

ISPS  HANDA  NEW ZEALAND OPEN



1 - 4 MARCH 2018 | QUEENSTOWN

MILLBROOK RESORT & THE HILLS





OUR UNIQUE OPEN

The ISPS Handa New Zealand Open, to be held March 1-4, 2018 in Queenstown New Zealand has become an iconic sporting event on the New Zealand golfing calendar.

Hosted at two spectacular golf courses – Millbrook Resort and The Hills – the Tournament incorporates a unique Pro-Am format that brings together a prestigious blend of Professional and Amateur golfers.

The ISPS Handa New Zealand Open is a cornerstone event on the PGA Tour of Australasia and has now also entered into a co-sanction agreement with the Asian Tour, and continues our partnership with the Japan Golf Tour Organisation (JGTO); this will result in a minimum of 30 players from the Asian Tour and a minimum of 20 from the Japan Tour joining our event.

The winner of this year's event will earn full playing rights on both the PGA Tour of Australasia and the Asian Tour for the rest of 2018, as well as all of 2019 and 2020; in addition, the first non-exempt player will also win the right to play in three tournaments on the JGTO in 2018.

The New Zealand Government, through their Major Events Development Fund, and the Queenstown Lakes District Council, through its Events Strategy are key partners of the Tournament. The event showcases Queenstown and New Zealand as a world-class golfing destination and also provides a platform for New Zealand business leaders to engage with counterparts from the Asia Pacific region.





THE 2018 ISPS HANDA NEW ZEALAND OPEN



The 2018 ISPS Handa NZ Open will be held from 1 - 4 March in Queenstown, New Zealand.

The tournament includes two premier golf courses, Millbrook Resort and The Hills, in a format more akin to the Dunhill Links Championship in Scotland and the AT&T tournament in California, USA.

The ISPS Handa New Zealand Open carries a prize purse of a minimum of NZ\$1.2m with Professionals earning World Ranking points.

A minimum of 144 Amateur players will each be paired with a Professional for rounds one and two of the four-round Professional tournament.

For the first round, half of the field will play at The Hills and half at Millbrook and for the second round all players will then rotate to the other golf course.

After the second round there will be two cuts for continuing play at Millbrook.

The Professional field will be cut to the top 60 (plus ties) and the Pro-Am field will be cut to the top 40 teams.

After the third round there will be a further cut to the Pro-Am field with the leading 10 Pro-Am teams continuing to play on Sunday.

All Amateur players who make the 4th round cut will qualify for prizes, as will all professionals, who share the Pro-Am prize purse of NZ\$50,000.



THE PROFESSIONAL FIELD

Professional golfers who have played in previous NZ Open Tournaments have provided extremely positive feedback.

In 2018 the quality of the Professional field will continue to develop, with the addition of more players from across the Asia Pacific region.

The Asian Tour offers 30 playing spots to leading Professionals, with all prize money also counting on the Asian tour order of merit.

Under the JGTO partnership, 20 players from the Japan Golf Tour will play in the Tournament and the leading non-exempt JGTO player in the Tournament will receive entry into three major tournaments on the 2018 Japan Tour.



THE PRO-AM EXPERIENCE

The Amateur experience for those participating in the Pro-Am Championship (played concurrently with the NZ Open) is a very special one. The opportunity to play inside the ropes alongside Professional players is a special experience unique to only a handful of other professional golf tournaments in the world.

Amateur entries in the Pro-Am Championship are restricted to amateurs with an on-course handicap of 18 or less.



JACK'S POINT PRO-AM

Amateur players who miss the second round cut will play at the spectacular Jack's Point on Saturday in a one-round teams Pro-Am event along with 25+ professionals who have missed the professional cut. Each playing Professional will receive a \$500 per diem to cover any out of pocket expenses.

The Pro-Am will be a mid-morning shotgun start, with each team made up of four amateurs (riding in carts) and one Professional. This will be an entertaining day on one of New Zealand's finest courses, with plenty of food, activity and an excellent prize table for the Amateur teams.





CORPORATE HOSPITALITY

Throughout the week, amateur players, their Professional partner, and sponsors' guests are invited to enjoy the magnificent corporate hospitality at Millbrook Resort.



On the Sunday all Amateurs not playing on day four will be able to relax and enjoy the first class hospitality in the Champions Lounge overlooking the 18th hole, enjoying first-class cuisine while watching the drama of the final round unfold.

In addition to the playing experience, all players are guaranteed to have a first class experience during their time in Queenstown, enjoying the luxurious setting of the two courses and experiencing some of Queenstown's many tourist attractions.

TRANSPORTATION

Please note that all participating Professionals, where needed, will be provided transportation to and from hotels and golf courses throughout the week. Details will be provided for professionals, upon registration.



QUEENSTOWN NEW ZEALAND



Queenstown's stunning scenery, huge range of activities and renowned warm welcome cement its reputation as New Zealand's favourite visitor destination. Surrounded by majestic mountains and set on the shores of crystal clear Lake Wakatipu, the natural beauty and the unique energy of the region create the perfect setting for this unique golfing experience. Your stay in Queenstown will introduce you to the warm hospitality, wonderful wines and cuisine that only New Zealand can offer.



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“ THE NEW ZEALAND OPEN AT THE HILLS AND MILLBROOK RESORT WILL BECOME THE ULTIMATE GOLF TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC, PROMOTING QUEENSTOWN AS NEW ZEALAND'S PREMIER TOURIST DESTINATION. ”

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