



2019 ISPS HANDA VIC OPEN

HOST VENUE:

13th Beach Golf Links
Barwon Heads Rd, Barwon Heads, Victoria 3227, Australia
Phone: +61 (3) 5254 2922
Fax: +61 (3) 5254 1097
Website: www.13thbeachgolf.com

CHAMPIONSHIP DATES:

Thursday 7 – Sunday 10 February 2019

PRO-AM TOURNAMENTS:

Tuesday 5 & Wednesday 6 February 2019

TOURNAMENT PRIZE MONEY:

AUD \$1,500,000

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:

Simon Brookhouse – General Manager, Golf Operations, Golf Australia
Trevor Herden – Tournament Director, Golf Australia
Jo Charlton – Opens Senior Manager, Golf Australia
Michelle Hui – Victorian Open Manager, Golf Australia
Andrew Langford-Jones – Director of Tournaments, PGATA
Graeme Scott – Tournaments Manager, PGATA
Jose Maria Zamora – Tournament Director, European Tour
Karen Lunn – CEO, Australian Ladies Professional Golf
Bo Ream – Director, Rules, Ladies Professional Golf Association

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE – OVERVIEW

DAY	DATE	ITEM
MON	04/02	Final Qualifying (AM) – Curlewis, Portarlinton & Sanctuary Lakes GCs Practice (both courses) all day Registration at 13th Beach Golf Links (9am – 5pm)
TUES	05/02	AM – Pro-Am (both courses) – 7.45am shot-gun PM – Practice (both courses) from 1pm Registration at 13th Beach Golf Links (7am – 5pm)
WED	06/02	AM – Pro-Am (both courses) – 7.45am shot-gun PM – Practice (both courses) from 1pm Registration at 13th Beach Golf Links (7am – 2pm)
THU	07/02	Round 1 – Beach & Creek Courses
FRI	08/02	Round 2 – Beach & Creek Courses
SAT	09/02	Round 3 – Beach Course
SUN	10/02	Round 4 – Beach Course

**THE ISPS HANDA VIC OPEN IS A GOLF AUSTRALIA EVENT
CO-SANCTIONED BY THE
ISPS HANDA PGA TOUR OF AUSTRALASIA & EUROPEAN TOUR.**

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I. TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

Championship Dates: Thursday 7 – Friday 10 February 2019

Host Venue: **13th Beach Golf Links**
Address: Barwon Heads Rd, Barwon Heads, Victoria 3227, Australia
Phone: +61 (3) 5254 2922
Website: www.13thbeachgolf.com

Contact: General Manager – Craig Skimming (cskimming@13thbeachgolf.com)

The championship is a co-sanctioned ISPS Handa PGA Tour of Australasia (PGATA) and European Tour (ET) event and will be played over 72 holes stroke play at the 13th Beach Golf Links.

The Men’s Championship will be played in conjunction with the Women’s Championship at 13th Beach on the same courses and same days. All rounds will be played in alternating men’s & women’s groups on the Beach & Creek Courses as follows:

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| ▪ Thursday 7 February (Rd 1) | Beach & Creek Courses (one round each course) |
| ▪ Friday 8 February (Rd 2) | Beach & Creek Courses (one round each course) |
| ▪ Saturday 9 February (Rd 3) | Beach Course |
| ▪ Sunday 10 February (Rd 4) | Beach Course |

Two cuts will be made after rounds 2 and 3 (see note 6 below).

Significant support to stage the event has been received from the Victorian State Government, the City of Greater Geelong, naming rights sponsor ISPS Handa, and the Transport Accident Commission. Prize money in 2019 has increased to AUD \$1,500,000 which will be distributed according to the European Tour regulations.

2. ENTRY FEE, PROCESS & CLOSING DATE

Entry fees for professional will be determined by each respective Tour. Amateur entry fees will be AUD \$200.

European Tour Member entries will be managed via the European Tour.

