

# VTG RULES & REGULATIONS



## **RATIONALE**

This document outlines important rules & regulations of the Victorian Teachers' Games (VTG) event, taking place in Geelong from Sunday 22 September to Wednesday 25 September, 2019.

## **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

To participate in the Victorian Teachers' Games, participants must be **eligible**, and register through the Victorian Teachers' Games website. Registrations open on Monday, 3 June 2019 at 07:00am and close at 11:59pm on Friday, 23 August, 2019. **Registrations after this date will not be accepted.**

### Registration Regulations

- A participant may partake in as many individual events as they wish, subject to scheduling and availability.
- Registrations are not complete until all relevant details are submitted, and payment is processed.
- Your confirmation email and payment receipt acts as your proof of entry.
- Partially completed registrations may be followed up throughout the registration process, but please note incomplete registrations are not considered as a confirmation of entry.
- Participants must register and partake in an official sporting event (full or half day) to be eligible to partake in an official social event & official after parties.
- Registrations are capped on a per event quota basis.
- Teams with less than the specified minimum number of participants who have completed the entry process for that event (including payment of entry fees) will be contacted. Every effort must be made to find additional participants. Relevant event fees & our refund policy applies.
- VTG reserves the right to refuse entries from any individual or agency.

## **PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOUR AND CONDUCT**

Please refer to the **VTG Behaviour Policy**.

Event conveners, umpires, officials and volunteers make VTG possible – they are integral to the success of VTG. Please treat them all with the utmost courtesy at all times and thank them for their contribution to make your experience the best it can be. These critical members of the VTG Family are identifiable by their event t-shirts.

## **VTG FEES**

The Victorian Teachers' Games has two types of fees: the overall registration fee & individual event fees. Payment of all fees shall be by credit card at the end of your registration.

### VTG Registration Fee

In 2019, the VTG registration fee is \$35, which covers the overall delivery of VTG, your showbag, medals, banners, signage and printing, functions, shuttle bus services between official events, staffing, volunteers and more. **The VTG registration fee is non-refundable.**

### Event Fees

Each individual event (sport or social) attracts a further fee. These fees are variable according to the event and are set by the event provider in conjunction with VTG. A participant may partake in as many individual events as they wish, subject to scheduling and availability. Event fees range between \$5-\$70, which covers venue costs, convener costs, equipment, umpires, officials, and in some cases, catering. Specific costs for each event are detailed on each event page on the VTG website.

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## ***EVENT REGULATIONS***

### General Event Regulations

- All participants must be registered to compete and partake in VTG events; identifiable by their event lanyard.
- All events will be conducted at various venues through the host city; the City of Greater Geelong
- Age categories apply to some individual and team events. Age is determined at the time of competing in VTG
- Whilst there are gender categories for certain events, VTG is an inclusive event that respects the gender identity of all participants. As such, the gender identity of participants will be taken into account when organising the events as will the nature of the event itself (i.e. the extent to which strength, stamina or physique are relevant to the event).
- If a trans or gender diverse person is seeking to participate in a single gender competition of their choice, the organisers will facilitate participation wherever possible.
- Matters of this kind will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- Team members must play in at least one preliminary game to be eligible for finals
- Most, if not all events carry a minimum number requirement to ensure a competition for medals and/or to ensure the event remains viable. Some events may set a maximum number of participants due to venue, time and competitions limitations.

### Event Awards

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be provided for each sanctioned event. Medal presentations will normally be made at the conclusion of the final of each event. Those who do not attend medal presentation ceremonies may nominate somebody to collect their medal for them; or collect from VTG staff. Only registered team members are eligible for medals; and medals are not provided for coaches or other team officials.

### Event Changes & Cancellations

Any event may be cancelled by mutual agreement between the VTG Manager and the respective event provider. VTG staff will initiate steps to notify all affected entrants and issue refunds and/or re-allocate entries on a case-by-case basis. Most, if not all events carry a minimum number requirement to ensure a competition for medals and/or to ensure the event remains viable. Some events may set a maximum number of participants due to venue, time and competitions limitations.

Events with less than the minimum number of entries specified for a viable will be cancelled competition by 12:00pm on Monday 19 August, 2019 (at the latest) and participants notified; with those affected eligible for a full refund as per the VTG Refund Policy.

Should an event be cancelled at VTG due to inclement weather, every effort will be made by VTG staff to re-allocate affected participants to an alternative event as per the VTG Wet Weather Plan. If this is not possible, those affected will be eligible for a full refund as per the VTG Refund Policy.

VTG reserves the right to alter the venues, times, dates, location and event programming wherever it sees fit. Notification of any changes will be supplied to the affected participants and all such changes will be reflected on the VTG website and social media channels.

### Event Rules, Disciplinary Procedures, Appeals & Protests

- Each event is operated and run under the rules as set by the event provider or convener employed by VTG, or in conjunction with the rules of the state or national governing sporting body.
- Every participant within VTG is bound by the VTG Behaviour Policy; acknowledging that they are to comply Rules & Regulations of VTG and VTG sanctioned events

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- In the event of a sporting appeal or protest, the following will take place:-
  1. In the first instance all protests/disputes are to be made to the senior umpire/referee officiating at the time of the protest/dispute.
  2. If the umpire/referee cannot resolve the matter the Event Convener is notified. The Event Convener will seek to resolve the matter at the venue at the time.
  3. If the protest/dispute cannot be resolved by the Sport Convener, the competition will be allowed to proceed under protest/dispute.
  4. If a competitor wishes to lodge a written protest/dispute, the protest/dispute must be submitted in writing to the [VTG Manager](#), within 4 hours of the end of competition.
  5. The Manager of the Victorian Teachers Games will convene the Disputes/Protests Committee at the earliest possible opportunity.
  6. The competitor/team captain lodging the dispute shall be entitled to present their case in person to the Committee.
  7. The Committee may invite other persons to attend in person or seek input via telephone. The person(s) in question may request that a support person attend the hearing.
  8. If the presentation of medals is affected by the possible results of a protest/dispute, the awards shall be withheld pending the Protests/Disputes Committee's decision.
  9. The VTG Protest/Disputes Committee decision shall be final.

VTG Management may by resolution, caution, counsel or reprimand a participant/team or may expel or suspend a competitor/team from involvement in VTG. This is seen to protect the best interests of VTG.

## ***REFUNDS***

Please refer to the **VTG Refund Policy**.

## ***RELATED POLICIES***

- VTG Refund Policy
- VTG Eligibility Policy
- VTG Behaviour Policy
- VTG Terms & Conditions