



# AUSTRALIAN LADIES PROFESSIONAL GOLF INC.

## INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY 2015

*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 the annual membership fee which shall be \$484 (including GST)

### 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 non co-sanctioned ALPG Tour fixtures, subject to the Priority Listing applicable to International Members for the respective year.
3. \*\*Should the ALPG negotiate a minimum tax threshold with the Australian Tax Office benefits will be afforded to 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 flights)
5. Opportunity to qualify for entry into major co-sanctioned tournaments on ALPG Tour schedule. Refer Category 5 – **2015 ALPG Tournament Exemption Categories.**
6. Public & Products Liability Insurance cover. (Applies only to tournaments entered as an ALPG International Member.)
7. Eligible to compete for the 2015 Club Car Series bonus pool. (still to be confirmed for 2015)

### 3. Category 5 – Eligibility

As per Item 2.5, International Members shall be eligible to qualify for limited spots in major (co-sanctioned) tournaments via **Category 5** on the **2015 ALPG Tournament Exemption Categories**, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Must play in no fewer than 4 (four) official events preceding the first major tournament to which Category 5 determines the field composition. (For 2015 the first major tournament for which Category 5 determines the field composition, is the RACV Ladies Masters)

(Official events include all one or two day pro-ams and non co-sanctioned 54 holes tournaments as published on the official ALPG Tour Schedule document and website.)

For 2015, this includes;

- Yamba Golf Club Pro Am - *9th January 2015*
- McLeod Country Pro Am - *12-13<sup>th</sup> January 2015*
- Antill Park Pro-Am – *20<sup>th</sup> January 2015*
- Moss Vale Golf Club Pro Am – *22-23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015*
- Castle Hill Pro-am – *29<sup>th</sup> January 2015*
- ***Potential Sydney Pro-Am – 30<sup>th</sup> January***
- Oates Victorian Open -*5-8<sup>th</sup> February 2015*

- b) For the **2015 RACV Ladies Masters** and **ISPS Handa New Zealand Women's Open**, a maximum of 15 (fifteen) of the 20 (twenty) spots within Category 5, will be available to International Members;

For the **2015 ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open**, a maximum of 5 (five) of the 10 (ten) spots within Category 5, will be available to International Members.

**NOTE:** Prizemoney earned by ALPG Tour International Members who qualify for the co-sanctioned tournaments through Category 5 may not count as official money on the sanctioning Tours' Order of Merit or Money List. 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.

### 4. Ongoing Renewal Benefits to International Members

International Members will be eligible for Categories 1A and 3 on the ALPG Tournament Exemption Categories as follows:

- a) For winners of co-sanctioned tournaments (Category 1 listed); eligible for Category 1A provided they renew International Membership for the following year;
- b) For winners of non co-sanctioned tournaments (Category 3 listed); eligible for Category 3 provided they renew International Membership for the following year;

### 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 Friday 14th November. The top 30 players from the official Rolex Rankings on this date that apply for International Membership will be notified by the ALPG on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. They will then have until Monday Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to join and pay the ALPG International membership fees.
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 14<sup>th</sup> November that has applied for membership will be notified and be given 1 week to join and pay the ALPG International Membership fees. This process will continue until the category contains 30 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 30.

\* LPGA; LPGA of Japan; Korea LPGA; Ladies European Tour; Symetra Tour; China LPGA; LET Access Tour; Taiwan LPGA

\*\* ALPG will attempt to negotiate a tax-free threshold with the Australian Tax Office for the 2014/2015 season

\*\* \*Refer to conditions of Virgin Australia offer to ALPG members