PGA of Australia members MUST enter online via myPGA. All other professionals must enter online via the Non-Member entry page available online via the PGA website www.pga.org.au.

Note: Professional golfers who are members of both the PGATA and the ET **must** enter through both tours.

Amateur players must enter (and pay) via Golf Australia at www.vicopengolf.com/entries.

Entry Closing Date:

Professional entries for the Championships (inc. Qualifying) close at 5pm AEDT on Thursday 17 January 2019.

Amateur entries for the Championships (inc. Qualifying) close at 5pm AEDT on Thursday 17 January 2019. The Championship Committee reserves the right to accept late entries after that time under special circumstances.

Exemption Request Letters:

Players seeking exemption into the starting field are requested to submit a letter and their CV to Simon Brookhouse (simonb@golf.org.au) and Michelle Hui (michelleh@golf.org.au) prior to close of entries.

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3. FIELD COMPOSITION

The field of 156 male players will be determined as follows:

- a) Any former winner of the Victorian Open played at 13th Beach Golf Links (2013 onwards)
- b) Leading 60 available players from the 2019 European Tour Exemption Categories excluding categories 6 and 8.
- c) 8 Amateurs as selected by Golf Australia
- d) 8 Tournament Invitations
- e) The leading 6 players from Final Qualifying
- f) The remainder of the field will be filled by players from the 2019 PGA Tour of Australasia Tournament Exemption Categories

4. FINAL QUALIFYING

6 qualifying positions for Men and 3 for Women (9 total) will be available.

Final qualifying will be conducted by Golf Australia and played over 18 holes stroke play on Monday 4 February 2019 at the following venues:

- Curlewis GC - 1345 Portarlinton Rd, Curlewis VIC 3222
- Portarlinton GC - 130 Hood Rd, Portarlinton VIC 3223
- Sanctuary Lakes GC - 70 Greg Norman Dr, Point Cook VIC 3030

Notes:

- i. All women to play at Sanctuary Lakes GC. Men will be divided across all three venues.
- ii. The number of positions available at each venue will be divided based on field size at each venue and will be confirmed once all players register on the day.
- iii. Ties for last places at all qualifying venues will be decided by “sudden death” play-off as soon as practicable.

5. REGISTRATION

All competitors must register in person at the Player Admin Office at 13th Beach Golf Links as follows:

- **Monday 4 February:** 9.00am – 5:00pm
- **Tuesday 5 February:** 7.00am – 5.00pm
- **Wednesday 5 February:** 7.00am – 2.00pm

The Championship Committee reserves the right to waive this condition in special individual circumstances.

NOTE: Players who fail to meet the registration deadline and who **have not** contacted Tour staff for granting of late registration may be removed from the tournament draw.

6. PLAYER ADMIN, PGATA/ET & GOLF AUSTRALIA TOURNAMENT OFFICES

The Player Admin and PGATA/ET Offices will be located in the portable buildings adjacent to the practice putting green near the cart shed. The Golf Australia office will be located upstairs in the clubhouse with access via the dining room.

Note: Any phone calls are to be directed to mobiles via the following contacts:

ISPS Handa PGA Tour of Australasia:

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| ▪ Director of Tournaments | Andrew Langford-Jones | +61 408 640 800 |
| ▪ Tournaments Manager | Graeme Scott | +61 488 030 762 |
| ▪ Tournament Administrator | Stephanie De Luca | +61 488 443 778 |

European Tour:

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| ▪ Tournament Director | Jose Maria Zamora | +34 609 112626 |
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Golf Australia:

▪ General Manager – Golf Operations	Simon Brookhouse	+61 417 106 269
▪ Tournament Director	Trevor Herden	+61 403 677 907
▪ Opens Senior Manager	Jo Charlton	+61 437 953 856
▪ Victorian Open Manager	Michelle Hui	+61 435 924 495

7. CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS & CUTS

All draws will be posted on the PGATA website (www.pga.org.au) or tournament website (www.vicopengolf.com) and inside the Player Admin noticeboard. Men's & women's groups will be alternated throughout all rounds of the championship.

