

2019 VICTORIAN WOMEN'S SENIOR ORDER OF MERIT - CONDITIONS

1. EVENTS

- 1.1 The 2019 Victorian Women's Senior Order of Merit competition consists of designated Senior Golf events approved by the Victorian Match Committee conducted from the Moyne Senior Amateur in November 2018 until the Warrnambool Senior Amateur in late November 2019. Victorian Women's Senior Order of Merit events for 2019 are as listed in the official 2019 Victorian Senior Golf Program.
- 1.2 All events are to be of at least 18-holes duration and shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, together with such local rules as are in force on the course over which the competition rounds are being played.
- 1.3 Each event is required to offer prizes for both stableford score and scratch stableford score performances.
- 1.4 All clubs staging designated Victorian Women's Senior Order of Merit events are required to:
 - submit draft entry forms and conditions to Golf Australia prior to publication/circulation for approval.
 - return an alphabetical listing of all players that competed in the designated event together with handicap, stroke score and net score details for each respective player.
 - In accordance with the GA Handicap System, all clubs hosting designated events are required to directly enter all competition scores on Golfink immediately upon the conclusion of the event.

Note: Upon request, Golf Australia will assist in the conduct of Victorian Women's Senior Order of Merit Events including the above requirements.

- 1.5 Any club desiring to stage a Senior Golf Event as part of the Victorian Women's Senior Order of Merit must initially formally approach the Victorian Match Committee for approval.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Victorian Women's Senior Order of Merit competition is open to female amateurs who are members of clubs affiliated with Golf Victoria, or of golf clubs registered with such State or Overseas Associations as are affiliated with or recognised by Golf Victoria, or of clubs affiliated with the Victorian Golf League and Registered Golfers.
- 2.2 To accrue points in a Victorian Women's Senior Order of Merit event, a player must have reached their 55th birthday by the first scheduled day of that event, and must hold a GA Handicap or affiliated overseas handicap of 45.4 or less. Eligible players will additionally conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Limited.
- 2.3 Unless otherwise specified in specific event conditions, a player is required to play from their current GA Handicap for each 2019 Victorian Women's Senior Order of Merit event.

3. AVERAGES CALCULATION

- 3.1 The Victorian Women's Senior Order of Merit will recognise performances for both stableford and scratch stableford scoring.
- 3.2 A player's final Victorian Women's Senior Order of Merit stableford and scratch averages will be calculated by the accumulated stableford and scratch points divided by the number of rounds played. A player must have played in a minimum of **eight (8)** individual rounds to qualify for an official end of year ranking and related trophies.
- 3.3 For each round played above 8 rounds, the player's worst scores are deleted as follows:
- 9 rounds – 1 worst score deleted
 - 10 rounds – 2 worst scores deleted
 - 11 rounds – 3 worst scores deleted and so on.
- 3.4 The player who accrues the highest total stableford average for performances in designated events over the calendar year will win the **Women's Senior Handicap Trophy** and shall also receive an individual trophy and a gold medallion. The runner-up and third place-getter shall also receive a trophy and a silver and bronze medallion respectively.
- 3.5 The player who accrues the highest total of scratch stableford average for performances in designated events over the calendar year will win the **Women's Senior Scratch Trophy** and shall also receive an individual trophy and gold medallion. The runner-up and third place-getter shall also receive a trophy and silver and bronze medallion respectively.

Notes:

- (i) Should a player be disqualified or return a score that is "No Score – Not Approved", the player shall be awarded 0 stableford points, scratch stableford points or both for that round.
 - (ii) In the Victorian Women's Senior Amateur Championship, Stableford and Scratch Stableford scores will be calculated for players' gross scores returned from rounds 1 & 2 of qualifying.
- 3.6 In the event of a tie for final finishing positions for either the Women's Senior Stableford Trophy or the Women's Senior Scratch Trophy, a count-back based on the respective players finishing positions in the Victorian Women's Senior Amateur Championship (stroke or net section as applicable) shall be applied. If this count-back procedure does not resolve the tie, the matter shall be referred to the GV Match Committee whose decision shall be final.
- 3.7 A progressive listing will be maintained at <https://www.golf.org.au/victoria-rankings>.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 All entries for individual Women's Senior Order of Merit events must be submitted online via the GolfBox registration portal at www.golf.org.au/victoria. Payments are taken through the PayPal online system, a secure portal that takes credit card or bank transfer. Please note that cheques or cash will not be accepted.
- 4.2 Unless otherwise specified in specific event conditions, in the event of entries exceeding the number of available places in any designated event, a ballot will be undertaken with players on the highest GA Handicaps subject to elimination.
- 4.3 All participants in the Victorian Women's Senior Order of Merit events are required to adhere to the Golf Australia Member Protection Policy including the Code of Conduct.

5. MOTORISED TRANSPORT

Unless otherwise specified within a designated event's conditions, and in accordance with each respective host club policy, motorised carts may not be used in men's senior golf events. 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 <https://www.golf.org.au/victorian-event-resources> 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.

6. COMMITTEE

The Victorian Women's Senior Order of Merit shall be administered by the Victorian Match Committee. The Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this competition.

In the event of bad weather, or for any other reason, the Committee may designate another day or days for the competition or, may transfer play to another course for any designated event.

Protests must be made to the Victorian Match Committee not later than 24 hours after the conclusion of the final designated event within the calendar year. The decision of the Victorian Match Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Victorian Men's Senior Order of Merit.