



Conditions of Entry for National Final

Venue and Date:

The host venue for the PGA Professionals Final will be the Hamilton Island Golf Club. The event will be held from Monday, 30th October to Thursday 2nd 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.

***The purse distribution will be calculated using the percentage ratios for 50 places under Prize Money Ratios Policy in the PGA Membership Regulations, meaning all players will earn a prize payment.

PGA Professionals Championship Final Event Format:

The tournament will be considered a National Event with a limited maximum field of 50 players 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 playing with professionals, teeing off prior to the Amateur competitors. The final round will be played only by the professional competitors in a seeded draw format.

Tournament Week:

Sunday, 29th October
Monday, 30th October

Tuesday, 31st October
Wednesday, 1st November
Thursday, 2nd November

Friday, 3rd November

Arrival & Check-In
Registration & Pro-Am (compulsory attendance)
Welcome Function (compulsory attendance)
Round 1 (two tee start)
Round 2 (two tee start reverse draw)
Final Round (Professionals only - seeded draw)
Presentation Function (compulsory attendance)
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 funded 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 5th 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.

National Standing – Standard of Dress

As described in Section 9.4.2 of the PGA Membership Regulations, the PGA Professionals Championship is designated as a tournament of National Standing. Despite such designation, the exception listed with relation to the Standard of Dress and Appearance will be not apply and thus Professionals **are permitted to wear shorts** during the tournament. For sake of clarity, PGA socks are not a necessity though the correct length and colour of sock, in addition to the correct style and length of shorts are required. Please refer to PGA Membership Regulation 10.3.1(b) for further clarification.

Designated Cart Event

Please be advised that the PGA Professionals Championship Final is a designated cart event in that it is compulsory for Professionals to be transported in a golf cart during the stipulated rounds of the tournament.

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



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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.