

VICTORIAN PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Victorian Celebrity Amateur Challenge

Player Information

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OVERVIEW

The 2021 Victorian PGA Championship will be played in a Pro-Am format similar to world famous events such as the Pebble Beach Pro-Am on the PGA Tour or the Dunhill Links Championship on the European Tour, amateurs will be playing for the Victorian Celebrity Amateur Challenge.

The Tournament will be played across both of the championship golf courses at Moonah Links Resort from 9-12 December 2021

The Professional Championship shall be decided over 4 rounds (72 holes) stroke play. 92 players will play one round on each of the first two days, after which the leading 50 professionals plus ties for 50th place, shall qualify to play rounds 3 and 4. In the event of a tie for first place, a 'sudden death' play off will take place until there is a result.

The Celebrity Amateur Challenge will see amateurs paired with a professional to form a team for the first 2 rounds with groups consisting of two professionals and two amateurs. The pro/amateur team will be competing in a separate 4BBB competition.

There will be a team competition cut to the leading 25 teams following the completion of Round 2. A further cut will be made after Round 3 to the top eight teams playing the final round.

Imagine qualifying for that final round and making your way down the 18th fairway in the final group in contention to win the Victorian Celebrity Amateur Challenge while your partner is vying for the Professional title of the Victorian PGA Championship.

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TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Dates	9 - 12 December 2021
Location	Moonah Links Resort
Prize Money	AUD \$137,500
Field	92 Professionals - 92 Amateurs
Format	Professionals 72 hole stroke play with a 36 hole cut for top 50 professionals plus ties Celebrity Amateur Challenge 72 hole NETT Stroke play. 36 hole cut to top 24 teams. 54 hole cut to top 8 teams.

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Monday 6 December	Pre-Qualifying
Tuesday 7 December	Practice Round
Wednesday 8 December	Practice Round Amateur Player Registration and Welcome Cocktail Party
Thursday 9 December	Round One Two Tee Start from 7:30am & 11:30am
Friday 10 December	Round Two Two Tee Start from 7:30am & 11:30am Cut – Top 50 - Professionals plus ties Cut – Top 24 - Amateur Teams Cut Party following play
Saturday 11 December	Round Three Cut – Top 8 - Amateur Teams
Sunday 12 December	Final Round Beer Garden during play and presentations

PLAY IN THE EVENT

Walk the fairways and get that exclusive inside the ropes experience

The Victorian Celebrity Amateur Challenge is open to all amateur golfers with an official GA handicap. You'll be paired with a PGA Tour Professional and compete as a team in a Best-Ball Nett Stroke Tournament.

Off the course you'll be treated like a Tour Professional with invitations to the three functions throughout the week and exclusive access to the Players Lounge during the Tournament.

Tournament Format

The Victorian PGA Celebrity Amateur Challenge will be played as a Modified Four-Ball Best Ball Nett Stroke event.

All amateur players will be paired with a Professional for the entirety of the Tournament with the best Nett Stroke score per pair per hole recorded.

No hole score can be greater than a Nett bogey and amateur players are required to pick up their ball when this can no longer be achieved.

Handicaps

All competitors must have a GA handicap and Golf LINK number which has been valid for no less than 12 months prior to the Tournament.

All amateurs will play from 75% of their Daily Handicap value calculated using the appropriate slope rating at the beginning of the Tournament.

There will be a Daily handicap limit for all amateurs of 25 for Men and 32 for Women. Amateurs with Daily Handicap above these limits will be adjusted down to meet this requirement.

All Professionals will play from Scratch.

