



PLAYER HANDBOOK  
& TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

**2025**

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# **2025 PLAYER HANDBOOK & TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

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Dear PGA TOUR members,

Welcome to the PGA TOUR. This directory was compiled to assist you in your preparation for a season on the PGA TOUR.

The Player Handbook includes a 2025 tournament schedule and covers such topics as special event eligibility and special awards.

The Tournament Regulations are the guide to specific rules pertaining to PGA TOUR play. We have incorporated changes made to the Tournament Regulations since last season into this season's book. In addition, the index provides quick reference. I encourage every member to become familiar with these rules, as they are the final authority on the operations and policies of the PGA TOUR.

Best wishes for a successful 2025 season!

Jay Monahan  
Commissioner  
PGA TOUR

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# SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR THE 2025 SEASON

- FedExCup points distribution table adjusted for Majors and THE PLAYERS with a slight increase to second-place points and a slight point decrease in positions 11 and beyond. Signature Event FedExCup points distribution has a slight point decrease in positions seven (7) and beyond.
- Signature Events will have a minimum field size of 72 players. In the event the field size for a Signature Event falls below 72 players, an alternate list will be utilized to fill the field to a limit of 72 players. The alternate list will be created from the next available player(s) in order from the Aon Next 10 List following the commitment deadline on Monday of tournament week.
- For Signature Events whose eligibility include sponsor exemptions, should Tiger Woods wish to play, an additional sponsor exemption will be added to the field to recognize Woods in his own category as a player who has reached an exceptional lifetime achievement threshold of 80+ career wins.
- The Pace of Play Policy now includes the addition of an Excessive Average Stroke Time (EAST). If at the conclusion of a tournament a player has an average stroke time of 12 seconds or more above the field average, an EAST will be received. There would be no fine associated with the first two EAST violations, but the 3rd infraction would result in a fine of \$5,000 and subsequent offenses would be an additional \$10,000 per infraction. Additionally, there have been changes to the fine structure including the following: players will no longer be subject to fines solely as a result of Timings, Bad Times, and Excessive Shot Times in Major Championships; the fine for two Bad Times has been reduced from \$50,000 to \$10,000, the fine for two Excessive Shot Times has been lowered from \$10,000 to \$5,000 and the fine for 10 Average Stroke Times (AST's) has increased from \$20,000 to \$50,000, aligning it with the fine for 10 Timings. Players are encouraged to become familiarize themselves with all changes in the updated Pace of Play Policy.
- Several adjustments were made to the "One New Event per Season (Strength of Field)" regulation to accommodate the new schedule model. These changes include: excluding Signature Events from meeting the regulation, reducing the number of events a player must play from one in the last four seasons to one in the last three seasons, and adding a provision that allows players within the top 10 of the Player Impact Program (PIP) to fulfill both their Strength of Field and PIP obligations for the season by participating in a tournament designated by the PGA TOUR, based on an objective set of criteria.
- Amateurs can top 10 into the to the next open event. For players eligible for PGA TOUR Accelerated, an extra point will be awarded for a top-five finish.
- The starting field sizes for the Valspar Championship, Texas Children's Houston Open, and Valero Texas Open may be increased to a maximum of 156 players to include all players in the DP World Tour/Korn Ferry Tour/Q-School category.
- All conditional categories (126-150, Beyond 150, Past Champions, Veteran Members, and Special Temporary Members) will undergo reshuffling collectively, as opposed to reshuffling within

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their specific categories. The categories will reshuffle after the Zurich Classic of New Orleans, the Charles Schwab Challenge, the John Deere Classic, the Wyndham Championship, and the Black Desert Championship.

- As long as the PGA TOUR has an established eligibility pathway of players earning their card to the PGA TOUR (Top 10 Finishers from the Race to Dubai) and from the PGA TOUR back to the DP World Tour (126-200 FedExCup Finishers), there will be an exception to the number of Conflicting Event Releases available and the deadline by which the Conflicting Event Releases must be submitted when a PGA TOUR Member who is also a member of the DP World Tour participates in a tournament sanctioned by the DP World Tour. Such exemption would only be considered for an exempt member if he has participated or is possible for him to participate in a minimum of 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the season.
- Modifications have been made to the PGA TOUR University Accelerated program points table which keep the program aligned with evolving amateur player schedules and trends.
- Sponsor Value Program to start Tuesday at 6 p.m. local time and adds in the option of a shorter function following a player's morning round on either Thursday or Friday. Additionally, the maximum number of SVP functions a player must perform in a season has been reduced from 8 to 5.
- For the Mexico Open at VidantaWorld, two additional sponsor exemptions designated to players from Latin America will be added to the field for a total of six designated sponsor exemptions.
- The maximum number of Monday pro-am groups have been adjusted from 28 teams to 30 teams.
- The Mobile and Electronic Device Policy has been updated. These revisions will more accurately reflect how these devices may be used prior to, and during a competition. The revised policy has been amended in the regs book and players are encouraged to become familiar with the policy.

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## **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES BEGINNING WITH THE 2026 SEASON**

- The top 100 from the 2025 FedExCup Fall Points List will have exempt status for the 2026 season. Additional categories will be added for finishers 101-125.
- In 2025, the Korn Ferry Tour will award 20 cards to the PGA TOUR for the 2026 season. The 2025 PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament will award five (5) cards (no ties). The DP World Tour will maintain 10 cards.

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- Restricted sponsor exemptions (two (2) PGA TOUR Restricted to Member and two (2) for players in the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-School Category) will be removed to allow next eligible members on the Priority Ranking into the field.
  - Maximum number of players in a starting field of an open tournaments played on one course will be 144 players, with a reduction to 120 or 132 as required by circumstances such as daylight.
  - No Open Qualifying for events with fields of 120 players or fewer and reducing Open Qualifiers from four to two players for events with fields of 132 players.
  - A modification to the PGA TOUR University Leading Finisher category on the PGA TOUR whereby a threshold would be established for rare situations when more than one player achieves a threshold commensurate with that of prior #1 finishers.
  - Adjustments to the eligibility for THE PLAYERS Championship, Charles Schwab Challenge, and Genesis Scottish Open to align with restructured eligibility system including:

#### THE PLAYERS Championship

- Reduce field size from 144 players to 120 players
- Replace exempt category of top 125 in the prior season's FedExCup with top 100 in the prior season's FedExCup Points List

#### Charles Schwab Challenge

- Replace exempt category of top 125 in the prior season's FedExCup with top 100 in the prior season's FedExCup Points List
- Include exempt members from DP World Tour, Korn Ferry Tour, Q-School and PGA TOUR University categories
- Remove exemptions for winners prior to 2000 who were within the top 150 of the prior season's FedExCup Points List
- Remove top-15 finishers (including non-members) from the prior season's event

#### Genesis Scottish Open

- Increase from players in the Top 30 from prior season's FedExCup ranking to players in the Top 70 from the prior season's FedExCup ranking
- Eligibility for tournament play in 2026 results in a revised Priority Ranking, shown below:
  - A) Tournament Winners
  - B) Top 70 FedExCup through the TOUR Championship
  - C) Finishers 71-100 FedExCup through the FedExCup Fall
  - D) Leading 10 Finishers, not otherwise exempt, Race to Dubai Ranking
  - E) Top 20 Finishes from the Korn Ferry Tour
  - F) Top 5 Finishers from the Qualifying Tournament
  - G) PGA TOUR University (#1 and Accelerated from the Prior and Current Season)
  - H) Top 70 nonmember
  - I) Top 30 FedExCup Points List (Year 2)

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- J) Top 25 / Top 50 Career Money
  - K) Life Members
  - L) Finishers 101-110 FedExCup through the FedExCup Fall
  - M) 300 Career Cuts Made
  - N) Three-Time Winners on the Korn Ferry Tour and DP World Tour in the current season
  - O) Major Medical Extensions
  - P) Finishers 111-125 FedExCup through the FedExCup Fall
  - Q) Minor Medical Extensions
  - R) Finishers 126-150 FedExCup through the FedExCup Fall
  - S) Non-Exempt Medical Extension
  - T) Past Champions and Veteran Members Beyond 150 through the FedExCup Fall
  - U) Past Champion
  - V) Special Temporary Member
  - W) Veteran Member

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**NOTE:** The winner of a PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournament held in the immediately preceding week, or any player who finishes among the top 10 finishers or tied for 10th, not otherwise exempt, excluding non-members and Special Temporary members in the ISCO Championship and Barracuda Championship (see Article III, Section A-1(g) of *Tournament Regulations*), may commit to an on-site PGA TOUR media official for the next open PGA TOUR cosponsored tournament, within one-half hour after the conclusion of play.

## **DEC 30-JAN 5 THE SENTRY**

Plantation Course at Kapalua  
2000 Plantation Club Drive  
Kapalua, Maui, HI 96761  
Club: 808/665-9116 Office: 808/665-9160  
Commit Deadline: 12/27/24, Friday, 5 p.m. EST  
Key Contact: Max Novena, Executive Director  
maxnovena@pgatourhq.com

## **JAN 6-12 SONY OPEN IN HAWAII (144 PLAYERS)**

Waialae Country Club  
4997 Kahala Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96816  
Club: 808/734-2151 Office: 808/523-7888  
Commit Deadline: 01/03/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Key Contact: Ray Stosik, Tournament Director  
rstosik@141hawaii.com

## **JAN 13-19 THE AMERICAN EXPRESS (156 PLAYERS)**

Stadium Course at PGA West (host course)  
56-150 PGA Boulevard  
La Quinta, CA 92253  
Club: 760/564-7101 Office: 760/346-8184  
Commit Deadline: 01/10/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Key Contact: Pat McCabe, Executive Director,  
pat.mccabe@sportfive.com  
**NOTE:** La Quinta CC and Nicklaus Tournament Course at PGA WEST also used.

**JAN 20-25**

**FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN (156 PLAYERS)**

Torrey Pines Golf Course, South Course (host) & North Course

11480 Torrey Pines Road

La Jolla, CA 92037

Club: 858/452-3226                      Office: 858/886-4653

Commit Deadline: 01/17/25 Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Marty Gorsich, Chief Executive Officer

mgorsich@centuryclubsd.org

**NOTE:** Competition days are Wednesday - Saturday.

**JAN 27-FEB 2**

**AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM (80 PLAYERS)**

Pebble Beach Golf Links (host course)

17 Mile Drive

Pebble Beach, CA 93953

Club: 831/624-3811                      Office: 831/649-1533

Commit Deadline: 01/24/25 Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

**NOTE:** The commitment deadline for players who become eligible after the deadline is 01/27/25 Monday, 5 p.m. EST

Key Contact: Steve John, CEO, sj@mpfca.org

**NOTE:** Spyglass Hill Golf Course also used.

**FEB 3-9**

**WM PHOENIX OPEN (132 PLAYERS)**

TPC Scottsdale (Stadium Course)

17020 North Hayden Road

Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Club: 480/585-4334                      Office: 602/870-0163

Commit Deadline: 01/31/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Chance Cozby, Executive Director

ccozy@wmphoenixopen.com

**FEB 10-16**

**THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL**

The Riviera Country Club

1250 Capri Drive

Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Club: 310/454-6591                      Office: 800/752-6736

Commit Deadline: 02/07/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

**NOTE:** The commitment deadline for players who become eligible after the Friday deadline is 02/10/25 Monday, 5 p.m. EST

Key Contact: Mike Antolini, Senior Vice President

mantolini@tgrfoundation.org

**FEB 17-23**

**MEXICO OPEN AT VIDANTAWORLD (132 PLAYERS)**

VidantaWorld

Boulevard Riviera Nayarit

#254 Bahia de Banderas, Nayarit CP 63735 México

Commit Deadline: 02/14/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Rodrigo Suarez Gilly, Executive Tournament Director  
rsuarezg@mexicoopen.mx

**FEB 24-MAR 2 COGNIZANT CLASSIC IN THE PALM BEACHES (144 PLAYERS)**

PGA National Resort (The Champion Course)

400 Avenue of the Champions

Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418

Club: 561/627-2000 Office: 561/799-2747

Commit Deadline: 02/21/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Todd Flemming, Vice President and Executive Director  
ToddFlemming@pgatourhq.com

**MAR 3-9**

**ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD**

Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge

9000 Bay Hill Boulevard

Orlando, FL 32819

Club: 407/876-2429 Office: 407/876-7196

Commit Deadline: 02/28/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

**NOTE:** The commitment deadline for players who become eligible after the Friday deadline is 03/03/25 Monday, 5 p.m. EST

Key Contact: Drew Donovan, Tournament Director  
drewdonovan@arnoldpalmerinvitational.com

**MAR 3-9**

**PUERTO RICO OPEN (132 PLAYERS)**

Grand Reserve Golf Club

100 Clubhouse Drive

Rio Grande, Puerto Rico 00745

Club: 787/657-2000 Office: 504/355-6662

Commit Deadline: 02/28/25 Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Matt Truax, Executive Director  
mike@globalgolfmanagement.com

**MAR 10-16**

**THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP (144 PLAYERS)**

TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium Course)

110 Championship Way

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Club: 904/273-3374 Office: 904/273-3383

Commit Deadline: 03/07/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Lee Smith, Vice President and Executive Director  
leesmith@pgatourhq.com



**MAR 17-23**

**VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP (144 PLAYERS)**

Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead Course)  
36750 U.S. Highway 19 North  
Palm Harbor, FL 34684  
Club: 727/942-2000      Office: 727/942-5566  
Commit Deadline: 03/14/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Key Contact: Tracy West, Tournament Director  
twest@thecopperheads.org

**MAR 24-30**

**TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOUSTON OPEN (144 PLAYERS)**

Memorial Park Golf Course  
1001 E Memorial Loop  
Houston, TX 77007  
Office: 832/699-9936  
Commit Deadline: 03/21/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Key Contact: Giles Kibbe, SVP & General Counsel of Houston Astros, LLC & President, Astros Golf Foundation  
gkibbe@astros.com

**MAR 31-APR 6 VALERO TEXAS OPEN (144 PLAYERS)**

TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course)  
23808 Resort Parkway  
San Antonio, TX 78261  
Club: 210/507-4191      Office: 210/345-3818  
Commit Deadline: 03/28/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Key Contact: Larson Segerdahl, Executive Director  
larson@valerotexasopen.com

**APR 7-13**

**MASTERS TOURNAMENT**

Augusta National Golf Club  
2604 Washington Road  
Augusta, GA 30904  
Club: 706/667-6000      Office: 706/667-6000  
Commitment: By Invitation Only  
Key Contact: Steve Ethun, spethun@augustanational.com

**APR 14-20**

**RBC HERITAGE**

Harbour Town Golf Links  
11 Lighthouse Lane  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928  
Club: 843/363-4485      Office: 843/671-2448  
Commit Deadline: 04/11/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
**NOTE:** The commitment deadline for players who become eligible after the Friday deadline is 04/14/25 Monday, 5 p.m. EDT  
Key Contact: Steve Wilmot, President & Tournament Director  
steve@heritageclassicfoundation.com

**APR 14-20**

**CORALES PUNTACANA CHAMPIONSHIP (132 PLAYERS)**

Puntacana Resort & Club (Corales Golf Course)

Punta Cana, La Altagracia, Dominican Republic

Club: 809/959-2714 Office: 809/959-2714

Commit Deadline: 04/11/25 Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Jay Overton, Executive Director

joverton@puntacana.com

**APR 21-27**

**ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS (160 PLAYERS / 80 TEAMS)**

TPC Louisiana

11001 Lapalco Boulevard.

Avondale, LA 70094

Club: 504/436-8721 Office: 504/342-3000

Commit Deadline: 04/18/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Steve Worthy, Tournament Director

sworthy@forekidsfoundation.com

**APR 28-MAY 4 THE CJ CUP BYRON NELSON (156 PLAYERS)**

TPC Craig Ranch

8000 Collin McKinney Pkwy

McKinney, TX 75070

Club: 972/747-9005 Office: 214/943-9700

Commit Deadline: 04/25/25 Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Jon Drago, Tournament Director

jdrago@salesmanshipclub.org

**MAY 5-11**

**TRUIST CHAMPIONSHIP**

Philadelphia Cricket Club (Wissahickon Course)

6025 W. Valley Green Road

Flourtown, PA 19031

Club: 215/247-6113 Office: 704/554-8101

Commit Deadline: 05/02/25 Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

**NOTE:** The commitment deadline for players who become eligible after the Friday deadline is 05/05/25 Monday, 5 p.m. EDT

Key Contact: Joie Chitwood, Executive Director

JoieChitwood@pgatourhq.com

**MAY 5-11**

**MYRTLE BEACH CLASSIC (132 PLAYERS)**

Dunes Golf & Beach Club

9000 N Ocean Boulevard

Myrtle Beach, SC 29572

Club: 843/449-5236

Commit Deadline: 05/02/25 Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Darren Nelson, Tournament Director

Darren.Nelson@sportfive.com

**MAY 12-18**

**PGA CHAMPIONSHIP (156 PLAYERS)**

Quail Hollow Club  
3700 Gleneagles Road  
Charlotte, NC 28210  
Club: 502/245-4475 Office: 561/624-8499  
Commitment: Written Entry Only, Entry Deadline: 04/28/25  
Key Contact: David Charles, Sr. Director, PGA Championships  
dcharles@pgahq.com

**MAY 19-25**

**CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE (132 PLAYERS)**

Colonial Country Club  
3735 Country Club Circle  
Fort Worth, TX 76109  
Club: 817/927-4200 Office: 817/927-4280  
Commit Deadline: 05/16/25 Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play  
ends Friday at the previous tournament  
Key Contact: Michael Tothe, Tournament Director  
mtothe@colonialfw.com

**MAY 26- JUN 1 THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY WORKDAY**

Muirfield Village Golf Club  
5750 Memorial Drive  
Dublin, OH 43017  
Club: 614/889-6700 Office: 614/889-6819  
Commit Deadline: 05/23/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play  
ends Friday at previous tournament  
**NOTE:** The commitment deadline for players who become eligible after the  
Friday deadline is 05/26/25 Monday, 5 p.m. EDT  
Key Contact: Dan Sullivan, Executive Director  
dsullivan@thememorialtournament.com

**JUN 2-8**

**RBC CANADIAN OPEN (156 PLAYERS)**

TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley (North Course)  
18821 Main Street  
Alton, Ontario L7K 1R1, Canada  
Club: 519/943-4915 Office: 905/849-9700  
Commit Deadline: 05/30/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play  
ends Friday at previous tournament  
Key Contact: Ryan Paul, Tournament Director  
rpaul@golfcanada.ca

**JUN 9-15**

**U.S. OPEN (156 PLAYERS)**

Oakmont Country Club  
1233 Hulton Road  
Oakmont, PA 15139  
Club: 412/828-8000 Office: 908/234-2300  
Entry deadline: TBD  
Entry application must be filed at <https://champs.usga.org>  
Key Contacts: John Bodenhamer, Executive Director  
Office: 502.612.5855

**JUN 16-22**

**TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

TPC River Highlands

1 Golf Club Road

Cromwell, CT 06416

Club: 860/635-5000 Office: 860/502-6800

Commit Deadline: 06/13/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

**NOTE:** The commitment deadline for players who become eligible after the Friday deadline is 06/16/25 Monday, 5 p.m. EDT

Key Contact: Nathan Grube, Tournament Director  
ngrube@travelerschampionship.com

**JUN 23-29**

**ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC (156 PLAYERS)**

Detroit Golf Club

17911 Hamilton Road

Detroit, MI 48203

Club: 313/345-4400 Office: 404/788-4811

Commit Deadline: 06/20/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Brittany Jeanis, Tournament Director  
bjeanis@intersportnet.com

**JUN 30-JUL 6**

**JOHN DEERE CLASSIC (156 PLAYERS)**

TPC Deere Run

3100 Heather Knoll

Silvis, IL 61282

Club: 309/796-6000 Office: 309/762-4653

Commit Deadline: 06/27/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Andrew Lehman, Tournament Director  
andrewl@jdclassic.com

**JUL 7-13**

**GENESIS SCOTTISH OPEN (156 PLAYERS)**

The Renaissance Club

Cowden Hill Dr.

