



2024

WEST-VIC JUNIOR CLASSIC

Geoff Ogilvy and Future Champions Order of Merit Event

Ballarat Golf Club
Thursday 4th April 2024

Entry Fee:	\$35.00 (incl. GST) Note: all registrations via online portal at: www.golf.org.au/events
Inclusions:	Lunch pack & trophies
Eligibility:	18 years and under before or on the competition date
Format:	18-Hole Stroke (Boys & Girls) & 18-Hole Stableford (Boys & Girls)
Tee Times:	From 11.45am (Two-tee start)
GA Handicap Limit:	Stroke 19.9 (Boys and Girls); Stableford 36.0 (Boys), 45.0 (Girls)
Entries Open:	9:00am on Thursday 26 th February
Entries Close:	5:00pm on Thursday 28 th March

Golf Australia: Enter online at golf.org.au/events | P: 03 9626 5050 | E: jacqueline.chester@golf.org.au

TERMS OF COMPETITION

COMPETITION PROCEDURES

- 1.1 The 2024 West-Vic Junior Classic is scheduled to be played over 18-holes at the Ballarat Golf Club. The field for the tournament will be limited to 56 players with entries accepted on an as received basis.
- 1.2 The following Stroke Events will be played – Under 18 Boys, Under 18 Girls, Under 15 Boys and Under 15 Girls (GA handicap up to 19.9). The following Stableford Events will be played – Under 18 Boys and Under 18 Girls (GA handicap of 20.0 and above).
- 1.3 In the event of a tie in any event, the final placings shall be determined on count-back, under the system recommended by GA.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Eligible players are male and female amateurs who are under 18 years old as at the day of the competition and whose GA handicap at the time of entry meets the following criteria:

Boys – GA handicaps of 36 or less

Girls – GA handicaps of 45 or less

- 2.2 Players must comply with any COVID-19 vaccination policy in place at the time of the competition. The vaccination policy can be found [here](#). Note: requirements may change on short notice.

3. ENTRIES

- 3.1 The entry fee is \$35.00 including GST and must be paid at the time of entry.
- 3.2 Entries shall only be made online via the registration portal at www.golf.org.au/events.
- 3.3 The Tournament Committee shall have the right to refuse the entry of any person without being required to give any reason for such refusal.
- 3.4 The Tournament Committee has the right to withdraw any person from the event at any time for COVID-19 related circumstances.
- 3.5 Tee times will be emailed to players and available at www.golf.org.au/events on Monday 1st April.

4. TROPHIES

- 4.1 A minimum of five players will be required for trophies to be awarded for a specific age/gender group. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to redefine age/gender groups should insufficient entries be received.
- 4.2 A player winning a trophy in a gross event/s is ineligible to win a trophy in a net event.
- 4.3 A player may only win one net event trophy. Net event trophies are awarded within age groups – Under 18 and Under 15. EG. An under 15 player is ineligible to win an under 18 net trophy.

5. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

- 5.1 The Tournament Committee shall consist of representatives from the Ballarat District Golf – Junior Development Committee. In the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, the Tournament 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 committee not later than 10 minutes after the conclusion of each round.

6. REFUND POLICY

Any entrant may withdraw and have the entrance fee refunded provided notification is received five days prior to the tournament. To be eligible for a refund after this time players must provide Ballarat District Golf supporting documents regarding their withdrawal from the event (EG. 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

7.1 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 (Jessica Martin – jacqueline.chester@golf.org.au) 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.
- (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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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

- 2 Bad Times: One Stroke Penalty
3 Bad Times: Additional Two Penalty Strokes
4 Bad Times: 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. ANTI-DOPING POLICY AND IMPROPER USE OF DRUGS AND MEDICINE POLICY

The Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy within Sport Integrity Australia's National Integrity Framework and Sport Integrity Australia's National Anti-Doping policy apply for this event. The National Anti-Doping Policy prevails if there are inconsistencies. These can be found by [clicking here](#).

17. 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](#).

18. 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.

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

All entrants are bound to comply with all of GA's legal policies (i.e. [Match Fixing](#)) and the [Competition Manipulation and Sports Wagering Policy](#) within Sport Integrity Australia National Integrity Framework. 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. It is the duty of the competitors and their associates to familiarise themselves with the relevant policies and ensure they comply.

20. SMOKING & CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL POLICY

Players and caddies are prohibited from smoking and consuming alcohol during a round. (Note: In addition to the more traditional forms of smoking, this policy is also considered to cover vaping and the like).

The following penalty structure applies for a breach of the above policy:

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| o First breach: | Warning |
| o Second breach: | One-Stroke Penalty |
| o Third breach: | General Penalty |
| o Fourth breach or any subsequent misconduct: | Disqualification |

The Championship Play Committee will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final.

21. IMAGES

GA may arrange for promotion of the Ballarat Junior Classic, for radio, internet and television broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the tournament or excerpts thereof in 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 tournament, or any portion(s) thereof, in connection with such media promotion, broadcasting and other exhibition and publication of the tournament. GA may utilise the rights granted it hereunder in connection with the promotion of this tournament as well as other GA Championships.