

TERMS OF COMPETITION

1. Tournament Details

1.1 Tournament Name

2024 Victorian PGA Championship

1.2 Tournament Location

Moonah Links Resort, Open and Legends courses 55 Peter Thomson Drive, Fingal, VIC

1.3 Tournament Dates

Thursday 5 - Sunday 8, December, 2024

1.4 Prizemoney

A\$ 250,000

Prizemoney will distributed in accordance with prizemoney ratio's for Tournaments below \$500k

1.5 Order of Merit Points

1,000 ranking points will be available for this Tournament. If at close of entries less than 75% of the available places from 4.1(a) are filled, the total points available will be reduced by 25%.

2. Format, Cut and Ties

2.1 Championship Format

The 2024 Victorian PGA Championship will be contested over 72 holes of stroke play, 18 holes on each day of the prescribed Tournament dates listed above. Play in Round 1 and 2 shall alternate with competitors to play one round each on the Open and Legends course. Rounds 3 and 4 shall be played on the Open course only.

2.2 Cut

The leading 50 professional scores after 36 holes and any tied for 50th place, plus any amateur player on an equivalent or better 36-hole total to the 50th placed professional, shall qualify for the third round; the remainder shall be eliminated.

2.3 Ties

In the event of a tie or ties after 72 holes, a play-off to produce a single winner will be conducted. Players in such a tie will continue over such holes as the Committee shall decide in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined.

3. Entry and Withdrawal Procedures

3.1 Close of Entries

Entries must be received by 2:00pm, Melbourne time, on 21/11/2024 unless otherwise advised

3.2 Entry Procedures

(a) PGA Members

All PGA Members wishing to enter shall do so via their account on MyPGA or the PGA Tour of Australasia smartphone app.

(b) Non-Member Professionals

All non-Member Professionals wishing to shall do so by selecting the "non-Member Entry" option on applicable Tournament from the Tour schedule page on pga.org.au

There will be no Amateur entries accepted for this Championship

3.3 Entry Fees

- (a) PGA Member \$110 (inc GST)
- (b) Non-Member Professional \$275 (inc GST)

3.4 Withdrawal Procedures

Any player wishing to withdraw from a tournament prior to the close of entries (including a pre-qualifying round) must give electronic notice via the entry portal on MyPGA. Players wishing to withdraw after the close of entries must do so via email notification to the Tournaments Division tour@pga.org.au.

Note: No withdrawals will be accepted over the telephone or verbally.

- a. When a player who is competing in pre-qualifying withdraws after the closing date for entries, but before 5pm on the Friday prior, he will not be subject to any penalty. If such a player withdraws after 5:00pm on the Friday prior to the Tournament, they will forfeit their entry fee.
- b. Any player who has been confirmed as part of the "Final Field" of a Tournament after close of entries will forfeit their entry fee if withdrawing for reasons other than those permitted circumstances as outlined in the PGA Membership Regulations.
- c. Any player who fails to notify the PGA, through the correct procedure explained above, of their withdrawal from Pre-Qualifying will be subject to the appropriate penalty

3.5 Player Responsibilities

At all times, the onus is on the player to check that his entry has been received by the Tournament Division of the PGA and to confirm his pre-qualification status for each event.

4. Pre Qualifying

At the close of entries, those players who are not exempt will automatically be placed in the Pre-Qualifying round. The pre qualifier will take place on Monday 2nd December at the Moonah Links Resort. (Open Course). There will be a minimum of 6 pre-qualifying positions available. The Pre-Qualifying Draw will be published at 5pm on the Friday preceding the tournament week.

Amateur entries will only be accepted for the celebrity challenge, but not for the "tournament proper"





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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:

- PGA of Australasia Full Tournament Members (ranked as follows: (a) points earned current season OOM, (b) points earned on previous season OOM, (c) total wins on recognised PGA Tours, (d) PGATA Career Money, (e) date of entry
- 2. Full Vocational Members of the Australian PGA (based on most recent Final National Rankings, then order of entry)
- 3. Temporary Tournament Tour Members (in order of date of entry)
- 4. PGATA Senior Tournament Members (in order of date of entry)
- 5. PGA Associates with Playing Invite (based on current National Ranking, then date of entry).
- 6. Members of other recognised Tours (in order of date of entry)
- 7. Members of other recognised PGAs (in order of date of entry)
- 8. Non-aligned professionals (in order of date of entry)

Note – there will be a maximum of 20 positions available as per the PGATA's Policy for Limiting Pre Qualifying Positions

5. Field Size

120 players

6. Eligibility

- a. 96 players ranked in accordance with the 2024/25 PGATA Exemption Categories
- b. 14 Tournament Invitations
- c. 4 State PGA Invitations
- d. 6 Pre-Qualifying positions

Any positions not filled from a, b and c shall revert to (d) to a maximum of 20 positions.

Final Field

The field will be finalised at the close of entries and entrants who are exempted into the field at this time will have their status updated on the PGA website from "ENTERED" to either "CONFIRMED"

7. Caddy Status

This tournament is a 'Non-Compulsory Caddie event'. This means that players in the last 6 groups on the weekend will be required to use a caddy, who must carry the bag. Pull carts are not permitted by caddies in these last 6 groups.

8. Amateur Participation

Any amateur who gains a position in the field via Invitation shall be permitted to change their status to Professional at any stage up until their tee time in the 1st Round. This should be done in writing and emailed to tour@pga.org.au. Amateur players will not be permitted claim prizemoney in any PGA Sanctioned Tournament.

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