



2015 QUALIFYING SCHOOL APPLICATION

Sandhurst Club, Champions Course (Victoria)

Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th January, 2015

INTRODUCTION

The PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School is conducted prior to the commencement of the PGA Legends Tour season to provide an opportunity for eligible players to secure an eligibility ranking within the PGA Legends Tour Exemption Categories for the forthcoming season.

Note: The entry fees outlined in this document refer only to the PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School. Those competitors who become eligible for Senior Tournament Membership with the PGA of Australia will be required to pay the relevant annual membership fees.

1. FORMAT

Sandhurst Club, Champions Course (Victoria)

Monday 5 January	Official Practice Round
Tuesday 6 January	Official Practice Round
Wednesday 7 January	Round One
Thursday 8 January	Round Two
Friday 9 January	Round Three (Final Round)

Players must register in person at the PGA Tournament Office at The Sandhurst Club by 12:00noon on Tuesday 6 January 2015.

The 2015 PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School will be contested over 54-holes stroke play at Sandhurst Club, Champions Course, Victoria. Each competitor will contest all three rounds and no cut will be made. At the close of the tournament, the following number of competitors, who are not existing Members of the PGA of Australia, will become eligible to apply to become Senior Tournament Members of the PGA of Australia for the 2015 season:

- Where non-Member Qualifying School competitors number two (2) to four (4) – one (1) competitor will become eligible
- Where non-Member Qualifying School competitors number five (5) to eight (8) – two (2) competitors will become eligible
- Where non-Member Qualifying School competitors number nine (9) or more – three (3) competitors will become eligible

All Full Vocational Members of the PGA who contest the PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School, along with up to three (3) leading non-Members as outlined above, will be ranked according to their finishing position at the conclusion of the tournament with the winner being placed in Senior Tournament Exemption Category F and the remainder in Category H for the 2015 season.

Following completion of the Final Round of PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School, should there be a tie for the first position or the last Senior Tournament Membership position available to non-members of the PGA of Australia, the tie will be settled by a sudden death play-off which will be conducted immediately following the completion of the final round.

All other positions will be ranked on a count-back basis as follows: the best last 18, 36, 9, 6, 3 and 1 holes.

The PGA reserves the right to amend the conduct and format for the PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School at anytime. Every effort will be made to complete the prescribed number of holes for the PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School but if fewer holes can only be completed over the allotted days the PGA may reduce the number of holes required or have the PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School rescheduled.



2. QUALIFYING SCHOOL ENTRY FEES AND ENTRY DEADLINE

Qualifying School Entry Fees:

AUD\$1,540.00 (includes GST) for all entrants other than current PGA of Australia Vocational Members
AUD\$440.00 (includes GST) for current PGA of Australia Vocational Members

Deadlines:

Entries must be received no later than 5pm (AEDST) Friday 19th December 2014 in order to be considered.

Note: PGA of Australia reserves all rights to extend the entry deadline for applicants in exceptional circumstances and at its complete discretion.

3. DELIVERY OF ENTRIES

PGA of Australia will only accept entries on this particular entry form. Entries must be delivered by post, fax or email to:

PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School Applications

Attention: Andy Rogers
Legends Tour Coordinator
PGA of Australia
Sandhurst Club
600 Thompson Road
Sandhurst, Victoria 3977
Ph: (03) 8320 1992 Fax: (03) 9783 0000
OR
Via email to arogers@pga.org.au

4. CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The undersigned hereby applies to enter the 2015 PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School. An application to participate in the 2015 PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School may only be accepted if the PGA of Australia has received a completed and executed application form and the prescribed application fee by the Entry Deadline. The PGA of Australia may reject or revoke an application at any time, irrespective of whether it has been accepted, including during the 2015 PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School.

The PGA of Australia reserves the right to apply other reasonable criteria (including, but not limited to, judgements as to character, conduct and other criteria in accordance with the PGA of Australia Member Regulations) to all those who apply to become Senior Tournament Members of the PGA of Australia. Accordingly, the PGA of Australia may, in its absolute discretion, determine whether to extend the undersigned an invitation to join the PGA of Australia as a result of their successful completion of the Legends Tour Qualifying School or whether to accept an application for membership once an invitation to join the PGA of Australia has been extended.

