



2020 VICTORIAN HEART OPEN

to be played at

Victoria Golf Club on Wednesday 19 February

- Entry Fee:** \$160.00 (incl. GST, Dinner (incl drinks) & Presentations)
Gourmet BBQ Dinner (inc presentations) held at 6:30 pm at Victoria Golf Club. The cost for an additional dinner guest is \$85 (incl. GST)
- Format:** 18-Hole Stableford
- Tee Time:** 1:00 pm – Multi-tee start
- Eligibility:**
- Open to male and female amateur and professional golfers who hold an official GA handicap.
 - All entrants **must have undergone a heart procedure**
- Entries Open:** Thursday 21 November 2019
- Entries Close:** 5:00 pm Wednesday 5 February 2020 or prior if a capacity field is reached

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2020 VICTORIAN HEART OPEN – TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

(To be read in conjunction with the [Golf Australia Hard Card](#))

1. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

- 1.1 The tournament is scheduled to be played over 18 holes stableford.
- 1.2 The field will be restricted to a maximum of 120 players with entries accepted on an **as received basis**.
Note: A minimum of 20 places will be reserved for respective male and female entrants.
- 1.3 The male or female player with the highest stableford points shall be awarded the Victorian Heart Open Perpetual Trophy.
- 1.4 The male or female player with the highest stableford points and has undergone an open-heart surgery shall be awarded the Don Lawrence Trophy.
- 1.5 Additional trophies to be allocated as per condition 4.
- 1.6 All ties shall be decided by count-back as recommended by Golf Australia.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Male and female amateurs and professionals who have undergone a heart procedure (e.g. open heart, bypass, stents, etc) and hold an official GA Handicap (maximum handicap (36.4 for men; 45.4 for women). Participants must be prepared to provide medical heart documentation if required.

- 2.2 **Professional Handicaps** – Professional's handicaps for the Victorian Heart Open are to be determined as follows:

- (i) Where a professional is a member of a club or has a handicap calculated at a club where they are employed, that handicap shall apply for the Victorian Heart Open.
- (ii) If (i) above is not applicable, Professionals are to play from scratch.

Exception: All professionals who hold playing rights on any PGA or LPGA Tour shall be allocated a playing handicap by the Championship Committee.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$160.00 (incl. GST). This includes the Dinner (inc table wine) to be held at Victoria Golf Club. Entry fee must be paid at the time of entry.
- 3.2 Golf Australia has the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
- 3.3 Entries shall only be made online at www.golf.org.au.
- 3.4 The draw for the competition will be sent to players and available at www.golf.org.au approximately one week prior to the event.

4. TROPHIES

In addition to the overall Vic Heart Open Champion and the Don Lawrence Trophy stated in condition 1.3, prizes will be awarded to:

- Winner & Runner-Up: A Grade and B Grade Men
- Winner & Runner-Up: A Grade and B Grade Women
- NTP Men and Women

Notes:

- i. Players will be evenly divided on a numerical basis (as close as possible) between any such Grades based on GA Handicap as at close of entry;
- ii. The overall Vic Heart Open winner and Don Lawrence Trophy are only permitted to win one other trophy;
- iii. Two nearest to the pin prizes will be on offer for both men and women at an optional total cost of \$30 per player. All funds raised will be donated to the Monash Heart hospital.

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. 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

Competitors are permitted to ride in or on a motorised vehicle during the Championship. It should be noted that the hire or provision of such transport is at the competitor's own expense subject to arrangements and agreements with each host club and is subject to availability.

Note i: Bookings to be made via Golf Australia with payment at the pro shop on the day.

Note ii: A maximum of 18 carts are available. Priority may be given to players with a medical certificate.

8. 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.