Avoca Golf Club**

**Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 September**

<b>Entry Fee:</b>	<b>\$70.00</b> (inc. GST) <i>Note: all entries through online registration portal at <a href="http://www.golf.org.au/victoria">www.golf.org.au/victoria</a></i>
<b>Inclusions:</b>	Light lunch on both days
<b>Optional:</b>	Tournament Dinner on Saturday 7 September (\$30pp) – from 6:00pm 2 Person Aggregate Stableford Event (Men or Mixed) – Friday 6 September (\$15pp – to pay club on day)
<b>Format:</b>	36-Hole Stroke Saturday 7 September – 18 Holes Sunday 8 September – 18 Holes
<b>Tee Time:</b>	AM & PM rounds dependant on number of entries
<b>GA Handicap Limit:</b>	36.4 at date of entry
<b>Entries Open:</b>	9:00am on Monday 27 May 2019
<b>Entries Close:</b>	5:00pm on Friday 23 August 2019

Enter online at [www.golf.org.au/victoria](http://www.golf.org.au/victoria)

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# 2019 VICTORIAN MEN'S SAND GREENS CHAMPIONSHIP – TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

## 1. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

- 1.1 The Championship is scheduled to be played over 36 holes Stroke play; 18 holes each day.
- 1.2 The field for the Championship will be limited to 180 players. In the instance the number of entries exceeds the maximum field capacity, a ballot will be undertaken with players on the **highest handicap subject to elimination**. Unsuccessful entries will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if withdrawals subsequently occur.
- 1.3 The player with the lowest stroke score after 36 holes will be the Victorian Men's Sand Greens Champion.
- 1.4 Handicap Divisions will be determined by Golf Australia at close of entries and are subject to change.
- 1.5 If a competitor alters his handicap during the Competition, her handicap as of the first day of play shall prevail throughout for all prizes. 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 of 36.4 strokes.
- 1.6 In the event of a tie for the Victorian Men's Sand Greens Championship, a play-off is to be staged if time permits, otherwise a count-back will be utilised. The play-off will be played at a time and in a manner as decided by the Championship Committee. Ties for all other positions shall be decided by count-back as recommended by Golf Australia.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible players are male amateurs whose Golf Australia Handicap at the time of entry does not exceed 36.4 strokes in accordance with the Australian Handicapping System.

## 3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$70.00 (inc. GST). Light lunch is included for both days.
- 3.2 All entries will be taken through the registration portal at [www.golf.org.au/victoria](http://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](http://www.golf.org.au/victoria) approximately one week before the event.

## 4. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded for:

- **Best 36-Hole Overall Gross** – Victorian Men's Sand Greens Champion & Runner-Up
- **Best 36-Hole Gross (H'Cap Divisions)** – Winners  
*\*excludes Sand Greens Champion Division*
- **Best 36-Hole Nett (H'Cap Divisions)** – Winners
- **Best 18-Hole Nett (H'Cap Divisions)** – Daily Winners
- **Daily NTPs**

No player may win more than 2 trophies (exc. NTPs)

## 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.

**Note: Very few carts are available for hire at Avoca Golf Club. Please contact Golf Australia if you require a cart for the event. Own carts are permissible.**

## 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](http://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 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**

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](http://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.