



AUSTRALIAN LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF INC.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY 2016/17

Any female golfer who is not a citizen or permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand and is eligible under the terms and conditions as specified from time to time in the Association's By-Laws, (outlined herewith) shall be welcome to submit an application for International Membership of Australian Ladies Professional Golf.

Note: (International members are not eligible to stand for election to the Board or vote on any Association matters).

1. Terms and Conditions

To be eligible for International Membership of Australian Ladies Professional Golf, the applicant:

1. Shall be a member of a *recognised Ladies Professional Golf Organisation; (excluding ALPG Tour)
2. Shall agree to be bound by the By-Laws and Member Regulations of Australian Ladies Professional Golf Incorporated, whilst competing in all ALPG Tour events which she has entered, or qualified for, as an International Member of the ALPG Tour;
3. Shall, upon successful application, pay a once off joining fee, \$500** and the annual membership fee which shall be \$440. For any International Member who chooses to renew their ALPG International Membership for the 2017/18 Season, the fee will be \$330. (Previous ALPG International Members will not be required to pay the joining fee)
4. Supply ALPG with correct personal and bank details

2. Membership Benefits

International Members of ALPG shall benefit from the following:

1. Access to all information and services provided through the members area of ALPG website
2. Eligibility for all ALPG one and two day Pro-Ams, plus specified non co-sanctioned ALPG Tour fixtures¹, subject to the Priority Listing applicable to International Members for the respective year.
3. ***Tax Free threshold benefits afforded non-residents competing in ALPG Tour fixtures
4. Virgin Australia deal for ALPG members (****discount airfares and no charge for golf bag on all domestic and trans-Tasman flights)
5. Opportunity to qualify for entry into ALPG and co-sanctioned tournaments on ALPG Tour schedule. Refer Category 5 – **2016/2017 ALPG Tournament Exemption Categories**.
6. Public & Products Liability Insurance cover. (Applies only to tournaments entered as an ALPG International Member.)
7. Eligibility to compete for the 2017 ALPG Club Car Series bonus pool and any other bonus pools which relate to ALPG events in 2017.

¹ The eligibility criteria for the 2017 Oates Victorian Open will be released in the coming weeks. ALPG will notify all International Members as soon as this is announced.

3. Category 5 – Eligibility

As per Item 2.5, International Members shall be eligible to qualify for limited spots in ALPG tournaments via Category 5 on the 2016/17 ALPG Tournament Exemption Categories, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Must play in all official events preceding the first major tournament to which Category 5 determines the field composition.
(For 2017 the first major tournament for which Category 5 determines the field composition, will be the RACV Gold Coast Challenge)

(Official events include all one or two day pro-ams as published on the official ALPG Tour Schedule document and website.)

For 2017, this includes;

- Castle Hill Pro-Am 17th January 2017
- Pennant Hills Ladies Pro-Am 19th and 20th January 2017
- Oatlands Classic 23rd and 24th January 2017
- Hope Island Pro-am 30th January 2017

- b) 2017 RACV Gold Coast Challenge

The leading 25 International Members from the Rolex Women's World Rankings at the close of entries.

The leading 10 ALPG or ALPG International Members who have entered by the closing date for entries and who are not otherwise exempt from the ALPG Money List following the Hope Island Pro-am (30th January)

- c) For the 2017 Oates Victorian Open

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- d) For the 2017 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open

Leading 5 ALPG or ALPG International Members in order from the 2016/17 ALPG Money List following the 2017 Oates Victorian Open, who have entered by the closing date for entries and who are not otherwise exempt (no limit on number of ALPG International Members)

NOTE: Prize money earned by ALPG Tour International Members who qualify for co-sanctioned tournaments through Category 5 **may not** count as official money on the sanctioning Tours' Order of Merit or Money List (**please check this with your home tour**). Any such player, who wins a co-sanctioned event under these qualification circumstances, will however have the opportunity to join the co-sanction partner Tour as per the usual offering of that Tour.

