



2017 AUSTRALIAN PGA CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT

Host Venue	RACV Royal Pines Resort, Gold Coast, Australia
Dates	30 th Nov – 3 rd Dec 2017
Promoter	PGA of Australia
Sanctioning Tours	ISPS HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia and European Tour
Website	www.pga.org.au and championship.pga.org.au
Prize Fund	AUD\$1.5million
Entries Close	Thursday 9 th November 2017 (European Tour Members to enter through their tour)
Field Size	156 Competitors
Field Breakdown	Please refer to last page

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The tournament shall be decided over 4 rounds (72 holes) stroke play. 156 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 rounds 3 and 4. In the event of a tie for first place, a 'sudden death' play-off will take place on the 18th. If still tied after 3 holes then the play-off will continue over holes 1, 18, 1, 18 etc until a result is achieved.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be at the ISPS HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia/European Tour Tournament Office. Registration will be open from Monday 27th November, 9.00AM to 5.00PM, Tuesday 28th November, 7.30AM to 5.00PM and Wednesday 29th November, 6.00AM to 6.00PM. 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 and European Tour Office will be located in the Jacaranda Room adjacent to the Player's Lounge.

PRE QUALIFYING

Pre-qualifying will take place on Monday 27th November at Keperra GC and Surfers Paradise GC. A minimum of 6 positions will be available across the two venues.

PRACTICE RANGE OPEN TIMES

The driving range and short game practice facilities are located on the west side of the resort, through the tunnel underneath Ross Street. The practice area is open at the following times:

Monday	6.00AM to 6.00PM
Tuesday	5.30AM to 6.00PM
Wednesday	5.30AM to 6.30PM
Thursday	5.00AM to 7.00PM
Friday	5.00AM to 7.00PM
Saturday	6.00AM to 7.00PM
Sunday	6.00AM to last tee time

Please note only the practice putting green and practice chipping facilities will be available pre-tournament week on Sunday 26th November.

COURSE PRACTICE

Practice rounds are available on Monday and Tuesday only. There will be no times sheets available.

	<u>1st tee</u>	<u>10th tee</u>
Monday	All day	Up until 8am
Tuesday	All day	Up until 8am
Wednesday	Course closed all day due to Pro-AM	

PRO-AM

The tournament Pro-Am will take place on Wednesday 29th November with a morning and afternoon field (7.00AM and 1.00PM). Presentations will immediately follow each field, located in the Kirkwood Club Corporate Suite adjacent the 18th green. There will be "Caddy Kids" during the Pro Am. If you are interested in having your child participate please contact the PGA.

The Pro-Am field will be split in a pro-rata method between the ISPS HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia and the European Tour. There will be no prize money for the Pro-Am.

PLAYER SERVICES

Medical

The medical services team will be located in the coaching suite adjacent to the practice range. The team will consist of *Dr Jeff Steinweg (Doctor, onsite Monday and Tuesday)*, *Kym Davis (Chiro)*, *Matt Green (Physio)*, *Brendan Wong (Masseur)*. The medical team will be available during the following hours.

Tuesday	9.00AM to 6.00PM
Wednesday	8.30AM to 6.00PM
Thursday	5.30AM to 6.00PM
Friday	5.30AM to 6.00PM
Saturday	6.00AM to 6.00PM
Sunday	6.00AM to last tee time

The above times are a guide only. To arrange an appointment outside these times please contact the player medical services team.

First Aid

St John's Ambulance will be located in the Golf and Sport Car Park, opposite 'The Tee's' clubhouse. Operating hours will be:

Monday	7.00AM to 5.00PM
Tuesday	7.00AM to 5.00PM
Wednesday	7.00AM to 5.00PM
Thursday	6.30AM to 6.30PM
Friday	6.30AM to 6.30PM
Saturday	7.00AM to 7.00PM
Sunday	7.00AM to last tee time

Local Doctor

An after hour service will be provided prior to the event.

