

ISPS HANDA AUSTRALIAN OPEN – MEN’S FACT SHEET

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Dates:	1 – 4 December, 2022	Prize Money:	min. AUD \$1.7m each for men & women
Venues:	Victoria GC & Kingston Heath GC	Field Size:	max. 288 players (144 men & 144 women)
Location:	Melbourne, Australia		12 AAAC players
Website:	www.golf.org.au/ausopen		
Format:	72 holes stroke play. In the event of a tie, a sudden-death play off will take place.		
Overview:	In a world-first for golf, the ISPS HANDA Australian Open is bringing together our national men’s and women’s Open events, along with the inspiring All Abilities Championship.		

The Men’s & Women’s championships will be played at the same time across Victoria GC and Kingston Heath GC. All rounds will be played in alternating men’s & women’s groups as follows:

- Round 1 (Thurs 1 Dec) at Victoria GC & Kingston Heath GC (one round each course)
- Round 2 (Fri 2 Dec) at Victoria GC & Kingston Heath GC (one round each course)
- Round 3 (Sat 3 Dec) at Victoria GC
- Round 4 (Sun 4 Dec) at Victoria GC

This year’s ISPS HANDA Australian Open will also feature the third edition of the Australian All Abilities Championship (AAAC), which assembles the top 12 players on the World Ranking for Golfers with Disability (WR4GD) from across the world supported by global partners EDGA, the International Golf Federation and newly formed G4D Tour.

The AAAC will be played at Victoria GC, integrated within the ISPS HANDA Australian Open field, on Friday 2 – Sunday 4 December, with no cut.

Significant support to stage the event has been received from the Victorian State Government, naming rights sponsor ISPS HANDA and other major partners.

The ISPS HANDA Australian Open is a Golf Australia (GA) event, co-sanctioned with the ISPS HANDA PGA Tour of Australasia (PGATA) and DP World Tour (DPWT) for the men, and the WPGA Tour of Australasia (WPGA) for the women.

HOST CLUBS

Victoria Golf Club

Park Rd, Cheltenham VIC 3192
www.victoriagolf.com.au
 (03) 9584 1733
 General Manager – Antonie Els

Kingston Heath Golf Club

Kingston Rd, Cheltenham VIC 3192
www.kingstonheath.melbourne
 (03) 8558 2700
 General Manager – Andrew Taylor

ENTRIES & FIELD

Entries Close: PGATA Professionals within categories 1 - 21: Thursday 17 November 2022, 5pm AEDT
 DPWT members: Thursday 17 November
 Amateurs & other professionals – 5pm AEDT 10 November 2022. Handicap ballot to apply for amateurs.

Men’s Field: 144 men, with the breakdown to comprise of:

1. Leading 60 professionals from the PGA Tour of Australasia
2. Leading 60 professionals from the DP World Tour
3. Up to 4 invitations from Golf Australia
4. Up to 14 tournament invitations at the discretion of the Tournament Committee
5. Up to 6 Qualifying positions

Any unutilised positions from categories 2-4 will revert to the PGA Tour of Australasia and shall be filled at their discretion.

CUTS

To accommodate the dual fields, there will be two (2) tournament cuts as follows:

36-hole cut: Top 60 professionals and ties plus amateurs

54-hole cut: Top 30 players and ties (professionals & amateurs inclusive)

Notes:

- i. In the event of a tie for first place, a 'sudden death' play-off will take place on the 18th hole (continuous) at Victoria Golf Club until a result is achieved.
- ii. 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.

FINAL QUALIFYING

Dates: Monday 28 November, 2022

Qualifying Positions: Up to 6 positions for men

Venues: [Eastern GC](#)
[Sanctuary Lakes GC](#)
[Spring Valley GC](#)

Starting Times: 1st & 10th tees from 7:30am

Allocation: Preference on qualifying venue is to be submitted with registration and are not guaranteed. Once a venue has been allocated, players are not permitted to change.

