

Competitor Fact Sheet

Date: 15 – 18 February 2018
Venue: Kooyonga Golf Club, Adelaide, South Australia
Website: www.womensausopen.com
Championship Queries: championships@golf.org.au
Transport Queries: transportmanager@golf.org.au

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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LPGA Player Services:	Donna Wilkins	+1 386-290-0780

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Field Size: 144 players

Format: 72-holes, Stroke-Play. In the event of a tie, a sudden-death playoff will take place. The leading 70 players and ties after 36 holes will qualify for the 3rd and 4th rounds.

Prize Money: USD \$1,300,000

Entry Fee: US\$150.00 or AU\$175.00

Entry Process: LPGA Member entries will be managed through the online LPGA Player Portal
ALPG and other professionals may enter via the LPGA or the ALPG
 Professional player's entry fees must be paid by 15 February 2018
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 <http://www.womensausopen.com>

Entry Closing Date: Professional closing date 5:00 pm Eastern Time – Wednesday 3 January 2018
 Amateur closing date: 9:00 am AEDT – Thursday 4 January 2018

Note: Players who have entered by the closing date must advise GA, ALPG or LPGA no later than 5.00 pm Monday 5 February (AEDT) whether they wish to attend Qualifying.

Registration: **All Players must register on site** - Monday 12 February: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm and Tuesday 13 February: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Player Services

Tournament Pro-Am: Wednesday 14 February – Shotgun start at 7:30 am – 12:45 pm

Estimated Finish Time: 5:30 pm Sunday 18 February 2018

Draw Times: www.womensausopen.com

Course website: www.kooyongagolf.com.au for more information on the host venue

The field of 144 players will be determined as follows:

1. 100 LPGA members who have committed to the event in order of priority on the LPGA Priority List (including the winner of the Pure-Silk Bahamas LPGA Classic if not otherwise entered in the field via categories 1 - 6).
2. 23 places as agreed between ALPG and GA, not including those who qualify in 1 above.
3. Five (5) ISPS Exemptions
4. Four (4) Swinging Skirt Exemptions
5. One (1) JTBC Exemption
6. Five (5) Golf Australia Invitations
7. Three (3) Golf Australia Amateur Exemptions as follows:
 - i. 2018 Australian Amateur Champion
 - ii. 2017 Australian Girls' Amateur Champion
 - iii. 2017 Aaron Baddeley World Junior Champion
8. Three (3) players from qualifying

NOTE: After the commitment deadline on 3 January 2018, ALL withdrawals are managed by LPGA by contacting Kathy Widick at +386-279-1948 or kathy.widick@lpga.com

ACCOMMODATION

Please refer to the **Accommodation Information Sheet** provided by your relevant Tour.

CADDIES

Players are not permitted to use a pull buggy/trolley and must have a caddie.

The fee for a local caddie is AUD \$90.00 daily, not including gratuity.

Players requiring a caddie must complete the relevant section when entering or contact Adam Power at Golf Australia (Ph +61 3 9626 5000 / Fax +61 3 9696 5095 / Mob +61 448 366 224 adamp@golf.org.au or championships@golf.org.au).

Note: Each player who requests a caddie is asked, if she subsequently decides to provide her own caddie, to notify Golf Australia immediately about her decision not to use the allocated caddie. Caddies will not be provided for those players who do not advise at the time of entry or contact Golf Australia.

Note: A professional caddie may assist with yardages, etc. a Bag Carrier will only carry the bag.

Caddie requests MUST be received by Golf Australia prior to 5:00 pm on Friday 9 February 2018.

NB. The tournament organisers will make every effort to cater for the 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:

Date: Tuesday, 13 February 2018
Time: 6:30 pm
Venue: Stamford Grand Adelaide, Glenelg
Conditions: **All invited players are expected to attend** (invitations will be distributed at Registration and through the respective tours)
Dress: Cocktail Attire

Pro-Am:

Date: Wednesday, 14 February 2018
Time: Lunch will be served between 11:00 am – 2:30 pm for Pro-Am players only.
Entrants: A list of professional players required to play can be obtained from the LPGA/ALPG Tournament Office

PLAYER SERVICES

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

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

Player Lounge (Players only): located in the clubhouse

Monday, 12 February 2018

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

Tuesday, 13 February 2018

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 15 – Sunday 18 February 2018

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.