North Berwick EH39 5HS

Club: +44 1620 850901

Commit Deadline: 06/26/25, Thursday, 5 p.m. EDT

Key Contact: Rory Colville, Championship Director  
rcolville@europeantourgroup.com

**JUL 7-13**

**ISCO CHAMPIONSHIP (156 PLAYERS)**

Hurstbourne Country Club

9000 Hurstbourne Club Lane

Louisville, KY 40222

Office: 502/425-0094

Commit Deadline: 07/04/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: T.R. Hollis, Tournament Director  
T.R.Hollis@sportfive.com

**JUL 14-20**

**THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (156 PLAYERS)**

Royal Portrush Golf Club (Championship Course)

Dunluce Road

Portrush BT56 8JQ, Northern Ireland

Commitment: Written Entry Only (Entry deadline: TBD)

Key Contact: TheOpen.com

**JUL 14-20**

**BARRACUDA CHAMPIONSHIP (156 PLAYERS)**

Tahoe Mountain Club (Old Greenwood)

13051 Fairway Drive

Truckee, CA 96161

Course: 530/550-7010 Office: 775/322-3900

Commit Deadline: 07/11/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Chris Hoff, Executive Director

chris@barracudachampionship.com

**NOTE:** Modified Stableford Format will be used.

**JUL 21-27**

**3M OPEN (156 PLAYERS)**

TPC Twin Cities

11444 Tournament Players Parkway

Blaine, MN 55449

Club: 763/795-0800 Office: 763/783-9000

Commit Deadline: 07/18/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Mike Welch, Tournament Director

mwelch@3mopen.com

**JUL 28-AUG 3**

**WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP (156 PLAYERS)**

Sedgefield Country Club

3201 Forsythe Drive

Greensboro, NC 27407

Club: 336/299-5324 Office: 336/379-1570

Commit Deadline: 07/25/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT

Key Contact: Mark Brazil, Tournament Director

mbrazil@wyndhamchampionship.com

**AUG 4-10**

**FEDEX ST. JUDE CHAMPIONSHIP (70 PLAYERS)**

TPC Southwind

3325 Club at Southwind

Memphis, TN 38125

Club: 901/748-0330 Office: 901-748-0534

Commit Deadline: 08/01/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Joe Tomek, Executive Director

joetomek@pgatourhq.com

**AUG 11-17**

**BMW CHAMPIONSHIP (50 PLAYERS)**

Caves Valley Golf Club

2910 Blendon Road

Owings Mills, MD 21117

Club: 410/356-1313

Office: 847/724-4600

Commit Deadline: 08/08/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Vince Pellegrino, Senior VP, Tournaments

pellegrino@wgaesf.org

**AUG 18-24**

**TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP (30 PLAYERS)**

East Lake Golf Club

2575 Alston Drive

Atlanta, GA 30317

Club: 404/373-5722

Office: 404/378-8687

Commit Deadline: 08/15/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Key Contact: Alex Urban, Executive Director

alexurban@pgatourhq.com

**2025 FEDEXCUP FALL SCHEDULE**

**SEPT 8-14**

**PROCORE CHAMPIONSHIP (144 PLAYERS)**

Silverado Resort and Spa (North Course)

1600 Atlas Peak Road

Napa, CA 94558

Club: 707/257-5402

Office: 503/748-9973

Commit Deadline: 09/05/25 Friday, 5 p.m. EDT

Key Contact: Andy McDowell, Executive Director

andy.mcdowell@sportfive.com

**SEPT 22-28**

**RYDER CUP (2 12-MAN TEAMS)**

Bethpage Black Course

99 Quaker Meeting House Road

Farmingdale, NY 11735

Club: 516/249-0700

Key Contact: Bob Jeffrey

bjeffrey@pgahq.com

**SEP 29-OCT 5**

**SANDERSON FARMS CHAMPIONSHIP (132 PLAYERS)**

Country Club of Jackson

345 St. Andrews Drive

Jackson, MS 39211

Club: 601/956-1411

Office: 601/898-4653

Commit Deadline: 09/26/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT

Key Contact: Steve Jent, Executive Director

steve@sandersonfarmschampionship.com

**OCT 6-12**

**BAYCURRENT CLASSIC (78 PLAYERS)**

Yokohama Country Club  
1025 Imaicho, Hodogaya Ward  
Yokohama, Japan 240-0035  
Club: +81 45-351-1001  
Commit Deadline: 09/12/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT  
Key Contact: Travis Steiner, Executive Director  
travissteiner@pgatourhq.com

**OCT 20-26**

**BLACK DESERT CHAMPIONSHIP (132 PLAYERS)**

Black Desert Resort  
1500 E Black Desert Drive  
Ivins, UT 84738  
Club: 435/255-8906  
Commit Deadline: 10/17/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT  
Key Contact: Marty Gorsich, Executive Director  
mgorsich@allterrainep.com

**NOV 3-9**

**WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY CHAMPIONSHIP (120 PLAYERS)**

El Cardonal at Diamante  
Diamante Blvd., 23473  
Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S., Mexico  
Club: +52 624-144-2900  
Commit Deadline: 10/31/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT  
Key Contact: Joe Mazzeo, Tournament Director  
jmazzeo@teamwass.com

**NOV 10-16**

**BUTTERFIELD BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP (120 PLAYERS)**

Port Royal Golf Course  
P.O. Box SN189  
Southampton SN BX Bermuda  
Club: 411/234-0974 Office: 205/317-8105  
Commit Deadline: 11/07/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play  
ends Friday at previous tournament  
Key Contact: Danielle Baiunco, Tournament Director  
danielle@brunoeventteam.com

**NOV 17-23**

**THE RSM CLASSIC (156 PLAYERS)**

Sea Island Golf Club (Seaside (host) & Plantation Course)  
100 Retreat Avenue  
Saint Simons Island, GA 31522  
Club: 912/638-5118 Office: 912/634-3266  
Commit Deadline: 11/14/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play  
ends Friday at previous tournament  
Key Contact: Todd Thompson, Tournament Director  
tthompson@dlovefoundation.com

**DEC 1-7**

**HERO WORLD CHALLENGE (20 PLAYERS)**

Albany Bahamas

C/O Hero World Challenge

Nassau, Bahamas

Commit Deadline: 10/03/25 Friday, 5 p.m. EDT to Stacy or Mike

Key Contact: Mike Antolini, TGR Live

mantolini@tgrfoundation.org

Stacy Stark-Bloch, TGR Live

sstark@tgrfoundation.org

**DEC 8-14**

**GRANT THORNTON INVITATIONAL (16 2-PLAYER TEAMS)**

Tiburón Golf Club at the Ritz Carlton Resort Naples

2620 Tiburon Drive

Naples, FL 34109

Club: 239/593-2200                      Office: 239/254-9770

Commit Deadline: 10/03/25, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT

Key Contact: Rob Hartman, Tournament Director

rhartman@teamwass.com



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# ELIGIBILITY AND COMMITMENTS

For eligibility information and commitments to PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved events, you may call the following staff members on the commitment line 800/742-2244 or 904/285-3700 and telephone extensions.

1. **PGA TOUR**..... **Extension**  
Kirsten Burgess.....3306  
Katelyn DiCristofano .....5715  
Jessica Zinz.....5294
  
2. **KORN FERRY TOUR**..... **Extension**  
Lisa Ferraro .....5117  
Rachael Nowak .....3613
  
3. **PGA TOUR AMERICAS**..... **Extension**  
Mike Vick.....7676
  
4. **QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT** ..... **Extension**  
Sharon Thomas.....3566

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# **2025 PGA TOUR PLAYER HANDBOOK**

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# 2025 PGA TOUR DUES AND FEES

1. Initiation Fee .....	\$100
2. Annual Dues.....	\$100
3. Tournament Entry Fee .....	\$0
4. Open Qualifying Fee*.....	\$500
5. Limited Dues (nonmember).....	\$50
6. Insurance Fee**.....	\$20
7. Mandatory Locker Room Fee.....	\$50

Amateurs must pay an administration fee of \$50 (instead of limited dues) on registration.

- \* The open qualifying fee for PGA TOUR members is \$0, and for PGA TOUR Champions (Regular Members only), Korn Ferry Tour and DP World Tour members is \$100. Such players must commit to the Host PGA Section no later than 5 p.m. local time on the Friday preceding Open Qualifying.
- \*\* Apprentices or members of the PGA of America need not pay the insurance fee. All other players, including amateurs, must provide proof of necessary level of liability coverage or pay this fee.

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# PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR INVITATION AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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## THE SENTRY

January 2-5  
Plantation Course of Kapalua  
Kapalua, Maui, HI

Eligible PGA TOUR Members in the Signature Event are:

- Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in 2024 calendar year, whose victories are considered official
- Winner of the 2024 FedExCup
- Top 50 finishers and ties from the 2024 FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Playoffs
- Winner of the Men's Olympic Golf Competition in the year following the Summer Olympic Games, provided he is a regular member of the PGA TOUR at the time of his victory

**NOTE:** The Sentry does not have a cut.

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## SONY OPEN IN HAWAII

January 9-12  
Waialae Country Club  
Honolulu, HI

Eligible players in the 144-player field are those listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, except that prior to such players, the following shall first be eligible:

- At the invitation of the host organization, up to three professional golfers from Japan, China, India, Brazil, Mexico, Russia or other emerging markets.
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## THE AMERICAN EXPRESS

January 16-19  
PGA WEST—Pete Dye Stadium Course (Host Course), PGA WEST—Nicklaus Tournament Course, and La Quinta Country Club.  
La Quinta, CA

Eligible players in the 156-player field are:

- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship prior to 1996
- Winners of Masters Tournament, THE PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship in the last five years (2020–2024). (**NOTE:** *THE PLAYERS and The Open were not contested in 2020*)
- Winners of WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play from 2022 and 2023
- Winners of the The Genesis Invitational, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard and the Memorial Tournament in the last three years (2022-2024)
- Winner of the FedExCup in each of the last five seasons (2019/20-2024)

- Playing members of the last-named U.S. Ryder Cup team (2023)
- Current PGA TOUR members who were playing members from the last named European Ryder Cup team (2023)
- Playing members of last U.S. Presidents Cup team (2024)
- Current PGA TOUR members who were playing members of last International Presidents Cup Team (2024)
- PGA TOUR members who use an exemption for the 2025 season as one of the leaders (either top 25 or top 50) from the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List
- Winners of The American Express prior to 1999, and winners of The American Express in the last ten years (2015–2024)
- Either the current winner of the PGA Section Championship or the current PGA Section Player of the Year where the tournament is played, as determined by the Section
- Eight sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
  - Two from among the current season’s PGA TOUR membership
  - Two from among the current season’s Top Finishers of the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / PGA TOUR Q-School categories
  - Four “unrestricted”
- Up to two foreign players designated by the Commissioner
- Life members of the PGA TOUR
- PGA TOUR members from the current Tournament Winners category
- The top 125 players from the 2024 FedExCup Fall Points List
- If necessary to complete the field, PGA TOUR members from the 2025 priority ranking of eligible players after the top 125, in order of their positions on such list, including the top 10 from previous tournament category

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## **AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM**

January 30-February 2

Pebble Beach Golf Links (host course) and Spyglass Hill Golf Course

Pebble Beach, CA

Eligible PGA TOUR Members in the 80-player Signature Event are:

- Top 50 players from the prior year’s FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Playoffs
- Top 10 available players, not otherwise exempt, from the prior year’s FedExCup Fall Points List through the RSM Classic
- The leading finisher from the prior season’s Race to Dubai, not otherwise exempt in the Top 50 of the FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Playoffs
- Top 5 available players, not otherwise exempt, who accumulate the most FedExCup points in the “swing” of full-field events prior to the event (Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express, Farmers Insurance Open)
- Official Tournament Winners of full FedExCup point events in the current season, not otherwise exempt
- PGA TOUR Members, not otherwise exempt, who are within the Top 30 of the Official World Golf Ranking as of the Monday of tournament week (Monday, January 27, 2025)
- Four sponsor exemptions restricted to PGA TOUR members
  - One exemption designated for the Defending Champion, if needed
  - Exempt PGA TOUR Members (“Q-school category and above” as defined in Article III, Section A1a(1)-(11) and (18) and Section A1b-f and Section 1h-l)

- PGA TOUR Members and Special Temporary Members within the Top 125 of the current year FedExCup Points List
- PGA TOUR Members within the Top 50 of the Official World Golf Rankings
- One exemption designated for exceptional lifetime achievement of 80+ career wins, if needed
- If necessary to complete a field of 80 players, those players below the top 10 available players from the prior year's FedExCup Fall Points List in priority order

**NOTE:** The host organization will team each professional player with an amateur player. The PGA TOUR shall group the professional players and assign starting times.

**NOTE:** Amateur players will play Rounds 1 and 2 only.

**NOTE:** The AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am does not have a cut.

## **WM PHOENIX OPEN**

February 6-9

TPC Scottsdale (Stadium Course)

Scottsdale, AZ

Eligible players in the 132-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following **shall not** be eligible:

- One sponsor exemption from among the current season's Top Finishers of the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / PGA TOUR Q-School categories
- One sponsor exemption from among the current season's membership
- One "unrestricted" sponsor exemption
- One open qualifier
- Current PGA National Professional Champion

## **THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL**

February 13-16

The Riviera Country Club

Pacific Palisades, CA

Eligible PGA TOUR Members in the 72-player Signature Event are:

- Top 50 players from the prior year's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Playoffs
- Top 10 available players, not otherwise exempt, from the prior year's FedExCup Fall Points List through the RSM Classic
- The leading finisher from the prior season's Race to Dubai, not otherwise exempt in the Top 50 of the FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Playoffs
- Top 5 available players, not otherwise exempt, who accumulate the most FedExCup points in the "swing" of full-field events prior to the event (Sony Open in Hawaii, The American Express, Farmers Insurance Open, WM Phoenix Open)
- Official Tournament Winners of full point events in the current season, not otherwise exempt
- PGA TOUR Members, not otherwise exempt, who are within the Top 30 of the Official World Golf Ranking as of the Monday of tournament week (Monday, February 10, 2025)
- Four sponsor exemptions restricted to PGA TOUR members

- One exemption designated for the Defending Champion, if needed
- Exempt PGA TOUR Members (“Q-school category and above” as defined in Article III, Section A1a(1)-(11) and (18) and Section A1b-f and Section 1h-l)
- PGA TOUR Members and Special Temporary Members within the Top 125 of the current year FedExCup Points List
- PGA TOUR Members within the Top 50 of the Official World Golf Rankings
- One Tournament Host exemption honoring Charlie Sifford and given to a golfer representing a minority background. Such player would be able to participate as an amateur or a professional. Such player does not have to be a member of the PGA TOUR.
- One exemption designated for exceptional lifetime achievement of 80+ career wins, if needed
- If necessary to complete a field of 72 players, those players below the top 10 available players from the prior year’s FedExCup Fall Points List in priority order

**NOTE:** After 36-holes, the field will be reduced to the top 50 players and ties and any player within 10 shots of the lead.

### **MEXICO OPEN AT VIDANTAWORLD**

February 20-23  
 VidantaWorld  
 Vallarta, Mexico

Eligible players in the 132-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:

- Up to six sponsor exemptions, restricted to players from Latin America.

### **ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD**

March 6-9  
 Arnold Palmer’s Bay Hill Club & Lodge  
 Orlando, FL

Eligible PGA TOUR Members in the 72-player Signature Event are:

- Top 50 players from the prior year’s FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Playoffs
- Top 10 available players, not otherwise exempt, from the current year’s FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Cognizant Classic
- Top 5 available players, not otherwise exempt, who accumulate the most FedExCup points in the “swing” of full-field events prior to the event (Mexico Open at VidantaWorld, Cognizant Classic)
- Official Tournament Winners of full point events in the current season, not otherwise exempt
- PGA TOUR Members, not otherwise exempt, who are within the Top 30 of the Official World Golf Ranking as of the Monday of tournament week (Monday, March 3, 2025)
- Four sponsor exemptions restricted to PGA TOUR members
  - One exemption designated for the Defending Champion, if needed
  - Exempt PGA TOUR Members (“Q-school category and above” as defined in Article III, Section A1a(1)-(11) and (18) and Section A1b-f and Section 1h-l)
  - PGA TOUR Members and Special Temporary Members within the Top 125 of the current year FedExCup Points List
  - PGA TOUR Members within the Top 50 of the Official World Golf Rankings

- One Tournament Host exemption (The Palmer Cup Exemption) restricted to a member of either Palmer Cup team who best represents the values that Arnold Palmer has exhibited during his legendary career as voted on by the other team members. Such player would be able to participate as an amateur or a professional. Such player does not have to be a member of the PGA TOUR.
- One exemption designated for exceptional lifetime achievement of 80+ career wins, if needed
- If necessary to complete a field of 72 players, those players below the top 10 available players from the current year's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Cognizant Classic, in priority order

**NOTE:** After 36-holes, the field will be reduced to the top 50 players and ties and any player within 10 shots of the lead.

