



2018 Conditions (Amateur)

To be played at



Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th November 2018

Final Pre-Qualifying: Monday 29th October 2018

- Entry Fee: \$120 (inc GST)
(Amateur) Exempt Amateur players are required to pay the full entry fee;
Non-exempt amateur players are required to submit initial fee of \$70
plus a further \$50 at registration if successful at final qualifying.
- Format: 72-Hole Strokeplay
- Eligibility: Open to Male Professional and Amateur Golfers whose Golf Australia Handicap
does not exceed 4.4 strokes
- Prize Money: Prize money of a \$110,000 (min) shall be allocated to the professional golfers in
accordance with the PGA distribution formulas.
- Entries Close: 5:00pm on Thursday 11th October 2018

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2018 ISUZU QUEENSLAND OPEN

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP:

ISUZU QUEENSLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP - will be played over 72 holes of stroke play - 18 holes Thursday 1, Friday 2, Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October 2018. Venue: The Brisbane Golf Club

2. **COMPETITORS:** 132 competitors shall be eligible to compete comprising those exempt from qualifying and place winners in the qualifying competitions. The leading 50 professional scores after 36 holes and any tied for 50th place, plus all amateur players on an equal or better score, shall qualify for the third and fourth rounds; the remainder shall be eliminated.

2. **CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE:** The Championship will be under the management and control of the Championship Committee, consisting of representatives of Golf Queensland and the PGA of Australia. 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.

3. AMATEUR ENTRIES:

3.1 The Championship event is open to all amateur golfers with an Golf Australia Handicap (**not exceeding 4.4 at the time of entry**) who are members of a golf club affiliated through their District Golf Association with Golf Queensland, or other State/National Golf Associations

3.2 Entries must be received by Golf Queensland, by 5:00 pm on Thursday 11th October, 2018. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Committee. It is the player's responsibility to ensure that their entry has been processed online and their name is present on the registered participants list on www.mitournament.com.au Inquiries can be made through the Golf Queensland office on (07) 3252 8155.

3.3 The total amateur entry fee for the Championship is \$120.00 (includes GST. Exempt amateur players are required to pay full entry fee; Non-exempt amateur players are required to submit initial fee of \$70 plus further \$50 at registration if successful at final qualifying.)

3.4 Entries without a Golf Link number must be supported by a printed handicap record endorsed by an official of the player's home club.

3.5 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, Golf Queensland reserves the right to deem any competitor ineligible – at any time prior to or during the Championship.

3.6 Once the draw for the Final Qualifying is published, there will be no refund of Amateur entry fees to players who withdraw from the event. Players who withdraw prior to the situations above be refunded their entry fee, less an administration fee of \$11.00.

4. FINAL QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

If more than 132 entries are received for the Isuzu Queensland Open, entrants other than those the Championship Committee may exempt will be required to qualify for the Championships. For those competitors NOT exempt direct into the Championship (Section 22), the qualifying procedure will be as follows:

Separate stroke play competitions of 18 holes each shall be played on Monday 29th October 2018 at the Carbrook Golf Club and Nudgee Golf Club (additional venues may be considered dependent on entry numbers). For Final Qualifying, the field shall be divided as evenly as possible between the respective courses.

A minimum of ten places will be available to make up the field for the Isuzu Queensland Open Championship proper and shall also be divided on the basis of field size at each course. Should the number of entries exceed the courses capacity, entrants on the higher handicaps will be balloted out.

Ties for the last places in Final Qualifying shall be decided by a hole by hole play-off as soon as practicable after all players have finished play. Alternate places in case of subsequent withdrawals from the Championship proper shall be decided by either hole by hole play-off or by lot as the Championship Committee may determine.

5. **PUBLICITY:** Golf Queensland, PGA of Australia and Sponsors arrange publicity before and during the Championships in the Media, 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 Golf Queensland, PGA of Australia and Sponsors. All rights for televising live, television recordings or for any visual or electronic reproduction of the Championship are reserved only to Golf Queensland, PGA of Australia and may only be made under licence.

5. **PRIVACY:** Golf Queensland and PGA of Australia may retain the personal details (i.e. name, address, handicap) of entrants in this Championship on its records. The purpose of doing so is such that information on other future events conducted by Golf Queensland (or other parties) can be forwarded as deemed appropriate by Golf Queensland. This information will not be available to any other organisation. Any person may have their details removed from this database by phoning the Golf Queensland on 3252 8155.

6. **DRESS REGULATIONS:** Players will be permitted to wear shorts during all practice rounds and during the pre-tournament pro-am. All shorts should be knee length, tailored shorts and predominately of one colour. "Cargo pocket styled" shorts are not permitted. Long pants are required to be worn during all tournament rounds.

7. **PRACTICE:** Practice times at The Brisbane Golf Club will be available on Monday 29, Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 (limited AM times only on Tuesday and Wednesday) October 2018. The Championship Pro-Ams will be held at The Brisbane Golf Club on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 October, 2018, both commencing at 12:00pm.

8. **RULES:** The Isuzu Queensland Open will be played under the auspices of the PGA of Australia, in accordance with the current PGA of Australia Member Regulations Handbook. This will include The Rules of Golf, as adopted by R & A Rules Limited, Local Rules and Conditions of Competition (PGA Tour Tour Hard Card) as published by PGA Tour, and such additional Local Rules as approved by the Championship Committee.

