



SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

GOLF – PRIMARY

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Match Format:	All students will compete in a 9 hole short course Qualifying and Region Finals with qualifying students to progress to the 18 hole short course multi tee start State Final. Handicaps are not required at any stage.
State Tee Off Times and Format:	There will be a Pre- Championships Briefing for all golfers. See the Golf Draw, on the SSV website, for Tee Off Times.
State Match Format:	The following competitions shall be played over 18 holes: Boys Championship Girls Championship Boys Handicap Girls Handicap Players wishing to be considered for the handicap competition must be able to verify their handicap on request by providing their Golf Link number or a current Australian Handicap Certificate from their club. <i>A player receiving a medal in the Stroke Competition is ineligible to be considered for a medal in the Handicap Competition.</i>
State Individual Winner:	In the event of a tie in Individual Championships, the Australian Countback System shall be used. If scores are still tied then medals will be awarded to the tied players.
Eligibility	Students must be enrolled in grades 3, 4, 5 or 6 in a school affiliated with School Sport Victoria.
Entries	Entries for all Qualifying Events will be taken by Golf Victoria at www.golfvic.org.au . Entries will close 7 days before the advertised date of each event or when a capacity field has been reached. Players do not require a golf handicap to compete. Entries will be accepted on a receipt of entry basis until a capacity field is achieved. Players trying to enter a full fielded event will be directed to play at another venue in their area. Students may only compete in one qualifying event. Golf Draws will be forwarded from Golf Victoria to players who have supplied an email address. Starting times and player information are available on the Golf Victoria website.
Qualifying for State:	Students that qualify to the Region or State Final will be notified of their progression. In the event of a tie in each of the the categories the Golf Australia count-back system shall be used to determine final positions. If scores are still tied then positions will be awarded to the tied players.
Conditions:	See School Sport Victoria's 'General Conditions of Competition'. All players, teachers, spectators and officials are bound by the 'SSV Codes of Conduct' Sports Tape MUST be supplied by the student/competing team if pre-game strapping for injury prevention by the qualified sports trainer (if present) is required.
Rules:	The competition shall be played under the 'Rules of Golf' except as altered by the local rules of the Club, or as altered by the Convener to suit special conditions which may apply. Please see the SSV Primary Schools Resource Manual for more useful sport specific information.
Hole Lengths	The courses will be set up using the approximate distances below: Par 3's – 100m Par 4's – 200m Par 5's – 350m
Maximum Strokes per Hole:	One a player has 10 strokes on any hole, the ball must be lifted and a 10 placed against the relevant score on the scorecard. Any deliberate attempt to hit the ball must be counted as a stroke. No further strokes are permitted on the hole once the player has reached 10.
Tee Up	At the Qualifying and Region Final events players may choose to tee up any shot, not in a hazard (including bunkers) or on the green.
Bunkers:	After two shots in a bunker the player may pick up their ball and play it from the side of the bunker but no closer to the hole. Should a player play directly from one bunker into another bunker then their next shot shall be deemed their second bunker shot. No extra penalty shot for placing the ball outside the bunker.
Lost Ball:	If a ball is lost during play, a player must drop another ball as close as possible to where the ball was lost under penalty of one stroke.

Adult Presence:	Each group must be accompanied by a parent/teacher whose responsibilities include safety, etiquette and scoring where necessary. Members from participating clubs will also be encouraged to assist in this regard. Parents are permitted to caddy for participating students. Strict guidelines must be followed. One adult will be asked to act as a marker for the group. At the State Final two adults will be asked to score for the group.
Bad Weather:	In the event of bad weather, or for any reason, the Championship Committee may shorten the competition or appoint another day or days for completion of the event.
Clothing and Equipment:	All players, spectators and supervising staff must be appropriately dressed for a private golf club. Runners or golf shoes are appropriate footwear for play. Players not correctly dressed will not be permitted to compete. Students should have their own golf clubs, balls, tees, pencils etc. Golf Victoria can provide a set of clubs for players if they don't have their own set. Schools must contact Golf Victoria a minimum of one week out from the event if they require clubs to be provided.
Championship Committee:	The Championship Committee shall consist of representatives of Golf Victoria and School Sport Victoria. The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event. Protests must be made to the Championship Committee no later than 10 minutes after the conclusion of each round. The decision of the Championship Committee will be the final in all matters relating to the tournament.
Database of Competitors:	The data contained on an entry form submitted by an entrant for a Golf Victoria event is permanently retained by Golf Victoria within its database of competitor's details. This database is operated to assist with the management of current and future Golf Victoria events. From time to time players may be sent entry forms or event literature for either Golf Victoria events, or events conducted by Golf Victoria-approved bodies, and accompanying material. Upon receipt by Golf Victoria of a written request, a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.
Golf Code of Conduct:	All entrants are bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct. A copy of the Code is available at www.golf.org.au/policies
Images:	Golf Victoria and School Sport Victoria may arrange for photographs of players, caddies and spectators during all rounds of this event. In entering this event the player and parents understand that Golf Victoria and School Sport Victoria retain the right to use images taken during this event.
Published Results:	All results will be published on the Golf Victoria and the School Sport Victoria website. In entering this event the player understands that their name and school will be published on the tournament results sheet which is displayed on the websites. If a player wishes not for their name and school to be published on the website they will need to contact Golf Victoria prior.
Protests:	Protests will be heard on the day of competition ONLY. Protests received after the day of competition will not be accepted. Protest concerning the conduct of an event, in the first instance, should be made to the Referee by the player or their teacher. If their teacher is not in attendance, the adult responsible for the player may act on the athlete's behalf. This can be made immediately an incident occurs or within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the event. If the Referee, makes a decision that is not agreed with, an appeal to the Jury of Appeal may be made, accompanied by a fee of A\$50 cash, which will be forfeited if the appeal is not upheld. This appeal must be in writing within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the event or the Referee's decision, whichever comes first. The written appeal must be given to the Administration Manager located in the Official's Room. No other form of protest will be heard. Presentations will be held for 10 minutes.

