



## **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, 19<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:

NSW	14
QLD	14 (SE QLD = 12 and North QLD = 2)
Vic	13
WA	4
SA	2
Tas	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>

*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:**

Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Arrival & Check-In
Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Registration & Pro-Am (shotgun start) <i>compulsory attendance</i>
Tuesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Round 1 (two tee start)
Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Round 2 (two tee start switched draw)
Thursday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Final Round (Pros only - seeded draw)
Friday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.