



# 2019 ISPS HANDA VIC OPEN

**HOST VENUE:****13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links**

Barwon Heads Rd, Barwon Heads, Victoria 3227, Australia

**Phone:** +61 (3) 5254 2922**Fax:** +61 (3) 5254 1097**Website:** [www.13thbeachgolf.com](http://www.13thbeachgolf.com)**CHAMPIONSHIP DATES:**

Thursday 7 – Sunday 10 February 2019

**PRO-AM TOURNAMENTS:**

Tuesday 5 &amp; Wednesday 6 February 2019

**TOURNAMENT PRIZE MONEY:**

AUD \$1,500,000

**CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:****Simon Brookhouse** – General Manager, Golf Operations, Golf Australia**Trevor Herden** – Tournament Director, Golf Australia**Jo Charlton** – Opens Senior Manager, Golf Australia**Michelle Hui** – Victorian Open Manager, Golf Australia**Andrew Langford-Jones** – Director of Tournaments, PGATA**Graeme Scott** – Tournaments Manager, PGATA**Jose Maria Zamora** – Tournament Director, European Tour**Karen Lunn** – CEO, Australian Ladies Professional Golf**Bo Ream** – Director, Rules, Ladies Professional Golf Association

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE – OVERVIEW

DAY	DATE	ITEM
MON	04/02	Final Qualifying (AM) – Curlewis, Koorringal & Portarlington GCs Practice (both courses) all day <b>Registration at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links (9am – 5pm)</b>
TUES	05/02	AM – Pro-Am (both courses) – 7.45am shot-gun PM – Practice (both courses) – 1pm to 3pm <b>Registration at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links (7am – 5pm)</b>
WED	06/02	AM – Pro-Am (both courses) – 7.45am shot-gun PM – Practice (both courses) – 1pm to 3pm <b>Registration at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links (7am – 2pm)</b>
THU	07/02	Round 1 – Beach & Creek Courses
FRI	08/02	Round 2 – Beach & Creek Courses
SAT	09/02	Round 3 – Beach Course
SUN	10/02	Round 4 – Beach Course

**THE ISPS HANDA WOMEN'S VIC OPEN IS A GOLF AUSTRALIA EVENT  
CO-SANCTIONED BY AUSTRALIAN LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF  
& LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION**

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## I. TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

**Championship Dates:** Thursday 7 – Friday 10 February 2019

**Host Venue:** **13th Beach Golf Links**  
**Address:** Barwon Heads Rd, Barwon Heads, Victoria 3227, Australia  
**Phone:** +61 (3) 5254 2922  
**Website:** [www.13thbeachgolf.com](http://www.13thbeachgolf.com)

**Contact:** General Manager – Craig Skimming ([cskimming@13thbeachgolf.com](mailto:cskimming@13thbeachgolf.com))

The championship is a co-sanctioned Australian Ladies Professional Golf (ALPG) and Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) event and will be played over 72 holes stroke play at the 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links.

The Women’s championship will be played in conjunction with the Men’s championship at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach on the same courses and same days. All rounds will be played in alternating men’s & women’s groups on the Beach & Creek Courses as follows:

- Thursday 7 February (Rd 1) Beach & Creek Courses (one round each course)
- Friday 8 February (Rd 2) Beach & Creek Courses (one round each course)
- Saturday 9 February (Rd 3) Beach Course
- Sunday 10 February (Rd 4) Beach Course

Two cuts will be made after rounds 2 and 3 (see note 4 below).

Significant support to stage the event has been received from the Victorian State Government, the City of Greater Geelong, naming rights sponsor ISPS Handa, and the Transport Accident Commission. Prize money in 2019 has increased to AUD \$1,500,000 which will be distributed according to the European Tour regulations.

## 2. ENTRY FEE, PROCESS & CLOSING DATE

**Entry Fee:** \$200 USD, \$275 AUD Professionals, AUD \$200 Amateurs (\$100 Pre-Q plus \$100 if qualify).

LPGA Member entries (inc. Qualifying) will be managed through the online LPGA Player Portal. LPGA Members wishing to qualify should contact the LPGA.

ALPG Member entries and other professionals must enter via the ALPG (inc. Qualifying).

**Note:** Professional golfers who are members of both the LPGA and the ALPG **must** enter through both tours.

Amateur players must enter (and pay) via Golf Australia at [www.vicopengolf.com/entries](http://www.vicopengolf.com/entries).