Please note that from 2017 ALPG Entry fees will be as follows;

- 1 day Pro-Ams AUD\$50 (+GST)
2 day Pro-Ams AUD\$70 (+GST)
- All 3 and 4 day tournaments AUD\$140 (+GST) (with the exception of 2016 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open \$150)

4. Ongoing Renewal Benefits to International Members

Changes to ALPG Exemption Categories for 2017/2018

From 2016/2017 ALPG International Members will appear on the ALPG Order of Merit, and as such be eligible to appear in Categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 on the ALPG Tournament Exemption Categories for the 2017/2018 ALPG season.

(From 2017/18 season this will include entries to ALPG Tier 1 or Tier 2 events where ALPG International Members are exempt via their position on the 2016/17 ALPG Order of Merit)

- Category 1** Winners of Women's Australian Open who are ALPG Full, Probationary or International Members.
Current ALPG Tour season plus five (5) ALPG Tour seasons following the win (provided that ALPG Membership has been maintained for duration of exemption)
- Category 2** Winners of ALPG Order of Merit (past two (2) years) who are ALPG Full, Probationary or International Members (provided that ALPG Membership has been maintained for duration of exemption)
- Category 3** Winners of all ALPG Tier 1 and Tier 2 Tournaments (3 or 4 round tournaments) who are current ALPG Full, Probationary or International Members.
Current ALPG Tour season plus two (2) ALPG Tour seasons following the win (provided that ALPG Membership has been maintained for duration of exemption)
- Category 3a** Amateur Players or Non-ALPG members who win any ALPG Tier 1 and Tier 2 Tournaments (3 or 4 round tournaments) who apply for an ALPG Full, Probationary or International Membership by December 1st of the year of the win.
Current ALPG Tour season of win plus two (2) ALPG Tour seasons following the win (provided that ALPG Membership is maintained for duration of exemption)
- Category 4** Full, Probationary and ALPG International Members ranked 1st – 40th on Previous Season's Order of Merit, plus Medical Extensions (m) (provided that ALPG Membership has been maintained for the following season)
- Category 5** Current Season Money List - Exemption Categories for each tournament will be published prior to each ALPG Tour season
- Category 7** Full, Probationary and International ALPG members, who finished position 41st to 60th on the previous year's Order of Merit (must have earned money) (provided that ALPG Membership has been maintained for the following season)

5. Nomination for International Membership

Nominations for International Membership of Australian Ladies Professional Golf shall:

1. Include verification of membership of a * recognised Tour
2. Be lodged with the ALPG office via email.
3. All applications for International Membership must be received by the ALPG by 5pm Australian Eastern Daylight saving time **Monday 21st November**.
The top thirty three (33) players in order from the official **Rolex Women's World Rankings** on this date that apply for International Membership will be notified by the ALPG on Tuesday 22nd November.
Successful applicants will have 7 days to accept and pay their ALPG International Membership .
Two (2) places will be reserved for players who do not appear on the Rolex Rankings, who have turned professional in the past 12 months and were in the top thirty (30) of the Amateur World Rankings at the time of turning professional.
If these places are not used, they will be allocated back for other applicants and taken from the Players position on the Rolex Women's World Rankings
4. In the event that any player does not join and pay the membership fees by the due date, the next player from the Rolex Rankings as of 21st November who has applied for membership will be notified and be given seven days to accept and pay their

ALPG International Membership fees. This process will continue until the category contains thirty-five (35) fully paid up International Members.

5. Should the situation arise where this category is not filled with players from the Rolex Rankings, players will be accepted **in order of the date** that their application for International membership was received by ALPG until the number of International Members reaches thirty-five (35).

* LPGA; LPGA of Japan & LPGA of Japan secondary Tour; Korean LPGA; Ladies European Tour; Symetra Tour; China LPGA; LET Access Tour; Taiwan LPGA Tour; Thailand LPGA; Sun Coast Professional Tour; LAGT & Sunshine Ladies Tour.

** Previous ALPG International Members will not be required to pay the joining fee

*** No withholding tax payable on the first \$10,000 earned.

****Refer to conditions of Virgin Australia offer to ALPG members (Subject to confirmation from Virgin Australia).