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9. **COURSE MARKERS:** During practice or during the Championship a player 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.
10. **DRAW AND STARTING TIMES:** A draw for each day's play will be made and published on the PGA of Australia and Golf Queensland website. Players shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the Championship Committee. Rule 6-3a provides "If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes of his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole."
11. **BALL:** It will be obligatory for all competitors in all events to play with a ball which is named in the current list of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the R&A. Penalty for breach of this condition: Disqualification.
Balls with identical markings to be used: Throughout a stipulated round, the balls a player uses must be of the same brand and type as detailed by a single entry in the current list of Conforming Golf Balls. Penalty: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum per round: Four strokes.
12. **DRIVING CLUBS** - "Any driver the player carries must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the R&A. Exception: A driver with a clubhead that was manufactured prior to 1999 is exempt from this condition.
 *PENALTY FOR CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE WITH, CLUB OR CLUBS IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Stroke play – Two strokes for each hole at which any 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 his opponent in match play or his *marker* or a *fellow-competitor* in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified.
 PENALTY FOR MAKING STROKE WITH CLUB IN BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification."
13. **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.
 Note: This is in effect for the Championship Proper Only (it is not in effect for Qualifying).
14. **USE OF MOTORISED VEHICLES:** 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.
 Exception: - Referees may utilise motorised vehicles to transport a player/caddie in the interests of pace of play where necessary without penalty.
15. **CADDIES:** Players will at all times be liable for the actions of their caddies.
16. **PACE OF PLAY:** Pace of Play will be administered in accordance with the PGA of Australia's Pace of Play Policy as outlined on the PGA Tour Hard Card (Section 4).
17. **DRUG TESTING:** All competitors are subject to drug testing by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Agency for banned substances as laid down in Golf Australia's Anti-Doping Policy. Any competitor infringing this policy, or refusing to take a test, shall be disqualified and subject to any sanction(s) brought down by ASADA. A list of prohibited substances will be available at registration. Clarification of any medication can be obtained via the ASADA hotline – 1800 020 506, or from www.asada.gov.au
18. **TIES:** In the event of a tie after 72 holes, unless the Championship Committee otherwise determines, play shall continue over such holes as the Championship Committee shall decide in a sudden-death, hole-by-hole play-off until the winner is determined. In the event of a tie or ties for the leading Amateur positions, (unless the players tie for the Championship) joint winners will be declared.
19. **TROPHIES:** The winner shall become the Men's Isuzu Queensland Open Champion and will have their name engraved on the TB Hunter Cup. The leading Amateur will receive a trophy.
20. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** All amateur entrants are bound by Golf Australia's Code of Conduct ("the Code"). A copy of the Code is available at www.golf.org.au. Any breach of the Code may be recorded on the Central Register of the Code ("the Register"). The Register may be accessed (and published from time to time) by any State Association or Golf Australia for the purposes of administering Competitions or state championships, events, competitions, practice sessions or major activities conducted or sanctioned by a State Association, or any State Association or Golf Australia codes of conduct and/or other related matters.
21. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** In the Final Qualifying event only, For all play in this Championship a player may obtain distance information by use of distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (eg, elevation changes, wind speed, etc), the player is in breach of **Rule 14-3**.



22. ISUZU QUEENSLAND OPEN - EXEMPTIONS FROM QUALIFYING:

Exemptions from qualifying will be granted to the following players:

General - Players exempted by the Championship Committee (maximum 10).

Professional - Exempt professionals (92) from the PGA Tour exemption categories.

Amateur - As provided for in the agreement between Golf Queensland and the PGA, Golf Queensland may provide up to a maximum number of 20 exemptions for amateur players from final qualifying into the 2018 Championship. Golf Queensland will notify the relevant players of their exemption. Exemptions for the 2018 Championship will be allocated in the following order:

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| 1 | 2018 Australian Men's Amateur Champion | 1 | 2018 FNQ Men's Open Winner |
| 1 | 2018 Keperra Bowl Champion | 1 | 2018 Queensland Men's Amateur Champion |
| 1 | 2018 Golf North Queensland Men's Open Winner | 1 | 2018 Queensland Men's Stroke Play Champion |
| 1 | 2018 City of Rockhampton Men's Open Winner | 1 | 2018 Queensland Junior Boy's Champion |
| 8 | Members of the 2018 Queensland Men's Amateur State Team (Maximum 8) | 1 | 2017 Greg Norman Masters Boy's Champion |
| Any remaining amateur exemptions to be determined by Golf Queensland and Golf Australia | | | |

Note:

(i) A player must be an amateur golfer as of Thursday 1 November 2018 in order to receive an amateur exemption as outlined in section 22.

(ii) Where applicable, it is the sole responsibility of the player to ensure the Championship Play Committee has received notification of his exempt status. Should the Championship Play Committee not be so advised, that player will be deemed to be a non-exempt player.

Preferred Accommodation Provider



The Riverside Hotel is providing a discount to all participants of the Isuzu Queensland Open (including pre-q players).

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- Click on "Book Now"
- Select a date from 28th October and click on "Promo Code"
- Type QLDOPEN on the code

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