



2020 AYGEE MEN'S & WOMEN'S TRARALGON CLASSIC

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**Traralgon Golf Club | Friday 31 January
– Sunday February 2**

Entry Fee:	\$100.00 (inc. GST) Note: all registrations via online portal at www.golf.org.au/eventscalendar
Inclusions:	Lunch all days of play
Format:	54-Hole Stroke (Men & Women). There is no cut, all players contest 54-holes
Tee Time:	Multi-Tee Start at 8:00am
GA Handicap Limit:	18.0 (Men) & 27.0 (Women). The field will be limited to 70 male players and 30 Female players. Should a capacity field be reached, a ballot by handicap will occur.
Entries Open:	9am Thursday 28 November 2019
Entries Close:	5.00pm on Tuesday 28 January 2020

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

- 1.1. Traralgon Classic will be played over 54-holes stroke play consisting of 18 holes on Friday (pm rolling start), 18 holes on Saturday (am rolling start) and 18 holes on Sunday (am multi tee start).
- 1.2. The field for the Traralgon Classic will consist of 70 male players and 30 female players.
Note: *The Championship Committee reserves the right to increase the number of male or female players should the total field size not be achieved.*
- 1.3. All players will play 54 holes.
- 1.4. In the instance the number of entries exceeds the maximum field capacity, **a ballot by handicap (handicap as at close of entries)** will occur at the close of entries. Unsuccessful entries will be informed without delay and given the opportunity to compete if subsequent withdrawals occur.
- 1.5. If a competitor alters their handicap during the competition, their 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 18.0 strokes (men) and 27.0 (women).
- 1.6. In the event of a tie for the Men's or Women's Traralgon Classic Champion, 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.
- 1.7. **2020 GIPPSLAND SUPER 6 EXEMPTION**
Gippsland Super 6 Exemption – The leading player from a Gippsland based club (ie South Gippsland, East Gippsland and West Gippsland Districts) for the Traralgon Classic, will receive an exemption into The Gippsland Super 6 Tournament which forms part of the ISPS Handa PGA Tour of Australasia and will be held at Yallourn Golf Club in November 2020. In the event of two players tying, a countback utilising the round 3 scores will take place. If still tied, regular countback procedure will take place until a winner can be determined.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Eligible players are male amateurs whose GA Handicap or overseas equivalent at the time of entry does not exceed 18.0 strokes, and female amateurs whose GA Handicap or overseas equivalent at the time of entry does not exceed 27.0 strokes in accordance with the Australian Handicapping System.
- 2.2. Entries will be restricted to amateurs, who are members of clubs affiliated with Golf Australia, or of golf clubs registered with such Overseas Association as are affiliated with or recognised by this Association, or of clubs affiliated with the Victorian Golf League and Registered Golfers.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1. The entry fee is \$100.00 (inc. GST). Light lunch is included for all days.
- 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:

Overall 54-Hole Gross – Winner, Runner-Up & Third Place

Overall 54-Hole Net – Winner & Runner-Up

Best Gross & Net (Each Round) – Winner

Daily NTP

Women:

Overall 54-Hole Gross – Winner, Runner-Up

Overall 54-Hole Net – Winner & Runner-Up

Best Gross & Net (Each Round) – Winner

Daily NTP

Player may win a maximum of 2 trophies (exc. NTP)

Trophies are subject to change dependent on final numbers

5. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The Championship Committee shall consist of representatives of the Traralgon 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). 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 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 *Victorian Events* → *Victorian Event Resources* → *GA 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 Golf Australia.

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.

TERMS OF COMPETITION

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;

<u>Stroke Play</u>	<u>Match Play</u>
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.