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## **PUERTO RICO OPEN**

March 6-9

Grand Reserve Golf Club

Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

Eligible players in the 132-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:

- Up to four sponsor exemptions, restricted to players from Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America.
- The host organization has a total of 12 additional sponsor exemptions, as follows:
  - Two from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership.
  - 10 "unrestricted".

**NOTE:** The starting field size may be increased in order to include in the starting field those members listed in Section A-1(h-j) of Article III (Top Finishers from the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / PGA TOUR Q-School categories).

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## **THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

March 13-16

TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium Course)

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Eligible players in the 144-player field are:

- Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, whose victories are considered official, since the last played PLAYERS Championship
- The top 125 players from the prior season's FedExCup Fall Points List
- Winners of Masters Tournament from the years 2019-2024
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship and The Open Championship from the years 2019-2024
- Winners of the U.S. Open and PGA Championship from the years 2019-2024
- Winner of the FedExCup from the 2019/20–2024 seasons.
- Winners of WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play from the years 2022 and 2023
- Winners of The Genesis Invitational in the last three years (2023-2025)
- Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard in the last three years (2023-2025)



- Winners of the Memorial Tournament in the last three years (2022–2024)
- Current Men's Golf Olympic Gold Medalist (one-year only)
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking through the Cognizant Classic (Monday, March 3, 2025)
- The top 10 players from the 2025 FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Cognizant Classic
- The winner of the previous year's Kaulig Companies Championship
- The leading player to earn a PGA TOUR card from the prior season's Race to Dubai Ranking
- The leading player from the prior season's Official Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- If necessary to complete a field of 144 players, PGA TOUR members from the 2025 FedExCup Points List below 10th position through the Cognizant Classic, in order of their positions on such list

**NOTE:** THE PLAYERS Championship was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19.

**NOTE:** Eligibility for this event will be adjusted in 2026.

### **VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP**

March 20-23

Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead Course)

Palm Harbor, FL

Eligible players in the 144-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations.

**NOTE:** The starting field size may be increased in order to include in the starting field those members listed in Section A-1(h-j) of Article III (Top Finishers from the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-school categories) up to a maximum of 156 players.

### **TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOUSTON OPEN**

March 27-30

Memorial Park Golf Course

Houston, TX

Eligible players in the 144-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations.

**NOTE:** The starting field size may be increased in order to include in the starting field those members listed in Section A-1(h-j) of Article III (Top Finishers from the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-school categories) up to a maximum of 156 players.

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## VALERO TEXAS OPEN

April 3-6

TPC San Antonio (AT&T Oaks Course)

San Antonio, TX

Eligible players in the 144-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:

- Up to four sponsor exemptions, restricted to nonmember professionals who are qualified for the Masters Tournament and ranked among the top 100 players on the Official World Golf Ranking through the event scheduled to conclude four weeks prior to the final round of the Valero Texas Open (i.e. through the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard).

**NOTE:** The starting field size may be increased in order to include in the starting field those members listed in Section A-1(h-j) of Article III (Top Finishers from the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-school categories) up to a maximum of 156 players.

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## MASTERS TOURNAMENT

April 10-13

Augusta National Golf Club

Augusta, GA

Eligible players for invitation are:

- All former winners of the Masters Tournament
- Winners of the U.S. Open Champions, The Open Championship, and PGA Championship in the last five years
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship in the last three years
- Current winner and runner-up of the U.S. Amateur Champion, if still an amateur player
- Current winner of The Amateur Champion conducted by the R&A, if still an amateur player
- Current Asia-Pacific Amateur Champion, if still an amateur
- Current winner of the Latin America Amateur Champion, if still an amateur
- Current US Mid-Amateur Champion, if still an amateur
- Current NCAA Division I Men's Individual Champion, if still an amateur
- The first 12 players, including ties, in the previous year's Masters Tournament
- The first 4 players, including ties, in the previous year's PGA Championship
- The first 4 players, including ties, in the previous year's U.S. Open
- The first 4 players, including ties, in the previous year's The Open Championship
- Individual winners of PGA Tour events that award full-point FedExCup allocation, from previous Masters to current Masters
- Those qualifying for the previous year's season-ending Tour Championship
- The 50 leaders on the Final Official World Golf Ranking for the previous calendar year
- The 50 leaders on the Official World Golf Ranking published during the week prior to the current Masters Tournament
- The Masters Tournament Committee, at its discretion, also invites players not otherwise qualified

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## **RBC HERITAGE**

April 17-20

Harbour Town Golf Links

Hilton Head Island, SC

Eligible PGA TOUR Members in the 72-player Signature Event are:

- Top 50 players from the prior year's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Playoffs
- Top 10 available players, not otherwise exempt, from the current season's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Masters Tournament
- Top 5 available players, not otherwise exempt, who accumulate the most FedExCup points in the "swing" of full-field events prior to the event (Puerto Rico Open, Valspar Championship, Texas Children's Houston Open, Valero Texas Open)
- Official Tournament Winners of full point events in the current season, not otherwise exempt
- PGA TOUR Members, not otherwise exempt, who are within the Top 30 of the Official World Golf Ranking as of the Monday of tournament week (Monday, April 14, 2025)
- Four sponsor exemptions restricted to PGA TOUR members
  - One exemption designated for the Defending Champion, if needed
  - Exempt PGA TOUR Members ("Q-school category and above" as defined in Article III, Section A1a(1)-(11) and (18) and Section A1b-f and Section 1h-l)
  - PGA TOUR Members and Special Temporary Members within the Top 125 of the current year FedExCup Points List
  - PGA TOUR Members within the Top 50 of the Official World Golf Rankings
- One exemption designated for exceptional lifetime achievement of 80+ career wins, if needed
- If necessary to complete a field of 72 players, those players below the top 10 available players from the current year's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Masters Tournament, in priority order

**NOTE:** The RBC Heritage does not have a cut.

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## **CORALES PUNTACANA RESORT & CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

April 17-20

Puntacana Resort & Club (Corales Golf Club)

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Eligible players in the 132-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:

- Up to four sponsor exemptions restricted to players from Latin America
  - The host organization has 12 additional sponsor exemptions restricted, as follows
    - Two from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership
    - 10 "unrestricted"

**NOTE:** The starting field size may be expanded in order to include in the starting field those members listed in Section A-1(h-j) of Article III (Top Finishers from the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-school categories).

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## ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS

April 24-27

TPC Louisiana

New Orleans, LA

**FORMAT:** The tournament is a 72-hole stroke play team event with each team comprised of two professionals. The first and third rounds are four-ball (best ball) play and the second and final rounds are foursomes (alternate shot) play.

Eligible players for the 80-team (160 player) field are those players in priority order under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following **shall not** be eligible:

- Open Qualifying
- Top 10 from Previous Tournament
- The Current PGA National Professional Champion and the Local PGA Section exemption are only eligible if they both commit and play as a team

The host organization will have a total of 10 sponsor exemptions:

- Two from among the current season's membership
- Two restricted to players within the top 30 of the US or International Presidents Cup or US or European Ryder Cup (World or European Points) ranking list in the year of the Cup
- Two from among the current season's Top Finishers of the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / PGA TOUR Q-School categories
- Four "unrestricted"

**NOTE:** The provision in the Tournament Regulations which states that the field size will be expanded to include the entire Top 125 prior season's FedExCup points category does not apply.

**NOTE:** The Tournament Host Organization must ensure sponsor exemptions have a pre-defined teammate from among those players who can pick a partner or other sponsor exemptions prior to committing such player. No amateur will be allowed to accept a sponsor exemption. Sponsor exemptions cannot access the field off their own category position after the commitment deadline.

- The top available members will select a player of their choosing from among PGA TOUR Members eligible for tournament play as defined in the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations. Both team members must be committed by the commitment deadline.
- Any players eligible for the field who have not confirmed a partner by the commitment deadline, will be assigned a partner based on priority order under Article III, Section A of Tournament Regulations (i.e. 1 and 2 partner, 3 and 4 partner, etc.)

Withdrawal Policy:

- For the purposes of this policy, the top available member who is eligible to select a partner shall be referred to as "exempt".

Exempt player withdrawal:

- In the event an exempt player withdraws prior to the commitment deadline and his partner would have otherwise been exempt, the partner remains in the field and may select a new partner as outlined in the regulations.
- In the event an exempt player withdraws prior to the commitment deadline and his partner would not have otherwise been exempt, the partner is also withdrawn from the field and is

replaced by the highest ranking alternate who may then select a partner as outlined in the regulations.

- In the event an exempt player withdraws after the commitment deadline but before 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week and his partner would have otherwise been exempt, the partner remains in the field and may select a player of their choosing from among PGA TOUR Members eligible for tournament play as defined in the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations regardless of commitment status.
- In the event an exempt player withdraws after the commitment deadline but before 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week and his partner would not have otherwise been exempt, the partner is also withdrawn from the field and is replaced by the highest ranking alternate who may select a player of his choosing from among PGA TOUR Members eligible for tournament play as defined in the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations regardless of commitment status.
- In the event an exempt player withdraws after 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week and his partner would not have otherwise been exempt, the partner will remain in the field provided that the exempt player was on-site and registered for the event. The partner remaining in the field teams with the highest ranking alternate.

Partner withdrawal:

- If the exempt player's partner withdraws prior to the commitment deadline, he may select a new partner as outlined in the regulations.
- If the exempt player's partner withdraws after the commitment deadline but before 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week, he may select a player of his choosing from among PGA TOUR Members eligible for tournament play as defined in the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations regardless of commitment status.
- If the exempt player's partner withdraws after 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week, he remains in the field and teams with the highest ranking alternate.

Sponsor Exemption withdrawal:

- Prior to the commitment deadline should the exempt player who is the teammate of a sponsor exemption withdraw, the host organization must secure another teammate from among the exempt players.
- After the commitment deadline but before 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week should the exempt player who is the teammate of a sponsor exemption withdraw, the sponsor exemption is also withdrawn from the tournament unless the first alternate agrees to partner with the sponsor exemption.
- After 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week should the exempt player who is the teammate of a sponsor exemption withdraw, the sponsor exemption stays in the field and teams with the highest ranking alternate.
- If an unrestricted sponsor exemption withdraws, the host organization may replace that exemption with a player of their choosing up until the commencement of the tournament.
- If a sponsor exemption restricted to PGA TOUR members or restricted to the Korn Ferry Tour category withdraws, the host organization may replace that exemption with a player of their choosing before 12 noon (local time at tournament site) the Tuesday of tournament week. At or after 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the Tuesday of tournament week, the sponsor exemption withdrawal will be replaced by the highest ranking alternate.

**NOTE:** Cut size will be 33 teams and any ties at 33rd position.

**NOTE:** FedExCup points and official prize money will use an alternate distribution whereby the corresponding finish positions from the standard distribution are combined and split in two (i.e. 500 points for 1st place and 300 points for 2nd place = 800 point for the team/400 points for each player and so on down the list for 3rd and 4th for the 2nd place team, etc.)

**NOTE:** The Top-5 finishing teams and ties will advance into the following open event.

**NOTE:** The official pro-am will consist of the professional team and three amateurs.

**NOTE:** A hole-by-hole (sudden death) playoff will be contested with the first hole played as four-somes, the second hole played as four-ball, then alternating formats every hole, thereafter, on a set rotation of holes. The rotation of holes will be determined by the Rules committee.

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## **THE CJ CUP BYRON NELSON**

May 1-4

TPC Craig Ranch

McKinney, Texas

Eligible players in the 156-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:

- The winner of the 2024 Byron Nelson Collegiate Golf Award

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## **TRUIST CHAMPIONSHIP**

May 8-11

The Philadelphia Cricket Club

Philadelphia, PA

Eligible PGA TOUR Members in the 72-player Signature Event are:

- Top 50 players from the prior year's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Playoffs
- Top 10 available players, not otherwise exempt, from the current year's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through The CJ CUP Byron Nelson
- Top 5 available players, not otherwise exempt, who accumulate the most FedExCup points in the "swing" of full-field events prior to the event (Corlaes Puntacana Championship, Zurich Classic of New Orleans, The CJ CUP Byron Nelson)
- Official Tournament Winners of full point events in the current season, not otherwise exempt
- PGA TOUR Members, not otherwise exempt, who are within the Top 30 of the Official World Golf Ranking as of the Monday of tournament week (Monday, May 5, 2025)
- Four sponsor exemptions restricted to PGA TOUR members
  - One exemption designated for the Defending Champion, if needed
  - Exempt PGA TOUR Members ("Q-school category and above" as defined in Article III, Section A1a(1)-(11) and (18) and Section A1b-f and Section 1h-l)
  - PGA TOUR Members and Special Temporary Members within the Top 125 of the current year FedExCup Points List
  - PGA TOUR Members within the Top 50 of the Official World Golf Rankings
- One exemption designated for exceptional lifetime achievement of 80+ career wins, if needed

- If necessary to complete a field of 72 players, those players below the top 10 available players from the current year's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through The CJ CUP Byron Nelson, in priority order

**NOTE:** The Truist Championship does not have a cut.

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## **MYRTLE BEACH CLASSIC**

May 8-11

Dunes Golf & Beach Club

Myrtle Beach, SC

Eligible players in the 132-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:

- The host organization has a total of 12 additional sponsor exemptions, as follows:
  - Two from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership.
  - 10 "unrestricted".

**NOTE:** The starting field size may be increased in order to include in the starting field those members listed in Section A-1(h-j) of Article III (Top Finishers from the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / PGA TOUR Q-School categories).

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## **PGA CHAMPIONSHIP**

May 15-18

Quail Hollow Club

Charlotte, NC

Eligible players in the 156-player field are:

- All former winners of the PGA Championship
- Winners of the last five Masters Tournaments (2021 – 2025)
- Winners of the last five U.S. Opens (2020 – 2024)
- Winners of the last five Open Championships (2019 – 2024). **NOTE:** Canceled in 2020
- Winners of the last three THE PLAYERS Championships (2023 – 2025)
- The top three on the International Federation Official World Golf Ranking List as of April 28, 2025
- Winner of 2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
- The top 15 finishers and ties from the 2024 PGA Championship
- The top 20 finishers from the 2025 PGA Professional Championship
- The top 70 players who are eligible and have earned the most PGA Championship Points from the 2024 Charles Schwab Challenge through the 2025 THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson (ending May 4, 2025)
- Playing members of the last-named U.S. and European Ryder Cup teams (2023) provided they remain within the top 100 on the Official World Golf Rankings as of May 5, 2025
- The 2024 Men's Olympic Golf Gold Medalist (one-year only)
- Winners of PGA TOUR co-sponsored or approved tournaments, whose victories are considered official, from the 2024 Charles Schwab Challenge through the 2025 Truist Championship/2025 Myrtle Beach Classic
- The top 3 finishers on the 2025 DP World Tour Asian Swing event rankings through April 27, 2025.

- The PGA of America reserves the right to invite additional players not included in the categories listed above
- If necessary to complete the field, those players beyond the top 70 players who are eligible and who have earned the most PGA Championship Points from the 2024 Charles Schwab Challenge through the 2025 THE CJ CUP Byron Nelson (ending May 4, 2025) in order of their position on such list

**NOTE:** All contestants in the Championship (except international players) must be a PGA of America member in good standing.

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## **CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE**

May 22-25

Colonial Country Club

Ft. Worth, TX

Eligible players in the 132-player field are:

- Winners of the Charles Schwab Challenge prior to 2000, winners of the Charles Schwab Challenge in the last five years (2020–2024), and all former winners from 2000 and beyond who were among the top 150 finishers on the previous season's FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List.

