

2017 FIJI INTERNATIONAL

PLAYER INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT

Host Venue Natadola Bay Championship Golf Course

Dates 17th – 20th August 2017 **Promoter** PGA Australia & SEL Ltd.

Sanctioning Tours ISPS HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia, European Tour and Asian Tour

Website www.fijiinternational.com

Prize Fund AUD \$1.5million

Entries Close Thursday 27th July 2017 at 5.00PM AEST

Field Size 132 Competitors

Field Breakdown See last page of this document

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The tournament shall be decided over 4 rounds (72 holes) of stroke play. 132 players will play one round on each of the first two days, after which the leading 65 players plus ties for 65th place, plus any amateurs on the same score after the second round, shall qualify to play round 3. Should more than 78 players make the 36 hole cut, a subsequent cut shall be made after round 3 to the leading 72 players and ties for round 4. In the event of a tie for first place, a 'sudden death' play-off will take place on the 18th until there is a result or as otherwise determined by the tournament committee.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be at the Tour Office located in the Pro-Shop. Registration will be open from Monday 14th August, 9.00AM to 5.00PM, Tuesday 15th August 7.30AM until 5.00PM and Wednesday 16th August 6.00AM until 2:00PM. Players who fail to register with the PGA tournament office may be removed from the tournament and replaced with the first available alternate.

TOURNAMENT OFFICE

The ISPS HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia, European Tour and Asian Tour Tournament Office will be located in the Pro Shop within the clubhouse. During tournament days the office will be open from one hour before the first tee time until thirty minutes after the last group of the day has completed their round.

PRE QUALIFYING

There is no pre-qualifying for this event.

PRACTICE FACILITIES AND TIMES

Driving Range The driving range is located approximately 300 metres from the clubhouse.

Short Game The practice putting green is located in front of the clubhouse. The practice chipping green is located between

the driving range and the clubhouse.

Times Monday 8.00AM to 6.30PM

Tuesday 6.30AM to 6.30PM Wednesday 6.00AM to 6.30PM Thursday 5.30AM to 6.30PM Friday 5.30AM to 6.30PM

Saturday One hour before first tee time until 6.30PM Sunday One hour before first tee time to last tee time

COURSE PRACTICE

Practice rounds are available on Monday and Tuesday only, off both the 1st and 10th tees. There will be no time sheets available.

Monday 1st hole closed at 4.00PM Tuesday 1st hole closed at 4.00PM

Wednesday No practice on course due to Tournament Pro-Am

PRO-AM

The Tournament Pro-Am will take place on Wednesday 16th August. There will be a shotgun start in both the morning (7.00AM) and afternoon (12.30PM) fields. Please note that <u>all players will play in carts.</u>

OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

The official welcome function will take place on Tuesday 15th August between 6:30PM – 9:30PM at the InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort and Spa. Select players will receive invitations to this function in the lead up to the tournament.

The Fiji International will host a Cut Party on Friday 18th August at the InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort and Spa. Players must RSVP to the Tour at score return on Friday 18th August.

PLAYER SERVICES

Medical

Bag Storage

Child Care

Medical facilities will be located at the front of the clubhouse in demountable buildings. The medical services team will consist of Neki Patel (Chiropractor), Paige Shipstone (Masseur) and Matthew Green (Physiotherapist)

Tuesday 9.00AM to 6.00PM
Wednesday 8.00AM to 6.00PM
Thursday 6.00AM to 6.00PM
Friday 6.00AM to 6.00PM
Saturday 6.00AM to 6.00PM
Sunday 6.00AM until last tee time

The First Aid provider will have a local doctor on standby during tournament week and detailed contact information will be available at pre-event registration. The doctor will be available from Wednesday to Sunday 7.00AM to 6.00PM but will require 30 minutes notice to be on-site.

For all offsite medical needs please call the following medical centre based in Nadi and Sigatoka:

NADI: SIGATOKA:

Zens Medical Centre – 24hr Dr. Dhirendra Lal.

40 Lodhia St, Nadi Cell 9948398.LL 6500242

Clinic Contact 670 3533 Sigatoka Medical Centre Limited.

Mobile 999 6003

Alternately contact your accommodation provider to utilize their recommended local medical practitioner.

Locker RoomThere are a limited number of 60 lockers available for players on a first come first serve basis. A deposit of FJ\$10 is required and will be refunded on return of locker key.

A limited amount of space is available for bag storage at the rear of the scoring area. Players are encouraged to take their bag home with them each night.

