



Morobe Open

Thursday 2nd May – Sunday 5th May 2019

Information & Conditions of Competition

TOURNAMENT

Tournament Promoter	John McCarthy
Host Venue	Lae Golf Club
Event date	2 nd – 5 th May 2019
Website	www.pga.org.au
Entries Close	4 th April 2019, this is approx. 7 days earlier than normal.
Field Size	Not less than 50 exempt professionals. This amount may increase at the discretion of the event promoter.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Professionals – Stroke
Amateurs – Stroke /Stableford

TOURNAMENT PROGRAM / TIMES

Tournament Program (Subject to change)

Morobe Open – Lae Golf Club

Dress Code

The dress code for all functions is smart casual. Meaning collared shirt and tailored pants, with covered shoes. Jeans are accepted at all functions.

Monday 29th April 2019

- Players to check in at Brisbane International airport no later than 2 hours prior to departure
- Upon arrival to Lae, ground transport to the Golf Club will be via coordinated by Lae Golf Club
- Meet and greet Billets
- No official function – Dinner at own leisure

It is a requirement that all professionals must be wearing a collared shirt and covered shoes once they arrive at Lae Golf Club

Tuesday 30th April 2019

- Practice Round
- 9 Hole Junior Pro-Am – Approx 5 professionals required at 3:00pm
- Sponsors Cocktail Function at 6pm – Meet the professionals. All professionals must attend.

Wednesday 1st May 2019

- Sponsors Pro-Am – Approximately 10:00am shotgun start. All professionals are required to play and attend presentations.
- Shootout / NTP K5000 – will commence on completion of Pro-Am. All professionals will have one shot.

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- Round 1- Tee times from 6.50am
- Sponsors Bowls Night & BBQ - approx 7:00pm. This is not a compulsory evening, though we do ask professionals to participate. (TBC)

Friday 3rd May 2019

- Round 2 – Tee times from 6.50am
- Calcutta Draw and Auction at approx 7:00pm. All professionals are required to attend this evening until their team has been auctioned.

Saturday 4th May 2019

- Round 3 – Seeded Draw – Tee times from 6.50am (TBC)
- Longest Drive K6000 – All Professionals (Prizemoney for 1st, 2nd & 3rd)
- No Function this evening

Sunday 5th May 2019

- Round 4 – Seeded Draw – Tee times from 6.50am (TBC)
- Presentation Dinner – 6.00pm. All professionals are required to attend. Dress code Cocktail dress

(There is a K5000 Hole in One Prize for the first Professional to hole out during the Morobe Open on either Saturday 4th May or Sunday 5th May 2019).

Monday 6th May 2019

- Bus leaves from golf club at 7.30am sharp for Lae Airport. All players must be at golf club by 7.10am.

PRACTICE FACILITIES

The following facilities are available: •Putting Green •Practice Nets •Chipping Green •Golf Shop

COURSE PRACTICE

Available Tuesday 30th April 2019.

PLAYER REQUIREMENTS

Soft spikes It is compulsory for soft spikes to be worn.

Caddies: Any caddy that a player selects, must hold a current caddy ID card, which they will give to you at the start of the week. Each player must retain the ID card for the remainder of the week to ensure you have the same caddy for the duration of the event.

Please ensure that all your property is in its rightful place after each round and if you believe something is missing, please notify an official.

Please take into consideration payment of caddies and what the impact will be for members when we leave. The minimum payment for caddies is K20 per round + a drink and pie. We ask that you give your caddy approx K120 for the week's work at, which includes one practice round and the Pro-Am day. Payment date can be worked out between player and caddy, though it is recommended to pay your caddy per day.

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FOOD & BEVERAGE

Breakfast: will be available from 6am

Lunch: will be available for purchase from 10am – 2pm

Presentation: Please refer to Tournament Program / Times and check Tournament Notice Board outside the Tournament Office at Lae Golf Club during the Tournament week.

DRESS REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with minimum standard of dress during a tournament as per the PGA Membership Regulation. i.e. smart casual/golf attire, no denim.

