



AUSTRALIAN LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF INC.

INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY 2017/178

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 ALPG 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 \$330. 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 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 – **2017/2018 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 2018 ALPG Club Car Series bonus pool and any other bonus pools which relate to ALPG events in 2018.

¹ ALPG will notify all International Members as soon as the eligibility criteria for major ALPG tournaments is released.

3. Category 5 – Eligibility

As per Item 2.5, International Members shall be eligible to qualify for ALPG tournaments via Category 5 on the 2017/18 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 2018 the first major tournament for which Category 5 determines the field composition, will be the Oates Victorian Open)

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

For 2018, this includes;
 - **Ballarat Golf Club ALPG Pro-Am***, 28 January, prizemoney \$25,000
- b) **Oates Vic Open**, 1-4 February, prizemoney \$650,000 (Entry criteria TBC)
Leading 10 (minimum) ALPG or ALPG International Members in order from the 2017/18 ALPG Money List following the **2017 Ballarat Golf Club Pro-Am**, who have entered by the closing date for entries and who are not otherwise exempt (no limit on number of ALPG International Members).
- c) **ActewAGL Canberra Classic**, 9-11 February 2018, prizemoney \$150,000 (Entry criteria TBC)
Leading 15 (minimum) ALPG or ALPG International Members in order from the 2017/18 ALPG Money List following the **2017 Oates Vic Open**, who have entered by the closing date for entries and who are not otherwise exempt (no limit on number of ALPG International Members).
- d) **2018 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open**, 15-18 February, prizemoney US\$1.3m
Leading 5 ALPG or ALPG International Members in order from the 2017/18 ALPG Money List following the **2017 ActewAGL Canberra Classic**, who have entered by the closing date for entries and who are not otherwise exempt (no limit on number of ALPG International Members)
- e) **NSW Tournament**, 22-25 February, prizemoney \$350,000(minimum) (Entry criteria TBC)
Leading 20 (minimum) ALPG or ALPG International Members in order from the 2017/18 ALPG Money List following the **ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open**, who have entered by the closing date for entries and who are not otherwise exempt (no limit on number of ALPG International Members).
- f) **NSW Women's Open** 1-4 March, prizemoney \$150,000(minimum) (Entry criteria TBC)
Leading 20 (minimum) ALPG or ALPG International Members in order from the 2017/18 ALPG Money List following the **ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open**, who have entered by the closing date for entries and who are not otherwise exempt (no limit on number of ALPG International Members).
- g) **Tournament TBC** 8 -11 March (if this happens potential to be LET co-sanctioned)
- h) **Mt Broughton ALPG Pro-Am*** 15-16 March, prizemoney \$30,000
- i) **Shoalhaven Superheroes Rush Pro-Am*** - Mollymook GC, 19-20 March, prizemoney \$30,000 (minimum)
- j) **Brisbane Invitational*** - McLeod Country Golf Club, 22-23rd March, prizemoney \$30,000
- k) **BWAC Employment Services Pro-am*** - Yamba Golf Club, 25 March, prizemoney \$20,000

* Note all 2018 ALPG International Members will be exempt into these pro-ams.

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 for confirmation**). 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 2018 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 2018 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open AUD\$175)

4. Ongoing Renewal Benefits to International Members

ALPG Exemption Categories for 2017/2018

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, 7, 8, 9 and 10 on the ALPG Tournament Exemption Categories for the 2018/2019 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 2017/18 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)
- Category 8** New members of the ALPG for 2017/18 season, ranked on their Golf Australia or New Zealand Golf official ranking, at the time they turned professional. (Providing the elapsed time period from when they turned professional, to when they joined the ALPG does not exceed one (1) year)
Should two (2) players share the same ranking on their respective rankings the Golf Australia ranking shall take priority.

- Category 8a** **New ALPG International Members in 2017/18 (who have not previously held ALPG International Membership) who are ranked in the top 1000 of the Rolex Women's World Rankings at the deadline for membership.**
- Category 8b** New members of the ALPG for 2017/18 season who are PGA Trainees whose adjusted average against par at the time of joining is less or equal too then 1.5 will be eligible for full playing privileges and the right to enter all ALPG Tour events.
- Category 8c** New members of the ALPG for 2017/18 season who are PGA Trainees whose adjusted average against par at the time of joining is greater than 1.5 will be eligible to compete in one (1) and two (2) day Pro Am events and any ALPG tournament that does not have a full field at the closing date for entries.
- Category 8d** New members of the ALPG (Full or Probationary members only) for 2017/18 season who have been professional for more than two (2) years, will be ranked in order of the date they joined the ALPG Tour (earliest to most recent).
- Category 9** Career Order of Merit – Any current Full, Probationary or International Member who appears on the ALPG Career Order of Merit, provided the player is an ALPG Member and an Active** member of a *** recognised tour.
- Category 10** All other ALPG Full, Probationary or International Member members ranked in order of the date they joined the ALPG (earliest to most recent)

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 12:00pm Australian Eastern Daylight saving time 12th December 2018.

The top **18** 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 17:00 12th December.

Successful applicants will have until the 18th December 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 15th December who has applied for membership will be notified and be given five 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 (including current ALPG 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 total number of ALPG International Members reaches thirty-five (35).

* LPGA; LPGA of Japan & LPGA of Japan secondary Tour; Korean LPGA and step up tour; 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).