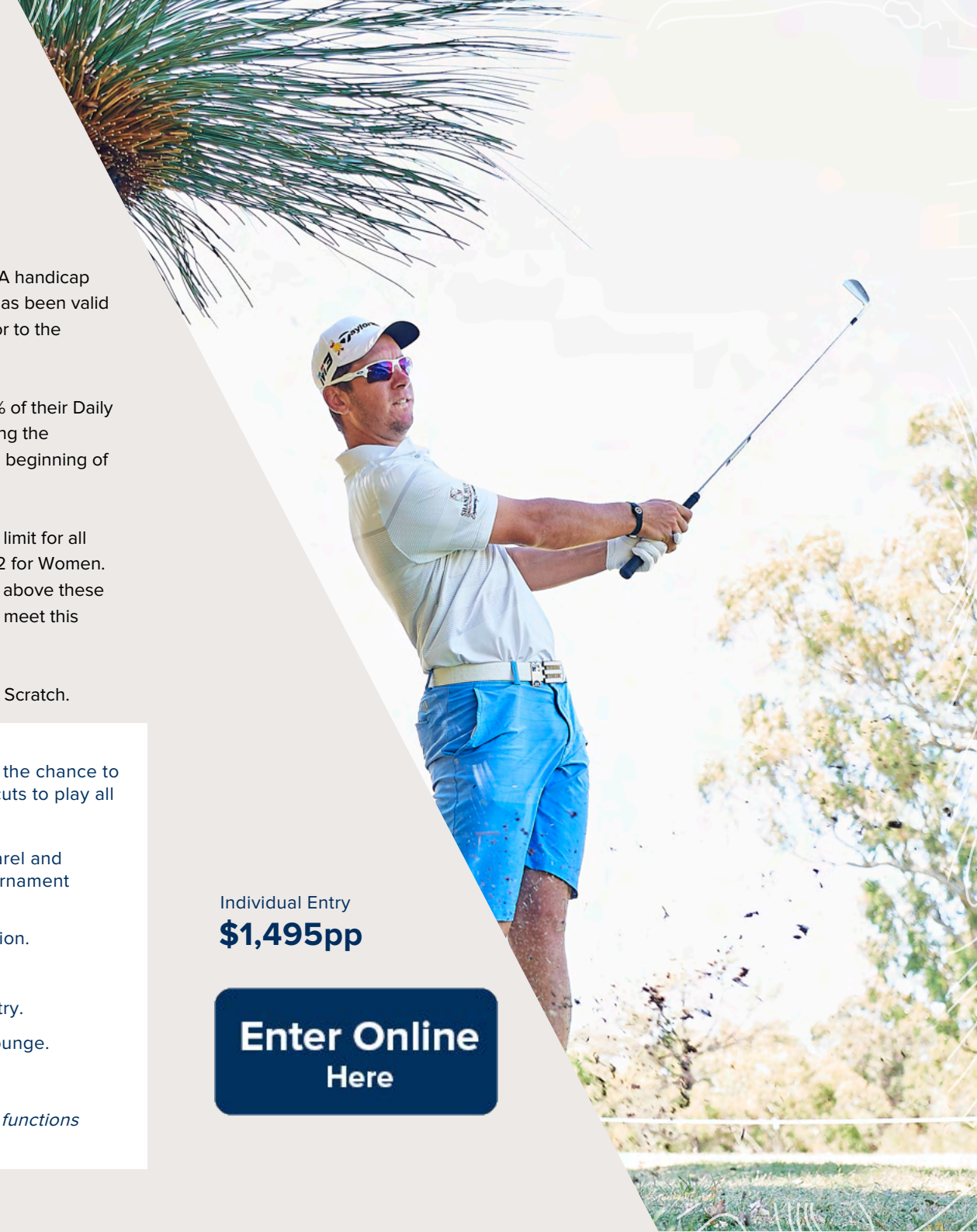
Amateur entry includes;

- Two rounds of golf, with the chance to make the 36 & 54 hole cuts to play all four rounds
- Official tournament apparel and equipment from our Tournament partners
- Welcome Cocktail Function.
- Friday Night Cut Party.
- Sunday Beer Garden Entry.
- Access to the Players Lounge.
(Thurs - Sun)

Food and beverage at all functions included

Individual Entry
\$1,495pp

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TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. The Victorian Celebrity Amateur Challenge

1.1 The Challenge will be played at Moonah Links Resort from 4-7 November, 2021, alongside the Victorian PGA Championship as a modified stroke tournament with each paired amateur with a professional to form a Pro-Am team.

1.2 Rounds one and two will be played in groups of four players, comprising two separate Pro-Am teams.

1.3 The draw for each round will be at the discretion of the Challenge Committee.

2. Size of Field

2.1 The amateur player field size in the Challenge will be limited to a maximum of 92 competitors with the top 25 making the cut and advancing to round 3 then with the top eight advancing past a further cut and playing round 4.

2.2 The Challenge Committee has the discretion to alter the final number of the amateur field.

3. Challenge Committee

3.1 The Challenge will be under the management and control of the Challenge Committee consisting of members from the Victorian PGA Executive and PGA Tour of Australasia.

3.2 In the absence of the full Challenge Committee, such members thereof as may be present at any time may give a decision and any decision shall be deemed the decision of the full Challenge Committee.

