



# 2018 ALFA ROMEO MELBOURNE CUP POLO TOURNAMENT

**Dear Players and Teams,**

The first of our major tournaments for the season, the Alfa Romeo Melbourne Cup is poised to set the season alight with strong interest already on the team and corporate hospitality fronts.

Please find enclosed a nomination and stable booking form for this year's Alfa Romeo Melbourne Cup Polo Tournament to be held at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre from **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November until Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

Off field, as usual there will be plenty to be take part in. As part of this year's tournament the Club will be hosting:

- Melbourne Cup Teams Dinner hosted by the committee of the Victorian Polo Club
- Post Final celebrations at Chirnside. A new event to celebrate the conclusion of the Melbourne Cup with drinks and food in a Marquee by Chirnside field, for teams and their supporters.
- In addition, as usual, we can assist you with organisation of any other leisure activities whilst you are in Victoria for the tournament. From packages to the Races, rounds of golf and more. The VPC aims to make your time during this tournament as enjoyable as possible both on and off the field, so don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.

## **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

### **Handicaps**

- **The maximum handicap per team is 12 goals.**
- Any minus rated player wishing to participate in the tournament must have the approval of the Tournament Committee as to their safety, and assume a handicap of 0 goals.
- The only exception to this rule will be any patrons with a handicap of -2, who must assume a handicap of -1, or players at the discretion of the committee.
- All players will play off their current Australian Handicap.
- In the event they don't have a current Australian handicap they will play off their highest world handicap.
- In determining a player's highest world handicap. A player's highest international handicap shall include any handicap which has been decided, and officially applies in the relevant country.
- No team will be accepted into the tournament if the handicap aggregate of the team exceeds 12 goals



## Tournament Committee

- The committee for this year's event will be Mr Paul Roberts, Mr Troy McBean and Mr Brett Burns.
- The draw will be determined once all team nominations have been received.
- An unfortunate challenge in our sport is the weather and predicating some months out how wet or dry the Victorian Spring is broadly impossible. In the unlikely event we need to limit the number of teams' due to adverse weather effecting grounds we will do it on a last nomination in basis. We encourage you get your nominations in early to ensure your place is assured. In the unlikely event of restrictions, we will do our very best to communicate with you as early as practicably possible
- Nominations must be in writing to [PManager@tlaworldwide.com](mailto:PManager@tlaworldwide.com) with all team members listed. Once your nomination form has been received an invoice will be sent to you immediately. Your nomination will not be accepted until payment has been received.
- All players who have not been playing regularly in Australia in the preceding months are subject to the scrutiny of the handicappers and may be handicapped at any time. In all other circumstances the Australian Polo Federation Rules will apply. The committee reserves the right to vary the APF rules after consultation with team captains.

## Nomination Fee

The nomination fee is 5,000.00 (inc GST) per team.

## Insurance

It is important to note that the VPA does have personal accident insurance in their policy.

## Stabling

Teams are able to access stables and yards at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre (WPNEC), 25 mins out of Melbourne. Relevant booking documents to follow.

All stables will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Accordingly, any teams wishing to secure these stables can email their requests to the VPC at [PManager@tlaworldwide.com](mailto:PManager@tlaworldwide.com) in advance but priority will be given to the first to pay given the stable number is finite.

Alternatively – some teams may want to investigate the option of stabling with Victorian based teams or polo yards. If this is the case the VPC will be happy to put you in contact with potential venues.

## Hospitality

As has been the case in previous years, the final Sunday of the tournament will be played on the Chirnside ground and have additional entertainment. Each team will receive one car park and 10 guest passes. For additional ticketing and hospitality requirements, please contact Steph at TLA, our Corporate Hospitality Partner, on 03 9816 5500.



### **Accommodation**

Luxury accommodation is available at the Mansion Hotel, next to the polo fields. Other accommodation is available in Werribee.

**NOTE: Nominations close on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

Please email the nomination form and stable/yard request form to Stephanie Willox at [PManager@flaworldwide.com](mailto:PManager@flaworldwide.com).

For all other enquiries please contact Stephanie Willox 03 9816 5500 or email [Polo@flaworldwide.com](mailto:Polo@flaworldwide.com) or Paul Roberts 0417 571 988.

We look forward to welcoming you to an extremely enjoyable tournament.

Yours sincerely,

The Committee  
Victorian Polo Club



## NOMINATION FORM ALFA ROMEO MELBOURNE CUP

Players names	Handicap	No of ponies
1. ....	.....	.....
2. ....	.....	.....
3. ....	.....	.....
4. ....	.....	.....

**Team Name**

**Team colours**

**Team captain**

**Contact name**

**Address**

**Postcode**

**Telephone**

**Mobile**

**Fax**

**PLEASE NOTE: NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**



Players must confirm current insurance from their Interstate Associations, or personal insurance policy.

## STABLE / YARD REQUEST FORM

**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF STABLES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF YARDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NUMBER OF COVERS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**INVOICE MADE TO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FAX:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Please note the following requirements of WPNEC:**

Yards are provided for each team. Stables are in short supply.

If teams are interested in stables please notify the VPC and a request will be made on your behalf.

**APPLICANT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_