

A FULLY SANCTIONED LPGA EVENT

COMPETITOR FACT SHEET

Date: 14-17 February 2013
Venue: Royal Canberra Golf Club
Betham Street, Yarralumla, ACT 2600
Tel: + 61 2 6281 3882

Website: www.womensaustralianopen.com.au

Entries and Championship Queries: championships@golfaustralia.org.au

Transport Queries: transportmanager@golfaustralia.org.au

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Golf Australia Tournament Office: TBC
LPGA Tournament Office: TBC
ALPG / LET Tournament Office: TBC
Courtesy Cars: +61 428 841 648
Player Services Matt Cutler: +61 448 868 051

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Field Size *: 156 players
Format: 72-holes Stroke Play. In the event of a tie for first place, a 'sudden death' hole-by-hole play-off will take place.
Cut after 36-holes to 70 players (including amateurs), plus any tying for 70th place.
Prize Money: US\$1,200,000
Entry Fee: AUD\$150.00
Entry Closing Date: 5.00 pm (AEDT) – 20 December 2012
Registration: Monday 11 February: 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm (Player Services)
Tuesday 12 February: 9.00 am – 3.00 pm (Player Services)
Tournament Pro-Am: Wednesday 13 February – Shotgun starts 7.30am and 12.45pm
Estimated Finishing Time: 5:30 pm Sunday 17 February 2013
Draw Times: www.womensaustralianopen.com.au
Field:
a) The Leading 100 players who enter from the 2013 LPGA Priority List
b) The leading 35 players who enter from the 2013 ALPG Tournament Exemption Categories – including those who qualify through (a) above
c) The leading 25 players who qualify from the Ladies European Tour 2013 Exemption Categories – including those who qualify from (a) above
d) Twelve (12) players exempted by Golf Australia as follows:
1. 4 players who qualify through Monday qualifying
2. 6 leading amateur players
3. 2 Invited players

Log onto www.royalcanberra.com.au for more information on the club, course and facilities. Please note: course length for the Championship differs from the standard women's course.

ACCOMMODATION

The Realm Precinct (Hotel Realm and Burbury Hotel)

18 National Circuit, Barton ACT 2600

Ph: +61 2 6163 1800 | Fax: +61 2 6163 1801

reservations@hotelrealm.com.au | www.hotelrealm.com.au

Our official hotel partner will provide players of the ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open a fantastic stay. Offering fully serviced, luxury accommodation, the Realm Precinct is in a top location in Canberra and only 10 minutes from Royal Canberra Golf Club. With plenty of shopping, restaurants and bars only a short walk away, you won't need to venture too far after golf.

Room rate

Your special room rate is listed below. To secure your booking at the preferred room rates please book prior to **Wednesday 2 January 2013**. We are delighted to also extend this rate to your affiliated parties (subject to availability). Preferred room rates are as follows:

Single AUD \$153.00/ night

Twin share AUD \$208.00/night

Two bedroom suites AUD \$445.50/night

Please contact reservations on +61 2 6163 1888 or reservations@realmprecinct.com.au and quote **1002G2**.



CADDIES

Players are not permitted to use a pull buggy/trolley and must have a caddie. **Players requiring a caddie must complete the relevant section of the Championship Entry Form or contact Adam Power at GA** (Ph +61 3 9626 5000 / Fax +61 3 9696 5095 / Mob +61 448 366 224 adamp@golfaustralia.org.au or championships@golfaustralia.org.au). **Note:** Each player who requests a caddie is asked, if she subsequently decides to provide her own caddie, to notify GA immediately about her decision not to use the allocated caddie. Caddies will not be provided for those players who do not complete the caddie section of the Entry Form or contact GA. **Note:** A professional caddie may assist with yardages, etc, a Bag Carrier will only carry the bag.

Caddie requests MUST be received by GA prior to 5.00 pm on Sunday 10 February 2013.

NB. The tournament organisers will make every effort to cater for the particular type of caddie a player requests, but cannot guarantee that the specific caddie will be available.

CLUB FACE GROOVE REGULATIONS

The following regulation applies to the Championship Proper only:

Clubs Conforming with Groove and Punch Mark Specifications: *The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from 1 January 2010.*

**PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Two strokes for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes. *Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to their marker or fellow competitor immediately upon discovery a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, they are disqualified.*

PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Official Welcome Charity Gala Dinner:

Date: Tuesday 12 February 2013

Time: 6:30 pm

Venue: HOTEL REALM

Conditions: **All invited players are expected to attend** (invitations will be distributed at Registration and the respective tours).

Dress: Cocktail (formal)

Pro-Am:

Date: Wednesday 13 February 2013

Time: Lunch will be served between 11.00 am and 2.30 pm for Pro-Am players only.

