



2019 WOODLANDS OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

(inc. 2019 Victorian Men's Champion of Champions)
Ivo Whitton Men's State Ranking Event



Woodlands Golf Club

Sunday 13 October

Entry Fee:	\$80.00 (inc GST) or \$40.00 - Woodlands GC members (inc. GST)
Inclusion:	Light lunch
Format:	36-Hole Stroke
Tee Time:	Two-tee starts from 8:00am (Rd 1) and 12:30pm (Rd 2)
Eligibility (Victorian Champion of Champions):	*See Condition 1.5
GA Handicap Limit:	5.4 at date of entry
Entries Open:	9:00am on Friday 28 June 2019
Entries Close:	5:00pm on Friday 27 September 2019

NOTE

The field for the Woodlands Open Championship will be limited to 84 male players. If excess entries are received, a handicap ballot will apply. See Condition 1.4 for further details including exemption categories.

Golf Victoria - Enter Online at www.golf.org.au/victoria
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1. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

- 1.1 The Championship will be played over 36-holes stroke play.
- 1.2 Eligible players are male amateurs whose GA Handicap or overseas equivalent at the close of entry does not exceed 5.4 strokes unless otherwise exempt as per condition 1.4.
- 1.3 The starting field for the Championship will be limited to 84 male players.
- 1.4 **Exemptions:** A maximum total of 84 male players will be exempted into the starting field in order of priority in accordance with the following exemption categories:-
 - a) 2019 Victorian Men's State Team;
 - b) 2019 Victorian Boys Team;
 - c) 2018 Victorian Men's Champion of Champions;
 - d) Current holders of the following Victorian Championships/titles:
 - 2018 Victorian Men's Amateur Championship;
 - 2018 Port Phillip Amateur Championship;
 - 2018 Victorian Junior Open Boys Champion;
 - 2019 Riversdale Cup;
 - 2019 Victorian Men's Country Championship;
 - 2019 Victorian Men's Mid-Amateur Championship;
 - 2019 Victorian Boys Championship;
 - 2019 Victorian Boys Junior Masters
 - e) Players exempted by Golf Australia & Woodlands Golf Club (4 max)
 - f) Current Victorian Country Districts Men's Champion and the Victorian Golf League Men's Champion (must meet handicap criteria)
 - g) Any player in the top 30 of the 2019 Ivo Whitton Trophy as at the close of entries who has played a minimum of 14 rounds and holds an average of 75.00 and lower.
 - h) All remaining positions up to a maximum of 84 exempt players will be filled in the first instance by current Club Champions of a Victorian affiliated club (must meet handicap criteria), with the remaining places filled on the basis of those with the lowest GA (or overseas equivalent) handicap as at the close of entries.

Notes:

- (i) To receive an exemption into the starting field, a player must have submitted an entry to the event by the stated time on the closing date for entries.
- (ii) Late entries will be accepted for the 2018 Port Phillip and/or 2018 Victorian Amateur Championships exemption categories due to the event being played the week prior.

1.5 Victorian Men's Champion of Champions - Eligibility

Eligible players are those in accordance with Condition 1.4 above and who are the current holders, at the date of the competition, of the following Championships:-

- Victorian Men's Amateur Championship
- Victorian Men's Mid-Amateur Championship
- Victorian Men's Senior Amateur Championship
- Victorian Men's Country Championship
- Victorian Men's Sand Greens Championship
- Victorian Colts Country Championship
- Victorian Junior Country Championship
- Victorian Boys' Junior Championship
- Victorian Junior Boys' Open
- Victorian Boys' Junior Masters
- Victorian Men's Champion of Champions
- Victorian Amateur Foursomes Championship
- Australasian Amateur Foursomes Championship
- 2018 Ivo Whitton Trophy & Geoff Ogilvy Trophy
- Victorian Golf League Championship
- All affiliated Club's Championships (Member, VGL & Country)
- Victorian Country District Golf Associations
- Winners of any 2019 Ivo Whitton event

Note: It is not permissible for a nominated representative to be eligible for the Champion of Champions title in the place of a particular Champion who is unable to participate.

- 1.6 The player with the lowest stroke score after 36 holes shall be the Woodlands Open Champion.
- 1.7 The player that is eligible under conditions 1.5 above with the lowest stroke score after 36 holes shall be the 2019 Victorian Men's Champion of Champions.
- 1.8 In the event of a tie for the Woodlands Open 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.
- 1.9 In the event of a tie for the Victorian Men's Champion of Champions title, joint winners will be declared. Ties for all other positions shall be decided by count-back as recommended by Golf Australia.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 The entry fee is \$80 for non-members or \$40 for members of the Woodlands GC. Entry fee must be paid at the time of entry and includes GST and light lunch.
- 2.2 Entries shall only be online at www.golf.org.au/victoria.
- 2.3 Golf Australia has the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
- 2.4 The draw for the competition will be sent to players and available at www.golf.org.au/victoria approximately one week before the event.

3. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded for:

Woodlands Open Championship

- **36-Hole Gross** – Woodlands Open Champion & Runner-up

Victorian Men's Champion of Champions

- **36-Hole Gross** – Champion of Champions & Runner-Up

5. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The championship committee shall consist of representatives of the Woodlands Golf Club and Golf Australia. In the absence of the full championship committee, such members thereof as may be present at any time may give a decision and any decision shall be deemed the decision of the full championship committee. The championship committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event.

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. The decision of the championship committee will be final in all matters relating to the tournament.

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. 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 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.