Draws: Draws will be available at www.golf.org.au/ausopen, www.pga.org.au or www.europeantour.com

Positions: The number of qualifying 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.

Ties: Ties for last qualifying place will be decided by "sudden death" play-off as soon as practicable

PLAYER SERVICES

Tour Office: The Tour Office will be located at Victoria GC on the ground floor of the Clubhouse. A tour administrator will be onsite from Monday – Friday at Kingston Heath GC.

Registration: All competitors must register in person at the tour office at Victoria GC as follows:

- Monday 28 November 9am – 5pm
- Tuesday 29 November 7am – 5pm
- Wednesday 30 November 7am – 2pm

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.

Yardage books: Yardage books will be available for purchase (in metres & yards) at registration.

Pin sheets: Pin sheets will be provided by the starters on the 1st and 10th tees on all four days of the Championship. Practice round pin placements will be available at the Tour Office.

Dress code: Please note that LONG PANTS are required for all players in the men's field for the Championship. Shorts are permitted for practice rounds and Pro-Am.

Locker Rooms: All players will be allocated a locker at Victoria GC. Additional lockers will be available for use at Kingston Heath GC (note: limited amount allocated on a first come first served basis).

Bag Storage: No bag storage facility onsite.

Child Care: Childcare services will not be available onsite.

ACCREDITATION, TICKETING & PLAYER PARKING

Accreditation: Players will receive an **AO Player Badge** at registration to use as accreditation for the week, along with an accreditation pass for their caddie.

Tickets: Players will be provided the following at registration:

- 2 x Season Passes – General Admission
- 6 x Any One Day Tickets – General Admission
- 1 x Player Guest accreditation
- 1 x Caddie accreditation & Car Park D pass

Please refer to respective Tour staff for additional general admission tickets.

Will Call: TBC

Player Parking: Players will have access to the **Car Park A** at the Clubhouse at both venues as follows

- Victoria GC - entry via Park Rd, Cheltenham VIC 3192
- Kingston Heath GC - entry via Sunningdale Way, Heatherton VIC 3202

Players must show their AO Player Badge upon entry from Tuesday onwards. No additional car park passes will be allocated.

CADDIES

All players must have a caddie for all rounds of the championship. Caddies must carry the bag.

Note: For practice rounds, caddies are not required, and players may use pull buggies, subject to availability.

Accreditation: Caddie accreditation and a Car Park D pass will be provided to players at registration. It is the player's responsibility to distribute the items to their caddie.

Parking: Caddies will have access to the **Car Park D** offsite at both venues as follows

- Victoria GC - entry via Park Rd, Cheltenham VIC 3192
- Kingston Heath GC - TBC

Caddies must show their Car Park D pass upon entry from Tuesday onwards. Please note due to limited space, caddies will not be able to access Car Park A (unless travelling with the player).

Uniform: Caddie bibs must be worn and will be distributed at the 1st & 10th tees and collected at the completion of the round. Caddies are not permitted to wear spiked or ripple soled shoes.

Contact: Players requiring a caddie are asked to contact jnewell@pga.org.au.

PRACTICE ROUND TIMES

Practice round times will be available from Monday 28 November at both courses. Exact times and availabilities will be released closer to the tournament.

PRACTICE FACILITIES

Practice Range: Victoria GC – located at Cheltenham GC, entry via back left side of Victoria GC clubhouse carpark
Kingston Heath GC – located at the back end of the Clubhouse carpark

Operating Hours

The range will be open at both courses from Monday – Friday, then Victoria GC only on Saturday and Sunday. Opening times will be approximately 1.5 hours prior to first tee off, and half an hour after the last tee time (excluding Sunday – range closes after the last tee time).

Short Game: Victoria GC – located left of the 1st fairway
Kingston Heath GC – located next to the Practice Range

Putting Greens: Located in front of the Clubhouse at both courses. Chipping or pitching is not permitted.

PLAYER MEDICAL SERVICES, DOCTORS & FIRST AID

Player Medical: Physiotherapist, massage therapist, and chiropractor will be available to book during the week.