Locker Room

Player locker room and bag storage will be available in the Golf & Sports Office, located opposite Tees Clubhouse, near the car park.

Gym access

All competitors will have access to the RACV Royal Pines Resort One Lifestyle Gym from Monday 27/11 – 3/12. The onsite Gym is equipped with the latest cardiovascular equipment, resistance training machines and free weights
The One Lifestyle Gym is located on Level 3 behind the main reception and open 6AM-9PM, 7 days.

Bag Storage

The player locker room may be utilised for overnight bag storage, it will be locked each night.

Courtesy Transport

The Transport Manager is Wilma McDonald and will be located in the Transport Office located opposite the Players Lounge. The hours of operation of the courtesy cars will be:

Monday to Sunday 5.00AM to 7.00PM

Courtesy Car transport will operate between the resort and:

- Gold Coast Airport
- Preferred tournament hotels outlined below
- Other hotels or resorts located between Southport to Burleigh (approximately 30minutes from the course)

Courtesy Car transport will not be provided for domestic flights into Brisbane Airport. Where significant group sizes arrive on international flights, a coach service will be arranged for transport to RACV Royal Pines or tournament hotels.

Please ensure you complete the player travel form which will be sent approximately 3 weeks prior to the event to ensure the PGA is aware of international transfer requirements.

Please contact Wilma on +61 455 990 021 or transport@pga.org.au

Child Care

Childcare will be available at the RACV's onsite crèche from Wednesday to Sunday during the hours outlined below. Any requirements from Monday to Wednesday or outside scheduled hours should be directed to the Tournament Organisers, Brad Newcombe on bnewcombe@pga.org.au

DATE	OPEN	CLOSE
Wednesday 30 November	9.00AM	1.00PM
Thursday 1 December	9.00AM	1.00PM
Friday 2 December	9.00AM	1.00PM
Saturday 3 December	10.00AM	1.00PM
Sunday 4 December	10.00AM	1.00PM

Players Lounge

The players' lounge will be located in the Norfolk & Karrie Webb Room. The lounge will be open from the following hours:

Monday	7.00AM to 6.00PM
Tuesday	5.00AM to 6.00PM
Wednesday	5.00AM to 6.00PM
Thursday	5.00AM to 6.00PM
Friday	5.00AM to 6.00PM
Saturday	6.00AM to 6.00PM
Sunday	6.00AM to 6.00PM

Ticketing

Players are to use their Tour Accreditation (money clip)

Players are entitled to **ONE PLAYER GUEST** and will be allocated **ONE GUEST PASS** at registration along with daily wristbands to access the lounge. The wristbands are the players responsibility and **will not be replaced** should they lose them.

Players will receive 1 caddy pass, 6 one day passes and 2 season passes

Will call will be located at the main gate or through the PGA Tour or PGA Operations Office

Parking

Players are to use the 'P' car park. Caddies are to use carpark 'B' located off Ross Street. Players and caddies are to use their accreditation to access the parking areas.

Caddies

Please contact Steph De Luca (sdeluca@pga.org.au) at the PGA Tournament Office if you require a caddy.

PLAYER ACCOMMODATION

Please see end of document

GREG NORMAN MEDAL DINNER

The Greg Norman Medal dinner will be held on Tuesday 28th November at 7.00PM. There will be a pre-awards night cocktail function and green carpet media event. Invited players will be asked to attend by the PGA of Australia.

KIDS DAY

The "Cobra Puma Orange Crush Kids Day" for the Australian PGA Championship will be held on Tuesday 28th November. Players will be asked to participate in short autograph sessions with children during the day. All players' families and friends are encouraged to attend.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

PGA Registration Office	Tel: (07) 3733 1064	Tournament Week Only
European Tour Office	Tel: (07) 3733 1065	Tournament Week Only
PGA Tour Office	Tel: (07) 3733 1063	Tournament Week Only
Tournament Office	Tel: (07) 3733 1060	Tournament Week Only
Media Centre	Tel: (07) 3733 1062	Tournament Week Only
Host Venue (Admin)	Tel: (07) 5597 8700	
Host Venue (Pro Shop)	Tel: 1800 886 880	

