

VICTORIAN PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

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TOURNAMENT

Host Venue	RACV Cape Schanck Resort
Dates	11 - 14 October 2018
Website	www.pga.org.au
Prize Fund	AUD \$100,000
Entries Close	Thursday 20 th September 2018 at 5.00pm AEST
Field Size	92
Field Breakdown	77 PGATA, 3 Victorian Divisional Exemptions; 6 Invites, 6 Pre-Qualifying

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The 2018 Victorian PGA Championship will be played in a Pro-Am format.

The Championship shall be decided over 4 rounds (72 holes) stroke play. 92 players will play one round on each of the first two days, after which the leading 50 professionals plus ties for 50th 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 until there is a result or as otherwise determined by the tournament committee.

For the first 2 rounds, groups will consist of 2 professionals and 2 amateurs with 1 professional and 1 amateur forming a team and competing in a separate 4BBB competition. There will be a team competition cut to the leading 25 teams following the completion of Round 2. A further cut will be made after Round 3 to the top 8 teams.

PLEASE NOTE:

Any professional who makes the 36 hole team cut, but fails to make the Championship cut, will be required to compete on Saturday in the team competition and will be paid a fee of \$250.00 accordingly. Subsequently, any player who then makes the 54 hole team cut will be required to play on Sunday and will be paid a fee of \$250.00 accordingly

REGISTRATION

Registration will open on Monday 11th October 9:00AM to 5:00PM and Tuesday the 12th October 8:00AM to 5:00PM. 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 PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament Office will be located in the Pro Shop on the ground floor of the main Resort building.

PRE QUALIFYING

There will be a minimum of 6 pre-qualifying positions available. Pre-qualifying will take place on Monday 8th of October at Rosebud Country Club, South Course.

Please note there is a maximum field size for pre-qualifying of 100 players. Should the number of players entered into the qualifying exceed this number, players will be ranked according to the below criteria and placed on a reserve list accordingly:

1. PGA of Australasia Full Tournament Members and Members of the International Tour Co-Sanctioning Partner (in order of date of entry)
2. Full Members of the Australian PGA (based on most recent Final National Rankings, then order of entry)
3. PGA Affiliate Members (in order of date of entry)
4. Members of other recognised Tours (in order of date of entry)
5. Members of other recognised PGAs (in order of date of entry)
6. Non-aligned professionals (in order of date of entry)
7. Amateurs in handicap order

PRACTICE FACILITIES AND TIMES

Players will use the RACV Cape Schanck Resort driving range and short game facilities which are open at the following times. The driving range will be restricted to **IRONS ONLY**.

Monday	7.00am to 6.00pm
Tuesday	7:00am to 6.00pm
Wednesday	7:00am to 6.00pm
Thursday	One hour before first tee time to 6.00pm
Friday	One hour before first tee time to last tee time
Saturday	One hour before first tee time to last tee time
Sunday	One hour before first tee time to last tee time

COURSE PRACTICE

Practice rounds are available on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday off both the 1st and 10th tee. There will be no timesheets in operation.

*****Please Note: The 1st Tee will be closed from 3:00pm on Wednesday**

Monday	Course practice available all day
Tuesday	Course practice available all day
Wednesday	Course practice available all day - A limited amount of times will be made available for amateurs between 12pm – 3pm

PRO-AM TOURNAMENT

As the Tournament is a Pro-Am format, there will be **NO** pre-tournament Pro-Am for this event.

PLAYER SERVICES

Parking	Participating players will park in the club car park using their temporary accreditation for access. Players will be issued a car park pass at the Tournament Office on Monday.
Lockers	Participating players will have access to the men's locker room on the ground floor of the clubhouse. Locker keys can be obtained from the Pro shop.
Gym/Pool/Sauna	Participating players will be granted access to the gym, pool and sauna facilities courtesy of RACV Cape Schanck Resort. Players wishing to gain access can obtain a pass from the Tournament Office
Caddies	Caddies are not mandatory for the Vic PGA. A limited amount of pull buggies will be available at the club and players are advised to bring their own.
Medical	St John's Ambulance will be located on site.

PLAYER DRESS REQUIRMENTS

Players are permitted to wear shorts on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. However All Players must wear pants for all four Tournament rounds.

PRE TOURNAMENT WELCOME FUNCTION

To be held on Wednesday 10th October at RACV Cape Schank Resort. The function will commence around 6:00PM, finger food and beverages will be available. All players are welcome.

PLAYERS LOUNGE

There will be a Players' Lounge in operation during the Tournament. Access is for **PLAYERS ONLY** via accreditation obtained from the Tournament Office.

The Lounge will cater for **breakfast and lunch on Thursday to Saturday** and **breakfast ONLY on Sunday**.

Players will be invited into the Jetty Road Beer Garden area on Sunday for lunch or after their round. This is strictly **players only** and players are responsible for ensuring this is adhered to.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday 8 October	Official practice day – all day Pre-qualifying at Rosebud Country Club, South Course
Tuesday 9 October	Official practice day – all day Round 1 Draw released
Wednesday 10 October	Official practice day – all day
Thursday 11 October	Round 1 (Pro-Am format)
Friday 12 October	Round 2 (Pro-Am format)
Saturday 13 October	Round 3 (Pro-Am format)
Sunday 14 October	Round 4 (Pro-Am format) Presentations on green after play

THANK YOU CONTACTS

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