### **Entry Closing Date:**

Professional entries for the Championship close at 5pm AEDT on Thursday 3 January 2019. Professional entries for Qualifying will close at 5pm AEDT on Thursday 17 January 2019.

Amateur entries for the Championship (inc. Qualifying) close at 5pm AEDT on Thursday 17 January 2019. The Championship Committee reserves the right to accept late entries after that time under special circumstances.

## **3. FIELD COMPOSITION**

The field of 156 female players will be determined as follows:

- a) Three (3) players from qualifying
- b) Seventy-nine (79) LPGA Members, ranked in the order of their position on the 2019 LPGA Priority List
- c) The winner, if an LPGA Member, of the 2019 Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions, if not already qualified.
- d) Alternates for b & c above will be filled by the next available LPGA Member from the LPGA Alternate list.
- e) Thirty (30) Players from the Ladies European Tour 2018 Money List (who are not otherwise exempt from the LPGA)
  - Alternates will be determined by the LET
- f) Thirty (30) Players from the Australian Ladies Professional Golf (as determined by the ALPG)
  - Alternates will be determined by the ALPG
- g) Eight (8) sponsor invitations as selected by Golf Australia
  - Alternates will be determined by GA
- h) Five (5) amateur exemptions as determined by Golf Australia
  - Alternates will be determined by GA

## **4. FINAL QUALIFYING**

6 qualifying positions for Men and 3 for Women (9 total) will be available.

Final qualifying will be conducted by Golf Australia and played over 18 holes stroke play on Monday 4 February 2019 at the following venues:

- Curlewis GC - 1345 Portarlington Rd, Curlewis VIC 3222
- Portarlington GC - 130 Hood Rd, Portarlington VIC 3223
- Sanctuary Lakes GC - 70 Greg Norman Dr, Point Cook VIC 3030

Notes:

- i. Tee times will commence from 7:30am at all venues off the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees.
- ii. All women to play at Sanctuary Lakes GC. Men will be divided across all three venues.
- iii. The number of positions available at each venue will be divided based on field size at each venue and will be confirmed once all players register on the day.
- iv. Ties for last places at all qualifying venues will be decided by “sudden death” play-off as soon as practicable.

## **5. REGISTRATION**

All competitors must register in person at the ALPG/LPGA Tour Office at 13th Beach Golf Links as follows:

- **Monday 4 February:** 9.00am – 5:00pm
- **Tuesday 5 February:** 7.00am – 5.00pm
- **Wednesday 5 February:** 7.00am – 2.00pm

The Championship Committee reserves the right to waive this condition in special individual circumstances.

**NOTE:** Players who fail to meet the registration deadline and who **have not** contacted Tour staff for granting of late registration may be removed from the tournament draw.

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## 6. ALPG/LPGA & GOLF AUSTRALIA TOURNAMENT OFFICES

The ALPG/LPGA Office will be located in the portable buildings adjacent to the practice putting green near the cart shed. The Golf Australia office will be located upstairs in the clubhouse with access via the dining room.

**Note:** Any phone calls are to be directed to mobiles via the following contacts:

### Australian Ladies Professional Golf

▪ Chief Executive Officer	Karen Lunn	+61 477 021 091
▪ Operations & Membership Assistant	Emily McLennan	+61 437 311 821

### Ladies Professional Golf Association:

▪ SVP, Tour Operations	Stacey Collins	+1 443 831 5192
▪ Director, Rules & Championships	Bo Ream	+1 386 562 0755
▪ LPGA Player Service	Donna Wilkins	+1 386 290 0780
▪ LPGA Media	Christina Lance	+1 908 963 1691
▪ LPGA Security	Patrick Chase	+1 239 851 8909

### Golf Australia:

▪ General Manager – Golf Operations	Simon Brookhouse	+61 417 106 269
▪ Tournament Director	Trevor Herden	+61 403 677 907
▪ Opens Senior Manager	Jo Charlton	+61 437 953 856
▪ Victorian Open Manager	Michelle Hui	+61 435 924 495

## 7. CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS & CUTS

All draws will be posted on the ALPG website ([www.alpg.org.au](http://www.alpg.org.au)) or tournament website ([www.vicopengolf.com](http://www.vicopengolf.com)) and inside the ALPG/LPGA Tour office noticeboard. Men's & women's groups will be alternated throughout all rounds of the championship.

156 female competitors will compete via two-tee starts on both the Beach & Creek courses for Rounds 1 & 2 with a mirror draw for Round 2. The draw for Rounds 1 & 2 will be available by 5.00pm on Tuesday 5 February.