156 male competitors will compete via two-tee starts on both the Beach & Creek courses for Rounds 1 & 2 with a mirror draw for Round 2. The draw for Rounds 1 & 2 will be available by 5.00pm on Tuesday 5 February.

36-Hole Tournament Cut

After round 2, the leading 65 professional players plus ties plus amateurs tying on the same score shall qualify to play the round 3.

Draws for Round 3 will be seeded and available at approximately 7.30pm on Friday evening.

54-Hole Secondary Tournament Cut

A further cut will be made after round 3 for the leading 35 players plus ties (pros and amateurs inclusive) shall qualify to play round 4.

Note: Professionals that make the 36-hole cut but miss the 54-hole cut will be paid official money according to their finishing position at the completion of the third round.

Draws for Round 4 will be re-seeded and available at approximately 6.30pm on Saturday evening.

8. COURSE PRACTICE TIMES

Official practice round times are as follows:

- **Monday 4 February** – Beach & Creek Courses – all day from 1st tee only
- **Tuesday 5 February** – Beach & Creek Courses – 1pm to 3pm from 1st and 10th tees
- **Wednesday 6 February** – Beach & Creek Courses – 1pm to 3pm from 1st and 10th tees

All bookings **must** be made through the 13th Beach pro shop on (03) 5254 2922 to secure a spot.

Notes: Practice opportunities will be made available to competing players in the week(s) leading up to the Championship to relieve course pressure during the tournament week. Players to contact 13th Beach to arrange.

9. PRACTICE AREAS

A practice fairway, two short games areas and two practice putting greens will be available.

Practice Fairway Length: Approx 280 metres (see Note 1 below)

The Practice Fairway will be in operation at 13th Beach during tournament week as follows:

Sunday	2pm – 5pm	Thursday	6am – 7pm
Monday	8am – 6pm	Friday	6am – 7pm
Tuesday	6.45am – 6pm	Saturday	6am – 7pm
Wednesday	6.45am – 6pm	Sunday	1 hour before first tee time – last tee time

Note 1:

Given the length of the practice fairway, players are restricted to clubs within the 280m distance range.

Note 2:

Limited space is available on the practice fairway. Players finished their morning round must give priority to afternoon players before commencing practice.

Preference is to be given to those players with approaching tee times and **MUST** be given to those players remaining in the tournament on the weekend.

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Note 3:

No practice chipping or pitching is permitted to the practice putting green in the front of the clubhouse.

10. YARDAGE BOOKS & PIN PLACEMENTS

Yardage Books, in metres and yards, will be available for purchase at the Player Admin office (Players) and Golf Australia office (Caddies) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Pin placements will be provided by the official starters on the 1st and 10th tees on all four days of the Championship.

11. PRO-AMS – TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Two Pro-Ams will be played at 13th Beach Golf Links on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 February mornings. Approximately 26 male professionals will be required each day for both Pro-Ams. A team will consist of 1 professional and 3 amateurs.

Play will commence via a shotgun start at **7.45am** on both days. All players (including professionals) are required to register at least **30 mins prior** to the start time with Golf Australia officials in the clubhouse foyer. Professionals are to collect the scorecard, record scores and return card at the end of the round.

The competition played will be **Tour Scramble**. All players tee off then select the best tee shot on all hole. All 3 amateurs will then play their second shot from this position. If the selected tee shot is the professional's, he/she will play from here, if not he will play from where his/her tee shot finished. After the second shots, each player continues and complete the ball with their own ball.

The net aggregate team score in relation to par will count at each hole (ie. **all 4** scores in the team can count). To contribute to a team score, a player must score a **nett birdie or better**. The worst score any player can have on a hole is a **nett par**. The team with the lowest **nett aggregate** in relation to par will win.