**NOTE:** *Winners prior to 2000, who are not otherwise eligible for the event, will be added to the starting field and must maintain a scoring average no greater than three strokes above the field average for the rounds of golf in which they have played in the season prior to be eligible in this category. A player who loses his exempt status for failing to meet the scoring average provision may regain exempt status immediately by finishing three strokes or less above the field average for the rounds of golf in which he has played in official money events during the current season, excluding official money team events.*

- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship in the last five years (2021–2025)
- Winner's of the Masters Tournament in the last five years (2021–2025)
- Winners of the U.S. Open in the last five years (2020–2024)
- Winners of The Open Championship in the last five years (2021–2024)
- Winners of the PGA Championship in the last five years (2021-2025)
- Winner of the FedExCup from the 2019/20–2024 seasons.
- Winners of the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play in the years 2023
- Winners of The Genesis Invitational and the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard in the last three years (2023–2025)
- Winners of the Memorial Tournament in the last three years (2022–2024)
- Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, whose victories are considered official, since the previous season's Charles Schwab Challenge
- Playing members of the last-named U.S. Ryder Cup team (2023)
- Current PGA TOUR members who were playing members from the last-named European Ryder Cup team (2023)
- Playing members of the last-named U.S. Presidents Cup team (2024)
- Current PGA TOUR members who were playing members of the last-named International Presidents Cup team (2024)
- Two players selected by the current and former winners of the Charles Schwab Challenge



- The top 15 finishers and ties (including PGA TOUR nonmembers) from the previous year's Charles Schwab Challenge
- 12 sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
  - Two from among the current season's Top Finishers of the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / PGA TOUR Q-School categories
  - Six from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership
  - Four "unrestricted".
- Up to two foreign players designated by the Commissioner
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking through the completion of the Masters Tournament (Monday, April 14, 2025).
- The top 125 players from the prior season's FedExCup Fall Playoffs and Eligibility Points List
- Members in the Top 125-Nonmembers category whose points on the Non-WGC FedExCup Points List for Non-Members for the previous season equals or exceeds the amount of FedExCup points earned by the player finishing in 125th position on the prior season's FedExCup Fall Playoffs & Eligibility Points List
- The leading finisher to earn a PGA TOUR card from the prior season's Race to Dubai
- The leading finisher from the prior season's final Korn Ferry Tour Points List
- The top 10 players from the current season's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Truist Championship/Myrtle Beach Classic
- If necessary to complete a field of 132 players, those players below 10th position from the 2025 FedExCup Points List through the Truist Championship/Myrtle Beach Classic, in order of their positions on such list

**NOTE:** Eligibility for this event will be adjusted in 2026.

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## **THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY WORKDAY**

May 29-June 1

Muirfield Village Golf Club

Dublin, OH

Eligible PGA TOUR Members in the 72-player Signature Event are:

- Top 50 players from the prior year's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Playoffs
- Top 10 available players, not otherwise exempt, from the current year's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Charles Schwab Challenge
- Top 5 available players, not otherwise exempt, who accumulate the most FedExCup points in the "swing" of full-field events prior to the event (Myrtle Beach Classic, Charles Schwab Challenge)
- Official Tournament Winners of full point events in the current season, not otherwise exempt
- PGA TOUR Members, not otherwise exempt, who are within the Top 30 of the Official World Golf Ranking as of the Monday of tournament week (Monday, May 26, 2025)
- Four sponsor exemptions restricted to PGA TOUR members
  - One exemption designated for the Defending Champion, if needed
  - Exempt PGA TOUR Members ("Q-school category and above" as defined in Article III, Section A1a(1)-(11) and (18) and Section A1b-f and Section 1h-l)
  - PGA TOUR Members and Special Temporary Members within the Top 125 of the current year FedExCup Points List
  - PGA TOUR Members within the Top 50 of the Official World Golf Rankings
- One exemption designated for exceptional lifetime achievement of 80+ career wins, if needed

- If necessary to complete a field of 72 players, those players below the top 10 available players from the current year's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Charles Schwab Challenge, in priority order

**NOTE:** After 36-holes, the field will cut to the top 50 and ties and any player within 10 shots of the lead.

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## **RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

June 5-8

TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley (North Course)

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Eligible players in the 156-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:

- 12 "unrestricted" sponsor exemptions
  - The host shall have a total of 20 sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
    - Two from among the current season's membership
    - Two from among the current season's Top Finishers of the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / PGA TOUR Q-School category
    - 16 "unrestricted"

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## **U.S. OPEN**

June 12-15

Oakmont Country Club

Oakmont, PA

Eligible players are:

- Winners of the U.S. Open Championship the last 10 years
- From the 2024 U.S. Open Championship, the 10 lowest scorers and anyone tying for 10th place
- Winner of the 2024 U.S. Senior Open Championship
- Winner of the 2024 U.S. Amateur Championship
- Winners of the 2024 U.S. Junior Amateur and U.S. Mid-Amateur Championships, and the 2024 U.S. Amateur runner-up (must be an amateur)
- Winners of the Masters Tournament 2020-2025
- Winners of the PGA of America Championship 2021-2025
- Winners of The Open conducted by the R & A 2021-2024
- Winners of The Players Championship 2023-2025
- Winner of the 2024 DP World Tour BMW PGA Championship
- Those players who qualified and were eligible for the season-ending 2024 Tour Championship
- Multiple winners of PGA Tour events that award a full-point allocation for the FedExCup, from the conclusion of the 2024 U.S. Open (June 13-16) to the initiation of the 2025 U.S. Open
- The Top 5 players in the 2025 FedExCup standings as of May 19, 2025, who are not otherwise exempt
- The points leader from the 2024 Korn Ferry Tour season using combined points earned on the Official Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points Standings and points earned in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals

- The top two players from the final 2024 Race to Dubai Rankings, who are not otherwise exempt as of May 19, 2025
- The top player on the 2025 Race to Dubai Rankings as of May 19, 2025, who is not otherwise exempt
- Winner of the 2024 Amateur Championship staged by the R&A (must be an amateur)
- Winner of the 2024 Mark H. McCormack Medal (Men's World Amateur Golf Rankings) (must be an amateur)
- Winner of the 2025 NCAA Division I Men's Individual Golf Championship (must be an amateur)
- Winner of the 2025 Latin America Amateur Championship (must be an amateur)
- From the current Official World Golf Rankings, the top 60 points leaders and ties as of May 19, 2025
- From the current Official World Golf Rankings, the top 60 points leaders and ties as of June 9, 2025
- Winner of the 2024 Olympic Gold Medal, contested August 1-4, 2024
- The top player who is not otherwise exempt and in the top 3 of the 2025 LIV Golf Individual Standings as of May 19, 2025
- Special exemptions selected by the USGA. Deadline for submission of request: May 15, 2025

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## **TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

June 19-22

TPC River Highlands

Cromwell, CT

Eligible PGA TOUR Members in the 72-player Signature Event are:

- Top 50 players from the prior year's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Playoffs
- Top 10 available PGA TOUR members, not otherwise exempt, from the current season's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the U.S. Open
- Top 5 available players, not otherwise exempt, who accumulate the most FedExCup points in the "swing" of full-field events prior to the event (Myrtle Beach Classic, Charles Schwab Challenge, RBC Canadian Open)
- Official Tournament Winners of full point events in the current season, not otherwise exempt
- PGA TOUR Members, not otherwise exempt, who are within the Top 30 of the Official World Golf Ranking as of the Monday of tournament week (Monday, June 16, 2025)
- Four sponsor exemptions restricted to PGA TOUR members
  - One exemption designated for the Defending Champion, if needed
  - Exempt PGA TOUR Members ("Q-school category and above" as defined in Article III, Section A1a(1)-(11) and (18) and Section A1b-f and Section 1h-l)
  - PGA TOUR Members and Special Temporary Members within the Top 125 of the current year FedExCup Points List
  - PGA TOUR Members within the Top 50 of the Official World Golf Rankings
- One exemption designated for exceptional lifetime achievement of 80+ career wins, if needed
- If necessary to complete a field of 72 players, those players below the top 10 available players from the current year's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the U.S. Open, in priority order

**NOTE:** The Travelers Championship will not have a cut.

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## GENESIS SCOTTISH OPEN

July 10-13

The Renaissance Club

North Berwick

Eligible players in the 156-player field are:

- 75 players from the PGA TOUR
  - Top 30 players from the 2024 FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Playoffs
  - Top 43 available players from the 2025 FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Travelers Championship
  - Two tournament invitations restricted to current season's PGA TOUR membership
- 75 players to be determined by the DP World Tour as follows:
  - The leading available Member not otherwise exempt from each of the following Global Swing Rankings:
    - International Swing Rankings, at the conclusion of the Jonsson Workwear Open;
    - Asian Swing Rankings, at the conclusion of the Volvo China Open;
    - European Swing Rankings, at the conclusion of the BMW International Open.
  - The balance of the 75 players will be determined in accordance with the 2025 DP World Tour Exemption Category list, excluding Categories 6, 7, 8 and 13.
- Three "unrestricted" tournament invitations
- Three spots allocated to the KPGA as follows:
  - Current winner of the KPGA Genesis Championship
  - The leading 2 available players (not otherwise exempt) from the final 2024 KPGA Genesis Points List
  - **NOTE:** If the winner of the KPGA Genesis Championship does not take up this opportunity, then 3 spots will be allocated to the final 2024 KPGA Genesis Points List.
- Withdrawals will be replaced by the highest ranking alternate on the PGA TOUR alternate list until the groupings are posted on-site Tuesday of tournament week (usually noon local time). After this time, if a member of the PGA TOUR alternate list is on site or en route he will retain his alternate position provided he has confirmed arrival information with PGA TOUR Competitions. Following any PGA TOUR alternates will be the next eligible and committed player from the DP World Tour Exemption Category list.

### ELIGIBILITY NOTES:

- As of the commitment deadline, players who are members of and exempt through both the PGA TOUR and DP World Tour will be allocated to the PGA TOUR.
- After the commitment deadline, a player who was only exempt through one of the Tours and subsequently becomes exempt on the other Tour will remain allocated to the Tour through which he first became exempt.

**NOTE:** Commitment deadline is outside the normal deadline - Thursday, June 26 by 5:00 pm EDT.

**NOTE:** Both Tours will operate using the PGA TOUR's Opposite Event Policy whereby a player who is exempt into the Genesis Scottish Open at the commitment deadline is not able to play in the ISCO Championship.

**NOTE:** A hybrid purse breakdown, utilizing both the PGA TOUR and DP World Tour purses breakdown will be used.

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## **ISCO CHAMPIONSHIP**

July 10-13

Hurstbourne Country Club (Championship Course)

Louisville, KY

Eligible players in the 156-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:

- The leading 49 available players from the 2025 DP World Tour Exemption Category List to a floor of category 20, excluding Categories 6 and 8.
- The leading available DP World Tour Ranked Member who is entered into this tournament and is not otherwise exempt from above from within the top 110 of the 2025 Race to Dubai Rankings as of the conclusion of the BMW International Open. A blank entry will be filed for this exemption that will be defined after the close of entries. If there is no such eligible player, then the spots in above will be increased to 50.

The host has a total of 8 sponsor exemptions:

- Two from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership
- Six "unrestricted"

**NOTE:** The starting field size may be increased in order to include in the starting field those members listed in Section A-1(h-j) of Article III (Top Finishers of the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-school categories).

**NOTE:** Non-members and Special Temporary Members are ineligible to "Top 10" out of this event.

**NOTE:** Winners who are Non-members or Special Temporary Members at the time of victory receive a one-season winners exemption and FedExCup Points earned do not move over to the Official FedExCup Points List.

**NOTE:** Any withdrawal from the PGA TOUR and European Tour ranking will be replaced by the next eligible and committed player within that category until 12 noon local tournament time Tuesday of tournament week. After this time, unless European Tour has any reserves registered and on-site, any withdrawals will be replaced by the next eligible and committed player from the PGA TOUR ranking.

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## **THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

July 17-20

Portrush Golf Club

Portrush, Northern Ireland

Eligible players are:

- The Open Champions aged 60 or under on 20 July 2025 (for all Champions up until 2024)
- The Open Champions aged 55 or under on 20 July 2025 (for all Champions from 2024)
- The Open Champions for 2014-2024
- First 10 anyone tying for 10th place in The 152nd Open at Royal Troon in 2024
- The first 50 players on the OWGR for Week 21, 2025
- First 25 in the Final Race to Dubai Rankings for 2024
- The BMW PGA Championship winners for 2022-2024

- First 5 DP World Tour members and any DP World Tour members tying for 5th place, not otherwise exempt, in the top 20 of the Race to Dubai Rankings on completion of the 2025 BMW International
- The Masters Tournament Champions for 2020-2025
- The PGA Champions for 2019-2025
- The US Open Champions for 2020-2025
- Top 30 players from the Final 2024 FedExCup Points List
- The PLAYERS Champions for 2023-2025
- First 5 PGA TOUR members and any PGA TOUR members tying for 5th place, not exempt in the top 20 of the PGA TOUR FedExCup Points List for 2025 on completion of the 2025 Travelers Championship.
- The first player and anyone tying for that place, not otherwise exempt, in the top 5 of the 2025 LIV Golf Individual Season Standings on completion of LIV Golf Dallas.
- The 2024 Olympic Men's Golf Gold Medallist
- The 118th VISA Open de Argentina 2025 Champion
- The first 5 players on the 2025 Federations Ranking List as of closing date
- The Japan Open Champion for 2024
- The Senior Open Champion for 2024

The following exemptions can only be taken up by players retaining their amateur status:

- The US Amateur Champion for 2024
- The Mark H McCormack Medal (Men's WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING) winner for 2024
- The Asia-Pacific Amateur Champion 2024
- The Latin America Amateur Champion 2025
- The Africa Amateur Champion 2025
- The Amateur Champion for 2025
- The European Amateur Champion for 2025
- The Open Amateur Series winner 2025

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## **BARRACUDA CHAMPIONSHIP**

July 17-20

Tahoe Mountain Club (Old Greenwood)

Truckee, CA

Eligible players in the 156-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:

- The leading 49 available players from the 2025 DP World Tour Exemption Category List to a floor of category 20, excluding Categories 6 and 8.
- The leading available DP World Tour Ranked Member who is entered into this tournament and is not otherwise exempt from above from within the top 110 of the 2025 Race to Dubai Rankings as of the conclusion of the ISCO Championship. A blank entry will be filed for this exemption that will be defined after the close of entries. If there is no such eligible player, then the spots in above will be increased to 50.

The host has a total of 8 sponsor exemptions:

- Two from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership
- Six "unrestricted"

**NOTE:** The starting field size may be increased in order to include in the starting field those members listed in Section A-1(h-j) of Article III (Top Finishers of the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-school categories).

**NOTE:** Non-members are ineligible to “Top 10” out of this event.

**NOTE:** Winners who are Non-members or Special Temporary Members at the time of victory receive a one-season winners exemption and FedExCup Points earned do not move over to the Official FedExCup Points List.

**NOTE:** Any withdrawal from the PGA TOUR and European Tour ranking will be replaced by the next eligible and committed player within that category until 12 noon local tournament time Tuesday of tournament week. After this time, unless European Tour has any reserves registered and on site, any withdrawals will be replaced by the next eligible and committed player from the PGA TOUR ranking.

**Modified Stableford Format will be used.**

<b>Score</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Points</b>
Double Eagle	+8	Par	0
Eagle	+5	Bogey	-1
Birdie	+2	Double Bogey	-3
		or worse	

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**FEDEX ST. JUDE CHAMPIONSHIP**

August 7-10  
TPC Southwind  
Memphis, TN

Eligible players are:

- The top 70 players plus ties from the 2025 FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Wyndham Championship.

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**BMW CHAMPIONSHIP**

August 14-17  
Caves Valley Golf Club  
Owings Mills, MD

Eligible players are:

- The top 50 players plus ties from the 2025 FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the FedEx St. Jude Championship.

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**TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

August 21-24  
East Lake Golf Club  
Atlanta, GA

Eligible players are:

- The top 30 players plus ties from the 2025 FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the BMW Championship.

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## **RYDER CUP**

September 25-28

Bethpage State Park (Black Course)

Farmingdale, NY

### **United States Team**

- The top six (6) U.S. players who have earned the most official PGA TOUR money from January 1, 2024, through August 17, 2025 (BMW Championship), weighted as follows:
- \$1,000 = 1 point for all players making the cut at the 2024 THE PLAYERS Championship and the four Major Championships: Masters, PGA Championship, U.S. Open, and The Open Championship.
- \$1,000 = 1 point for all players making the cut at Regular PGA TOUR events from January 1, 2025 through the conclusion of the BMW Championship, ending August 17, 2025.
- \$1,000 = 1.5 points for all players making the cut in 2025 at the four Major Championships: Masters, PGA Championship, U.S. Open and The Open Championship.
- Six (6) Captain's selections-to be announced following the TOUR Championship.

### **European Team**

- The top six (6) DP World Tour members on The Ryder Cup Points List as of August 24, 2025. The Ryder Cup Points List will comprise the following:
  - Ryder Cup Points earned by each Member from all Race to Dubai Ranking Tournaments (including the 4 Major Championships) in which he Participates that are scheduled to conclude between Thursday, August 29, 2024 and Sunday, August 24, 2025.
  - Ryder Cup Points earned by each Member from all PGA Tour FedExCup Points events in which he Participates, excluding any tournament scheduled in the same week as a DP World Tour Rolex Series Tournament, scheduled to conclude between January 1, 2025 and Sunday, August 17, 2025.

**NOTE:** Ryder Cup Points will be earned in accordance with the following banding structure where the below points are the total points available for each tournament.

- Band 5: Major Championships - 5,000 Points
  - Band 4: PGA TOUR Signature Events/THE PLAYERS/FedExCup Playoffs - 3000 points
  - Band 3: DP World Tour Rolex Series and PGA TOUR Regular events - 2,000 points
  - Band 2: DP World Tour Back 9 events - 1,500 points
  - Band 1: DP World Tour Global Series and PGA TOUR Opposite events - 1,000 Points
- Six (6) Captain's selections fo be announced in the week commencing September 1, 2025.

**NOTE:** Points ranking does not guarantee qualification for the Ryder Cup. Players must separately meet all eligibility requirements.



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## **BAYCURRENT CLASSIC**

October 9-12

Yohohama Country Club

Yokohama, Japan

Eligible players for the 78-player field are:

- Top 60 available players from the 2025 FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the 2025 TOUR Championship to a floor of 125th position
- Nine players designated by the JGTO, as follows:
  - Winner of the 2025 BMW Japan Golf Tour Championship Mori Building Cup
  - Winner of the 2025 ACN Championship
  - Seven (7) players in priority order from the 2025 JGTO Prize Money List through the current year's Japan Open Golf Championship
- Nine (9) sponsor exemptions, as follows: (one designated for defending champion, if needed)
  - Four (4) from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership
  - Four (4) from the current season's JGTO membership
  - One (1) "unrestricted"
- If necessary to fill the field to 78 players, those players in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall not be eligible:
  - Open Qualifying
  - Past Champion of respective Event
  - PGA National Professional Champion
  - Top 10 from Previous Tournament
- Withdrawals will be replaced by the highest-ranking alternate on the PGA TOUR alternate list until the groupings are posted on-site Tuesday of tournament week (usually noon local time). After this time, if a member of the PGA TOUR alternate list is on site or en route, he will retain his alternate position provided he has confirmed arrival information with PGA TOUR Competitions. Following any PGA TOUR alternates will be the next available player from the 2025 JGTO Prize Money List.

**NOTE:** Commitment deadline is Friday, September 12, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

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## **WORLD WIDE TECHNOLOGY CHAMPIONSHIP**

November 6-9

El Cardonal at Diamante

Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S., Mexico

Eligible players in the 120-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations (i.e., standard open event), except that the following shall first be eligible:

- Up to four sponsor exemptions, restricted to players of Spanish or Mexican heritage from Latin America, South America, Spain or Mexico
- The following shall not be eligible:
- Current PGA National Professional Champion

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## **BUTTERFIELD BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP**

November 13-16

Port Royal Golf Course  
Southampton, Bermuda

- Eligible players in the 120-player field are those players listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations (i.e., standard open event), except that the host has a total of 12 sponsor exemptions, as follows:
  - Two from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership
  - Two from among the Top Finishers of the Korn Ferry Tour category
  - Eight unrestricted

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## **HERO WORLD CHALLENGE**

December 4-7  
Albany  
Nassau, Bahamas

Eligible players in the 20-player field are:

- The winner of the previous Hero World Challenge
- Current year winners of the Masters Tournament, THE PLAYERS Championship, PGA Championship, U.S. Open, and The Open Championship
- Three sponsor exemptions restricted to players ranked among the top 50 on the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, August 25, 2025, or the tournament host if not otherwise eligible
- To complete the field of 20 players, the top available players from the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, August 25, 2025.