### **36-Hole Tournament Cut**

After round 2, the leading 65 professional players plus ties plus amateurs tying on the same score shall qualify to play the round 3.

Draws for Round 3 will be seeded and available at approximately 7.30pm on Friday evening.

### **54-Hole Secondary Tournament Cut**

A further cut will be made after round 3 for the leading 35 players plus ties (pros and amateurs inclusive) shall qualify to play round 4.

Note: Professionals that make the 36-hole cut but miss the 54-hole cut will be paid official money according to their finishing position at the completion of the third round.

Draws for Round 4 will be re-seeded and available at approximately 6.30pm on Saturday evening.

## 8. COURSE PRACTICE TIMES

Official practice round times are as follows:

- **Monday 4 February** – Beach & Creek Courses – all day from 1<sup>st</sup> tee only
- **Tuesday 5 February** – Beach & Creek Courses – 1pm to 3pm from 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees
- **Wednesday 6 February** – Beach & Creek Courses – 1pm to 3pm from 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees

All bookings **must** be made through the 13<sup>th</sup> Beach pro shop on (03) 5254 2922 to secure a spot.

**Note:** Practice opportunities will be made available to competing players in the week(s) leading up to the Championship to relieve course pressure during the tournament week. Players to contact 13<sup>th</sup> Beach to arrange.

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## 9. PRACTICE AREAS

A practice fairway, two short games areas and two practice putting greens will be available.

**Practice Fairway Length:** Approx 280 metres (see Note 1 below)

The Practice Fairway will be in operation at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach during tournament week as follows:

<b>Sunday</b>	Putting/Short Game only	<b>Thursday</b>	6am – 7pm
<b>Monday</b>	8am – 6pm	<b>Friday</b>	6am – 7pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	6.45am – 6pm	<b>Saturday</b>	6am – 7pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	6.45am – 6pm	<b>Sunday</b>	1 hour before first tee time – last tee time

### **Note 1:**

Given the length of the practice fairway, players are restricted to clubs within the 280m distance range.

### **Note 2:**

Limited space is available on the practice fairway. Players finished their morning round must give priority to afternoon players before commencing practice.

Preference is to be given to those players with approaching tee times and **MUST** be given to those players remaining in the tournament on the weekend.

### **Note 3:**

No practice chipping or pitching is permitted to the practice putting green in the front of the clubhouse.

## 10. YARDAGE BOOKS & PIN PLACEMENTS

Yardage Books, in metres and yards, will be available for purchase at the ALPG/LPGA Office (Players) and Golf Australia office (Caddies) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Pin placements will be provided by the official starters on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees on all four days of the Championship.

## 11. PRO-AMS – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Two Pro-Ams will be played at 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 February mornings. Approximately 26 female professionals will be required each day for both Pro-Ams. A team will consist of 1 professional and 3 amateurs.

Play will commence via a shotgun start at **7.45am** on both days. All players (including professionals) are required to register at least **30 mins prior** to the start time with Golf Australia officials in the clubhouse foyer. Professionals are to collect the scorecard, record scores and return card at the end of the round.

The competition played will be **Tour Scramble**. All players tee off then select the best tee shot on all hole. All 3 amateurs will then play their second shot from this position. If the selected tee shot is the professional's, he/she will play from here, if not he will play from where his/her tee shot finished. After the second shots, each player continues and complete the ball with their own ball.

The net aggregate team score in relation to par will count at each hole (ie. **all 4** scores in the team can count). To contribute to a team score, a player must score a **nett birdie or better**. The worst score any player can have on a hole is a **nett par**. The team with the lowest **nett aggregate** in relation to par will win.

There will also be nearest to the pin and longest drive for the amateurs only.

All professionals competing in the Pro-Am are requested to attend the Presentation Lunch which will be held immediately following the completion of play from approximately **12.45pm**.

## 12. CADDIES

All players **MUST** have a caddie for all rounds of the championship.

Pull buggies will be allowed on Thursday (Rd 1) and Friday (Rd 2) only. All caddies **MUST** carry the player's equipment on Saturday (Rd 3) and Sunday (Rd 4)

Should you require a local volunteer caddie, please contact:

- Maree MILLS: [mareemills11@gmail.com](mailto:mareemills11@gmail.com) or +61 408 342 156

Caddie Bibs must be worn. Bibs will be distributed at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees by the walking scorer and collected at the completion of the round on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> greens. To avoid unnecessary spiking and wearing of the greens, caddies are **NOT** permitted to wear spiked or ripple soled shoes.