3.3 The Challenge Committee will have sole management and control of the Challenge, with full power at any time alter or vary any one of the Conditions.

3.4 The Challenge Committee decision on matters affecting the Challenge will be final.

4. Rules of Play

4.1 The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited, will apply together with Local Rules as drawn up by the Challenge Committee and the PGA Tour Hard Card.

5. Entries

5.1 The Challenge is open to male and female amateur golfers. Male players must have an official GA handicap of 25.0 (exact) or less certified by his home club. Female players must have an official GA handicap of 32.0 (exact) or less certified by her home club.

5.2 Entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis. In the case that entries exceed available places in the field, the Challenge Committee reserves the right to ballot out entries based on their handicap and handicap history.

5.3 The entrance fee for the Challenge is listed referenced in this document. The entrance fee will be invoiced and entry into the event is only confirmed upon payment of this invoice.

5.4 Entries must be made via the online entry form only.

5.5 Entries must be lodged in full with the PGA of Australia Victorian Amateur Challenge administration, 600 Thompson Road, Sandhurst Victoria 3977 not later than 5.00pm on Thursday, 25 November 2021. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant themselves to ensure that their entry is received prior to the closing time for entries. The entry list will be displayed on the PGA website event page (www.pga.org.au).

5.6 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Challenge Committee.

5.7 Acceptable payment methods are credit card (Visa and MasterCard only) or by direct bank deposit.

5.8 Entrants must conform in all respects to the Rules of Amateur Status, as adopted by R&A Rules Limited. 5.9 The decision of the Challenge Committee as to acceptance or refusal of any entry will be final.

6. Ties

6.1 In the event of a tie, scores will be ranked by card play-off as follows: the best last 18, 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes on the card until a winner, second place and third place is declared.

7. Handicap Restrictions

7.1 All competitors must have a current Golf Australia handicap and Golf LINK Number and have held this for a period of no less than 12 months prior to competing in the Challenge.

7.2 The Challenge Committee reserves the right to amend any players handicap prior to and during the Challenge under Golf Australia's Manual Bonus Reductions policy.

7.3 Amateurs will play off 75% of their daily handicap (which will be a maximum daily handicap of 25 – Male & 32 - Female) rounded to the nearest whole number as calculated using the relevant slope rating to their Golf Link handicap, while professionals will be assigned a zero handicap.

8. Scoring format

8.1 The teams score will be a modified Best ball stroke format. Amateur players are encouraged to pick up their ball as soon as they can't score a nett par or better, and record a bogey on that hole. The winner of the Challenge will be awarded to the team with the lowest total stroke score.

9. Transportation

9.1 Players must not ride in any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorised by the committee.

10. Conforming Golf Balls and Time of Starting

10.1 The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards to Conforming Golf Balls and Time of Starting.

11. Pace of Play

11.1 Rule 11 (Rule 5.6b) of the 2021 PGA Tour Hard Card will be strictly enforced. Each group must maintain its position on the course with respect to the group preceding it. The PGA Tour of Australasia pace of play policy will apply.

12. Formation of Pro-Am Teams

12.1 An amateur who has fulfilled the entry criteria into the Challenge may write to the Challenge Committee to request a specific professional partner. The Challenge Committee retains the right however to make all final allocations.

12.2 The Challenge Committee will be solely responsible for the formation of Pro-Am teams.

13. Withdrawal of Professional during the Tournament

13.1 In the instance of a professional withdrawing from the tournament after commencement of play during days 1 and 2 of the event for any reason, the Challenge Committee will use its best endeavors to find a replacement professional.

14. Withdrawal of Amateur during the Tournament

14.1 If an amateur withdraws from the tournament after commencement of play there shall be no refund.

15. Measuring devices

15.1 Distance measuring devices may be used during the Challenge by all players.

16. Tees

16.1 Each participant shall play from their designated tees as set out by the Challenge Committee. Professionals will play from the PGA Championship Tees with Amateurs playing from the Challenge tees relative to their gender.

17. Practice Facilities

17.1 Competitors will have limited access to the Moonah Links Resort practice facilities and practice round tee times for the duration of the event.

18. Protests

18.1 The decision of the Challenge Committee will be final in all matters relating to the Challenge. Protests must be lodged to the committee no later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of play.

19. Caddies

19.1 Caddy behaviour is the sole responsibility of the amateur engaging them.

19.2 Caddies must not wear spike sole shoes.

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