There will also be nearest to the pin and longest drive for the amateurs only.

All professionals competing in the Pro-Am are requested to attend the Presentation Lunch which will be held immediately following the completion of play from approximately **12.45pm**.

12. CADDIES

All players **MUST** have a caddie for all rounds of the championship.

Pull buggies will be allowed on Thursday (Rd 1) and Friday (Rd 2) only. All caddies **MUST** carry the player's equipment on Saturday (Rd 3) and Sunday (Rd 4)

Should you require a local volunteer caddie, please contact:

- Maree MILLS: mareemills11@gmail.com or +61 408 342 156

Caddie Bibs must be worn. Bibs will be distributed at the 1st and 10th tees by the walking scorer and collected at the completion of the round on the 9th and 18th greens. To avoid unnecessary spiking and wearing of the greens, caddies are **NOT** permitted to wear spiked or ripple soled shoes.

Additional items to note as follows:

- **Registration:** caddies will be required to register at the Golf Australia office from 7am–5pm on Monday & Tuesday to collect accreditation/car park pass and purchase yardage books if required.
- **Carpark:** allocated to the **General Carpark** (see item 14 for further details).
- **Player's Lounge:** caddies will not be allowed to access the player's lounge.
- **Catering:** food and beverages can be purchased from the clubhouse and tournament village.
- **Rakes:** to be placed outside of the bunkers parallel to the direction of play.
- **Recommended Fee:** \$80 AUD per round. To be negotiated between player and caddie.

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13. PLAYER ACCREDITATION & TICKETS

Each player will be provided with a Vic Open Player Badge to be used as accreditation for the week for access into the course, clubhouse and player’s lounge, along with one Clubhouse Car Park Pass.

Players will be provided with the following number of tickets for the tournament at registration:

- 6 x Any One Day Passes General Admission
- 2 x Season Passes General Admission
- 1 x Guest Pass

Players requiring more tickets to direct requests to their respective Tour staff.

14. CARPARKING

Players:

Players will have access to the **Clubhouse Car Park** designated by the car park pass provided which must be displayed on the rear vision mirror. Entry is via **Tomara Drive** upon entering the 13th Beach club gates. No additional car park passes will be allocated.

Caddies:

Caddies will be allocated one **General Car Park** pass upon registration with Golf Australia officials. Entry is via Lings Rd only off Barwon Heads Rd. Please note due to limited space, caddies **will not** be able to access clubhouse car parking.

15. PLAYER’S LOUNGE

A player’s lounge will be available to players **on Monday to Sunday from 5:30am to 6:00pm.**

Access to this area is restricted to **player’s only** with **entry via player badge.**

Please note that family/friends and/or caddies **are not permitted** entry to this area. Due to the costs associated with this operation, the complimentary provision of food is restricted to players only.

If players remove food from the Player Lounge for consumption by others, take away privileges will be revoked for all players. Golf Australia, the Tours and 13th Beach requests players to respect this service accordingly.

Meals will be provided at the times each day as follows:

- **Breakfast:** 5:30am to 10:30am
- **Lunch:** 11:00am – 2:30pm
- **Snacks:** 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Soft drinks/water will also be available via fridges in the Player’s Lounge courtesy of Coca-Cola Amatil.

16. ON COURSE DRINKS

Mount Franklin Water and Powerade will be provided to players, caddies and volunteers during the tournament week courtesy of appreciated event support from Coca-Cola Amatil.

However, given the volume of drinks required to service an event of this size, it is requested that the supply of Mount Franklin Water and Powerade **only be utilised by players, caddies and volunteers.** Drinks are not to be provided to family, friends and spectators following the play of any one group.

