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VICTORIAN TEACHERS' GAMES

RULES AND REGULATIONS POLICY

POLICY

This policy outlines the important rules and regulations for participants of the annual Victorian Teachers' Games (VTG).

DETAILS

To participate in the VTG, all participants must comply with the terms outlined in the VTG Eligibility Policy, follow the event registration process and adhere to the following rules and regulations.

RELATED POLICIES

- VTG Cancellation and Refund Policy
- VTG Terms and Conditions & Eligibility Policy
- VTG Code of Conduct Policy

GUIDANCE

1. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

To participate in the VTG, participants must be eligible in accordance with the VTG Eligibility Policy and register through the VTG registration platform during the published registration period. Late registrations may be accepted if approved by the VTG organiser.

Registration Regulations

- A participant may enter in as many individual events, subject to scheduling and availability.
- Registrations are not complete until all required details are submitted, and payment is processed. Your confirmation email and payment receipt act as your proof of entry.
- Partially completed registrations may be followed up throughout the registration process. Please note incomplete registrations are not considered as a proof of entry.
- Participants must enter in at least one (1) competition or social event across the entire program to be eligible to enter the Nightlife venue.
- Registrations may be capped for some events.
- Teams with less than the specified minimum number of participants (including

meeting gender requirements for Men's, Women's and Mixed teams) who have completed the entry process for that event (including payment of entry fees) will be contacted. All reasonable steps must be made to find additional participants by the team manager. Relevant event fees & refund policy applies.

- VTG reserves the right to refuse entries from any individual, organisation or agency.

2. PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOUR AND CONDUCT

Please refer to the VTG Code of Conduct Policy.

Event conveners, umpires/referees/officials and volunteers make the VTG possible – they are integral to the success of VTG. Participants are required to always treat them with the utmost respect and courtesy.

3. PARTICIPANT FEES

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

Participant Registration Fee

The participant registration fee is an administrative fee payable by all participants attending the VTG. The payment of the fee covers various costs associated with running the VTG event, such as:

- Participant identification
- Event Awards (medals, wooden spoons)
- Volunteer recruitment, training, and uniform
- On-site activations and VTG Central
- Communications, Marketing & Signage
- On-site photography and videography
- Merchandise voucher
- Registration platform costs
- Administrative costs (staffing)
- Other event costs

The tiered registration fee structure, including registration periods & associated fees, can be viewed on the VTG website.

Individual Event Fees

Each individual event attracts a further fee. These fees are variable according to the event and are set by the Organiser or in conjunction with the event venue or supplier.

Individual fees for most events are based on event market value and associated expenses. They generally range between \$30-\$70 and are detailed on each events' page on the VTG

website. The payment of these fees covers the costs of putting on each unique event, such as:

- Event Convener/Supplier
- Venue Hire Fees, including cleaning & line marking
- Referees/umpire/official costs
- Equipment
- First Aid Coverage
- Catering (where applicable)
- Administrative costs (staffing)
- Other activity costs

4. EVENT REGULATIONS

General Event Regulations

- All participants must be registered to compete and partake in VTG events; identifiable by their participant identification.
- Any age categories are determined at the time of competing in the VTG and allocated during the registration process.
- Whilst there are gender categories for certain events, VTG is an inclusive event which respects the gender identity of all participants.
- All participants are encouraged to select and partake in events they feel most comfortable in.
- Team members/event participants 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 limitations.

Event Awards

- Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be provided for selected events within the sporting and social programs. 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 Central. Only registered team members are eligible for medals; and medals are not provided for coaches or other team officials.
- To keep within the participation and fun nature of the VTG, wooden spoons are awarded to teams who finish in last place for selected team-based events.
- Medals are not provided at events which are part of the recreational & wellness program except in some circumstances.

Event Changes & Cancellations

- Any event may be cancelled by mutual agreement between the Organiser and the respective event supplier or venue. VTG staff will initiate steps to notify all affected participants and issue refunds and/or re-allocate entries on a case-by-case basis. Events with less than the minimum number of entries specified for a viable competition will be cancelled and participants notified; with those affected eligible to swap events (dependent on availability) or request a refund as per the VTG Cancellation and Refund Policy.
- Should an event be cancelled at VTG due to inclement weather, every effort will be made by the Organiser to re-allocate affected participants to an alternative event as per the individual wet weather plan for that event.
- If this is not possible, those affected will be eligible for a refund of the individual event as per the VTG Cancellation and Refund Policy.
- The 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 via email and/or text message (SMS) and all such changes will be reflected on the VTG website, social media channels and/or via email.

Event Rules, Disciplinary Procedures, Appeals & Protests

- Each event is operated and run under the rules as set by the event venue, supplier or convener engaged 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 Code of Conduct Policy; acknowledging that they are to comply with the Rules & Regulations of VTG and VTG events.
- In the event of a sporting appeal or protest, the following will take place:
 1. Appeals are not possible for decisions made by officials on the field of play.
 2. In the first instance all other protests/disputes are to be made to the senior umpire/referee officiating at the time of the protest/dispute.
 3. 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.
 4. If the protest/dispute cannot be resolved by the Event Convener, the competition will be allowed to proceed under protest/dispute.
 5. If a competitor wishes to lodge a written protest/dispute, the protest/dispute must be submitted in writing via email to victorianteachersgames@education.vic.gov.au within 4 hours of the end of competition.

6. The Organiser of the VTG will convene the Disputes/Protests Committee at the earliest possible opportunity.
7. The participant lodging the dispute shall be entitled to present their case in person to the Committee.
8. The Committee may invite any other persons involved in the relevant event to attend in person or via telephone in order to provide comment/information. The person(s) in question may request a support person attend the hearing.
9. 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.
10. The VTG Protest/Disputes Committee decision shall be final.

VTG Leadership may in its absolute discretion by resolution, caution, counsel or reprimand a participant/team or may expel or suspend a participant/team from involvement in the VTG. Where the VTG Leadership do so resolve, the resolution of the VTG Leadership is final and not subject to appeal or review.

5. REFUNDS

Please refer to the VTG Cancellation and Refund Policy.