Additional items to note as follows:

- **Registration:** caddies will be required to register at the Golf Australia office from 7am–5pm on Monday & Tuesday to collect accreditation/car park pass and purchase yardage books if required.
- **Carpark:** allocated to the **General Carpark** (see item 14 for further details).
- **Player's Lounge:** caddies will not be allowed to access the player's lounge.
- **Catering:** food and beverages can be purchased from the clubhouse and tournament village.
- **Rakes:** to be placed outside of the bunkers parallel to the direction of play.
- **Recommended Fee:** \$80 AUD per round. To be negotiated between player and caddie.

## 13. PLAYER ACCREDITATION & TICKETS

Each player will be provided with a Vic Open Player Badge to be used as accreditation for the week for access into the course, clubhouse and player's lounge, along with one Clubhouse Car Park Pass.

Players will be provided with the following number of tickets for the tournament at registration:

- 6 x Any One Day Passes General Admission
- 2 x Season Passes General Admission
- 1 x Guest Pass

Players requiring more tickets to direct requests to their respective Tour staff.

## 14. CARPARKING

### Players:

Players will have access to the **Clubhouse Car Park** designated by the car park pass provided which must be displayed on the rear vision mirror. Entry is via **Tomara Drive** upon entering the 13<sup>th</sup> Beach club gates. No additional car park passes will be allocated.

### Caddies:

Caddies will be allocated one **General Car Park** pass upon registration with Golf Australia officials. Entry is via Lings Rd only off Barwon Heads Rd. Please note due to limited space, caddies **will not** be able to access clubhouse car parking.

## 15. PLAYER'S LOUNGE

A player's lounge will be available to players **on Monday to Sunday** from **5:30am to 6:00pm**.

Access to this area is restricted to **player's only** with **entry via player badge**.

Please note that family/friends and/or caddies **are not permitted** entry to this area. Due to the costs associated with this operation, the complimentary provision of food is restricted to players only.

If players remove food from the Player Lounge for consumption by others, take away privileges will be revoked for all players. Golf Australia, the Tours and 13<sup>th</sup> Beach requests players to respect this service accordingly.

Meals will be provided at the times each day as follows:

- **Breakfast:** 5:30am to 10:30am
- **Lunch:** 11:00am – 2:30pm
- **Snacks:** 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Soft drinks/water will also be available via fridges in the Player's Lounge courtesy of Coca-Cola Amatil.

## **16. ON COURSE DRINKS**

Mount Franklin Water and Powerade will be provided to players, caddies and volunteers during the tournament week courtesy of appreciated event support from Coca-Cola Amatil.

However, given the volume of drinks required to service an event of this size, it is requested that the supply of Mount Franklin Water and Powerade **only be utilised by players, caddies and volunteers**. Drinks are not to be provided to family, friends and spectators following the play of any one group.

## **17. DRESS CODE & FOOTWEAR**

13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links has relaxed its dress regulations for the duration of the Championship and neat casual dress, will be allowed in the Clubhouse. **Soft spikes may be worn in the Clubhouse.**

## **18. RULES REFEREES**

Tour representatives and rules referees will be present during all Championship rounds to assist with any rules queries and to monitor pace of play.

## **19. SLOW PLAY**

Slow Play procedures will be in accordance with ALPG (TBC) Guidelines. Copies of this procedure will be available from the ALPG/LPGA Office.

## **20. SCORECARD RETURN**

All completed scorecards are to be returned to the Scorers Hut located close to the main Practice Putting Green. Players finishing on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole of the Creek Course will be shuttled to the Scorers Hut on Thursday & Friday.

## **21. PLAY OFF**

In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship, unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise, play shall continue over the 18<sup>th</sup> hole repeatedly, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with others until the winner is determined.

## **22. PRESENTATION**

The presentation will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> green (Beach Course) immediately following the completion of play.

## **23. TEMPORARY PRIVILEGES**

All contestants will have access to the 13<sup>th</sup> Beach Golf Links from 4-10 February. Further access to the courses will be available in the weeks leading up to the tournament upon application to the club Pro-Shop.

### **Locker Facilities**

Lockers will be available for player's use.

### **Protection of Valuables and Equipment**

Although every care will be taken by the clubhouse staff with your equipment, in the final analysis, protection of your equipment and valuables, including insurance, will be your own responsibility.

### **Club Storage Area**

Club storage will be available within the clubhouse.