17. DRESS CODE & FOOTWEAR

In accordance with PGA regulations, long pants are required for all male players on championship days. Players are allowed to wear shorts on Practice and Pro-Am days. 13th Beach Golf Links has relaxed its dress regulations for the duration of the Championship and neat casual dress, will be allowed in the Clubhouse. **Soft spikes may be worn in the Clubhouse.**

18. RULES REFEREES

Tour representatives and rules referees will be present during all Championship rounds to assist with any rules queries and to monitor pace of play.

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19. SLOW PLAY

Slow Play procedures will be in accordance with PGATA Guidelines. Copies of this procedure will be available from the Player Admin Office.

20. SCORECARD RETURN

All completed scorecards are to be returned to the Scorers Hut located close to the main Practice Putting Green. Players finishing on the 9th hole of the Creek Course will be shuttled to the Scorers Hut on Thursday & Friday.

21. PLAY OFF

In the event of a tie or ties for the Championship, unless the Championship Committee determines otherwise, play shall continue over the 18th hole repeatedly, players being eliminated hole by hole as they fail to maintain equality with others until the winner is determined.

22. PRESENTATION

The presentation will take place on the 18th green (Beach Course) immediately following the completion of play.

23. TEMPORARY PRIVILEGES

All contestants will have access to the 13th Beach Golf Links from 4-10 February. Further access to the courses will be available in the weeks leading up to the tournament upon application to the club Pro-Shop.

Locker Facilities

Lockers will be available for player’s use.

Protection of Valuables and Equipment

Although every care will be taken by the clubhouse staff with your equipment, in the final analysis, protection of your equipment and valuables, including insurance, will be your own responsibility.

Club Storage Area

Club storage will be available within the clubhouse.

Towels

Players must provide their own towels and are not to be taken from the club locker rooms.

24. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE & PHYSIO SERVICES

First Aid:

First Aid will be located at the St John Ambulance located near the Tournament Village between the 1st tee and 14th green of the Beach Course.

Hours on site will be:

- Monday – Wednesday 6:30 am – 5:30 pm
- Thursday – Sunday 6:30 am – 7:00 pm

First aid equipment including defibrillator and epipens will be provided by the first aid staff.

Doctor:

Tournament doctors will be available on all days of the Tournament Week.

Player Treatment Service

Physiotherapy, chiropractor and masseur services will be located in the portable buildings next to the second putting green towards the practice range. Bookings are to be coordinated via the Player Admin office.

25. GOLF AUSTRALIA

Golf Australia is the governing body for golf in Australia. In 2018, under the One Golf strategy Golf Australia amalgamated with five state and territory associations including Golf Victoria to form a streamlined governance structure.

Hence it would be appreciated if all players could refer to the new organisation of **Golf Australia**.

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26. MEDIA / TELECAST TIMES

It is requested that players make themselves available where possible for any media requirements throughout the duration of the championship.

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

- Thursday 7 February: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm (AEDT)
- Friday 8 February: 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm (AEDT)
- Saturday 9 February: 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm (AEDT)
- Sunday 10 February: 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm (AEDT)

27. TRANSPORT

Airport Bus: Shuttle buses will be made available to and from the Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine) and will be communicated once player travel arrangements have been submitted.

All players **must** complete the online Player Information Form (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JKRDPH2>) to ensure Tournament Organisers can arrange suitable transport.

In addition, there is a Gull Bus that runs approximately every hour from Melbourne Airport (Tullamarine) to Geelong. Timetable can be found here <https://gull.com.au/airport-transfer/timetables/> and will be at each player's own cost.

Airports: Melbourne Tullamarine Airport (101 km – travel time approx. 1.5hrs to 2.5hrs in peak)
Avalon Airport (42 km – travel time approx. 45 mins to 1 hr in peak)
Note: Avalon Airport offers 9am flights on Monday 11 February direct to Adelaide and Perth for those continuing on to the ISPS Handa Perth Super 6s or ISPS Handa Women's Australian Open.

