



## 2018 NZ PGA Championship PLAYER INFORMATION

### TOURNAMENT

<b>Host Venue</b>	Manawatu Golf Club, Palmerston North, New Zealand
<b>Dates</b>	22 – 25 February 2018
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.pga.org.au">www.pga.org.au</a>
<b>Entries Close</b>	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2018 at 5:00PM AEDT
<b>Field Size</b>	132
<b>Field Breakdown</b>	Leading 10 available players from the final 2017 PGA of NZ OOM (Capped at 15 <sup>th</sup> position); Leading 92 PGA Tour of Australasia players; 5 JGTO Invited players; 10 NZ Exempt players; 5 Tournament Invites; 10 Qualifying positions

### TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The tournament shall be decided by strokes over four rounds of 18 holes. A maximum of 132 players will play one round on each of the first two days, after which the leading 50 Pros and ties for 50<sup>th</sup> place, after the second round, shall qualify to play the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> round.

In the event of a tie for first place, the tournament will be decided by a sudden death play off over the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

### REGISTRATION

Registration will be at the PGATA Tournament Office. Registration will be open from Monday 19 February, 9:00AM to 5:00PM and Tuesday 20 February. Players who fail to register with the tournament office may be removed from the tournament and replaced with the first available alternate.

### TOURNAMENT OFFICE

The PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament Office will be located in the upstairs lounge immediately above the player locker rooms.

### PRE QUALIFYING

Pre-qualifying will be conducted on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at the Palmerston North Golf Club, Palmerston North. Minimum of 10 positions available. It will be a 12:30pm tee time.

### PRACTICE FACILITIES AND TIMES

Players will use the Manawatu Golf Club driving range and short game facilities. Drivers and fairway woods will not be permitted due to length of range.

Monday	8:00AM to 6:00PM
Tuesday	7:00AM to 7:00PM
Wednesday	6:45AM to 7:00PM
Thursday	6:30AM to 7:00PM
Friday	6:30AM to 7:00PM
Saturday	1 hour before first tee time to 5:00PM
Sunday	1 hour before first tee time to last tee time

### COURSE PRACTICE

Practice rounds may be played starting at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees on Monday and Tuesday from 7:00AM to 9:00AM. From 9:00AM onwards practice will **only** commence from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. No time sheets will be in operation. To assist with course preparation, the 1<sup>st</sup> tee will be close on Monday and Tuesday from 4:00PM. There will be no course practice on Wednesday due to the Pro-Am.

## PRO-AM

The Pro-Am event will take place on Wednesday 21 February with a shot gun start at 8:00AM and 1:00PM. Pro-Am players will have preference on the driving range from 1hr 30min prior to each shotgun start.

## PLAYER SERVICES

<b>Medical</b>	Should a player require medical assistance, the recommended service provider is The Palms Medical Centre														
<b>Locker Room</b>	Participating players will use both the men's and ladies locker room in the clubhouse. Additionally, players may use the lounge area adjacent to the Tour office for stretching and as a cool down area.														
<b>Bag Storage</b>	Please see the Pro Shop for bag storage, or store in locker room														
<b>Club Repairs</b>	Available in the Pro Shop														
<b>Players' Lounge</b>	<p>There is no "Players Lounge" as such for this tournament. However, food purchased from the Club restaurant may be taken upstairs to the Players Only area.</p> <p>Clubhouse catering will be available as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>Monday</td><td>Not available</td></tr><tr><td>Tuesday</td><td>7:30AM to 6:00PM</td></tr><tr><td>Wednesday</td><td>8:00AM to 6:00PM for non-pro-am players</td></tr><tr><td>Thursday</td><td>6:30AM to 6:00PM</td></tr><tr><td>Friday</td><td>6:30AM to 6:00PM</td></tr><tr><td>Saturday</td><td>8:00AM to 5:00PM</td></tr><tr><td>Sunday</td><td>8:00AM to 5:00PM</td></tr></table> <p>Wi-Fi access will be available for players.</p>	Monday	Not available	Tuesday	7:30AM to 6:00PM	Wednesday	8:00AM to 6:00PM for non-pro-am players	Thursday	6:30AM to 6:00PM	Friday	6:30AM to 6:00PM	Saturday	8:00AM to 5:00PM	Sunday	8:00AM to 5:00PM
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<b>Parking</b>	Participating players will use the designated spots in the Golf Club Car Park.														
<b>Caddies</b>	Players are not required to use a caddie for this event. Due to limited numbers of pull buggies, Players are advised to use a carry bag rather than a Tour bag.														

## OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

The official Tournament Dinner will take place on Tuesday 20 February. This is an invitation only event at the Manawatu Golf Club. There will be breakfast function held at The Coachman Hotel on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February with several players being requested to attend by the Tournament Organising Committee.

## PLAYER ACCOMMODATION

### OFFICIAL HOTEL

#### Hotel Coachman

140 Fitzherbert Avenue  
Palmerston North 4410  
New Zealand  
+64 6 356 5065  
Standard hotel room is \$159.00

### Other Hotel Options

There are a significant number of hotels and motels along Fitzherbert Avenue, which located within 10 minutes drive of the golf course and walking distance to the city centre.

#### Billets

Please head to the Manawatu Golf Club website: <https://www.manawatugolfclub.com/nz-pga-players/> to register your interest for billet options. There are limited positions available.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Monday 19 February</b>	Official practice day (First tee closes 4:00PM for preparation) Pre-qualifying tournament at Palmerston North Golf Club
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<b>Tuesday 20 February</b>	Official practice day (First tee closes 4:00PM for preparation) Round 1 draw released Official Tournament Dinner
<b>Wednesday 21 February</b>	Pro-Am 8:00AM and 1:00PM shotgun start
<b>Thursday 22 February</b>	Round 1 (Commencing at approximately 7:30AM)
<b>Friday 23 February</b>	Round 2 (Commencing at approximately 7:30AM) CUT to 50+ties Round 3 draw released at the end of play
<b>Saturday 24 February</b>	Round 3
<b>Sunday 25 February</b>	Final Round Presentation