If the undersigned successfully completes the PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School he will be eligible to apply for PGA of Australia Senior Tournament Membership for the following season (1 Jan – 31 Dec 2015) and must do so if they wish to utilise Senior Tournament Exemption Category F or H when entering Legends Tour events. Each player applying for Senior Tournament Membership will be required to register his application for membership on the prescribed PGA of Australia Membership Form. Upon acceptance to membership, this will qualify such players to participate in PGA Legends Tour Events, subject to individual tournament eligibility and field restrictions. Existing Senior Tournament Members required to seek re-entry to membership for 2015 via the PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School will be required to pay the applicable Qualifying School fee and the PGA Senior Tournament Membership fee for the 2015 season if successful.

a) Eligibility

The 2015 PGA of Australia Legends Tour Qualifying School is open to:

- i) All professional golfers who have reached 50 years of age on or before 30 June 2015* and
- ii) All amateur golfers who have reached 50 years of age on or before 30 June 2015* and have a handicap of 2.5 or less under the Handicapping Scheme adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in the country from which they elect to enter. (NB: Please refer to section relating to amateur status)

***Successful qualifiers will only be eligible to compete in PGA Legends Events on reaching 50 years of age. Exemptions are for the 2015 season only.**



b) Withdrawals

A player may withdraw at any time provided notification of their withdrawal is received by the PGA National Office in writing and signed by the player withdrawing. Players who withdraw prior to the Entry Deadline will receive a full refund of their entry fee. Players who withdraw after the Entry Deadline will be refunded no more than AUD\$1,100 (inc GST) for players other than current PGA of Australia Vocational members and AUD\$220 (inc GST) for current PGA of Australia Vocational Members. **Unless extreme personal circumstances exist, once a participant tees off (or is absent on the tee) he is no longer eligible for any type of refund.**

c) Amateur Status

Pursuant to the Rules of Amateur Status as approved by R&A Rules Ltd, an amateur golfer may compete in any qualifying competition for a professional Tour without breaching amateur status rules, provided that in advance of play and in writing, the golfer waives their right to any prize money in the competition. An amateur golfer wishing to retain their amateur status should they be unsuccessful in qualifying must sign the waiver declaration on the entry form.

d) Confirmation of Acceptance

On receipt and successful processing of each individual applicant's entry form, PGA will list those players on the relevant section of the PGA's website www.pga.org.au.

5. ENQUIRIES

All PGA of Australia Legends Tour Qualifying School queries can be made to the PGA of Australia National Office by the following methods:

Email: arogers@pga.org.au Tel: +61 (03) 8320 1992



2015 QUALIFYING SCHOOL ENTRY FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS

Family Name:

Given Names:

How you want your name to appear on draws, results etc

Nationality (or Australian State) you want to appear on draws, results etc

Street Address: Town/Suburb:

State: Postcode: Country:

Telephone Number: Mobile Number:

Email Address:

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy):

PLAYING STATUS

Status: Professional: Amateur:

If PROFESSIONAL, date turned professional (dd/mm/yyyy).....

Are you a member of a Professional Golfers Association and/or Tour? Yes No

If yes, please identify which organisation you are a member of

If AMATEUR, current handicap

As an Amateur entrant, I hereby waive my right to receive any prize money on offer and hence retain my amateur status should I be unsuccessful – (see Condition 4(c): Amateur Status)

(Entrant's signature)

QUALIFYING SCHOOL ENTRY FEE



_AUD\$1,540 (includes GST) for all entrants other than current PGA of Australia Vocational Members

_AUD\$440 (includes GST) for current PGA of Australia Vocational/Senior Tournament Members

Payment must accompany the entry form or it will not be accepted.

PGA of Australia recommends payment by Credit Card to assist in the processing of Entry Fees. Please complete the following Credit Card details:

Payment Method: MasterCard VISA

Name on card: _____

Card no: / / / CVV no _____

Expiry date: / Signature: _____

Where entrants do not have access to a Credit Card, payment may be accepted by Cheque or Money Order. Entry to the PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School **must be paid in Australian Dollars.**

By executing this application form for the 2015 PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School, the undersigned agrees that:

- (a) they are bound by the terms set out in this application form;
- (b) they are bound by the PGA of Australia Constitution and Member Regulations and Conditions of Competition and Local Rules. In particular, the undersigned agrees to abide by the Code of Conduct set out in the Member Regulations (copy available on request from PGA Office) and acknowledges that a breach of these will entitle the PGA to remove the undersigned from the qualifying school at any time; and
- (c) to the extent permitted by law, the undersigned acknowledges that the PGA of Australia, their members, employees and agents will not be liable or responsible for any loss or damage, injury to person or property, whether resulting in death or otherwise, arising out of, or related in any way to, any act or omission caused by the negligence or otherwise of any third party in the course of, or during travel to or from the PGA Legends Tour Qualifying School which includes press conferences and related functions and dinners.

Signature: . _____ **Date .** / /

**PLEASE COPY THIS ENTRY FORM AND RETAIN FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS.
THIS ENTRY FORM IS YOUR TAX INVOICE FROM PGA OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED (ABN: 46 127 641 829)**

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Date	Received:
Amount	Received:
New Player Number:	

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