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1. Tournament Details

1.1 Tournament Name

BMW Australian PGA Championship

1.2 Tournament Location

Royal Queensland Golf Club
431 Curtain Avenue West, Eagle Farm, QLD

1.3 Tournament Dates

Thursday 21 – Sunday 24, November, 2024

1.4 Prizemoney

A\$ 2,000,000

Prizemoney will be distributed in accordance with prizemoney ratios for Tournaments above \$500k

1.5 Order of Merit Points

4,000 ranking points will be available for this Tournament.

2. Format, Cut and Ties

2.1 Championship Format

The BMW Australian PGA Championship will be contested over 72 holes of stroke play, 18 holes on each day of the prescribed Tournament dates listed above.

2.2 Cut

The leading 65 professional scores after 36 holes and any tied for 65th place, plus any amateur player on an equivalent or better 36-hole total to the 65th placed professional, shall qualify for the third round; the remainder shall be eliminated.

*In the event that the cut after 2 rounds qualifies between 79 & 84 players for the third and fourth rounds then, there **may be** an additional cut after 3 rounds to the highest 54-hole total score required to reduce the field to a maximum of 78 Players.. Such a decision will be taken by the Tournament Director in accordance with the following guidelines: -*

- *In the event of a weather impacted event, where there will be a re-draw between rounds 3 and 4 and a 3 ball 2 tee start is required for the final round.*
- *Where the cut is of such a size that in order to finish for required TV off-air times on the final day there is insufficient daylight, or the first tee time would be prior to 06:15 local time.*
- *Where fog or other bad weather is forecast with potential delay to the start of the final day that would necessitate an immediate switch to a 3 ball 2 tee start on the final day.*

In the event that the cut after 2 rounds qualifies more than 84 players for the third and fourth rounds then there will be an additional cut after 3 rounds to the highest 54-hole total score required to reduce the field to a maximum of 78 players

Exception: *This 3rd round cut will not be implemented where circumstances dictate that there is no re-draw between rounds 3 and 4.*

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 7/11/2024 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 enter shall do so by selecting the "non-Member Entry" option on applicable Tournament from the Tour schedule page on pga.org.au

Only invited Amateurs will be eligible to enter

3.3 Entry Fees

- (a) PGA Member \$165 (inc GST)
- (b) Non-Member Professional \$275 (inc GST)
- (c) Invited amateurs \$165 (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

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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

By entering the BMW Australian PGA Championship, players who do not hold a PGATA Category or invitation to play, will automatically be placed in the Pre-Qualifying round.

There will be 6 pre-qualifying positions available.

The Pre-Qualifying Draw will be published at 5pm on the Friday preceding the tournament week.

Amateur entries are not accepted for this event.

5. Field Size

156 players

6. Eligibility

- a. Former Winners of the Australian PGA Championship under the age of 60 years on the 21st of November 2024
- b. The leading 60 players from the 2025 DPWT Exemption Category List, excluding Categories 6 & 8
- c. 10 Tournament Invitations
- d. Leading 4 available players, who are not otherwise exempt in a-c above, from within the Top 20 from the International Federation Ranking List at 7 November 2024
- e. Leading eligible Australian PGA Associate from the 2024 National Associates Championship.
- f. Leading two (2) players from the 2024 PGA Professionals Championship.
- g. Leading three (3) players from the PGATA Mini-OOM following the 2024 NSW Open
- h. 6 Pre-Qualifying positions
- i. PGA Tour of Australasia members within categories 1 – 11a from the 2024/25 PGATA Exemption Category List
- j. Winner of the 2024 Australian Senior PGA Championship
- k. The balance of the field to be filled by PGA Tour of Australasia members within categories 12 – 22 from the 2024/25 PGATA Exemption Category List with the exception of Category 8 & 11b

Eligibility Notes

(i) Australasian players who are members of and exempt through both of the Tours will be treated as follows: If exempt through the PGA Tour of Australasia, will be entered through (i) or (k) above, otherwise will be entered through (b) above.

(ii) Players from outside of Australasia who are members of and exempt through both Tours sanctioning the tournament will be treated as follows: If exempt through the DP World Tour, will be entered through (b) above, otherwise will be entered through (i) and (k) above.

(iii) When a Player who is a member of both Tours becomes exempt he will remain allocated to the Tour under which he first became Exempt, even if he subsequently becomes Exempt through his "home" Tour.

(iv) In the event that the DP World Tour is unable to provide, due to late withdrawals, a full field within its Exempt category, then the remaining spots will be filled by reserves from the PGA Tour of Australasia.

(v) Any positions not filled from (a) – (g) and (j) shall revert to (k).

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 'Compulsory Caddie event'. All players are required to make use of a caddy. The use of a pull-cart by a Player or a caddie during any round is not permitted

8. Amateur Participation

Any amateur who gains a position in the field via Invitation or pre qualifying 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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