



**PGA Professionals Championship of Victoria**  
in conjunction with the  
**Victorian Club Professionals Championship**

**Cranbourne Golf Club**  
**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**Player Information**

- Prize Purse:** \$2,500 (min)  
*(Qualifying for \$55,000 PGA Professionals Championship Final)*
- Exemption** The winner of the PGA Professionals Championship of Victoria and the winner of the Victorian Club professionals Championship will \*each receive an invitation to play in the 2018 Victorian PGA Championship.
- Tee Time:** 8:00am shotgun start
- Format:** 18 hole Stroke Event
- Ties** In the event of a tie for the first and final qualifying positions for the PGA Professional Championship Final, those who tie will play off on a “sudden death” basis after the State PGA Professionals Championship round is complete. Should the Committee be required to rank alternates other than through a play off, rankings will be decided by the matching of cards. Cards will be matched using the following system:
- If the tying players have the same total score for holes 10-18, determine the rank on the basis of the total score for holes 13-18, holes 16-18 and finally hole 18. If the above procedure does not break the tie, rankings will be decided by lot.
- Entry Fee** \$55 incl GST
- Entries Close** Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 5:00pm
- Food** Lunch will be provided during Presentations.
- Presentations:** Compulsory attendance at presentations is required for all players.
- Eligibility Criteria**
1. Must be a Full Vocational Member, Full Member International and/or Life Member of the PGA;
  2. Must not have held an ISPA HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament Exemption Category\* or equivalent category on any recognised tour as listed in [“Policy for Recognition of Professionals from Overseas”](#) in the current or previous season.
- \*NOTE: PGA Members who obtain their position in an ISPA HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament Exemption Category via a Trainee Playing Invite (Category 17 in 2017 or previous equivalent), as a PGA Trainee Graduate (Category 16 in 2017 or previous equivalent) or via a Tournament Invite (Category 4 or previous equivalent) are deemed to be eligible to participate.



## Victorian Club Professional Championship Eligibility Criteria

1. Have satisfied the eligibility criteria for the PGA Professionals Championship
2. Are engaged as a Head Professional, Director of Golf or Golf Operations Manager at a club or facility based in Victoria (*refer to Event Eligibility Criteria below for more detail*)

### **Club Professional - Event Eligibility Criteria**

The PGA Member is either contracted or employed by the club in a position normally referred to as Club Professional but may be referred to as Head Professional, Golf Operations Manager, Director of Golf etc. Broadly the PGA Member is employed or contracted to provide services including, but not limited to, collection of green fees, starting services, handicap services, representation on club sub committees, coaching, club repair, golf equipment and retail sales and golf equipment service. In some cases the PGA Member may be employed by the owner to operate the entire facility, including but not limited to golf operations, membership management, financial management etc.

In the event of a tie for the Championship, those who tie will play-off on a "sudden-death" basis after the qualifying round is complete. Play-off hole/s will be determined by the PGA Tournament Coordinator on the day. In the event of a requirement to determine alternates, rankings will be determined by the matching of cards. If the tying players have the same total score for holes 10-18, rank will then be determined by total scores for holes 13-18, holes 16-18 and finally hole 18. If the above procedure does not break the tie, rankings will be decided by lot.

## Exemptions:

The leading one (1) professional from the PGA Professional Championship of Victoria to a ceiling of 5th place, will receive an invitation to be exempt into the 2018 Victorian PGA Championship.

The winner of the Victorian Club Professionals Championship (as per Event Eligibility Criteria) will also receive an exemption into the 2018 Victorian PGA Championship.

*\*Should the same player win both the PGA Professional Championship of Victoria and the Victorian Club Professionals Championship, only one exemption will be offered and the other exemption will not be offered to a lower ranked player from either field.*



## Conditions for PGA Professionals Championship Final

### Venue and Date:

The host venue for the PGA Professionals Championship Final will be the Hamilton Island Golf Club. The event will be held from Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017.