Car Rental: Along with well-known car rental agencies, Melbourne Airport have car rental agencies that do not have an under 25 age surcharge. These include:

- Apex Car Rental
- Bargain Car Rental
- Jucy Car Rental
- Ace Rental Cars

Courtesy Cars: Will be available for players staying within 10km of 13th Beach Golf Links. Players will be required to book with Player Transport services for transfer between local accommodation and the golf course.

Hotel Shuttle: Shuttle bus transfer will be available to and from the golf course and the official tournament hotel at scheduled times.

Uber: Uber is widely used throughout Australia and is available in Barwon Heads.

28. ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The following accommodation options are available for the 2019 ISPS Handa Vic Open:

Billet Accommodation

Billet accommodation is available in the Ocean Grove/Barwon Heads area for the week of February 4-10. Any player requiring Billet accommodation is requested to contact:

- Faye Wheatley: fayewheatley@rocketmail.com or + 61 418 102 178

Tournament Hotel

Please contact Paul Armsden (reservations@europeantourtravelservices.com) to arrange a room at the official tournament hotel (Peppers The Sands Resort). Rates – AUD \$210 (single share) \$228 (twin share) per night (inc buffet breakfast), cancellation date – 30 days prior. **Note:** Bookings will be on a “first come” basis.

Peppers The Sands Resort

Address: 2 Sands Boulevard, Torquay VIC 3228

Phone: +61 7 5665 4426

Email: sands@peppers.com.au

Website: www.peppers.com.au

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Additional Local Hotels / Motels

The Barwon Heads Golf Club

Address: Golf Links Road, Barwon Heads VIC
Phone: +61 3 5255 6255
Email: info@bhgc.com.au
Website: www.barwonheads.golf

Barwon Heads Resort

Address: 36 Fourteenth Road, Barwon Heads
Phone: +61 3 5254 1777
Email: reservations@barwonheadsresort.com.au
Website: www.BarwonHeadsResort.com.au

Golden Palms Motel

Address: 234 Torquay Road, Grovedale
Phone: +61 3 5243 1077
Email: goldenpalms@bigpond.com
Website: www.goldenpalmsmotel.com.au

Ocean Grove Chalet

Address: 99 The Terrace, Ocean Grove VIC 3226
Phone: +61 477 020 434
Email: stay@oceangrovechalet.com.au
Website: www.oceangrovechalet.com.au

Lon Retreat & Spa

Address: 25 Gill Road, Point Lonsdale VIC 3225
Phone: +61 3 5258 2990
Email: hello@lonretreat.com.au
Website: www.lonretreat.com.au

Riverside Ocean Grove (Suites & Holiday Units)

Address: 64-78 Wallington Road, Ocean Grove
Phone: +61 3 5256 2555
Email: info@riversideoceangrove.com.au
Website: www.riversideoceangrove.com.au

Holiday Rental Houses and Units/Apartments

Barwon Grove Holiday Rentals

Mobile: + 61 412 102 145
Website: www.bgholidayrentals.com.au

Getaway Rentals Barwon Heads

Contact: Marisa Colman
Mobile: +61 418 108 627
Email: info@getawaybarwonheads.com.au
Website: www.getawaybarwonheads.com.au

Ocean Grove Stays

Address: Chris Smith
Phone: +61 403 515 605
Email: enquiries@oceangrovestays.com.au
Website: www.oceangrovestays.com.au

29. IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS, CADDIES & GUESTS

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 contact Graeme Scott (PGATA) on gscott@pga.org.au should you need any assistance.

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.

Travel Insurance:

It is highly recommended that International players purchase travel insurance prior to coming to Australia.

30. INTERNET FACILITIES

Wifi will be available in the Clubhouse, Player's Lounge and Player Admin Office.

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31. THANK YOU LETTERS

Stephen Pitt (CEO)
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Thank you for your assistance.

On behalf of Golf Australia, 13th Beach, PGATA, ALPG, ET and LPGA we wish all players good golfing at the 2019 ISPS Handa Vic Open.

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