



women's **nsw** open

1-4 March 2018

All amateur entries must be directed to Golf NSW

All professional entries must be directed to ALPG or LET

Entries Close: Friday 9 February 2018



2018 WOMEN'S NSW OPEN – CONDITIONS

1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP: The Championship will be decided by stroke play over 72 holes at Coffs Harbour Golf Club – 18 holes on each of Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd, Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th March, 2018.

2. COMPETITORS: 144 female competitors shall be eligible to compete comprising those exempt under the categories outlined in 18 below. The leading 50 professional scores after 36 holes and any tied for 50th place, including all amateur players on an equal or better score, shall qualify for the third and fourth rounds; the remainder shall be eliminated.

3. CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE: The Championship will be under the management and control of the Championship Committee, consisting of one representative of Golf NSW, one member appointed by the ALPG and one member appointed by the LET. In the absence of the full Championship Committee, such members thereof as may be present at any time may give a decision and any decision shall be deemed the decision of the full Championship Committee. The Championship Committee reserves the right to vary any condition of this event.

4. RULES: The Championship will be played under the auspices of the ALPG and LET, in accordance with the 2018 Member Regulations Handbooks. This will include The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R & A Rules Limited, Local Rules and Conditions of Competition (ALPG and LET Tour Hard Cards), and such additional Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee.

5. TIES: In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship, unless the Championship Committee otherwise determines, play shall continue over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with others or other until the winner is determined.

6. CONFORMING DRIVING CLUBS AND BALLS: The specimen conditions in the Rules of Golf are in effect as regards Conforming Golf Balls, and Conforming Driver Heads

7. GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATION: The specimen condition in Decision 4-1/1 of the Decisions of the Rules of Golf is in effect for Grooves and Punch Marks

8. DRAW AND STARTING TIMES: A draw for each day's play will be made and published. Players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Committee.

9. PACE OF PLAY: Pace of play guidelines will be strictly enforced (these will be available at registration)

10. COURSE MARKERS: During practice or during the Championship a player (except as appointed by the Championship Committee) shall not place on the course, or cause to be placed on the course, any artificial marker or other device designed to indicate course measurements. A player in breach of this condition shall be disqualified.

11. TROPHIES: The winner shall receive the Championship Medal. The leading amateur in the Championship shall receive the Amateur Championship Medal.

12. PUBLICITY: Golf NSW, the ALPG, the LET and Coffs Harbour Golf Club arrange publicity before and during the Championship in the press, by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting, by filming, and in electronic form. The players assent to references to them and pictures of them in practice and play appearing and being used for commercial purposes by the ALPG, the LET, Golf NSW and Coffs Harbour Golf Club. All rights for televising live, television recordings or for any visual or electronic reproduction of the Championship are reserved only to the ALPG, the LET, Golf NSW and Coffs Harbour Golf Club and may only be made under licence.

13. MOTORISED CARTS: It is prohibited for a player or their caddie to ride in or on a motorised vehicle unless permitted to do so by the Championship Committee. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – four strokes. Procedure when breach discovered: Use of any unauthorised form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise the player is disqualified.

14. CADDIES: Caddies must wear the caddy clothing, if so provided.

15. DRUG TESTING: All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy, or refusing to take a test, may be disqualified. Visit www.asada.gov.au for more information.

16. ENTRIES:

16.1. All entries shall be subject to the approval of the Championship Committee who reserves the right to accept or refuse any entry without giving any reason for the decision which shall be final.

16.2. Nominations are accepted at face value, on the basis that information contained therein is correct and up to date. Should this



subsequently be proven not to be the case, the Championship Committee reserves the right to deem any competitor ineligible – at any time prior to or during the Championship.

16.3. All amateur competitors in the 2018 Women's NSW Open agree to conform to the 2018 ALPG and LET Members Regulations.

17. EXEMPTIONS FROM QUALIFYING: Exemptions from qualifying will be granted to the following players:

- Leading 60 LET Players from 2017/18 Exemption Categories
- Leading 30 ALPG Players from 2017/18 Exemption Categories
- Leading 20 ALPG Players from 2017/18 Order of Merit following ActewAGL Canberra Classic
- Leading 5 Players from Rolex Women's World Rankings at closing date for entries
- 11 Sponsor Invitations
- 2 invites from Women's Golf India
- 2 invites from China LPGA Tour
- 3 amateur invites from Golf Australia
- 2 invites from Swinging Skirts Taiwan
- 2 amateur invites from Golf New Zealand
- 7 amateur invites from Golf NSW:
 - 2018 NSW Amateur Champion
 - 2017 JNJG Champions Trophy Winner
 - 2017 NSW Women's State Team
 - 2017/18 NSW High Performance Squad, in order of National Ranking

Any positions in the field not filled by the above categories will be filled in the following order:

- Leading Players from 2017/18 ALPG Money List; then
- Amateur Players in order of 2017 GA National Ranking.

18. PRE-QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS: Not for 2018 event.

19. REGISTRATION: All competitors must register at Coffs Harbour Golf Club prior to 5pm Tuesday 27th February 2018. The Championship Committee reserves the right to waive this condition in special individual circumstances.

20. PRIZEMONEY: Minimum prizemoney of AUD\$150,000.00 will be distributed to professional golfers in accordance with the distribution formula of the ALPG and LET as provided in their Membership Regulations Handbooks.

21. PRACTICE: Practice times for the Championship Proper will be: after 7:00am on Monday 26th February to Wednesday 28th February, with details to be confirmed. Practice prior to this week will be at the discretion of Coffs Harbour Golf Club.

22. FORMAT: There will be a Pro-Am component prior to the four day Championship Proper, on Tuesday 28th February. For further details go to the ALPG or LET website, where information will be posted as it becomes available.

23. DATABASE OF ENTRANT'S DETAILS: The personal data contained in this Entry Form is permanently retained by Golf NSW. This data may be utilised by Golf NSW or its sponsors for the distribution of correspondence, in both electronic and hard copy means. From time to time players may be sent entry forms, event literature, the Golf NSW e-news, or marketing material by the sponsor(s) of Golf NSW events, or information about events conducted by golf clubs affiliated with the Golf NSW or golf clubs affiliated with a NSW District Golf Association. Upon receipt by Golf NSW of a written request a player may either have access to their details, or have their details deleted from the database.

24. GAMBLING: All competitors agree to abide by the ALPG and LET's regulations, as outlined on their respective websites.