**NOTE:** The commitment deadline for all participants is Friday, 5 p.m., EDT, October 3, 2025, to the tournament office – Stacy Stark-Bloch, 714-293-1348 or [sstark@TGRFoundation.org](mailto:ssstark@TGRFoundation.org).

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## **GRANT THORNTON INVITATIONAL**

December 11-14  
Tiburón Golf Club and The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón  
Naples, FL

Eligible players for the 16-team (32-player) field are:

- Defending Champions, playing as a team
- Eight (8) PGA TOUR players from within the Top 70 on the 2025 FedExCup Points List through the TOUR Championship, as selected by the tournament
- Eight (8) LPGA players from within the Top 70 on the Race to the CME Globe Points List as of the 2025 FM Global Championship, as selected by the tournament
- Fourteen (14) special exemptions, as follows.
  - Two (2) restricted to PGA TOUR Members
  - Two (2) restricted to LPGA Tour Members
  - Ten (10) unrestricted
- If necessary to complete the field, additional sponsor exemptions

**NOTE:** The play format each day to be mutually agreed upon by TOUR, LPGA, and Event  
**NOTE:** Commitment deadline is 5 p.m., EDT, on Friday, October 3, 2025.

# NATIONALITY POLICY

## I. General

Any Athlete in an International Golf Competition (Section II) must be a national of the country which the Athlete is representing or under which the Athlete is eligible for the competition.

The IGF publishes this policy ("Nationality Policy") as it pertains to matters relating to the determination of the country which an Athlete may represent in an International Golf Competition listed below, and from time-to-time will advise sanctioning organizations of International Golf Competitions as to guidelines and standards on making determinations on an Athlete's nationality.

Each sanctioning organization has adopted the Nationality Policy and shares decisions based on nationality with the IGF and other sanctioning organizations. All matters relating to the determination of the country which an Athlete may represent in an International Golf Competition listed below shall be resolved by the sanctioning organization for that event, in its sole discretion.

## II. International Golf Competitions

For the purposes of this policy, International Golf Competitions are as follows:

### Women's Competitions

Espirito Santo Trophy  
Solheim Cup  
International Crown  
Olympic Games  
Youth Olympic Games

### Sanctioning Organization

International Golf Federation  
LPGA  
LPGA  
International Golf Federation  
International Golf Federation

### Men's Competitions

Eisenhower Trophy  
Ryder Cup  
Presidents Cup  
Olympic Games  
Youth Olympic Games  
World Cup

### Sanctioning Organization

International Golf Federation  
European Tour & PGA of America  
PGA TOUR  
International Golf Federation  
International Golf Federation  
International Federation of PGA Tours

## III. Nationality

An Athlete will be considered a national of a country if the Athlete is a citizen of the country, as defined by the laws of such country.

An Athlete who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as the Athlete may elect. However, after having represented one country in an International Golf Competition, the Athlete may not represent another country unless first meeting the conditions set forth below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

An Athlete who has represented one country in an International Golf Competition, and who has changed nationality or acquired a new nationality, may participate in another International Golf Competition representing the new country provided that, as of the start of the qualification period

for such event, at least four years have passed since the Athlete last represented his/her former country. This period may be extended, reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the sanctioning organization, which takes into account the circumstances of each case and any applicable guidelines and standards provided by the IGF.

If an associated state, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, or if a country merges with another country, an Athlete may continue to represent the country to which the Athlete belongs or belonged. However, if the Athlete prefers, the Athlete may elect to represent the new country. This particular choice may be made only once for any other International Golf Event including future Olympic Games.

Furthermore, in all cases in which an Athlete would be eligible to participate in an International Golf Competition, either by representing another country than his/hers or by having the choice as to the country which such Athlete intends to represent, the sanctioning organization may take all decisions of a general or individual nature with regard to issues resulting from nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of any Athlete, including the duration of any waiting period, taking into account the circumstances of each case and any applicable guidelines and standards provided by the IGF.

#### **IV. Countries and Continents**

For the purposes of defining a country (or territory, if applicable) of which an Athlete is a national, the current list of National Olympic Committees as recognized by the International Olympic Committee will be used. For International Golf Competitions other than the Olympic Games and Youth Olympic Games, England, Scotland and Wales will be considered to be separate countries.

For the purposes of defining the continent of Europe as it relates only to certain International Golf Competitions which either include all countries within Europe as a team or exclude all countries within Europe from a team, the following countries will be considered to be within Europe and not part of regions other than Europe:

Albania	Cyprus	Ireland	Monaco	Republic
Andorra	Czech Republic	Israel	Montenegro	Slovenia
Armenia	Denmark	Italy	Norway	Spain
Austria	Estonia	Kazakhstan	Poland	Sweden
Azerbaijan	Finland	Latvia	Portugal	Switzerland
Belarus	France	Liechtenstein	Romania	The Netherlands
Belgium	Georgia	Lithuania	Russian	Turkey
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Germany	Luxembourg	Federation	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Greece	Macedonia	San Marino	United Kingdom
Croatia	Hungary	Malta	Serbia	
	Iceland	Moldova	Slovak	

#### **V. Rankings**

An Athlete should ensure that his/her nationality is correctly listed on the appropriate world golf ranking system. For women's International Golf Competitions, this shall be the Rolex Women's World Rankings. For men's International Golf Competitions, this shall be the Official World Golf Rankings. For the purposes of applying this policy, the Athlete will be presumed to be a national of the country listed on the appropriate world rankings system, subject to verification in accordance

with this policy. Any decisions taken related to an Athlete's nationality in accordance with this policy shall be referred by the IGF to the appropriate ranking system, who shall display the correct nationality of each Athlete within the rankings.

An Athlete eligible to participate in an International Golf Competition by representing another country to the one previously represented (by either changing nationality or acquiring a new nationality) in accordance with this policy will only be eligible for International Golf Competitions for which the qualification period has not yet started, unless otherwise allowed by the sanctioning organization.

An Athlete eligible to participate in an International Golf Competition by having the choice as to the country which such Athlete intends to represent in accordance with this policy will only be eligible for International Golf Competitions for which the qualification period has not yet started, unless otherwise allowed by the sanctioning organization.

An Athlete who changes his/her nationality for an International Golf Competition prior to the qualifications and eligibility period beginning for such event, yet subsequently fails to qualify for the competition, is subject to the provisions of this policy including the time periods prescribed herein.

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# GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

## PLAYER IDENTIFICATION

PGA TOUR members will receive a personal photo ID and family credentials, which serve as identification at all cosponsored tournaments. Players are responsible for their minor children and their conduct in the Player Family dining area and elsewhere on course. If lost, replacement credentials are available through PGA TOUR Headquarters at a cost of **\$50 per family credential and photo ID card**.

## OTHER CREDENTIALS

Tournament sponsors provide complimentary daily admission credentials to any member and their immediate family (spouse/significant other, children and parents) of the PGA TOUR, PGA of America, LPGA, and the Golf Course Superintendents Association. Complimentary daily admission credentials will be provided to any member of the Golf Course Builders Association of America, Club Managers Association of America and the American Society of Golf Course Architects. Family members must accompany the player in person to obtain these credentials.

## DATA PROTECTION & PRIVACY

The protection of our players' personally identifiable information is of the utmost importance at the PGA TOUR. Such information is used by PGA TOUR to administer the tournaments operated and/or sanctioned by PGA TOUR, provide membership benefits, and provide PGA TOUR players with information relating to membership, products, services, news and promotions of PGA TOUR and its affiliates. In light of new laws coming into effect such as the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation, the PGA TOUR has developed a Data Protection & Privacy Compliance Working Group to focus on the safeguards and best practices for the collection and processing of personal data. If at any time, you would like to access or correct any of your personally identifiable information, please contact [dataprivacyandcompliance@pgatourhq.com](mailto:dataprivacyandcompliance@pgatourhq.com).

# TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

## PURSE DISTRIBUTION FORMULAS

The PGA TOUR Policy Board establishes distribution of purses for PGA TOUR tournaments. "Approved" tournaments and events with special or small fields may use other purse distribution formulas.

The standard formula for PGA TOUR events provides a first prize of 18 percent of the total purse. Following is the standard distribution formula for an event with a purse of \$8.0 million:

POSITION	PERCENT	PRIZE
1	18.000%	\$1,440,000.00
2	10.900%	\$872,000.00
3	6.900%	\$552,000.00
4	4.900%	\$392,000.00
5	4.100%	\$328,000.00
6	3.625%	\$290,000.00
7	3.375%	\$270,000.00
8	3.125%	\$250,000.00
9	2.925%	\$234,000.00
10	2.725%	\$218,000.00
11	2.525%	\$202,000.00
12	2.325%	\$186,000.00
13	2.125%	\$170,000.00
14	1.925%	\$154,000.00
15	1.825%	\$146,000.00
16	1.725%	\$138,000.00
17	1.625%	\$130,000.00
18	1.525%	\$122,000.00
19	1.425%	\$114,000.00
20	1.325%	\$106,000.00
21	1.225%	\$98,000.00
22	1.125%	\$90,000.00
23	1.045%	\$83,600.00
24	0.965%	\$77,200.00
25	0.885%	\$70,800.00
26	0.805%	\$64,400.00
27	0.775%	\$62,000.00
28	0.745%	\$59,600.00
29	0.715%	\$57,200.00
30	0.685%	\$54,800.00
31	0.655%	\$52,400.00
32	0.625%	\$50,000.00
33	0.595%	\$47,600.00

POSITION	PERCENT	PRIZE
34	0.570%	\$45,600.00
35	0.545%	\$43,600.00
36	0.520%	\$41,600.00
37	0.495%	\$39,600.00
38	0.475%	\$38,000.00
39	0.455%	\$36,400.00
40	0.435%	\$34,800.00
41	0.415%	\$33,200.00
42	0.395%	\$31,600.00
43	0.375%	\$30,000.00
44	0.355%	\$28,400.00
45	0.335%	\$26,800.00
46	0.315%	\$25,200.00
47	0.295%	\$23,600.00
48	0.279%	\$22,320.00
49	0.265%	\$21,200.00
50	0.257%	\$20,560.00
51	0.251%	\$20,080.00
52	0.245%	\$19,600.00
53	0.241%	\$19,280.00
54	0.237%	\$18,960.00
55	0.235%	\$18,800.00
56	0.233%	\$18,640.00
57	0.231%	\$18,480.00
58	0.229%	\$18,320.00
59	0.227%	\$18,160.00
60	0.225%	\$18,000.00
61	0.223%	\$17,840.00
62	0.221%	\$17,680.00
63	0.219%	\$17,520.00
64	0.217%	\$17,360.00
65	0.215%	\$17,200.00

## **BAD WEATHER GUIDELINES**

In situations involving bad weather, our first priority is always the competition and completion of 72 holes. Every effort will be made to achieve this objective by Sunday which could include playing 36 holes on the final day. If this can not be accomplished, play will always be extended to Monday if conditions and the weather forecast permit.

In making decisions to extend play beyond Sunday or to reduce the tournament to fewer than 72 holes due to inclement weather, the on-site Chief Referee discusses the situation and conditions with a number of parties, including the host organization, title sponsor, host site (general manager and/or golf course superintendent), on-site weather forecaster, television representatives and the other members of the Rules Committee. Players are not included in these discussions as policy dictates it is inappropriate for the Rules Committee to discuss matters directly affecting the competition with contestants.

In an effort to provide more definitive guidelines for use in the decision-making process, the following Bad Weather Guidelines will be followed:

### **EXTENDING PLAY TO MONDAY**

1. Every effort will be made to finish each round as scheduled by Sunday. The first priority is always the competition and completion of 72 holes.
2. In an effort to achieve this objective by Sunday, 36 holes may be played on Sunday following a reduction of the field to the score which has the closest number of players (including amateurs) to 60. If an equal number of players are at scores above and below the 60th position, the higher score will be used. In the event of any such cut, professionals eliminated who otherwise would have played in the final 36 holes will receive the appropriate share of official prize money in accordance with their respective positions.
3. If conditions exist which prevent 72 holes from being completed by Sunday, play will always be extended to Monday if golf course conditions and the weather forecast permit. Play on Monday could include 36 holes and a reduction of the field to the score which has the closest number of players to 60.
4. If conditions exist which make the completion of 72 holes impossible, the next priority is to complete 54 holes, thereby the winner is credited with an official victory. Again, play in this situation will always be extended to Monday if golf course conditions and weather permit.
5. If conditions exist which make the completion of 54 holes impossible, the next priority is to complete 36 holes, thereby players receive official money although the winner is credited with an unofficial victory. Again, play in this situation may be extended to Monday.

### **EXTENDING PLAY BEYOND MONDAY**

1. Except for THE PLAYERS Championship and the FedExCup Playoff events, in the event of a suspension during a final round being played on Monday when at least half of the field has completed play, the final round will be completed on Tuesday, but no later. Further, in no situation would we resume play in order to have 50% or more of the field complete their round. If



play cannot be completed on Tuesday, scores will revert back to the last completed round and the competition will be considered closed.

2. Except for THE PLAYERS Championship and the FedExCup Playoff events, play will not extend past Tuesday under any circumstances unless the event can be rescheduled and replayed in its entirety. This scenario would occur only if no more than 18 holes had been completed and an acceptable open date were available.
3. For THE PLAYERS Championship and the FedExCup Playoff events, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, extend play as necessary in order to complete 72 holes of competition.

## **ON-SITE COMMUNICATION**

1. On Tuesday of Tournament Week, the PGA TOUR Chief Referee will meet with host organization and title sponsor representatives to review the Bad Weather Guidelines and discuss plans to extend the event to Monday if necessary. Also reviewed are the tournament's plans to reschedule or relocate any special events planned for the tournament course on Monday (i.e. title sponsor outing) if play is extended to Monday.
2. Also on Tuesday of Tournament Week, the PGA TOUR Chief Referee will meet with television representatives to review air times, requested finish times, playoff holes and plans if inclement weather is predicted or encountered during the tournament. At small field tournaments, or for rounds following the cut at full field events, a tape delay telecast will be discussed if play can be started early and completed before impending bad weather. Prior to the final round, the leaders may start on the back nine to provide the network an opportunity to telecast some amount of play by the leaders.
3. After receiving and heavily weighing input from the host organization, title sponsor, host site (general manager and/or golf course superintendent), on-site weather forecaster and television, the PGA TOUR shall make the final decision to play 36 holes on Sunday, extend play to Monday or reduce the tournament to fewer than 72 holes.
4. Once a decision is reached, the players, host organization, title sponsor and television, if applicable, shall be the first informed. Secondly, the PGA TOUR Chief Referee shall communicate the decision to the PGA TOUR's On-Site Media Official who will disseminate the information to the media, and then to the Advance Official at the following week's event who will immediately let the tournament know of the decision.

## **OTHER FACTORS AND ISSUES**

Factors/issues that are considered in making decisions to suspend, postpone or cancel play include the following:

### **Competitions**

1. Weather forecast: The likelihood of weather conditions allowing the golf course to be prepared for play and the competition to be completed.

2. Course conditions: The condition of the golf course must allow the competition to be conducted under the Rules of Golf. The lift, clean and place rule may be put into effect under extreme circumstances.
3. Cancellation of a started round: If some players begin a round under extremely adverse weather conditions, conditions subsequently worsen and further play that day is impossible, the round may be canceled and replayed in its entirety.
4. Tournament format: If the tournament utilizes a multiple course format, the number of rounds needed to have players complete one round on each course will be considered. In pro-am events, amateurs may be asked to discontinue once play resumes in an effort to complete play on schedule.
5. Following week's event: Decisions to extend play to Monday will not be influenced by the following week's scheduled event, even when the next event is a major championship.

### **Host Organization/Title Sponsor**

1. Prize Money: When a tournament is shortened due to inclement weather or other occurrence beyond the reasonable control of PGA TOUR, the host organization will be obligated to pay prize money in accordance with the guidelines contained in Article IV, Section A.9 of the Tournament Regulations. At tournaments played on one or two courses, official prize money will be distributed in accordance with the standard purse distribution formula when two or more rounds have been completed. At tournaments played on three or more courses, official prize money will be paid in accordance with the standard purse distribution formula when all players have played each course at least once. If players have not played each of the courses at least once, prize money will be unofficial and will be paid out, when possible, based on the standings through the number of completed rounds. If this is not possible, the purse will be divided equally among all players in the starting field.
2. Financial impact: Tournaments and title sponsors want to avoid having to complete play on Mondays and Tuesdays except in extreme situations. Because of the additional costs and logistical problems associated with Monday play, host organizations clearly would prefer to shorten an event to 54 holes rather than extend to Monday to complete 72 holes. However, host organizations for the most part support an extension of play to Monday if required to complete 54 holes.
3. Monday Pro-Am: Many tournaments have Monday pro-ams during Tournament Week, in addition to the Official pro-am (normally held on Wednesday) and extending play beyond Sunday could have a negative impact on the following event's Monday pro-am. This pro-am could be moved to Tuesday at the host organization's request. However, another course would be required so that the pro-am does not interfere with normal practice rounds.

### **Television:**

1. Air times: Every effort is made to conclude the tournament within the scheduled air times. In most cases, networks will extend coverage from 6:00 PM EST to 7:00 PM upon request. For obvious reasons, the networks prefer to conclude the event on Sunday by playing 36 holes instead of extending play to Monday. Host organizations are in favor of this as well.

2. Tee times: Tee times may be changed to accommodate television, and a two-tee start may also be utilized after the cut is made. Prior to the final round, the leaders may start on the back nine to provide the networks an opportunity to telecast some amount of play by the leaders.
3. Monday coverage: Networks are given the first option of telecasting play on Monday. In the event the network declines, cable television will telecast the event on Monday or Tuesday.

## **SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO DANGEROUS SITUATIONS**

Play may be suspended for such dangerous situations as lightning, tornadoes, etc. If the players in a match or group are between two holes, they must not resume play until the Rules Committee so orders. Players who are playing a hole must discontinue immediately and not resume play until the Committee orders. THE PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THIS CONDITION IS DISQUALIFICATION.

All practice areas shall be closed during a suspension for a dangerous situation until the PGA TOUR Rules Committee has declared them open for use. Players who disregard such closing shall be subject to disciplinary action.

**NOTE:** One blast of a horn signals immediate suspension for a dangerous situation. Three short blasts of a horn signals suspension for a non-dangerous situation. Two short blasts of a horn means play has resumed.