Standard of Dress

- Tailored Shorts or Tailored Pants with a collared shirt are to be worn during practice and tournaments rounds
- **T-Shirts are not permitted to be worn at anytime**, including arrival at each club on travel days
- Jeans and denim shorts are permitted to be worn at all tournament functions, however they must not have any rips or frayed edges.
- **Thongs and T-Shirts are not** permitted at anytime at either club

Ties

- In the event of a tie for first place at the Morobe Open, a sudden death playoff on the 18th Hole will determine the winner of the tournament and with it will come the prizemoney, the 'Divisional Status' and the name on the trophy.
- All professionals will play 72 holes.

Billets

Please note that members at the Lae Golf Club have been kind enough to invite each of you into their homes for the tournament week. Please show your billets the utmost respect and appreciation for their hospitality.

A list of billeting arrangements will be available approximately one week before departure. All efforts will be made to keep requested travelling partners together, though in some instances this may not be achievable.

Although we endeavour to have all professionals accommodated with billets, there may be the off chance that some players will be required to pay for hotel accommodation. If this happens to be the case, hotel rooms will be offered to players at a heavily reduced rate.

The standard of behavior whilst staying with billets is nothing less than what you would expect at a residence in Australia. Please use facilities such as phone and internet wisely and please note that at no stage should any extra guest stay at billeted accommodation without the consent of your billet. Any inappropriate behavior will be dealt with through the PGA Member Regulations.

Lessons

As part of your billeted accommodation, it is also expected of each player to offer their billet a "Free of Charge" golf lesson. This can be arranged at anytime during the week that suits both the professional and their billet.

It is also asked of each professional to look after their Pro-Am partners throughout the Pro-Am day as well as throughout week, offering them any tips and pointers that may assist them with their golf game.

This is also a great way to show your support, which will in turn assist with the longevity of the event.

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Leaderboards

Leaderboards will be present over the final two rounds of the Morobe Open. Volunteers will be asking for your individual round score and it is expected that each player give their correct score when asked. Please understand that these volunteers have given up their time to ensure players and spectators are up to date with the progressive scores.

Currency Exchange

Adam Edwards, Lae Golf Club member, will be available on the first day we arrive to exchange currency for all players.

Prizemoney

Prizemoney for the Morobe Open will be paid via Electronic Funds Transfer into your bank account, as per the process when tournaments are played in Australia.

Prizemoney for the PNG professionals will be paid to them in the week following the completion of the Morobe Open.

Water

Please be aware that it is not advisable to drink tap water while in PNG, as it may result in an upset stomach. If you drink the water, it will not necessarily mean you will end up with a stomach bug, however as a precautionary measure, we would advise you to purchase a packet of "Imodium Tablets" from the chemist.

Items to bring to PNG

- Wet Weather Gear – We recommend you bring wet weather gear, as it rains most evenings in PNG and may continue on during the day. In saying this though, the temperature is between 25-35 degrees everyday and therefore it may be best to bring a short sleeve jacket.
- Old Clothes – Your caddy may appreciate any clothes, shoes, caps and thongs that you may not wish to bring back to Australia
- Old Golf Clubs – The Lae golf club have requested that any old clubs you may not want anymore be donated to the junior program at each club
- Practice Balls – Please bring your own practice balls as the driving ranges at both clubs involve hitting your own practice balls with your caddy retrieving them

Items not to bring to PNG

Expensive Items – Please don't bring any expensive items to the golf course. All efforts to ensure the security of such items will be taken, however you will have no reason for concern by eliminating the risk.

Do not place any valuables in your golf bag while on course.

Thank you Letters

We trust that each player recognises that the committee at the Lae Golf Club have put in a large amount of time and effort to ensure their success. The Morobe Open have been wonderful supporters of Professional golf the PGA Pro-Am Series for a number of years, this year professionals competing for \$80,000.00

We ask each competing professional to write a thank you letter to the below contact to ensure the longevity of this event:

Morobe Open

John McCarthy – Tournament Director

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