### Prize Money:

Prize Money for the PGA Professionals Championship Final will be \$55,000 and both male and females shall compete for the prize pool as per Tier 3 Regulations.

### PGA Professionals Championship Final Qualification:

All entries for State PGA Professionals Championships will be coordinated by the respective Divisional offices as per Tier 3 operations. Allocations into the PGA Professionals Championship Final from each State PGA Professionals Championship are as follows:

NSW	15
QLD	15 (SE QLD = 13 and North QLD = 2)
Vic	12
WA	3
SA	2
Tas	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>

*Note: all positions slide and Chris Duke, the 2016 PGA Professional Champion is exempt.*

Male and Female professionals will compete against one another in both the State PGA Professionals Championship and Final. At each State PGA Professionals Championship, should no female player qualify for the Final, the last qualifying position will be allocated to the leading female player in the field, and the male allocation for that State PGA Professionals Championship will be reduced by this qualifying position. (Not applicable to the North QLD State final). This exemption is only valid should two or more females compete in the State PGA Professionals Championship. Should two females not participate, qualifying positions shall be as advertised though for sake of clarity, any second or subsequent placing female members are still eligible to qualify through the State PGA Professionals Championship allocations.

A professional is only permitted to attend one (1) State PGA Professionals Championship event i.e. attending multiple State PGA Professionals Championships is not permitted. A competitor is permitted to compete in a State PGA Professionals Championship event outside the State he/she resides (eg: a Victorian professional can compete in the NSW State PGA Professionals Championship).

### PGA Professionals Championship Final Event Format:

The tournament will be considered a 'National Event' with a maximum field of 50 professionals played over 54 holes (3 rounds). There will be no cut made during the event.

Rounds one and two will be a two tee start with Professionals teeing off first and Amateurs following. The final round will be played only by the professional competitors in a seeded draw format.

\*\*\*The purse distribution will be calculated using the percentage ratios for 50 places as per PGA Policies, meaning all professionals will earn a prize payment.

### Tournament Week Format:

Sunday, 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Arrival & Check-In
Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Registration & Pro-Am (shotgun start) <i>compulsory attendance</i>
Tuesday, 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Round 1 (two tee start)
Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Round 2 (two tee start switched draw)
Thursday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Final Round (Pros only - seeded draw)
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Departure

### Player Costs:

State PGA Professionals Championship winners will have their flights provided by the PGA to attend the PGA Professionals Championship Final (*excl North Qld*).

*\*This is eligible for the winner only and will not slide should the winner be unable to attend the PGA Professionals Championship Final.*

*\*\*Return flights will be booked from the nearest capital city.*



All PGA Professionals Championship Final participants will be eligible for the reduced accommodation rate of \*\$67.50 per person per night (maximum of 5 nights) at the Reef View Hotel on Hamilton Island. Lunch will be provided from Monday to Thursday as will a welcome Cocktail Party on Monday evening and the Presentation Dinner on Thursday evening. Unless otherwise stated, all additional costs will be the responsibility of the competitor.

*\*Rate based on twin share with another PGA Professional Championship qualifier.*

**Exemptions:**

The leading two (2) male professionals at the PGA Professional Championship Final to a ceiling of 5<sup>th</sup> place, will be exempt into the 2017 Australian PGA Championship and the leading female Professional gaining an exemption into the 2018 Victorian Women's Open.

**Vicar's Shield**

The Vicar's Shield is to be conducted as part of the PGA Professionals Championship Final. The Vicar's Shield will be awarded to the leading State/Division and is calculated on the best two aggregate scores for the three rounds of competition. Should a tie occur, a count back system will be applied to establish the winning State/Division. Each State/Division will nominate two (2) professionals who have qualified at their State PGA Professionals Championship to represent their side in the Vicar's Shield. Should a ballot be required which would see a member come from another state to fulfil a state's allocation, and at which time the state does not have two representatives in the field, such member who took their place in the field via the ballot will represent the state in question.