The team will be located in the player locker rooms at **Victoria Golf Club only** as follows:

- Tuesday: 9am – 6pm
- Wednesday – Saturday: 5:30am – 6pm
- Sunday: 90mins prior to the first tee time until last tee time

The above times are a guide only. To arrange an appointment outside of these times, please contact the Player Medical Services team when onsite.

Note: On Thursday & Friday, there will be a team member located at Kingston Heath GC in case of emergency.

Doctor: A doctor will be accessible during the tournament. Details will be released closer to the event.

First Aid: First Aid will be located in the **Tournament Village** at both venues during the following times:

- Tuesday: 9am – 5pm
- Wednesday: 6am – 6pm
- Thursday & Friday: 6am – 7pm
- Saturday: 6am – 9pm
- Sunday: 6am – 6pm

Gym: There will be no gymnasiums onsite at either venue.

PLAYERS' LOUNGE

Locations: Victoria GC – Dining Room on the first floor of the Clubhouse
Kingston Heath GC – Elsternwick Room in the Clubhouse

Access: Access via the AO Player Badge and Player Guest accreditation pass only

Guests: One guest per player

Operating Hours: Monday (28 Nov) – Both courses

- 11.00am – 3.00pm Lunch
- 11.00am – 6.30pm Grab n Go (Sandwiches / Snacks)

Tuesday (29 Nov) – Both courses

- 5.15am – 9.30am Breakfast
- 11.30am – 3.00pm Lunch
- 9.30am – 6.30pm Grab n Go (Sandwiches / Snacks)

Wednesday (30 Nov) – Both Courses

- 5.15am – 9.30am Breakfast
- 11.30am – 3.00pm Lunch
- 9.30am – 6.30pm Grab n Go (Sandwiches / Snacks)

Thursday (1 Dec) & Friday (2 Dec) – Both courses

- 5.15am – 9.30am Breakfast
- 11.30am – 3.00pm Lunch
- 9.30am – 6.30pm Grab n Go (Sandwiches / Snacks)

Saturday (3 Dec) – Victoria GC only

- 5.15am – 9.30am Breakfast
- 11.30am – 3.00pm Lunch
- 9.30am – 6.30pm Grab n Go (Sandwiches / Snacks)

Sunday (4 Dec) – Victoria GC only

- 5.15am – 9.30am Breakfast
- 11.30am – 3.00pm Lunch
- 9.30am – 6.30pm Grab n Go (Sandwiches / Snacks)

PREFERRED HOTEL & TRANSPORT

Preferred Hotel: [Hotel Chadstone \(M Gallery by Sofitel\)](#) – [click here](#) for a virtual tour
1341 Dandenong Road, Chadstone VIC 3148 Ph: (+61) 3 9108 3333

A preferred rate of 10% off the best unrestricted rate is offered for all players & guests.

[Click here](#) to be directed to the booking site or email HB2U8-RE@accor.com and mention Golf Australia to receive access to the preferred rate.

Courtesy Cars: Courtesy cars will be available from the afternoon of Sunday 27 November for airport transfers, and limited to a 15km radius of Cheltenham. Further details will be provided shortly.

PRO-AM

Date: Wednesday 30 November, 2022

Venue: Victoria GC

Time: Multi-tee starts – AM field at 7:00am and PM field at 1:00pm

Format: Tour Scramble (1 professional & 3 amateurs)

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 best two stableford scores on each hole will count as the team score. The team with the highest stableford points will win.

Registration: Professionals to register at the Tour Office 30 mins prior. Amateurs to register with GA in clubhouse (Australia Lounge).

Scoring: Professional to collect the scorecard, record scores & returns cards in the clubhouse (Australia Lounge).

Golf carts: Will be allocated to amateurs requiring a cart for medical reasons only.

Presentations: It is highly encouraged for all professionals participating in the pro-am to attend the presentation function in the Clubhouse at the completion of play for each session.