### **Towels**

Players must provide their own towels and are not to be taken from the club locker rooms.

## 24. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE & PHYSIO SERVICES

### First Aid:

First Aid will be located at the St John Ambulance located near the Tournament Village between the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and 14<sup>th</sup> green of the Beach Course.

Hours on site will be:

- Monday – Wednesday 6:30 am – 5:30 pm
- Thursday – Sunday 6:30 am – 7:00 pm

First aid equipment including defibrillator and epipens will be provided by the first aid staff.

### Doctor:

Tournament doctors will be available on all days of the Tournament Week.

### Player Treatment Service

Physiotherapy and osteopathy services will be located in the portable buildings next to the Tour offices and the putting green. Bookings are to be made via the ALPG/LPGA Tour Office.

## 25. GOLF AUSTRALIA

Golf Australia is the governing body for golf in Australia. In 2018, under the One Golf strategy Golf Australia amalgamated with five state and territory associations including Golf Victoria to form a streamlined governance structure.

Hence it would be appreciated if all players could refer to the new organisation of **Golf Australia**.

## 26. MEDIA / TELECAST TIMES

It is requested that players make themselves available where possible for any media requirements throughout the duration of the championship.

Live coverage of the tournament will be broadcast via ABC (Australia) at the following times:

- Thursday 7 February: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm (AEDT)
- Friday 8 February: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm (AEDT)
- Saturday 9 February: 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm (AEDT) – TBC
- Sunday 10 February: 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm (AEDT) – TBC

## 27. TRANSPORT

**Airport Bus:** Shuttle buses will be made available to and from the Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine) and will be communicated once player travel arrangements have been submitted.

All players **must** complete the online Player Information Form to ensure Tournament Organisers can arrange suitable transport.

**Airports:** Melbourne Tullamarine Airport (101 km – travel time approx. 1.5hrs to 2.5hrs in peak)  
Avalon Airport (42 km – travel time approx. 45 mins to 1 hr in peak)

**Car Rental:** Along with well-known car rental agencies, Melbourne Airport have car rental agencies that do not have an under 25 age surcharge. These include:

- Apex Car Rental
- Bargain Car Rental
- Jucy Car Rental
- Ace Rental Cars

**Courtesy Cars:** Will be available for players staying within the Barwon Heads region.

**Hotel Shuttle:** Shuttle bus transfer will be available to and from the golf course and the official tournament hotel at scheduled times.

**Uber:** Uber is widely used throughout Australia and is available in Barwon Heads.



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## 28. ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The following accommodation options are available for the 2019 Vic Open:

### **Billet Accommodation**

Billet accommodation is available in the Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads area for the week of February 4-10. Any player requiring Billet accommodation is requested to contact:

- Faye Wheatley: [fayewheatley@rocketmail.com](mailto:fayewheatley@rocketmail.com) or + 61 418 102 178

### **Tournament Hotel**

Note: Pricing at Novotel will be determined based on interest by **Friday 21 November**.

#### Novotel Geelong

Address: 10-14 Eastern Beach, Geelong VIC 3220  
Phone: +61 3 5223 1377  
Email: [reservations@novotelgeelong.com.au](mailto:reservations@novotelgeelong.com.au)  
Website: [www.novotelgeelong.com.au](http://www.novotelgeelong.com.au)

### **Additional Local Hotels / Motels**

#### Barwon Heads Golf Club

Address: Golf Links Road, Barwon Heads VIC  
Contact: Adam Palmer  
Phone: +61 3 5255 6255  
Email: [apalmer@bhgc.com.au](mailto:apalmer@bhgc.com.au)  
Website: [www.bhgc.com.au](http://www.bhgc.com.au)

#### Barwon Heads Resort

Address: 36 Fourteenth Road, Barwon Heads  
Phone: +61 3 5254 1777  
Email: [reservations@barwonheadsresort.com.au](mailto:reservations@barwonheadsresort.com.au)  
Website: [www.BarwonHeadsResort.com.au](http://www.BarwonHeadsResort.com.au)

#### Golden Palms Motel

Address: 234 Torquay Road, Grovedale  
Phone: +61 3 5243 1077  
Email: [goldenpalms@bigpond.com](mailto:goldenpalms@bigpond.com)  
Website: [www.goldenpalmsmotel.com.au](http://www.goldenpalmsmotel.com.au)

#### Ocean Grove Chalet

Address: 99 The Terrace, Ocean Grove VIC 3226  
Phone: +61 477 020 434  
Email: [stay@oceangrovechalet.com.au](mailto:stay@oceangrovechalet.com.au)  
Website: [www.oceangrovechalet.com.au](http://www.oceangrovechalet.com.au)