Childcare will be available at the InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort and Spa for those people staying at the InterContinental. The Planet Trekkers Kids Club operates from 9.30AM to 10.30PM and registrations are done on

a daily basis for children ages from four (4) years old to twelve (12) years old.

There are three (3) sessions of four (4) hours per day. 9.30AM to 1.30PM

2.00PM to 6.00PM

6.30PM to 10.30PM

Thirty (30) minutes break between sessions is to allow the attendants to prepare for the next session. Each session is FJ\$32.00 per child (for all in-house guests, club guests are free of charge). A meal is included in each session.

In House Nanny Service

For players staying at **the InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort and Spa**, the hotel provides a nanny service between the hours of 8.00AM and 11.00PM. If special timing request is needed, the resort will consider before approval. At least three (3) hours advance booking is required. The price of this service is FJ\$16 per hour at minimum of three (3) hours charged to the Room. Cancellations must be made at least two (2) hours prior to the service otherwise a cancellation fee of FJ\$16. Shifts of five (5) hours and over a meal will be required for the nanny and this meal will be a Sandwich or Fish and Chips.

A nanny can be arranged for players not staying at the InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort and Spa, at a rate of FJ\$16 per hour.

Players Lounge

The player's lounge will be located in the clubhouse restaurant. Wi-Fi will be available for players in this area.

Lounge Hours

Monday 6.30AM to 6.00PM
Tuesday 6.30AM to 6.00PM
Wednesday 5.30AM to 6.00PM
Thursday 5.00AM to 6.00PM
Friday 5.00AM to 6.00PM
Saturday 5.30AM to 6.00PM
Sunday 5.30AM to 6.00PM

Catering Times

Monday Lunch. 11.00AM to 3.00PM

Tuesday Breakfast. 6.30AM to 10.30AM, Lunch. 11.00AM to 3.00PM Wednesday Breakfast. 5.45AM to 10.30AM, Lunch. 11.00AM to 3.00PM Thursday Breakfast. 5.00AM to 10.30AM, Lunch. 11.00AM to 3.00PM Friday Breakfast. 5.00AM to 10.30AM, Lunch. 11.00AM to 3.00PM

Saturday Breakfast. One hour 30 mins before first tee time until 10.30AM, Lunch. 11.00AM to 3.00PM Sunday Breakfast. One hour 30 mins before first tee time until 10.30AM, Lunch. 11.00AM to 3.00PM

Ticketing

Players are to use their Tour Accreditation (money clip). General Admission tickets available to players at Registration.

Parking

Player car park will be located adjacent to the driving range, which is past the Clubhouse entrance, and can be accessed off Maro Road.

Caddies

Caddies are mandatory for the Fiji International. Players who require a caddie must confirm with the PGA Tour of Australasia prior to the tournament (a confirmation form will be sent out prior to the tournament). The recommended rate for a local caddie is FJ \$70 per day. Caddie passes will be distributed to players upon registration.

It is recommended that players sort out caddy payments prior to the tournament starting and to pay caddies at the end of the week – NOT daily, to avoid any potential issues

Should a player require a caddy, speak to the Caddy Master or TBA at the PGA Tour Office. DO NOT organise anything before or upon arrival at course even if approached by people asking to caddy

PLAYER TRANSPORT

Shuttle buses will run from the following hotels to the golf course:

- Fijian Shangri La (will service Gecko's from entrance to Shangri-La)
- The Palms/The Terraces, Port Denarau Marina

A full timetable will be made available closer to the event. A limited number of courtesy cars will be available throughout the week.

<u>Please note:</u> It is the players responsibility to travel with an appropriate car seat for their accompanying children whilst traveling in all Player Transport vehicles.

All players are requested to complete the Transport / Accommodation / Caddy Form HERE to advise their requirements