Catering: AM Field – light breakfast will be served at registration, followed by a presentation lunch after play.
PM Field – light lunch will be served at registration, followed by a presentation lunch after play

FUNCTIONS

The official Welcome Gala function will be at Luminare in South Melbourne from 7pm – 11pm on Tuesday 29 November. Attendance is by invitation only.

TEE TIMES (CHAMPIONSHIP PROPER)

Tee times will be available at www.golf.org.au/ausopen, www.pga.org.au or www.europeantour.com/dpworld-tour

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

ISPS HANDA Australian Open Phone Number: TBC (Tournament week only)

- General enquiries & tournament office – press TBC
- Media & media enquiries – press TBC
- Tour office – press TBC
- Volunteers – press TBC
- Player Transport – press TBC
- Television Production – press TBC

For enquiries in the lead up to the tournament week, please contact Golf Australia directly on (03) 9626 5050

1-4 DECEMBER 2022

VICTORIA GOLF CLUB &
KINGSTON HEATH GOLF CLUB
MEN | WOMEN | ALL ABILITIES



TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Time (approx.)	Victoria GC	Kingston Heath GC
Mon 28 Nov	From 7.00am	Practice Day (Closed to the Public)	Practice Day (Closed to the Public)
	From 7.30am 9.00am – 5.00pm	<i>Pre-qualifying at Eastern GC, Sanctuary Lakes GC & Spring Valley GC</i> Player Registration	
Tues 29 Nov	7.00am – 5.00pm	Practice Day	Practice Day
	7.00am – 5.00pm	Player Registration	
	7:00pm – 11.00pm	<i>Championship Welcome Gala (Invitation Only) – Luminare, Sth Melbourne</i>	
Wed 30 Nov	7.00am – 2.00pm	Player Registration	
	7.00am	Pro-Am Day – AM Session	Practice Day (from 7:00)
	1.00pm	Pro-Am Day – PM Session	
Thurs 1 Dec	6:30am - 5:30pm	Championship – Day 1	Championship – Day 1
	Approx. 6:20am	<i>MyGolfers First Tee Shots</i>	<i>MyGolfers First Tee Shots</i>
	11:30am – 5:30pm	<i>Corporate Hospitality</i>	
Fri 2 Dec	6:30am - 5:30pm	Championship – Day 2	Championship – Day 2
	4 groups in field	<i>All Abilities Champ'ship – Day 1</i>	
	11:30am – 5:30pm	<i>Corporate Hospitality</i>	
Sat 3 Dec	6:30am – 7.00pm	Championship – Day 3	<i>"Play 9" National Final (PM)</i>
	4 groups in field	<i>All Abilities Champ'ship – Day 2</i>	
	9.00am – 5.00pm	<i>Family Day</i>	
	1:00pm – 7:00pm	<i>Corporate Hospitality</i>	
	7:00pm – 8:30pm	<i>Live music in the village</i>	
Sun 4 Dec	6:30am - 5:30pm	Championship – Day 4	
	4 groups in field	<i>All Abilities Champ'ship – Day 3</i>	
	11:30am – 5:30pm	<i>Corporate Hospitality</i>	
	Approx 5:30pm	<i>Presentations</i>	
	Approx 6:30pm	<i>Championship Cocktail Function (Invitation Only)</i>	
Mon 5 Dec	7.00am	<i>Super Monday – Am-Am</i>	
	12.45pm	<i>Super Monday - Fujitsu</i>	

SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES

Primary	Primary Social Media Handles Twitter: @AusOpenGolf Facebook: @AusOpenGolf Instagram: @ausopengolf Website: www.golf.org.au/ausopen	Primary Hashtag #AusOpenGolf
Secondary	Secondary Social Media Handles Twitter: @GolfAust Facebook: @GolfAust Instagram: @golfaust Youtube: /GolfAust Website: www.golf.org.au	Secondary Hashtags #VisitMelbourne #VisitVictoria
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