Note: Players are advised that food from the Player Lounge is for Players only and for consumption in the Player Lounge only. If players remove food from the Player Lounge for consumption by others, take away privileges will be revoked for all players.

Medical:

Physiotherapy will be available on-site from Tuesday 13 – Sunday 18 February. The schedule will be available at Player Services. A Doctor will be on call from Tuesday 13 – Sunday 18 February.

Player Car Parking:

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

PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS

Practice Range and Practice Facilities:

Sunday 11 February: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Monday 12 – Sunday 18 February: As required

Practice Rounds:

Sunday 11 February: **No** Practice Rounds
Monday 12 February: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm (last tee off)
Tuesday 13 February: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm (last tee off)
Wednesday 14 February: Pro-Am Day – **no** practice rounds

Practice rounds are from the 1st tee. There will be **no time sheets** on Monday 12 or Tuesday 13 February.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Day / Date</u>	<u>Approx. Tee Times</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Monday 12 February	7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Practice Day
Tuesday 13 February	7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Practice Day
Wednesday 14 February	All day	Pro-Am Day
Thursday 15 February	Approx. 7:00 am	Round 1 – 144 players in groups of 3
Friday 16 February	Approx. 7:00 am	Round 2 – 144 players in groups of 3
Saturday 17 February	Approx. 8:30 am	Round 3
Sunday 18 February	Approx. 8:00 am	Round 4 – Final day & closing ceremony
Monday 19 February	7:00 am	Super Monday

TELECAST TIMES

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

Day / Date	Time
Thursday 15 February	14:30 – 17:30 pm (ACDT)
Friday 16 February	14:30 – 17:30 pm (ACDT)
Saturday 17 February	12:30 – 17:30 pm (ACDT)
Sunday 18 February	12:30 – 17:30 pm (ACDT)

TRANSPORT OFFICE / COURTESY CARS

Contacts:

Transport Manager: Carol Amps
 Phone: +61 414 815 555
 E-mail: transportmanager@golf.org.au

Transport Office Opening Hours: From Saturday 10 to Monday 19 February 2018.

If you require airport pickup please enter your details on the following web link, **no later than fourteen (14) days prior to your arrival and we will arrange accordingly:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018WAOtransport>

You MUST provide the following information on the web link:

- Name
- Email
- Date
- Arrival time
- Arrival terminal (including domestic or international)
- Flight number
- Where would you like us to take you
- Number of passengers
- Special requirements (e.g., child seat, excess luggage)

Note:

- If you have last minute changes you must ensure you notify the Transport Coordinator ASAP (within 24 hours of flight).
- Transport for Monday 19 February is available on request. Pick up begins at 7 am

Nearest Airports:

Adelaide Airport is located 6 km west of the Central Business District (CBD) of the City of Adelaide, 8.7 km to Glenelg (Beach) and 2 km from Kooyonga Golf Club.

NOTE: Courtesy Cars will only pick up players from **Adelaide Airport**.

Airport Transfers:

Airport pickup times will depend upon the arrival/departure times you provide.

Please note: the latest pick up on Sunday 11 February will be 10 pm

Conditions:

Courtesy cars will cater for player transport from the course and from Adelaide Airport to the official tournament hotels in the Glenelg area. Please refer to the **Accommodation Information Sheet** provided by your relevant tour.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PLAYERS AND CADDIES – VISA APPLICATIONS

Players, caddies and guests traveling with the following passport (United States, Europe, Canada, South Korea and Japan) will only need to file for an ETA tourist visa to enter Australia.

<https://assessments.visabureau.com/australia>

You do not need to surrender your Passport, but you must complete the form and submit electronically to receive a confirmation. The ETA is electronically linked to your Passport.

ALL others are advised to ensure their visa requirements are in order before travelling. **LPGA** players may contact Erin Thomas at erin@passportsandvisas.com or 619-308-6499 for assistance with Visa processing.

If filing for Visa on your own, please log onto the Australian Embassy Website www.australianembassy.com.au or your country's web site for details on how to apply and what information is required.

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.

INTERNET FACILITIES

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

Twitter: @WomensAusOpen, @southaustralia, @eventssa
Facebook: @WomensAusOpen, @seesouthaustralia
Instagram: @golfaust, @southaustralia
Hashtags: #expectbrilliance #WomensAusOpen #SeeSouthAustralia

THANK YOU LETTERS

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