



2018 PGA TOUR OF AUSTRALASIA TOURNAMENT EXEMPTION CATEGORIES

Note: the leading 5 and tied professionals, not otherwise exempt into the following event, finishing within positions 2 – 10 only in a sole sanctioned PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament, will qualify to play in the following sole sanctioned PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament in the same Order of Merit season. This regulation will not apply to any Tournament with European Tour or Asian Tour sanctioning.

- Category 1:** Winners of the PGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit, Australian Open, Australian PGA Championship and the Australian Masters in the years 2013-2018 (season of victory and the following five (5) seasons)
- Category 2:** Winners of other Tier 1 Tournaments in the years 2015-2018 (from January 1 2016 season of victory and the following two (2) seasons) *
- Category 3:** Members ranked 2 – 30 (plus any Affiliate Members within these rankings) from the Final PGA Tour Order of Merit of the previous PGA Tour of Australasia season
- Category 4:** Tournament Invitations (In accordance with policy for Tournament Invitations)
- Category 5:** Players within the top 100 of the Official World Golf Rankings as at the close of entries for the relevant PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament.
- Category 6:** Players who have held PGA Tour Membership and/or Full Membership (Tournament) of the PGA for a period totaling 5 PGA Tour seasons, winners of Full Australasian Tour Order of Merit Tournaments and players who currently hold membership of a Tour belonging to the International Federation of PGA Tours (including the PGA Tour), may also be considered for an exemption at the discretion of the PGA Tour (to a maximum of 2 players per co-sanctioned/joint sanctioned event)
- Category 7:** Exempt players from the co-Sanctioning/joint sanctioning partner for the tournament in question and/or exempt players from the National/Regional body for the event in question (as agreed by PGA Tour)
- Category 8:** Winners of Tier 2 Tournaments in the years 2017-2018
- Category 8(a)** Winner of the most recent PGA Tour of Australasia Qualifying School (season of win only)
- Category 9:** Members ranked 1-20 from the PGA Tour of Australasia Career Money List as calculated at the conclusion of the previous PGA Tour of Australasia season
- Category 10:** Members ranked 31-50 (plus any Affiliate Members within these rankings) from the Final PGA Tour Order of Merit of the previous PGA Tour of Australasia season
- Category 10(a):** The leading fifteen (15) Full Members from the PGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit who, following the last PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament in the first half of the 2018 season*:
- hold a Tournament Exemption Category, and
 - are not otherwise exempt in a higher Tournament Exemption Category
- (*the last tournament in the first half of the 2018 season will be notified to Members)
- Category 11:** Players ranked 2 – 5 from the most recent PGA Tour of Australasia Qualifying School
- Category 12:** Members ranked 51-60 (plus any Affiliate Members within these rankings) from the Final PGA Tour Order of Merit of the previous PGA Tour of Australasia season
- Category 13:** Leading 5 Members, not otherwise exempt through a higher Category (plus any Affiliate Members ranked above or within those 5 members), from the Final Tier 2 Money List of the previous PGA Tour of Australasia season (category does not slide)
- Category 14:** Winners of Tier 2 Tournaments in the year 2016
- Category 15:** Winner (not otherwise exempt in a higher category) of the 2017 PGA of Australia National Pro-Am Order of Merit

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- Category 16:** Players ranked 6 – 40 from the most recent PGA Tour of Australasia Qualifying School
- Category 17:** Leading 10 Members, to a ceiling of 20th position, not otherwise exempt from the 2017 PGA of Australia National Pro-Am Order of Merit
- Category 18:** Leading 3 players (not otherwise exempt in a higher category) entered for the Tournament in question from the from the Top 10 of the Final 2017 New Zealand PGA Order of Merit
- Category 19:** **Leading 5 graduates** (not otherwise exempt in a higher category) from the Final 2017 PGA of Australia Trainee National Averages (to a ceiling of 10th position)
- Category 20:** **Leading 5 PGA of Australia Trainees** entered for the Tournament in question (must hold a Trainee Playing Invite)

* Winners in this category during the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015 received eligibility for the season of victory and the following three (3) seasons.

In 2018, Members will be required to play a minimum of four (4) PGA Tour of Australasia Tournaments in order to be eligible to remain on the Final 2018 PGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit.

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