



2024 DORIS CHAMBERS CUP

A Club Qualifying Event

State Finals: Sanctuary Lakes GC & Yering Meadows GC

Final 1: Thursday 17 October 2024

Final 2: Thursday 24 October 2024

Entry Fee:	\$12.00 per pair (incl. GST) – Paid at club level (forward to Golf Australia) Note: The minimum club entry fee is \$60.00 Note: all registrations via online portal at: www.golf.org.au/events
Inclusions:	Light lunch for all State Final participants
Format:	18-Hole Foursomes Stableford
Tee time:	AM - multi-tee starts at both venues (PM field dependent on final numbers)
GA Handicap Limit:	45.4 at date of entry
Entries Open:	9:00am Monday 1 January 2024
Entries Close:	12:00pm Friday 4 October 2024

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. COMPETITION PROCEDURES

- 1.1 The competition will be played in two stages. Both stages will take the form of 18-holes Foursomes Stableford.
- 1.2 The **First Stage** will be a Club Qualifying round on a date decided by each participating club to be played between 1 January and 4 October. Each pair will pay the nominated entrance fee to compete. The pair recording the best 18-Hole Foursomes Stableford score will proceed to the State Final venues as indicated in 1.3 below. The Club will submit the total entrance fees and the names of the winners to Golf Australia via GolfBox by 8 October 2024 for the Second Stage.
- 1.3 The **Second Stage** will be two State Finals. Club qualifiers will compete at the State Finals at the venue and date as follows:
- **Sanctuary Lakes GC – Thursday 17 October**
Ballarat, Golf Central Vic, Kara Kara, Murray Darling, Northern, South Western, Western, Wimmera and **the Metropolitan clubs mentioned on the note below (*)**.
 - **Yering Meadows GC – Thursday 24 October**
Dalhousie, East Gippsland, Golf Peninsula Vic, Goulburn Murray, North Eastern, South Gippsland, West Gippsland and **all Metropolitan clubs except the ones mentioned on the note below (*)**.

***NOTE: Craigieburn, Gisborne, Goonawarra, Koorngal, Lakeside, Medway, Melbourne Airport, Melton Valley, Northern, RAAF Williams, Sunshine, Eynesbury & Werribee Park.**

NB: Players that are members of the hosting venues will need to enter and play in the State Final that is not their home club (see 1.8).

- 1.4 In the instance the number of entries exceeds the maximum field capacity, a **ballot by entry** will occur, and pairs may be transferred to the alternative venue.
- 1.5 In the event of a tie in both the First and Second Stage rounds, a count-back according to the Golf Australia method shall be used to determine the winning pair.
- 1.6 **Substitutes** – if either player of the winning pair in the First Stage (Club Qualifying) is unable to compete in the Second Stage (State Final), **the club may substitute the next pair down the line. They may continue this process until a pair is available to play. Clubs must contact Golf Australia with the players' names. Clubs are asked to only advise Golf Australia should a team not be present after having entered the club in the Second Stage.**
- 1.7 Teams representing the host clubs will play at the alternative venue.
- 1.8 Requests for a venue substitution must be addressed in writing to Golf Australia and subsequently approved by Golf Australia.
- 1.9 Team handicaps are calculated as an average of both players Daily Handicaps (rounded up to the nearest whole number) as at the day of the competition.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Eligible players are female amateurs whose Golf Australia Handicap at the time of entry does not exceed 45.4. Players must be a financial member of the club they are representing at **all** stages.
- 2.2 Entries will be restricted to amateurs who are members of Golf Australia Victorian affiliated clubs.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$12.00 (incl. GST) per pair to be paid at Club Qualifying. If any club has less than 5 entries, the amount is required to be made up to \$60.00 for the State Final. Light lunch will be included for all State Final participants. There is no entrance fee for the State Final.
- 3.2 Entries close 12.00pm Friday 6 October.
- 3.3 Golf Australia has the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
- 3.4 Entries shall only be made via the online tournament system, GolfBox.
- 3.5 The draw for the competition will be sent to players and available at www.golf.org.au approximately one week before the event.
- 3.6 Refund Conditions do not apply for the Doris Chambers Cup.

4. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to:

- Winning Pairs at each State Final
 - *Overall Winning Pairs will be engraved on the perpetual Doris Chambers Cup*
- Runners-Up Pairs at each State Final

Trophies are subject to change depending on final numbers.

5. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee shall consist of Golf Australia representatives and the match committee of the club upon whose course the round is being played. In the absence of a full championship committee, such members thereof as may be present at the time, may give a decision, and any decision so given will 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 championship, 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. MOTORISED TRANSPORT

First Stage (Club qualifying)

The use of motorised transport is at the discretion of the host club.

Second Stage (State Final)

A player or a caddie will only be permitted to ride on motorised transportation in circumstances expressly described in (a) or (b) or (c) below.

- a. When authorised (or later approved) by the committee in charge of the competition due to circumstances that arise during the playing of a round. For example, a player who is about to play (or who has just played) under penalty of stroke and distance, and their caddie, is automatically authorised to ride on motorised transportation.
- b. When approved by Golf Australia as a person who currently requires the use of motorised transportation in order to participate in the game of golf. To be considered for approval, the player or caddie must provide to Golf Australia written advice from a medical practitioner, or a physiotherapist, or a chiropractor, or an osteopath, or the like, stating they currently require the use of motorised transportation to participate in the game of golf. The advice must be emailed to [insert contact] before the event's closing time for entries. The advice from the health professional must specify the period of time that use of the motorised transportation is required (i.e. 1 week, 1 month, 1 year, or indefinitely). When an exemption is granted, the use of motorised transportation must solely serve the purpose of transportation.

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- c. Any player or caddie aged 75 years or over is permitted to use motorised transportation without needing to apply to Golf Australia for approval.

Penalty for breach of Local Rule: The player gets the general penalty for each hole during which there is a breach of this Local Rule. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.

7. RULES OF GOLF

The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, and any supplementary local rules as determined by the Championship Play Committee, will apply.

8. 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.

9. DATABASE OF COMPETITORS' DETAILS

The personal data contained in this entry is permanently retained by GA. This data may be utilised by GA 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 GA e-newsletter, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of GA events, or information about events conducted by GA approved bodies. Upon receipt by GA of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.

For further details, please refer to our privacy policy by [clicking here](#).

10. CODE OF CONDUCT

All entrants are bound by GA's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available by [clicking here](#). Any breach of the Code may be recorded on the Central Register of the Code ("the Register"). The Register may be accessed (and published from time to time) by any State Association or GA for the purposes of administering Competitions or state championships, events, competitions, practice sessions or major activities conducted or sanctioned by a State Association, or any State Association or GA codes of conduct and/or other related matters.

11. LEGAL POLICIES (E.G. MATCH FIXING POLICY)

All entrants are bound to comply with all of GA's legal policies. These policies relate to the golfer's behaviour and the behaviour of their associates during the tournament. Any breach of these policies may result in the competitor being withdrawn from the competition and subject to investigation and disciplinary proceedings. Depending on the nature of the offence, the competitor may also be subject to criminal charges arising from their conduct. It is the duty of the competitors and their associates to familiarise themselves with the relevant policies and ensure they comply. [Click here](#) to view GA's Legal Policies.

12. IMAGES

GA may arrange for promotion of the Championship, for radio, internet and television broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the Championship or excerpts thereof in any and all media throughout the world, whether now known or hereafter developed. By this application, the player consents to the use by GA, or persons authorised by GA, of their name, likeness, voice and references to them and photographs and other images of them and their play connected with their appearance in the Championship, or any portion(s) thereof, in connection with such media promotion, broadcasting and other exhibition and

publication of the Championship. GA may utilise the rights granted it hereunder in connection with the promotion of this Championship as well as other GA Championships and GA. The cooperation of players with authorised representatives of the media is required, provided that no pre-Championship activities outside of those activities which are part of the Championship will be required and provided that the player's Championship play is not unreasonably interfered with.