## **LOCKER ROOMS**

Locker room access is limited to:

Tournament week:

Players, players' sons when accompanied by the player, PGA TOUR staff, instructors, and working media and a limited number of the host organization's committeemen.

Practice and Pro-Am days:

Tournament representatives, player managers, golf apparel and manufacturer representatives.

Weather delays:

Players, essential locker room staff and PGA TOUR staff.

**NOTE:** Network television personnel are permitted locker room access for the purpose of set up and operation of a "Weather Studio".

A caddie may enter the locker room during the week to assist the player with retrieving items from his locker. Caddies are not allowed in the locker room at any other time. Players whose caddies enter locker rooms initially (not for reason provided above) will be fined \$100. Subsequent fines during a season will be \$250 and \$500, respectively.

Except during weather suspensions, golf bags must be put away in lockers or appropriate bag storage areas provided by the tournament. Golf bags must be put away overnight and shall not be left in the locker room.

Players in the starting tournament field who use locker room facilities at the host clubhouse must pay the attendant a minimum of \$50 for service.

Smoking is not permitted in the player locker room.

## **PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

To help ensure that players competing in PGA TOUR cosponsored tournaments use equipment which conforms with the USGA Rules of Golf, players are encouraged to:

1. Confirm with equipment manufacturers or the club maker that all equipment or samples have been submitted to and approved by the USGA. Any new equipment must be formally approved by the USGA prior to putting the equipment in play.
2. Confirm that driving clubs are on the USGA Conforming Driver List. Any modified club head or club face must conform as if new and may need to be re-tested.
3. Have any altered or unusual clubs checked by a PGA TOUR Rules Official before tournament use.
4. Verify that the ball chosen to be played is on the USGA's "Conforming Golf Balls" list.
5. Confirm that clubs conform to Model Local Rule G-2, regarding groove and punch mark specifications and are listed on the USGA Equipment Database. The Exception does not apply.

If a player fails to submit his equipment prior to competition, he assumes all risk of a ruling that equipment does not conform with the USGA Rules of Golf. Additionally, if required by a PGA TOUR official, a player is obligated to surrender any equipment if it is determined that additional off-site testing is necessary to rule on conformity. Failure to do so will result in withdrawal from the tournament and subsequent disciplinary action. From time to time, PGA TOUR, at the request of the USGA, collects golf balls and equipment samples on-site at events.

## **OPPOSITE EVENT POLICY**

A PGA TOUR member who qualifies, as of the commitment deadline, for a PGA TOUR cosponsored event awarding full FedExCup point allocation shall not be eligible to participate in an opposite PGA TOUR event should he elect not to play in the PGA TOUR cosponsored event awarding full FedExCup point allocation.

## **CADDIE REGULATIONS**

All players in PGA TOUR cosponsored tournaments shall employ caddies for all practice, Pro-Am and tournament rounds, though golf carts may occasionally be authorized by the PGA TOUR's Chief Referee for practice or Pro-Am rounds, whereby caddies are not required.

Caddies shall be paid promptly. The fee is to be resolved early in the week between the player and caddie. Players who wish to bring their own caddies to PGA TOUR cosponsored tournaments may do so. Players shall be responsible for the conduct and behavior of their caddies at tournaments.

The following shall be adhered to in all PGA TOUR cosponsored tournaments:

1. All caddies must complete the caddie registration form each week. The Caddie Chairman and/or Caddie Master will supervise caddies and provide an area for caddies to rest while not on duty, if the caddie van is not on site.
2. Caddies shall wear uniforms and identification badges as prescribed by the host tournament and PGA TOUR. All caddies are required to wear solid-colored khaki-style long pants, which touch the top of the shoe, or solid-colored, knee-length tailored shorts or skorts, and a collared shirt while on club property. T-shirts, jeans, culottes, skirts, capris, cut-off shorts and cargo style shorts are not permitted. Acceptable colors shall be determined at the discretion of the PGA TOUR Chief Referee.
3. Caddies shall wear smooth, rubber-sole plain-colored shoes preferably tennis or basketball shoes. Permissible colors are limited to white and earth tone such as navy, blue, black, brown, tan gray, dark green and the like. Bright colors that are intended to draw attention to a person's footwear are not acceptable. Footwear with a closed toe is required. Flip flops, open-toed sandals and other similar shoes are not permitted. Closed-toe Crocs are acceptable provided they conform with the colors described above. GOLF SPIKES are prohibited.
4. Caddies must conform to the Player Endorsement Policy.
5. Caddies may walk unaccompanied on putting greens during practice round days if play is not disrupted. Caddies may not walk on putting greens on any day, at any time, before or after a Pro-Am or official tournament round.
6. Caddies credentials provide clubhouse access as designated by tournament host.
7. A caddie may enter the locker room during the week to assist the player with retrieving items from his locker. Caddies may not enter the locker room at any other time.
8. Caddies shall not be permitted on practice greens except to retrieve pitch and run shots or putts.
9. Caddies shall assist in maintaining the course by REPLACING DIVOTS AND RAKING BUNKERS as soon as practical after their player has played.
10. Caddies shall not hit shots or putts anywhere on the practice areas or course except in specially approved competitions.
11. Caddies shall not falsely register for accommodations or leave unpaid bills.
12. Caddies shall not engage in any conduct that is prohibited for players under the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program.
13. Caddies shall not engage in any conduct that is prohibited under the PGA TOUR Integrity Program.
14. Caddies shall not engage in conduct unbecoming a professional caddie, as determined in the sole discretion of the PGA TOUR.
15. Caddies must carry their player's clubs. Pull carts or the like are not permitted.

Personal information collected from you will be used by PGA TOUR for the purpose of administering the tournaments on the tours operated and/or sanctioned by PGA TOUR and providing you with information relating to products, services, news and promotions of PGA TOUR and affiliates of PGA TOUR. PGA TOUR shall not sell, share or otherwise disclose your personal information of applicants with third parties, other than to third parties engaged by PGA TOUR to fulfill the above purposes or as otherwise consented to by the applicant. To view PGA TOUR's Privacy Policy, visit [www.pgatour.com/company/privacy.html](http://www.pgatour.com/company/privacy.html).

A caddie who does not comply with these Caddie Regulations will be subject to losing the privilege to caddie on the PGA TOUR. Also, for any violation of these regulations, disciplinary action may be taken against the player for whom the caddie is providing services.

## **PLAYER/FAMILY DINING POLICY**

Player/family dining areas are provided by tournaments for use by players and their immediate family members only. Active PGA TOUR members may receive credentials with player/family dining access for their spouse/significant other, children, nanny, and up to four immediate family members. Immediate family is defined as parents of either adult, grandparents of either adult and siblings.

To access the player/family dining area, a player's spouse/significant other and immediate family members must present their Family Member ID card.

Tournaments have also been requested to provide, on a space available basis, a player only dining area, which in most cases is the player locker room.

If you wish to entertain a guest, such as an extended family member, friend, agent, instructor or equipment company representative, you should dine in another clubhouse dining area, with appropriate food and beverage charges applying to your guest(s).

Space in the player/family dining area is often limited during peak hours so your cooperation with this policy is greatly appreciated. Smoking is not permitted in player/family dining areas. Players are responsible for their minor children and their conduct in the player/family dining area.

## **PROCEDURES FOR DUALY-COMMITTED PLAYERS**

PGA TOUR members in the "126 to 150" category and below (including 3x Winners on the DP World Tour and Korn Ferry Tour) may commit to both PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour events scheduled for the same week. If a player is in the field of both events, he must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters by 3 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday of tournament week which tournament he intends to play. Failure to notify the PGA TOUR of his intention will cause the player to be placed in the PGA TOUR field and removed from the Korn Ferry Tour field.

PGA TOUR members in the "DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-School" category and above who may not be eligible for the PGA TOUR event may commit to both PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour events scheduled for the same week. If a player is in the PGA TOUR event by 3 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday of tournament week, he must play the PGA TOUR event and will be removed from the Korn Ferry Tour field.

A player who is an alternate for the PGA TOUR event and is in the Korn Ferry Tour tournament must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday of tournament week of his intention to play the Korn Ferry Tour event. If he notifies the PGA TOUR that he intends to play the Korn Ferry Tour event (or if he fails to give such notification), then he shall cease to be an alternate for that week's PGA TOUR event and shall remain in the field of the Korn Ferry Tour event.

PGA TOUR members may commit to both PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions events scheduled for the same week. If a player is in the field of both events, he must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters by 3p.m. Eastern Time on Monday of tournament week which tournament he intends to play. Failure to notify the PGA TOUR of his intention will cause the player to be placed in the PGA TOUR field and removed from the PGA TOUR Champions field.

A player who is an alternate for that week's PGA TOUR Champions event and is in the PGA TOUR tournament must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters by 5p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday of tournament week of his intention to play the PGA TOUR event. If he notifies the PGA TOUR that he intends to play the PGA TOUR event (or if he fails to give such notification), then he shall cease to be an alternate for that week's PGA TOUR Champions event and shall remain in the field of the PGA TOUR events.

A player who is an alternate for the PGA TOUR event and is in the PGA TOUR Champions tournament must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters by 5p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday of tournament week of his intention to play the PGA TOUR Champions event. If he notifies the PGA TOUR that he intends to play the PGA TOUR Champions event (or if he fails to give such notification), then he shall cease to be an alternate for that week's PGA TOUR event and shall remain in the field of the PGA TOUR Champions event.

PGA TOUR Champions members may commit to both PGA TOUR Champions and Korn Ferry Tour events scheduled for the same week. If a player is in the field of both events, he must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters by 3p.m. Eastern Time on Monday of tournament week which tournament he intends to play. Failure to notify the PGA TOUR of his intention will cause the player to be placed in the PGA TOUR Champions field and removed from the Korn Ferry Tour field.

A PGA TOUR Champions member who is an alternate for that week's PGA TOUR Champions event and is in the Korn Ferry Tour tournament must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday of tournament week of his intention to play the Korn Ferry Tour event. If he notifies the PGA TOUR that he intends to play the Korn Ferry Tour event (or if he fails to give such notification), then he shall cease to be an alternate for that week's PGA TOUR Champions event and shall remain in the field of the Korn Ferry Tour event.

## **MEASURING CONDITION OF PUTTING GREENS**

The Rules of Golf state that before a round or playoff on any day of a stroke play competition, a player must not practice on the competition course or test the surface of any putting green on the course by rolling a ball or rubbing the surface. Furthermore, the PGA TOUR has adopted the following policy which applies to PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, and Korn Ferry Tour competitions:

On any day of an official stroke play or match play competition, or during official practice rounds and Pro-Ams, players and caddies are NOT permitted to use any device that measures the condition

of any putting green on the competition course (i.e., slope, speed, texture, firmness, friction, or moisture level).

A device specifically designed to be used as a “training aid” may be used on any day on the practice greens. The same “training aid” may be used on the competition course during practice rounds, provided it does not measure the conditions as described.

A player or caddie who does not comply with this policy is subject to disciplinary action under Article VII. DISCIPLINE, PENALTIES & APPEALS, Section C: Conduct Unbecoming a Professional of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations.

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## **GOLF COURSE PREPARATION & SET-UP PHILOSOPHY**

### **GENERAL**

Golf course preparation and set-up is critical to the PGA TOUR's core mission and has significant ramifications for our players, television partners, tournaments, sponsors and fans.

For each tournament, the objective is to provide a level of difficulty and excitement which identifies the world's best players while 1) maintaining fairness, 2) respecting the features and capabilities of the venue, and 3) providing a dramatic stage for the PGA TOUR. Throughout the season, the objective is to provide a variety of golf course set-ups, in conjunction with assessment of the TOUR's evolving business needs as well as monitoring of relevant statistics.

The PGA TOUR's Rules & Competitions and Agronomy Staff are responsible for golf course preparation and set-up, with the PGA TOUR Chief Referee having final authority. A Golf Course Review Committee, reporting to the Commissioner, will be maintained for the purpose of approving new venues and changes to existing venues, as well as reviewing relevant data and feedback on course preparation and set-up.

Course preparation and set-up is subjective, and situations will occur where objectives are unable to be met. Professional observations and constructive criticism on the preparation and set-up of courses is welcome, and should be directed to the Tournament Staff.

### **PREPARATION**

Although abnormal conditions, adverse weather, or venue capabilities will sometimes prevent establishing the desired course conditions, the following will normally be objectives for tournament sites:

*Tees:* Firm, closely-mown, level and adequately-sized (to the extent possible), in order to provide flexibility.

*Fairways:* Firm and closely-mown, varying in width according to course and year-long variety.



*Greens:* Closely mown with firmness and speed varying for contours, grass-type and conditions, and predicted weather.

*Rough:* Varying in length and penalty according to course and year-long variety.

*Bunkers:* Treated as hazards, but prepared each day in a timely manner with well-defined margins.

*Maintenance & Irrigation:* Undertaken to achieve the above, but modified as necessary for consistency, adverse conditions, and predicted weather.

## **SET-UP**

Tee placements and hole locations should take into account the following:

- Hole type, difficulty and length (including forced-carries)
- Design features
- Course conditions
- Predicted weather
- Variety of shot-making and shot-lengths required during the round
- Creation of excitement and drama for television partners, sponsors, and fans, particularly on the finishing holes.
- Weather Guidelines (with respect to completing the competition)
- Pace of play (this will not be a primary consideration)
- Tournament operations & logistics (this will not be a primary consideration)

On par-4s and par-5s, one or more teeing grounds may be used. Back tees will not necessarily be used every round or at all. Creation of drama will weigh heavily in identifying holes suitable for set-up as either reachable par-5s or drivable par-4s. On par-3 holes, tee marker placement should vary (if possible) to encourage broader shot selection both on all par-3s during each round and on each par-3 for the week.

Hole locations will generally be a reasonable distance from the green's edge and from contours. However, some hole locations may not be easily accessible, requiring judgement and skill.

## **PGA TOUR GOLF COURSE MARKING PHILOSOPHY**

The PGA TOUR Rules Committee is responsible for marking each golf course on TOUR. This includes establishing the boundaries of the golf course, defining any penalty areas and marking them as yellow or red penalty areas, and marking any areas the Rules Committee has defined as ground under repair.

### **OUT OF BOUNDS**

Generally, the boundary of the golf course is defined by the perimeter of the golf course property. The Rules Committee will use permanent items such as perimeter fences, walls and roads to establish areas of out of bounds, then install white stakes to define any other course boundaries. Areas within the golf course property such as the driving range, putting green, short game area, clubhouse and parking areas may be defined as out of bounds, to prevent lengthy delays and for safety concerns. Internal boundaries may be installed by the Committee when the integrity of the design of

a hole is compromised by an alternate route, which in turn creates safety issues for every person on site. All areas of out of bounds are specified on the 'Notice to Players' for each tournament.

## **PENALTY AREAS**

When defining penalty areas and marking them as either yellow or red, the Rules Committee will always strive for consistency within that competition alone. Each golf course on TOUR provides its own design features and set of challenges when negotiating penalty areas, so while one golf course may feature more yellow penalty areas than another, the consistency of the penalty area marking within that single competition is essential. The following week on TOUR, the marking of the penalty areas may be slightly different due to circumstances and consistency within that specific competition. Considerations when marking penalty areas include:

### *Yellow Penalty Areas:*

- If the challenge of playing a hole requires negotiating a penalty area to maintain the integrity of the hole it is usually marked yellow. Examples include the 17th hole at TPC Sawgrass or the 12th hole at Muirfield Village.
- When it is feasible to drop behind a body of water it is usually marked yellow, such as the 18th hole at Torrey Pines.
- Often a body of water is marked yellow to prevent Rules of Golf issues on where a ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area, such as the 17th hole at PGA National. A drop zone may be provided as an option to the player.
- To prevent players from dropping on the putting green when a penalty area has not been negotiated it may be marked yellow, such as the 4th hole at TPC Sawgrass.

### *Red Penalty Areas:*

- If the above considerations to mark a penalty area yellow cannot be met, the Rules Committee will mark all other penalty areas red. Also of concern:
  - If an ideal transition between yellow and red penalty areas is not possible, it may be marked red.
  - When the penalty area is 'in play' for shots played from the green side, it may be marked red.
  - When pace of play issues are a concern and a drop zone is not feasible, it may be marked red.

A ball touching a yellow or red line defining the edge of a penalty area is 'IN' the penalty area.

## **GROUND UNDER REPAIR**

While the playing surfaces on TOUR are usually excellent, on occasion there may be a reason for the Rules Committee to mark an area as ground under repair, enabling the option to take free relief. Areas that may be marked ground under repair include, but are not limited to; new course construction, course repair, damage from equipment, newly laid turf which is not established, or other damage from which play is not equitable such as crosswalks. A ball touching a white line defining the edge of the ground under repair is 'IN' the ground under repair.

However, it is important to note natural imperfections, areas of stress or disease, and thin turf, are not considered abnormal course conditions. It is inevitable the elements and mother nature may adversely affect course conditioning, but these factors contribute to the premise that the Rules Committee holds true; play the ball as it lies and the course as you find it.

The PGA TOUR Rules Committee constantly evaluates the marking of all our golf courses. Maintaining the integrity and design of a hole is an important consideration, but our priority is always to provide equitable outcomes for all players competing in the same competition.

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## **ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM**

All contestants in PGA TOUR events are subject to the terms and conditions of the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program. The full terms of the Anti-Doping Program may be found at [www.drugfreesport.com/rec](http://www.drugfreesport.com/rec) or [pgatourlinks.com](http://pgatourlinks.com). Questions regarding the Anti-Doping Program should be directed to Andy Levinson, Senior Vice President, Tournament Administration, at PGA TOUR Headquarters.

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## **PGA TOUR ALCOHOL POLICY**

Any member found to have violated any of the following provisions relating to the use of alcohol shall be considered to have engaged in conduct unbecoming a professional and shall be subject to a significant penalty:

- A. Consuming an alcoholic beverage during any practice round or tournament round (whether a pro-am round or a tournament competition round), on the practice tee or putting green.
- B. Moderate, responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages after play or during social functions is permitted. But players should know that alcohol related unprofessional incidents will constitute conduct unbecoming a professional.
- C. A PGA TOUR member's responsibility to conduct himself in a professional manner and lend credit to himself and his organization extends beyond the time that the member is engaging in tournament play at the tournament site. Accordingly, the Membership should be aware that, depending on the circumstances, being under the influence of alcohol at any time in a public place, whether at a tournament site or otherwise, may constitute conduct unbecoming a professional.