#### Lon Retreat & Spa

Address: 25 Gill Road, Point Lonsdale VIC 3225  
Phone: +61 3 5258 2990  
Email: [hello@lonretreat.com.au](mailto:hello@lonretreat.com.au)  
Website: [www.lonretreat.com.au](http://www.lonretreat.com.au)

#### Riverside Ocean Grove (Suites & Holiday Units)

Address: 64-78 Wallington Road, Ocean Grove  
Phone: +61 3 5256 2555  
Email: [info@riversideoceangrove.com.au](mailto:info@riversideoceangrove.com.au)  
Website: [www.riversideoceangrove.com.au](http://www.riversideoceangrove.com.au)

### **Holiday Rental Houses and Units/Apartments**

#### Ocean Grove Stays

Contact: Chris Smith  
Mobile: 0403 515 605  
Email: [enquiries@oceangrovestays.com.au](mailto:enquiries@oceangrovestays.com.au)  
Website: [www.oceangrovestays.com.au](http://www.oceangrovestays.com.au)

#### Getaway Rentals Barwon Heads

Contact: Marisa Colman  
Mobile: 0418 108 627  
Email: [info@getawaybarwonheads.com.au](mailto:info@getawaybarwonheads.com.au)  
Website: [www.getawaybarwonheads.com.au](http://www.getawaybarwonheads.com.au)

## 29. IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS, CADDIES & GUESTS

### **Visa Applications:**

Australian visas for **players** must be applied for through the Australian government's website. An Australian Temporary Activity (subclass 408) Visa will be required for participation. More information on this visa may be viewed here: <https://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visa-1/408->

Please see the Australian visa guide for assistance in completing your application. Processing time ranges from 5-30 business days pending nationality. Please begin your application ASAP to ensure visa completion in time for the tournament.

If you encounter any issues or have any questions on the Australian visa process, please contact Donna Wilkins at [donna.wilkins@lpga.com](mailto:donna.wilkins@lpga.com) for assistance.

ETA visas are generally completed within 48 hours of applying. The Online Visitor Visa and Temporary Work Visa may take in excess of 1 month to process.

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The following nationalities will NOT require an Australian visa:

- Australia
- New Zealand

The following nationalities will require an ETA visa:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Canada</li> <li>▪ Denmark</li> <li>▪ United Kingdom</li> <li>▪ France</li> <li>▪ Germany</li> <li>▪ Italy</li> <li>▪ Japan</li> <li>▪ Malaysia</li> <li>▪ Netherlands</li> <li>▪ Norway</li> <li>▪ South Korea</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Spain</li> <li>▪ Sweden</li> <li>▪ Taiwan<br/><i>(*Holders of Taiwan passports can only be processed for an ETA if resident in and applying in Taiwan. We regret that we are unable to offer the online ETA application service for Taiwanese passport holders from the USA. Applications can be lodged with <u>an approved ETA Travel Agent in Taiwan or Australian Visa Services office in Taipei.</u>)</i></li> <li>▪ USA</li> </ul> |
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The following nationalities will require an Online Visitor e600 Visa:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Chile</li> <li>▪ Columbia</li> <li>▪ Israel</li> <li>▪ Mexico</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Paraguay</li> <li>▪ Philippines</li> <li>▪ South Africa</li> <li>▪ Thailand</li> </ul> |
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The following nationalities will require a Temporary Work visa:

- China

### **Golf Clubs:**

Australian Customs require all golf clubs and golf shoes entering from international destinations to be clean and free of dirt or mud. To ensure an efficient entry into Australia, please ensure all golf equipment has been thoroughly cleaned.

### **Travel Insurance:**

It is highly recommended that International players purchase travel insurance prior to coming to Australia.

## **30. INTERNET FACILITIES**

Wifi will be available in the Clubhouse, Player’s Lounge and ALPG/LPGA Office.

## **31. THANK YOU LETTERS**

Stephen Pitt  
 CEO  
 Golf Australia  
 Level 2, 111 Coventry Street  
 South Melbourne, Victoria 3205, Australia  
[stephenp@golf.org.au](mailto:stephenp@golf.org.au)

Thank you for your assistance.

On behalf of Golf Australia, 13<sup>th</sup> Beach, PGATA, ALPG, ET and LPGA we wish all players good golfing at the 2019 ISPS Handa Vic Open.

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