



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

Cranbourne Golf Club
Friday, 8th June 2018

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 will 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, 29th May 2018 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 ISPS 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 ISPS HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament Exemption Category via a Trainee Playing Invite (Category 20 in 2018 or previous equivalent), as a PGA Trainee Graduate (Category 19 in 2018 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.



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, 19th November to Thursday 22nd November, 2018.

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:

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| NSW | 14 |
| QLD | 14 (SE QLD = 12 and North QLD = 2) |
| Vic | 13 |
| WA | 4 |
| SA | 2 |
| Tas | 2 |
| Total | 49 |

Note: all positions slide and Matthew Docking, the 2017 PGA Professional Champion is exempt.

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 who record a score for all three rounds will earn a prize payment.

Tournament Week Format:

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| Sunday, 18 th November | Arrival & Check-In |
| Monday, 19 th November | Registration & Pro-Am (shotgun start) <i>compulsory attendance</i> |
| Tuesday, 20 th November | Round 1 (two tee start) |
| Wednesday, 21 st November | Round 2 (two tee start switched draw) |
| Thursday, 22 nd November | Final Round (Pros only - seeded draw) |
| Friday, 23 rd 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 ***\$71.25** 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 2018 Australian PGA Championship and the leading female Professional gaining an exemption into the 2019 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.

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.