

EXPECT
BRILLIANCE

14 – 17 FEBRUARY 2019
THE GRANGE GOLF CLUB



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COMPETITOR FACT SHEET

Date: 14 – 17 February 2019
Venue: The Grange Golf Club, Adelaide, South Australia
Website: www.womensausopen.com
Championship Queries: championships@golf.org.au
Transport Queries: transportmanager@golf.org.au

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Courtesy Cars:	Carol Amps	+ 61 414 815 555
LPGA Lead Official:	Bo Ream	+1 386-562-0755
LPGA Business Official:	Ricki Lasky	+1 704-421-4115
LPGA Media:	Christina Lance	+1 908-963-1691
LPGA Player Services:	Donna Wilkins	+1 386-290-0780
LPGA Security:	Patrick Chase	+1 239-851-8909

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\$200.00 or AU\$275.00

Entry Process: LPGA Member entries will be managed through the online LPGA Player Portal
ALPG and other professionals must enter via the ALPG
Professional player's entry fees must be paid by 14 February 2019
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 – Thursday 3 January 2019
Amateur closing date: 9:00 am AEDT – Thursday 3 January 2019

Note: Players who have entered by the closing date must advise GA, ALPG or LPGA no later than 5.00 pm Monday 4 February (AEDT) whether they wish to attend Qualifying.

Registration: **All Players must register on site** - Monday 11 February: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm and Tuesday 12 February: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm at Player Services

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Tournament Pro-Am: Wednesday 13 February – Shotgun start at 7:30 am – 12:45 pm

Estimated Finish Time: 5:30 pm Sunday 17 February 2019

Draw Times: www.womensausopen.com

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

The field of 144 players will be determined as follows:

1. Three (3) players from qualifying
2. Ninety-eight (98) LPGA Members, ranked in the order of their position on the 2019 LPGA Priority List
3. The winner, if an LPGA Member, of the 2019 Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions, if not already qualified.
4. The winner, if an LPGA Member, of the 2019 Vic Open, if not already qualified.
5. Alternates for 2, 3 and 4 above will be filled by the next available LPGA Member from the LPGA Alternate list.
6. Twenty-three (23) places as agreed between ALPG and GA, not including those who qualify in 2 above
7. Alternates for 6 above will be determined by the ALPG and GA
8. Five (5) ISPS Exemptions
9. Five (5) Swinging Skirts Exemptions
10. One (1) JTBC Exemption
11. Four (4) Golf Australia Invitations
12. Three (3) Golf Australia Amateur Exemptions as follows:
 - a. 2019 Australian Amateur Champion
 - b. 2018 Australian Girls' Amateur Champion
 - c. 2018 Aaron Baddeley World Junior Champion

NOTE: After the commitment deadline on 3 January 2019, ALL withdrawals are managed by LPGA by contacting Kathy Moore at +1 386-236-5307 or +1 386-212-7622 or kathy.moore@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 \$100.00 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).

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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. 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 8 February 2019. 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.

GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECIFICATIONS

The following regulation applies to the Championship Proper only:

"In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on 1 January 2010. An Equipment Database of fairway woods, hybrids, irons and wedges which have been tested for conformance to the current Equipment Rules is found at RandA.org.

Penalty For Making a Stroke with Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification. (There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying but not making a stroke with a club which does not conform to these groove and punch mark specifications.)

OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Welcome Cocktail Party:

Date: Tuesday, 12 February 2019
Time: 6:30 pm
Venue: Pullman Adelaide
Conditions: **All invited players are expected to attend** (invitations will be distributed at through the respective tours)
Dress: Cocktail Attire

Pro-Am:

Date: Wednesday, 13 February 2019
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

Location: Clubhouse of The Grange 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.

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Player Lounge (Players only): located in the clubhouse

Monday 11 February 2019

Lunch: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

All day: Drinks in Player Lounge / Locker Room and around the course

Tuesday 12 and Wednesday 13 February 2019

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 2019

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 12 – Sunday 17 February. The schedule will be available at Player Services. A Doctor will be on call from Tuesday 12 – Sunday 17 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 10 February: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monday 11 – Sunday 17 February: As required

Practice Rounds:

Sunday 10 February: **No** Practice Rounds

Monday 11 February: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm (last tee off)

Tuesday 12 February: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm (last tee off)

Wednesday 13 February: Pro-Am Day – **no** practice rounds

Practice rounds are from the 1st tee. There will be **no time sheets** on Monday 11 or Tuesday 12 February.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Day / Date</u>	<u>Approx. Tee Times</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Monday 11 February	7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Practice Day
Tuesday 12 February	7:00 am – 4:00 pm	Practice Day
Wednesday 13 February	All day	Pro-Am Day
Thursday 14 February	Approx. 7:00 am	Round 1 – 144 players in groups of 3
Friday 15 February	Approx. 7:00 am	Round 2 – 144 players in groups of 3
Saturday 16 February	Approx. 8:30 am	Round 3
Sunday 17 February	Approx. 8:00 am	Round 4 – Final day & closing ceremony
Monday 18 February	7:00 am	Super Monday

TELECAST TIMES

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

<u>Day / Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thursday 14 February	14:30 – 17:30 pm (ACDT)
Friday 15 February	14:30 – 17:30 pm (ACDT)
Saturday 16 February	12:30 – 17:30 pm (ACDT)
Sunday 17 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 9 to Monday 18 February 2019.

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/2019WAOtransport>

You MUST provide the following information on the web link:

- Name
- Email
- Date

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- 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.

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 10 February will be 10 pm

Conditions:

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PLAYERS AND CADDIES – 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 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:

- Canada
- Denmark
- United Kingdom
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Japan
- Malaysia
- Netherlands □ Norway
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sweden
- Taiwan (*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 an approved ETA Travel Agent in Taiwan or Australian Visa Services office in Taipei.)
- USA

The following nationalities will require an Online Visitor e600 Visa:

- Chile
- Colombia
- Israel
- Mexico
- Paraguay
- Philippines
- South Africa
- Thailand

The following nationalities will require a Temporary Work visa:

- China

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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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