

THE 2018 VICTORIAN PGA TRAINEE MATCH-PLAY KNOCKOUT

Entry Fee: \$33.00 per player. (Incl. GST) Prize pool will be determined by number of entrants.

Field Size: Entries limited to 64 players. (In order of entries, no pre-qualifying.)

Entries Close: Registrations close **11.59pm Wednesday, 28th February 2018.**

Eligibility: All trainees.

Handicaps: Calculated under the following formula from the 2017 Trainee Year

Handicap Allocations	H/cap
National or State Trainee Championship Winner	+1
2017 Trainee Event Winner	0
Trainee Invite	0
Previous Years Ivo Whitton State Average (Year 1 only)	1
Previous year's exemption listing Category D Ranking 1-18	1
Previous year's exemption listing Category D Ranking 19-36	2
Previous year's exemption listing Category D Ranking 37 and above	3
All other Trainees	2

All handicaps will be issued at the discretion of the tournament committee (Trainee Captains & the PGA). The Tournament Committee reserves the right to issue a handicap to any player that it feels falls outside the above criteria. Any player who qualifies for two handicaps under the current Handicap system will be given the lowest of the two.

The Draw

To enter, each player must place their name next to a number on the sheet provided at Trainee events. Trainees will also be required to enter through the normal MyTournaments portal so entry fee can be processed. The number they choose will be used to conduct a blind draw after each round of matches. The trainee at the top of each 'match' is responsible for contacting his/her opponent.

Example: Mitch Anketell chooses number 3, Aaron Attwell chooses number 8, normally they wouldn't play each other if they were 'seeds' but under this format it is possible! The winners during each round are thrown back into the hat and the process starts again and continues all the way until the final.

The Course

Matches **may** be played at Trainee-only events if mutually agreed (except Championships) but the PGA must be given adequate prior notice of this. Matches cannot be played at either Players home club and players have 4 weeks (1 month) to organise and complete the match. Extensions will only be given if sufficient reason and notice is given.

The Format

Singles Knock out Match-Play with assigned handicaps as above. In the event of a tie there will be a sudden death play-off from the 1st tee (or starting tee). During the play-off, strokes are to be taken where applicable.

Female competitors will play from the female Tournament tee markers against the male par in accordance with Section 9.4.14 of the current PGA Membership Regulations using the Men's Stroke Index for handicap purposes.

Prize Money

\$1920*

*Prize pool determined by number of entrants. Above assumes 64 entries.

Results

Results **must** be received at the PGA, Vic/Tas Office by 5pm on each of the required completion of round dates. A new draw will then be posted on the Event page of the PGA website the following Monday.