



## 2019 PNG OPEN PLAYER INFORMATION

### TOURNAMENT

<b>Host Venue</b>	Royal Port Moresby Golf Club, Papua New Guinea
<b>Dates</b>	9 – 12 May 2019
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.pga.org.au">www.pga.org.au</a>
<b>Prize Fund</b>	AUD \$150,000
<b>Entries Close</b>	<a href="#">Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April</a>
<b>Field Size</b>	120
<b>Field Breakdown</b>	80 PGATA, 20 International Tournament Invites, 20 Local Amateurs (hcap 10 or less)

### TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The Championship shall be decided over 4 rounds (72 holes) stroke play. 120 players will play one round on each of the first two days, after which the leading 50 professionals plus ties for 50<sup>th</sup> place, plus any amateurs on the same score or better 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 18<sup>th</sup> until there is a result or as otherwise determined by the tournament committee.

### REGISTRATION

Players must register at the tour office located in the RPMGC Office. Registration will open Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 12.00pm until 5pm. Tuesday 8.00am-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 office of the RPMGC.

### PRE QUALIFYING

There will be no pre-qualifying for the PNG Open. Players without a current PGATA Exemption Category will be ranked by the following criteria:

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 Royal Port Moresby driving range. The driving range will be restricted to Shorter **IRONS ONLY**.

### COURSE PRACTICE

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

Monday	Course practice available all day
Tuesday	Course practice available all day ***9 Hole Junior Pro-Am – 9 Teams 1.30pm (Front Nine) Meet & Greet Sponsors 6.30pm start. (Players invited to attend)
Wednesday	Pro-Am – 7AM and 12:15PM Shotgun Starts (25 teams each session) Badili Hardware Shootout K10,000 – 5:30pm start. ( <b>Players COMPULSARY attendance</b> )
Friday	Calcutta Night- (Players invited to attend)

### PRO-AM TOURNAMENT

The Tournament Pro-Am will be conducted on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7AM and 12:15PM. –PGATA members will be required. (25 per session)

## PLAYER SERVICES

<b>Parking</b>	Participating players will park in the club car park.
<b>Lockers</b>	N/A
<b>Caddies</b>	Caddies are <b>mandatory</b> for the PNG Open. Players utilising local caddies are encouraged to pay them a minimum of 150 Kina for the week (approx \$65 AUD)(5 days) – plus buy them lunch each day. (Caddy Cards will be located in the Tour Office)

## PLAYER ACCOMMODATION

Holiday Inn & Holiday Inn Express-  
Quote: PNG Golf Open  
Contact: Nicky Emau – [nicky.Emau@ihg.com](mailto:nicky.Emau@ihg.com) +675 303 2000

**300 Kina + GST per night Twin Sharing**

**Breakfast is included at the Holiday Inn Express though will be at an additional cost at the Holiday Inn Suites**

## PLAYER VISAS

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- Please note Australian Passport Holders are no longer able to obtain a Visa into PNG on arrival. Therefore ALL professionals will need to obtain a Visa before boarding a flight from Australia.
- Professionals will also be required to fill out and submit the supplementary health form to travel to PNG. This form will need to be submitted with the Visa application process

PNG VISAS: PNG CONSULATE - Level 3, 344 Queen Street, Brisbane (Ph: 3221 7915) Visa Office Hours: 9.30am-2.30pm-Monday to Friday

To obtain a visa you must lodge the following to the PNG Consulate:

1. Passport (valid for a 6 month minimum)
2. Copy of Return Travel itinerary
3. 1 Passport size Photo
4. Application Forms (available on PGA Website or at the PNG Consulate)
  - PNG VISA ENTRY – Permit Application

5. If posting, please ensure you include a fully completed and paid returned envelope, so your passport can be returned once your visa has been issued. (Please note this process could take more than one week to complete and you will be required to pay a \$45.00 Fee in order to process your application). GPO Box 220 Brisbane, 4001

For More information visit: <http://www.pngcanberra.org/>

## PLAYER FLIGHTS

Flights are to be arranged on an individual basis, with transfers from the airport to be requested through the hotel you have booked.

Player shuttles will run throughout the week from the RPMGC and the Holiday Inn Hotels only.

## PLAYER DRESS REQUIREMENTS

The TPC has approved players to wear shorts during the **practice rounds and pro-am only**. All shorts should be knee length, tailored shorts and predominately of one colour. "Cargo pocket styled" shorts are not permitted.

All players are required to wear **long pants** for tournament rounds.

## RECEPTIONS including CALCUTTA DRAW & AUCTION

Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> May	:	Sponsor's evening –Players are invited to attend
Wednesday, 8 <sup>th</sup> May	:	Badaili Hardware Shootout K10,000 – All Players Required
Friday, 10 May	:	Calcutta – Players are invited to attend
Sunday, 12 May	:	Presentations @ <u>Royal Port Moresby Golf Club</u>

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Monday 6 May</b>	Practice, Player Registration 12:00 to 17:00
<b>Tuesday 7 May</b>	Player Registration 08:00 to 17:00 9 Hole Junior Pro-Am – 9 Teams Players arrive – 1:30pm Start Time – 2:30pm - Front Nine Practice available all day <b>Welcome Evening – 5:30pm Start</b>
<b>Wednesday 8 May</b>	Pro-Am – Morning and Afternoon pro-am 25 teams each, Start Time – 7.00am and 12:15pm <b>Badili Hardware Shootout K10,000</b> Course Closed from 5:30pm
<b>Thursday 9 May</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Round – 120 in three balls off two tees (1 <sup>st</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> ) Am session starting at 06:45 – 08:15 Pm session starting at 11:00 – 12.30
<b>Friday 10 May</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Round – 120 in three balls off two tees (1 <sup>st</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> ) Am session starting at 06:45 – 08:15 Pm session starting at 11:00 – 12.30 <b>Calcutta – 6:30pm</b>
<b>Saturday 11 May</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Round – 50 + ties and amateurs in three balls off two tees. Last tee time approx 11:00
<b>Sunday 12 May</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Round – 50 + ties and amateurs in three balls off two tees. Last tee time approx 11:00

## THANK YOU CONTACTS

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