PLAYER ACCOMODATION OPTIONS

RESORT	LOCATION	ROOM RATE / NIGHT	ROOM INFORMATION
InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort and Spa	Maro Road, Natadola Bay 3min from Natadola	Rates starting at FJD\$691 per night	Rates and inclusions vary. Please contact the resort for further details. Reservations: +679 673 3300
Yatule Resort & Spa	Natadola Bay 5min from Natadola	Pool View Bure from FJD\$375 Beachfront Bure from FJD\$470 Deluxe Beachfront Bure from FJD\$550	Reservations to be made via email to sales marketing@yatulefiji.com.fj and quote FIJIINTERNATIONAL
Fijian Shangri-La Resort	Coral Coast 25min from Natadola	Rates starting from FJD\$340 per night	Best rates available via booking directly online www.shangri-la.com : Limited rooms available*
Fiji Marriott Resort	Momi Bay 50min from Natadola	Rates starting at FJD\$540 per night	Rates and inclusions vary. Please contact the resort for further details. Reservations via: TBA
The Terraces Apartments	Port Denarau Marina 1hr from Natadola	1 Bedroom Apartment from FJD\$365 2 Bedroom Apartment from FJD\$470 3 Bedroom Apartment from FJD\$560	Reservations to be made via email to reservations@theterraces.com.fj and quote FIJIINTERNATIONAL
The Palms Apartments	Port Denarau Marina 1hr from Natadola	Standard Room From FJD\$252 1 Bedroom Apartment From FJD\$336 2 Bedroom Apartment From FJD\$408 3 Bedroom Apartment From FJD\$510	Reservations to be made via email to reservations@thepalmsdenarau.com and quote GOLF17
Sheraton Fiji Resort	Denarau 1hr from Natadola	Rates starting from FJD\$400 per night	<u>Click Here</u> to book
The Westin Denarau Island Resort & Spa	Denarau 1hr from Natadola	Rates starting from FJD\$450 per night	<u>Click Here</u> to book
The Warwick Fiji	Coral Coast 1hr 10min from Natadola	Garden view room From FJD\$325.00 Ocean View room From FJD\$385.00 Warwick Deluxe From FJD\$545.00 Warwick Suite From FJD\$745.00	TBA booking process
Smugglers Cove Beach Resort	Nadi 1hr from Natadola	Deluxe Premium Room From FJD\$175	Book online: www.smugglersbeachfiji.com

^{*}Please note the Fijian Shangri-La Resort currently has 180 rooms out of action due to refurbishment. Players wishing to stay at Shangi-La are advised to book directly with the hotel online to obtain the best available rates due to limited availability.

CAR HIRE

Preferred rates on rental cars are provided to all participants in the Fiji International via Coastal Rental. To book please contact Jeral at coastalrentalcar@connect.com.fj

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY EXPERIENCES

TBA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday 14th August Official practice day

Junior clinic on practice range (2-3PM and 3-4PM) - 2 professionals required at each session

Tuesday 15th August Official practice day

Welcome function at InterContinental Fiji Golf Resort and Spa

Wednesday 16th August Championship Pro-Am (7.00AM and 12.30PM shotgun starts)

Sunset Village Tour to Sanasana Village - 5.30pm

Thursday 17th August Round 1 – morning tee times commence at 6.30AM & afternoon tee times commence at 11.00AM

Friday 18th August Round 2 – morning tee times commence at 6.30AM & afternoon tee times commence at 11.00AM

36 hole cut made - top 65 players plus ties

Friday Night Cut Party: 7pm to 10pm, Intercontinental Fiji Golf Resort & Spa, Complimentary ticket for up to 30 participating golf professionals. Live Entertainment, Free Flow Beverages, Dinner and mingling with sponsors and

guests of the Fiji International.

Saturday 19th August Round 3 (Starting times TBC) – play to finish around 4.00PM

Sunday 20th August Final Round (Starting times TBC) – play to finish around 4.00PM.

Presentation Ceremony on 18th Green

FIELD BREAKDOWN

(Field Size 132 players; CUT to 65 pros + ties)

- (a) The leading 60 PGA Tour of Australasia members as notified by the PGA Tour of Australasia.
- (b) The leading available 30 players from the 2017 European Tour Exemption Category list, excluding Categories 6 and 8. (The top 10 Regulation will apply from the Porsche European Open into this tournament).
- (c) The leading 30 Asian Tour players as notified by the Asian Tour.
- (d) 6 players from Fiji (2017 Fiji Open Winner, Highest placed Fijian at the 2017 Fiji Open, 4 x local qualifying tournament positions)
- (e) 6 Tournament Invitations

In the event of a player being a member and exempt through more than one of (a), (b) or (c) above the following will apply:

Australasian players and players from outside of Europe and Asia:

Members of the PGATA will be entered through (a) above. Dual members of the European Tour/Asian Tour will be entered through (b) above.

European players

Members of the European Tour will be entered through (b) above. Dual members of the PGATA/Asian Tour will be entered through (a) above.

Asian players:

Members of the Asian Tour will be entered through (c) above. Dual members of the PGATA/European Tour will be entered through (a) above.

Notes

- 1. If there are less than 30 players entered through (b) above, then the remaining spots will be made available to (a)
- 2. If there are less than 30 players entered through (c) above, then the remaining spots will be made available to (a)
- 3. When a player who is a member of multiple Tours becomes exempt he will remain allocated to the Tour under which he first became exempt, even if he subsequently becomes exempt through his "home" Tour.