The Commissioner will conduct such inquiries and investigations as shall be appropriate to determine whether a member has violated the alcohol policy or any interpretations thereof.

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## **INTEGRITY PROGRAM**

All contestants in PGA TOUR events are subject to the terms and conditions of the PGA TOUR Integrity Program. The Integrity Program among other things prohibits players from betting on professional golf and engaging in other betting-related activities and requires players to complete certain educational requirements, in an effort to maintain integrity and prevent betting-related corruption in PGA TOUR events. The full terms of the Integrity Program may be found at [pgatourlinks.com](http://pgatourlinks.com). Questions regarding the Integrity Program should be directed to Andy Levinson, Senior Vice President, Tournament Administration, at PGA TOUR Headquarters.

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# PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Rule 5.6b states, in part: “The player should play at a prompt pace throughout the round. To encourage and enforce prompt play, the Committee shall set a Pace of Play Policy.” The following Pace of Play Policy, including penalties and fines, for stroke play competitions has been adopted. In the administration of this Pace of Play Policy, a member of the Rules Committee shall not tolerate abuse, oral or otherwise, by a player. Such abuse may constitute conduct unbecoming a professional.

## **DEFINITION AND APPLICATION OF “OUT OF POSITION”**

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the time allotted to play, as detailed on the applicable course’s Pace of Play Chart.

Any subsequent group will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the allotted time to play, and:

- a) reach a par-3 hole that is open and clear of play, and all players in the group ahead have played their strokes from the teeing area of the next hole, or
- b) reach a par-4 or par-5 hole and all players have not played a stroke from the teeing area before the hole is open and clear of play.

**NOTE: The Committee reserves the right to time a group when the Committee deems it necessary. Further, if an individual player is determined by the Rules Committee to be unreasonably slow, may be timed individually at the Rules Committee’s discretion, regardless of whether their group is out of position.**

## **APPLICATION OF WARNINGS, TIMING AND BAD TIMES**

When the Rules Committee determines that a group is starting to fall behind, or is out of position, the group (or individual players within the group) will receive an official warning. Such warning will be given as soon as possible and given only once during a round. In some circumstances, the Rules Committee may commence timing without having given such a warning, including when a group has already fallen significantly behind, and the group or an individual is affecting other groups.

Once a group (or individual players within the group) has been warned, the Rules Committee (if available to do so) will monitor the pace of individual players in the group to determine if any players should be timed individually, as opposed to the entire group, in the case the group does not regain its position on the course.

When the Rules Committee determines that a group or an individual out of position will be timed, all players in the group, or the specific individual, will be informed they are being timed. Such timing could occur on any hole, including the finishing holes of a round.

## **WHEN THE TIME STARTS AND TIME ALLOWED FOR A STROKE**

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is their turn to play and they can play without interference or distraction. Players will be allowed a reasonable amount of time to find a fixed reference point (such as a sprinkler head) and pace back to their ball. Time spent calculating and interpreting that yardage and determining club and other conditions (such as wind), will count as time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is their turn to play and they can play without interference or distraction. Players will be given a reasonable amount of time to complete the actions allowed under Rules 13.1 and 15.1, provided the player is not unreasonably delaying play. Time spent assessing the line of play and other conditions (such as slope or grain), will count as time taken for the next stroke.

**NOTE 1:** A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke, and an extra 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for:

- a) the first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole;
- b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole;
- c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole;
- d) the first player to play around the putting green;
- e) the first player to play on the putting green.

**NOTE 2:** Bad Times apply when a player exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke when being timed. The player will be given a Bad Time and informed by the referee as soon as practical.

## **DEFINITION AND APPLICATION OF EXCESSIVE STROKE TIMES (EST)**

Excessive Shot Times apply when a player exceeds:

- a) 120 seconds for the first player in a group to play a stroke;
- b) 100 seconds for subsequent players in the group to play a stroke.

If a player is observed by a referee to take more than 120 seconds to play a stroke when first to play, or 100 seconds to play a stroke for subsequent players without a valid reason, they will be given an Excessive Stroke Time. The player will be informed as soon as practical by the referee and may be timed individually, regardless of the groups position.

An Excessive Stroke Time must be observed by a referee on-course and in-person. However, the referee may choose to confirm the actual shot time with the assistance of video footage.

**NOTE:** All Excessive Stroke Times accumulated during the round or season are subject to monetary fines.

## **PENALTY STROKES DURING A TOURNAMENT – BAD TIMES**

First Offense:

One (1) timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (1 bad time) - no penalty.

Second Offense:

One more timing (total of two) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (2 bad times) - a one (1) stroke penalty.

Third Offense:

One more timing (total of three) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (3 bad times) - a two (2) stroke penalty.

Fourth Offense:

One more timing (total of four) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (4 bad times) - Disqualification.

**NOTE:** Any timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (bad time) will be carried over throughout the tournament.

## **FINES CUMULATIVE DURING A SEASON – TIMINGS, BAD TIMES & EXCESSIVE SHOT TIMES**

“Season” is defined as the all official FedExCup and FedExCup Fall tournaments combined. All Timings, Bad Times and Excessive Shot Times accumulate during the season.

### **a. TIMINGS**

First through ninth (9th):

- First through ninth (9th) occasion of being timed - no fine.

Tenth (10th) Offense:

- Tenth (10th) occasion of being timed - a fine of \$50,000.

Eleventh (11th) and Subsequent Offenses:

- Eleventh (11th) and subsequent occasion of being timed - a fine of \$5,000 for each offense.

### **b. BAD TIMES**

First Offense:

- First timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (1 bad time) - no fine.

Second Offense:

- Second timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (2 bad times) - a fine of \$10,000.

Third and Subsequent Offenses:

- Third and subsequent timings exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (3 bad times) - a fine of \$20,000 for each offense.

### **c. EXCESSIVE SHOT TIMES (EST's)**

First Offense:

- First timing exceeding the applicable 120 or 100 seconds to play a stroke (1 excessive shot time) – no penalty.

Second Offense:

- Second timing exceeding the applicable 120 or 100 seconds to play a stroke (2 excessive shot times) – a fine of \$5,000.

Third and Subsequent Offenses:

- Third and subsequent timings exceeding the applicable 120 or 100 seconds to play a stroke (3 or more excessive shot times) – a fine of \$10,000 for each offense.

**NOTE 1:** Timings, Bad Times and Excessive Shot Times which occur on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Korn Ferry Tour will be counted together for the purposes of determining a player's cumulative season total. Fines will be pro-rated based on the number of occurrences on each respective tour.

**NOTE 2:** Timings, Bad Times and Excessive Shot Times which occur at co-sanctioned tournaments, Zurich Classic and non-Four-Ball rounds at official Pro-Am tournaments (e.g., Round 4 at The American Express and rounds 3 and 4 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am), will count towards a player's cumulative season total.

**NOTE 3:** Timings, Bad Times and Excessive Shot Times which occur at Major Championships *will not* count towards a player's cumulative season total.

## **DEFINITION AND APPLICATION OF AVERAGE STROKE TIME (AST)**

Average Stroke Time (AST) is a data driven statistic based on the recording of a player's individual stroke times and produced by ShotLink. At the conclusion of a tournament a player's average stroke time is compared against the field average.

- a) For a given tournament, if a player has an average stroke time of 7.0 seconds or more above the field average, they have recorded an Average Stroke Time (AST) infraction.
- b) For a given tournament, if a player has an average stroke time of 12.0 seconds or more above the field average, they have recorded an Excessive Average Stroke Time (EAST) infraction.

AST infractions (including those deemed excessive) are accumulated during the season before monetary fines are applied.

**NOTE 1:** The calculation of a player's average stroke time for a tournament is calculated as follows:

- a) Each individual stroke time is the amount of elapsed time from when the preceding player makes his stroke to the time the player makes his stroke.
- b) The following strokes are then removed from the calculation of the average:
  - All strokes played immediately after relief drops, penalty drops, and provisional balls played;
  - Each instance of the first player to play (e.g., first tee shot, first approach, first putt, etc.);



- All strokes that require large spans of time;
- For each individual player, the top 10% slowest shots recorded; and,
- If a competitor plays more than 9 holes in a group of 2 when groups of 3 have been scheduled, their stroke data for that specific round will not count towards their Tournament Stroke Average (AST).

**NOTE 2:** The following tournaments are not included in the season accumulation of AST infractions:

- a) Major Championships and Genesis Scottish Open (tournaments where ShotLink stroke data is not recorded);
- b) The American Express (one round of professional only play) and all tournaments with a team format, e.g., Zurich Classic, Presidents Cup.

**NOTE 3:** The accumulation of AST infractions will be updated on a weekly basis. The player data and fine structure will be reviewed by the Rules Committee and Policy Board on an annual basis.

## **FINES CUMULATIVE DURING A SEASON – AVERAGE STROKE TIME (AST) INFRACTIONS**

**A.** Once a player has accumulated ten (10) Average Stroke Time (AST) infractions during a season, monetary fines will be instituted as follows:

- First through ninth (1st – 9th) AST infractions - no fine.
- Tenth (10th) AST infraction - \$50,000 fine.
- Eleventh through Fourteenth (11th – 14th) AST infractions - additional \$5,000 fine for each offense.
- Fifteenth (15th) and subsequent AST infractions - additional \$10,000 fine for each offense.

**B.** Once a player has accumulated three (3) Excessive Average Stroke Time (EAST) infractions during a season, monetary fines will be instituted as follows:

- 1st Excessive AST Infraction - no fine
- 2nd Excessive AST Infraction - no fine
- 3rd Excessive AST Infraction - a fine of \$5,000
- 4th and subsequent Excessive AST Infractions - a fine of \$10,000 each

**NOTE:** Average stroke time (AST) infractions on the PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour will be counted together for the purposes of determining the cumulative number of AST infractions during a season. Fines will be pro-rated based on the number of occurrences on each respective tour.

**NOTE:** Fines received for an Excessive Average Stroke Time (EAST) will be deducted from any fines received for an Average Stroke Time (AST).

## **REPEAT OFFENSES**

Any player that receives a fine under this pace of play policy for Timings, Bad Times, Excessive Shot Times or Average Stroke Times will be subject to double this existing fine structure the following season. For each consecutive season beyond one season in which the player is subject to fines

under the policy, the fine amount will continue to double from the previous season. (**NOTE:** Any player who receives a fine under this policy on the Korn Ferry Tour will not be subject to double the existing fine structure in their first year on the PGA TOUR.)

In addition, a player who exceeds ten (10) timings or average stroke time infractions in more than one season or has an Average Stroke Time that is consistently above TOUR average, and shows no improvement over the course of a season, may be subject to further sanctions under the Conduct Unbecoming a Professional regulation. This may include but is not limited to suspension and/or other measures designed to help the player improve his pace of play including mandatory education, additional fines, or other requirements.

## **APPEALS**

Any appeal of a Bad Time or Excessive Shot Time must be referred to the on-site Chief Referee immediately upon completion of the player in question's round. The Chief Referee's decision shall be final. **If the player in question does not appeal immediately upon conclusion of his round, any penalties and fines shall stand.**

A player may not appeal any occasion of being Timed or any Average Stroke Time infraction.

For Excessive Shot Times a provision has been added to account for "a valid reason for taking longer" on an individual shot. This is purposely broad in order to account for the wide range of situations a player can encounter on the course and will be interpreted in a reasonable way by the Rules Committee.

## **DETERMINATION OF TIME ALLOTTED FOR PLAY FOR THE ROUND**

The Rules Committee will determine the amount of time that an 'average group' of players is expected to play a round in groups of two, three or four. Each hole to be played will be assigned an amount of time using the below framework as a guiding principle:

	<b>Groups of Two Players</b>	<b>Groups of Three Players</b>	<b>Groups of Four Players</b>
Par 3 Holes	10 minutes	11 minutes	12 minutes
Par 4 Holes	12 minutes	14 minutes	16 minutes
Par 5 Holes	15 minutes	18 minutes	20 minutes

Additional, or less time, may be allotted to a given hole based on the following four factors:

1. Length of the hole
2. Difficulty of the hole
3. Length and topography of walk between the green and tee/shuttle time
4. Historical data of the average time taken to play the hole

Once the 'Time Chart' has been finalized (typically no later than Wednesday of tournament week), it will be displayed on the player and caddie notice boards, including the virtual locker room and available at the starting tees.

In the event of adverse or unexpected weather, the Rules Committee will make the necessary adjustments in the field.

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## RETURN OF SCORECARD

The following term of the competition defines when a scorecard is returned to the Committee, as referenced by item 19 "Scorecard Returned" on the 2025 Local Rules and Terms of Competition document (hard card).

"Under Rule 3.3b, a player must promptly proceed to the scoring area once their round is completed, and the player's scorecard is returned to the Committee 15 minutes after the scorecard is accepted into the electronic scoring system.

But if a scorecard mistake is discovered before it is accepted into the electronic scoring system and the player is not in the scoring area to correct that mistake, the player's scorecard is returned 15 minutes after that mistake is discovered.

Exception 1: If the player is in the scoring area when the 15-minute time limit expires, the player's scorecard is only returned when the player leaves the scoring area.

Exception 2: A player's scorecard is returned if any of the following four events occur, even if it occurs before the 15-minute time limit has expired or the player is still in the scoring area:

- Starting times have been released after a cut has been made
- The player begins their next round
- Any player has made a stroke to begin a play-off
- The competition has closed

**NOTE:** When applying the Exception to Rule 3.3b(3) or under any Rule where a player must correct a mistake before returning their scorecard (such as Rule 14.7c), the player's scorecard is returned when the player has left the scoring area."

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# **POLICY FOR USE OF GOLF CARTS BY DISABLED INSTRUCTORS**

PGA TOUR members have made requests that instructors with disabilities who are physically unable to walk the golf course be permitted to use golf carts while accompanying players during practice rounds.

While we will make every effort to accommodate disabled instructors who need golf carts, we remind the players that additional golf carts on site at tournaments create numerous logistical and safety concerns. As such, we have worked closely with television networks, local media, and the tournament organizations to reduce the overall number of carts.

Nonetheless, the following policy shall be applicable for members seeking to obtain the use of a golf cart for a disabled instructor.

- The request for the use of the cart must be made by the PGA TOUR member.
- In requesting the use of a cart for an instructor, the PGA TOUR member must indicate the name of the instructor, the nature of the instructor's disability, and if requested by PGA TOUR, provide medical reports or other data indicating the extent and nature of the instructor's disability.
- A request must be made for each individual tournament and must be made no later than 2 weeks prior to that tournament.
- The PGA TOUR Chief Referee after reviewing the request, documentation submitted with the request, and after further discussions with the member and/or the particular instructor, if necessary, will make a determination as to whether a cart should be issued to the instructor. Carts will be made available only to instructors who have a disability that prevents them from walking along with their players. The Chief Referee's decision shall be final.
- If a cart is issued to the instructor, the following rules relating to the use of the cart shall apply:
  - Carts will be issued only on designated practice rounds days (normally Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) of tournament week.
  - Only the instructor (not the player) may ride in the cart.
  - Cart use shall be restricted to out-of-fairway areas as specifically designated by the Chief Referee.
  - Carts will not be permitted in designated practice areas (e.g., range, putting green, etc.) at any time.
  - If in the Chief Referee's opinion, use of the cart could potentially damage the playing surface of the golf course (e.g., due to wet conditions), the Tournament Director shall have the right to deny the use of a cart.
  - The cart shall be picked up from the location specified directed by the Chief Referee and returned to that location.

- No more than 3 carts may be utilized by instructors at any one time. To the extent that more than 3 carts are requested at any one time, the Chief Referee shall establish a schedule during practice rounds for the use of such carts.

We appreciate the membership's cooperation with these policies as we believe they strike the appropriate balance between the membership's need to accommodate their disabled instructors while, at the same time, not unfairly hindering practice rounds by other members or endangering the safety of spectators and others at tournament sites.

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## **AUTOGRAPH POLICY**

In an effort to provide a more orderly and controlled environment for fans seeking autographs, and at the same time allow players to avoid interruptions and distractions while preparing for and competing in tournaments, the PGA TOUR has established the following guidelines:

1. The autograph policy is in effect for official competitive rounds only. A player may not sign autographs after the start of his round until it is completed, except, at his option, during a suspension of play.
2. An autograph area may be designated by the host tournament, though its use by players is optional.
3. Tournaments are required to enhance the use of the autograph area with marshaling assistance and security for marquee players.

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# PRACTICE AREA POLICY

To provide contestants the ability to practice without distraction, the PGA TOUR Policy Board has adopted the following policy:

Only contestants, their caddies, instructors, managers, media, golf equipment manufacturers (when invited by contestants), tournament representatives and PGA TOUR staff are permitted onto any area designated for practice, (e.g., range, practice putting green, chipping or pitching greens, bunkers and the tournament golf course) during practice rounds.

The use of permanent markers, paint or other similar products to create lines on the practice putting and chipping greens is not permitted. If marks or lines are created on these surfaces, they must be done with a non-permanent material, such as a chalk line, which will not damage the turf and will disappear in a short period of time.

**NOTE:** Family members and friends are not permitted inside the ropes on the golf course at any time. Family members are permitted on the other designated practice areas when accompanied by the player. Players are expected to use good judgement and discretion when inviting family members onto designated practice areas. Players are responsible for their minor children and their conduct. Only one tournament representative is allowed access to designated practice areas at a time.

On pro-am days, practice by professionals and amateurs not in the pro-am or without a mandatory sponsor function in designated practice areas is prohibited from 30 minutes prior to the first pro-am starting time through the final pro-am starting time, for each segment/wave of tee times. Tournaments using the 9&9 pro-am format may amend this policy and practice restrictions will be posted in the locker room during tournament week.

On pro-am days at tournaments played from the start of each season until the Masters Tournament, professionals and amateurs not in the pro-am are permitted to practice chipping and putting on course prior to the first pro-am starting time. Full shots or bunker shots on course are not permitted. On pro-am days at tournaments played after the Masters Tournament until the conclusion of the FedExCup Playoffs, professionals and amateurs not in the pro-am are permitted to practice all shots on course prior to the first pro-am starting time. Any practice taking place prior to the pro-am must not interfere with the pace of play of the pro-am and players shall not endanger persons preparing the golf course for the pro-am.