Entrants: A list of professional players required to play can be obtained from the LPGA/LET/ALPG Tournament Office.

PLAYER SERVICES

Contact: Matt Cutler
Tel: +61 413 271 176
Location: Entrance to Club House
Your Player Services team will have information regarding the local area (restaurants, public transport, etc.), draws and tee times, club repair services, weather information. Please contact them for any of your needs.

Player Lounge: Located in the Club House

Locker Rooms: Located in the Club House. No entry for the public. Locked lockers and towels will be provided.

Player Lounge (Players only):

Monday 11 February 2013

Lunch: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
All day: Drinks in Player Lounge / Locker Room and around the course

Tuesday 12 February 2013

Breakfast: 6:30 am – 10.30 am
Lunch: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
All day: Drinks in Player Lounge / Locker Room and around the course

Thursday 14 – Sunday 17 February 2013

Breakfast: 5.45 am – 10.00 am
Lunch: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
All day: Fruit and drinks in Player Lounge / Locker Room and around the course.

Medical:

Physiotherapy will be available on-site. The schedule will be available at Player Services. A Doctor will be on call from Wednesday 13 through to Sunday 17 February 2013.

Player Car Parking:

Parking is located in the Golf Course Car Park A - Entrance A – Main entrance. Please present your tour badge upon entry.

PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS

Practice Range and Facilities:

Sunday 10 Feb: 8.00 am – 4.00 pm
Monday 11 Feb - Sunday 17 Feb: 6.30 am – as required

Practice Rounds:

Sunday 10 Feb: No Practice Rounds
Mon 11 Feb: 7.00 am – 4.30 pm (last tee off)
Tues 12 Feb: 7.00 am – 4.30 pm (last tee off)
Wed 13 Feb: Pro-Am Day – no practice rounds

Practice rounds are from 1st tee. There will be no time sheet on Monday 11 February or Tuesday 12 February. If players wish to liaise with the host club regarding practice prior to the championship week please contact the Pro Shop on: + 61 2 6281 3882

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Day / Date	Approx. Times	Activity
Monday 11 Feb	7.00 am – 3.30 pm	Practice Day
Tuesday 12 Feb	7.00 am – 4.00 pm	Practice Day
Wednesday 13 Feb	All day	Pro-Am Day
Thursday 14 Feb	7.30 am – 7.15 pm	Round 1 – 156 players in groups of 3
Friday 15 Feb	7.30 am – 7.15 pm	Round 2 – 156 players in groups of 3
Saturday 16 Feb	8.30 am – 6.00 pm	Round 3
Sunday 17 Feb	8.00 am – 5.30 pm	Round 4 – Final day & closing ceremony
Monday 18 Feb	7.00 am – 6.00 pm	Super Monday

TELECAST TIMES

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

Day / Date	Time
Thursday 14 Feb	15:00 to 18:00 AEDT
Friday 15 Feb	15:00 to 18:00 AEDT
Saturday 16 Feb	14:00 to 16:00 AEDT
Sunday 17 Feb	13:00 to 18:00 AEDT

TRANSPORT OFFICE / COURTESY CARS

Contacts:

Transport Manager: Karren O'Shea
Phone: +61 428 841 648
E-mail: transportmanager@golfaustralia.org.au

Transport Office Opening Hours:

From Saturday 9 February (until 10.00 pm) – Monday 18 February 2013.

- If you require airport pickup / drop offs please notify the Transport Coordinator ASAP (within 24 hours of flight)
- Transport for Monday 18 February is available on request. Pick up from 7.00 am.

Conditions:

Courtesy cars will cater for player transport from the course and from Canberra Airport to the official hotel (and other hotels within 5km of the official hotel).

Canberra airport is approximately 10km from Hotel Realm and approximately 14km from Royal Canberra Golf Club.

Airport Transfers:

Airport pickup times will depend upon the arrival/departure times you provide. Note: the latest pick up on Sunday 10 February will be 10.00 pm.

Please ensure you provide the following information:

- Date
- Arrival Time
- Flight number
- Transfer destination
- Number of passengers
- Special requirements (e.g. child seat, access luggage)



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PLAYERS AND CADDIES – VISA APPLICATIONS

- Players and caddies are advised to ensure their visa requirements are in order before travelling.
- For visa information please see the Australian Embassy Website (www.australianembassy.com.au) or their own country's web site for details on how to apply and what information is to be supplied etc.

GOLF CLUBS

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

INTERNET FACILITIES

There will be Wi-Fi facilities in the Player Lounge.

THANK YOU LETTERS

Should be addressed to:

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South Melbourne Vic 3205
Australia