For enquiries in the lead up to tournament week please contact the PGA directly on: (03) 8320 1911

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday 27th November	Official practice day Pre-Qualifying at Keperra GC and Surfers Paradise GC
Tuesday 28th November	Official practice day Round 1 draw released Kids Day 9.00AM – 1.00PM Greg Norman Medal presentation dinner
Wednesday 29th November	Championship Pro-Am (7.00AM and 1.00PM shotgun start)
Thursday 30th November	Round 1 (Starting at approximately 6.00AM)
Friday 1st December	Round 2 (Starting at approximately 6.00AM) Cut Round 3 draw to be released at the end of play
Saturday 2nd December	Round 3 (Last tee time approximately 12.00PM) Final round draw release at the end of play
Sunday 3rd December	Final Round (Last tee time approximately 12.00PM) Presentation ceremony on 18 th green following conclusion of play

FIELD BREAKDOWN

AUSTRALIAN PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

(Field Size 156 players; CUT to 65 players + ties)

- The leading 71 available players from the 2017 ISPS HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia Exemption Categories
- The leading 60* available players from the 2018 European Tour Exemption Categories excluding Categories 6, 7 and 8.
- 3 players nominated by the Chinese Golf Association
- 3 players nominated by the KPGA Korean Tour
- 10 Tournament Invitations
- The winner of the 2016 PGA of Australia Futures Championship
- The leading 2 available players not otherwise exempt above from within the top 5 of the 2017 Australian PGA Professionals Championship.
- The leading 6 players from the Qualifying tournaments

* Blank entries will be filed for European Tour Qualifying School graduates exempt through this Category who have a deadline for withdrawal to avoid loss of entry fee of 12 noon on Friday 17th November.

Eligibility Notes:

- (i) In the event of a player being a member and **exempt through more than one of (a) and (b) above** the following will apply: -
- **Australasian players and players** will be entered through (a) above.
 - **All other players** will be entered through (b) above.
- (ii) If there are less than 60 players entered through (b) above, then the remaining spots will be made available to (a)
- (iii) If there are any positions not utilised through (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) or (h), then those spots will be made available to (a)
- (iv) When a Player who is a member of the PGA Tour of Australasia and the European Tour 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.

HOTEL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT HOTEL



RACV Royal Pines Resort

Address: Ross St,
Benowa QLD 4217

Website: <http://www.racv.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/resorts/racv+resorts/racv+royal+pines+resort>

Rate: Starting from \$175.00

Inclusions:

- 2 x \$20 vouchers for Amici Italian
- 2 x \$20 vouchers for Arakawa Japanese
- 4 x Videre bar vouchers for 2 for 1 drinks

How to book: Booking Code: PGA PRO
Call: 1800 886 880
Email: royalpines_reservations@racv.com.au

RECOMMENDED HOTEL INFORMATION

The Star Gold Coast

Address: Casino Drive,
Broadbeach QLD 4218

Telephone: +61 7 5592 8100

Website: www.thestar.com.au/goldcoast

Rate: \$195 Superior Deluxe room (twin share)

How to book: VIA PHONE: Call the Central Reservations Number on 1800 074 344 and quote the promo code to book over the phone.
PROMO CODE: PGAPLAYER

Mercure Gold Coast Resort

Address: 64 Palm Meadows Drive
Carrara QLD 4211

Telephone: +61 7 5555 7713

Fax: +61 7 5555 7716

Website: www.mercure.com
Email: H9052@accor.com
Rates: \$155 room only
Breakfast additional – Full Buffet (\$22pp)
Booking Reference: Australian PGA

Royal Woods Resort

Address: 16 Mulyan Place
Ashmore, Gold Coast QLD 4214
Telephone: +61 7 5597 0650
Fax: +61 7 5564 9833
Contact: Leonie
Website: www.royalwoods.com.au/
Email: reservations@royalwoods.com.au

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