On practice days, after 8:30 a.m. all play must begin from the first tee unless expressly approved by a member of the Rules Committee. This rule does not apply to tournaments using the 9&9 pro-am format.

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# INTERNET POLICY

The PGA TOUR creates a section within PGATOUR.COM with information about each member.

Each player's site consists of player photos, a biography consisting of data similar to the information found in the Media Guides, statistics, results from the current year's tournaments, a scorecard from the most recent tournament played, and related stories and content.

The PGA TOUR recognizes that in the age of the internet, PGA TOUR members may be launching or re-launching their own web sites to support their fans, their sponsors, and their personal business ventures.

At the written request of a PGA TOUR member, PGATOUR.COM will link to such player's "official player site" from that particular player's page on PGATOUR.COM so long as there is a reciprocal link back to PGATOUR.COM from the "official player site" home page.

Keep in mind that a PGA TOUR member's marketing rights have specific parameters regarding the use of the PGA TOUR name, marks, or logo. These parameters also apply to online usage.

In addition to linking capabilities and the use of TOUR marks, PGATOUR.COM will attempt to assist any member in his online ventures. Please contact the Player Relations Department or the PGA-TOUR.COM department (Scott Gutterman - x4892) with additional questions.

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# **KORN FERRY TOUR EXEMPTION FOR FORMER FULLY EXEMPT PGA TOUR MEMBERS**

In accordance with Article III, Section A 1(h) of the Korn Ferry Tour Regulations, players who were fully exempt PGA TOUR members for at least the preceding five consecutive seasons, or if such player is not fully exempt he must have played in at least 25 events on the PGA TOUR in the respective season, or become exempt during the season by winning a PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved event will be eligible for a Korn Ferry Tour exemption in one of the first two seasons after the player fails to retain fully exempt status on the PGA TOUR provided that he notifies the PGA TOUR no later than 10 days after the conclusion of the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament for the year preceding the season in which he desires to use this exemption. (A player may not use a Special Medical Extension in accumulating his five season total unless, during the season, he achieves combined top 125 FedExCup points while playing under his Special Medical Extension. If a player receives a Special Medical Extension during this time, and does not achieve top 125 FedExCup points, such player would need to extend his exempt eligibility an additional season to qualify for this exemption.)

A player who is a Veteran Member of the PGA TOUR who fails to retain fully exempt status on the PGA TOUR but retains playing status in the 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the prior season's FedExCup Points List category shall be eligible for this exemption in the season immediately following failing to retain status in the 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the prior season's FedExCup Points List category; provided that he participated in less than five (5) events on the Korn Ferry Tour in any of these seasons.

Any eligible player may use this exemption only one time in his career.

For additional information, please contact PGA TOUR or Korn Ferry Tour Membership Services.



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# **PGA TOUR POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF PRIZE MONEY TO PLAYERS WHO MAKE THE CUT BUT ARE UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE TOURNAMENT**

Any professional who is disqualified or withdraws for any reason from an official money tournament after making the cut shall be paid last place, unofficial prize money as determined by the final cut the player made (i.e. the primary cut to the low 65 professionals plus ties after 36 holes). A professional who begins play at an official money event without a cut and is disqualified or withdraws for any reason shall be paid last place, unofficial money.

Any professional who has qualified for an official money event without a cut and an alternate list, such as The Sentry or FedExCup Playoff events, but is unable to play due to a serious personal emergency, injury or other disability which requires ongoing medical attention will receive last place, unofficial money without being required to register on-site. The Commissioner, in his discretion, may require a player to provide medical reports or other documentation substantiating the seriousness of his injury or other medical disability.

FedExCup points are distributed to players earning official money. Only players who are regular members of the PGA TOUR or become regular members during the season (as defined by PGA TOUR tournament regulations) will be listed on the "FedExCup Points List." Special Temporary Members and non-members who earn FedExCup points will not appear on the "FedExCup Points List," but will be tracked on a "Non-Member FedExCup Points List".

Points will be awarded at official money PGA TOUR FedExCup events, as defined by the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations.

Points won by non-members and Special Temporary Members who subsequently become regular PGA TOUR Members during the season will be counted on the FedExCup Points List, along with any FedExCup Points earned as a Special Temporary Member or non-member (excluding those won at the ISCO Championship and Barracuda Championship).

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# MOBILE AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY FOR CONTESTANTS AND CADDIES (AND OTHERS WITH ACCESS TO PRACTICE AREAS)

## On Practice Days

- Players may use a mobile device (cell phone, smart watch, etc.) in designated practice areas or on the competition course for all communication purposes, data services and capturing content, if done in a courteous or silent manner that does not affect other players. Devices should be kept on silent or vibrate mode.
- Players may use other electronic devices (rangefinders, launch monitors, video cameras for instruction, heart monitors, pedometers, electronic watches with health monitoring sensors and other wearables, etc.) in designated practice areas and on the competition course, but only with proper etiquette and in a manner that does not affect the practice rounds of other players.

## During Pro-Ams

- During a pro-am round players are prohibited from using a mobile device for voice calls on the competition course. If a player needs to communicate by text or email outside the pro-am group, he must be brief and use good judgment with respect to his pro-am partners.
- In designated practice areas and on the competition course players may use a mobile device for other data services and capturing content, but only with proper etiquette and in a manner that does not distract or affect the pace of other pro-am players.
- In designated practice areas and on the competition course players may use other electronic devices, as defined above, but only with proper etiquette and in a manner that does not distract or affect the pace of other pro-am players.

## During Official Competition

- During a competition round players are prohibited from using a mobile device for all communication purposes (voice calls, text, email, etc.), data services, or for capturing content.
- In designated practice areas, before or after a competition round, players may use a mobile device for communication purposes, data services and for capturing content if done in a courteous or silent manner that does not affect other players.
- In designated practice areas, before or after a competition round, players may use other electronic devices, as defined above, but only with proper etiquette and in a manner that does not affect other players.
- Mobile and other electronic devices are permitted during competition for items allowed under the Rules of Golf, including but not limited to:
  - a) Using a clock as a stopwatch in a search or for time of day;
  - b) Using a plain compass (without an elevation feature) or using a simple calculator for yardage;

- c) Accessing a weather forecast;
  - d) Accessing tournament scoring; and
  - e) Recording physiological information on monitors (including wearables) for use after the round
- However, when using a mobile or electronic device during competition, players and caddies are responsible to know items NOT allowed under the Rules of Golf, including but not limited to:
    - a) Listening to music or other audio to eliminate distractions;
    - b) Measuring wind speed or elevation changes;
    - c) Helping with swing tempo, or accessing any physiological information recorded during the round;
    - d) Watching video of the competition that helps a player in choosing a club or making a stroke; and
    - e) Distance measuring (under Model Local Rule G-5).

Penalty for first breach of Rule 4.3a is the general penalty, second breach is disqualification.

**NOTES:**

- a) The Rules Committee may authorize other mobile device use, but only in extreme cases; and
- b) The use of mobile devices by players for capturing and distributing social media content must comply with the PGA TOUR official policy for players posting/streaming to social media on site at tournaments.

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## **GUIDELINES FOR PLAYERS' USE OF ELECTRONIC THERAPY DEVICES**

The use of electronic stretching devices, such as massage therapy guns, for medical purposes is permitted under the Rules of Golf. However, the use should not delay play, be of short duration, be discreet and not be used for any other than medical or stretching purposes. The device may not provide any other function that is prohibited under the Rules.

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## **GUIDELINES FOR PLAYERS' USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AT EVENTS**

All contestants in PGA TOUR events are subject to the terms and conditions of the PGA TOUR Official Policy for Players Posting/Streaming to Social Media On Site at Events. The full terms of the Policy may be found at [pgatourlinks.com](http://pgatourlinks.com).

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# PLAYER ENDORSEMENT POLICY

All sponsorships, endorsements, name and likeness arrangements and promotional activities (collectively, "sponsorships") of members, whether during or outside PGA TOUR competitions, are subject to this policy. When playing in PGA TOUR co-sponsored, sanctioned or approved events, nonmember contestants are subject to this policy as well. Generally, all sponsorships must be tasteful and in accordance with standards of decorum expected of professional golfers. Sponsorships that may reflect adversely upon the image and reputation and/or financial interest of the PGA TOUR, cast the PGA TOUR in an unfavorable light, insult or offend the community or any group within the community or be viewed as hateful, abusive, obscene or divisive, as reasonably determined by the PGA TOUR, are prohibited. Additionally, a player may not display on the player's apparel, headwear, golf bag or golf equipment a display of a political message or endorsement of a political candidate. Further, the following addresses categories of special concern:

*Season-Long Points Competition Sponsor FedEx.* In recognition of the unique standing of FedEx as the sole sponsor of a season-long points competition on the PGA TOUR, so long as FedEx is the season-long sponsor of the PGA TOUR, no sponsorships are allowed by FedEx competitors United Parcel Services ("UPS") or DHL Express ("DHL") that involve displaying the name, logo or any product likeness of either company on a player's apparel, headwear, golf bag or golf equipment. Such provision shall apply during PGA TOUR co-sponsored, sponsored and sanctioned events to members only. Players with existing sponsorship agreements as of January 1, 2017 with either UPS or DHL will be allowed to continue or extend such relationship but may not expand upon the contractual branding or endorsement obligations in such relationships.

*Competing Tours.* In order to protect the financial interest of the membership as a whole, and so not as to allow others to freeride on the PGA TOUR's platform, no player may display on his person, bag, hat or otherwise the marks or indicia of an entity or brand that operates, sanctions, sponsors, funds and/or co-sanctions unauthorized tournaments or teams participating in unauthorized tournaments without prior written permission of the PGA TOUR.

*Tobacco / Marijuana.* No sponsorships of any sort are permitted by companies selling tobacco products (including, starting March 1, 2019, cigars and tobacco smoked in pipes), smokeless tobacco products (including e-cigarettes and vaping products) and marijuana products (recreational and medicinal). However, a player may make appearances for any such company as long as the appearances are private and not promoted or covered publicly. Players with existing sponsorships by companies selling cigars and tobacco smoked in pipes as of March 1, 2019 will be allowed to continue or extend such sponsorships after such date but may not expand such sponsorships after such date.

*Alcohol.* A player may have a sponsorship by a beer, wine, distilled spirit or other alcohol company, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- Any ads and other promotions (using a player's name or likeness) for any alcohol company must include a social responsibility message and cannot include a direct call to action (e.g. "Call 1-800-555-5555 or visit us at [www.xyz.com](http://www.xyz.com)" or "Drink XYZ Distilled Spirit").

- A player may not display more than one name, brand, logo or other mark or identifier of any alcohol company on the player's apparel, headwear, golf bag and golf equipment in the aggregate at any time.
- No visual representation of any alcohol product (e.g., liquor bottle, etc.) may appear on a player's headwear, apparel, golf bag or golf equipment.

*Gambling.* A player may have sponsorships by casinos, sports betting, daily fantasy and other legal gambling companies, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- All sponsorships by gambling companies require the prior approval of the PGA TOUR. All sponsorships must be submitted to the PGA TOUR Competitions department in advance for review and approval.
- The gambling company must be in compliance with all applicable gambling laws.
- A player may display on the player's apparel, headwear, golf bag or golf equipment any name, brand, logo or other identifier of a gambling company.
- No visual representation of any gambling-related product (e.g., cards or dice) may appear on a player's headwear, apparel, golf bag or golf equipment.
- A player may not display on the player's apparel, headwear, golf bag or golf equipment more than one gambling-related identifier in the aggregate at any time.
- A player may appear and otherwise be used in ads and other promotions for sports betting and daily fantasy generally, but not ads and promotions that promote betting on a specific player or making a specific bet. For example, a player could appear in an ad that says, "Download the DraftKings app and bet on PGA TOUR golf," but not, "Bet on me this week." Further, each ad or promotion requires the prior approval of the PGA TOUR and must be submitted to the PGA TOUR Competitions department in advance for review and approval. Each ad or promotion must include a responsible gambling or social responsibility message (e.g., "Please remember to bet responsibly").
- A player may not enter into any sponsorship or other agreement that provides compensation to the player based on any sports betting activity (e.g., a player may not receive a revenue share based on the "handle" or revenues from sports betting).

*Logo / Mark Size, Location and Quantity.* All names, brands, logos and other marks and identifiers ("marks") on a player's apparel, headwear, golf bag and golf equipment must be in good taste as to content, size, location and quantity, as reasonably determined by the PGA TOUR. Further, all marks must satisfy the following specific terms and conditions:

- A mark (other than a mark on a golf bag) may not exceed three by five inches (3"x5").
- Marks on upper torso apparel (including shirts, sweaters, outerwear and upper torso under-wear, but excluding, for clarity, belts and headwear) may appear only at the following seven locations: right and left breast, right and left sleeve, right and left collar, and the yoke of the

back (i.e., just below the collar). Only one mark may appear at each such location (i.e., seven logos total are permitted for upper torso apparel).

- Marks on belts may appear only on the buckle or front buckle area. Only one mark may appear on a belt.
- Marks on lower torso apparel (including pants and outerwear, but excluding, for clarity, belts and footwear) may appear only at the following locations: the right or left back pocket area (but not both back pocket areas) and below the right or left knee (but not below both knees). Only one mark may appear at each such location (i.e., two logos total are permitted for lower torso apparel).
- The location of marks is otherwise not restricted, but all marks must satisfy the good taste requirement set forth above.

*Golf Outings.* Golf outings for all companies are subject to the conflicting events terms set forth in Section A-2 of Article V. Guidelines for Payments to Players

Any payments, other than official prize money and prize money paid for official tournament programs, made

*by:* a host organization, title or presenting sponsor, or any person or entity acting on their behalf (collectively, "Tournament Sponsors")

*to:* a player eligible to participate in the applicable tournament

*for:* any event or activity conducted from Monday of tournament week through the day following the conclusion of the competition (the "Tournament Period"), or in general proximity to the Tournament Period

must be approved in writing by PGA TOUR no less than 45 days in advance of the applicable event.

TOUR will not approve payments it deems to (i) be designed to solicit a player's appearance in the tournament or (ii) give the appearance or perception that it is designed to solicit a player's appearance in the tournament.

Tournament Sponsors will be required to inform TOUR of all such player arrangements and all specifics of such arrangements, including player compensation, and will provide TOUR a copy of all applicable contracts.

Players not following these guidelines or accepting (directly or through an agent) payments from a Tournament Sponsor not in accordance with these guidelines, will be subject to disciplinary action, which could include a minimum fine equal to the amount of compensation received and suspension from tournament play.

These guidelines are issued as an interpretation of the Tournament Regulations relating to appearance fees and, as such, all Tournament Sponsors will be required to adhere to the guidelines as they would Tournament Regulations in accordance with their Tournament Agreement and/or Title Sponsor Agreement.

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# PLAYER EQUITY PROGRAM

The PGA TOUR Enterprises Board has approved the recurring grants of Restricted Units through the Player Equity Program to reward top performing members and incentivize them to support and build PGA TOUR Enterprises in the future. An insurance of \$100 million each year, starting with the 2025 PGA TOUR season and continuing through the 2030 PGA TOUR season (at a minimum) is planned. All PGA TOUR members are eligible to be considered to receive recurring grants.

Recurring grants will be awarded to members who rank Top-10 in each of the following three components:

1. Career points accumulated over the prior 3 seasons
2. Career points accumulated over the current season
3. Player Impact Program ranking in the last year

To determine the number of Restricted Units awarded to each qualified member, the three components will be weighted and combined as previously authorized by the Board.

Like the initial grants, the recurring grants can only be accepted by Accredited Investors. Questions regarding the Player Equity Program should be directed to [PEP@pgatourhq.com](mailto:PEP@pgatourhq.com).

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# 2025 FEDEXCUP POINTS AND BONUS STRUCTURE

The FedExCup Points System shall be set forth annually by the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

## **FEDEXCUP POINTS STRUCTURE**

### **Basic Outline**

The FedExCup is a season-long competition in which players accumulate points in each eligible FedExCup Points Event. At the end of the season, the winning player will be crowned the “PGA TOUR FedExCup Champion”.

### **Season**

The PGA TOUR’s 2025 FedExCup competition runs from the 2025 The Sentry through the 2025 Wyndham Championship in Greensboro and concludes with the 2025 FedExCup Playoffs, which will consist of the FedEx St. Jude Championship, BMW Championship and TOUR Championship.

### **FedExCup Points Distribution**

- Official PGA TOUR events each award 500 FedExCup points to first place.
- THE PLAYERS Championship, The Masters Tournament, PGA Championship, U.S. Open Championship and The Open Championship will award 750 FedExCup points to first place.
- Each of the Signature Events will award 700 FedExCup points to first place.
- Additional events played during the FedExCup competition (those played the same week as a Major, Signature Event or full FedExCup event) will award 300 FedExCup points to first place.

FedExCup Points are awarded by finish position as defined in the point distribution tables. Limited field events during the FedExCup competition will not redistribute the points for places that do not play. For example, if the 2025 The Sentry has a field of 60 players, the points awarded will be based on the points that would be awarded to each individual position in a full-field event from positions 1 to 60. This will result in the points that would have otherwise been awarded from positions 60–65 in an event not being awarded in the tournament.

### **Point Distribution by Finish Position**

The table below shows the rounded number of points awarded to each position in each of the four main types of FedExCup events.



## FEDEXCUP POINT DISTRIBUTIONS

Position	PGA TOUR Events	Signature Events	Masters, PLAYERS, US Open, Open Champ. & PGA Champ.	Additional Events
1	500	700	750	300
2	300	400	500	165
3	190	350	350	105
4	135	325	325	80
5	110	300	300	65
6	100	275	275	60
7	90	225	250	55
8	85	200	225	50
9	80	175	200	45
10	75	150	175	40
11	70	130	155	37.5
12	65	120	135	35
13	60	110	115	32.5
14	57	100	105	31
15	55	90	95	30.5
16	53	80	85	30
17	51	70	75	29.5
18	49	65	70	29
19	47	60	65	28.5
20	45	55	60	28
21	43	50	55	26.756
22	41	48	53	25.511
23	39	46	51	24.267
24	37	44	49	23.022
25	35.5	42	47	22.089
26	34	40	45	21.156
27	32.5	38	43	20.222
28	31	36	41	19.289
29	29.5	34	39	18.356
30	28	32.5	37	17.422
31	26.5	31	35	16.489
32	25	29.5	33	15.556
33	23.5	28	31	14.622
34	22	26.5	29	13.689
35	21	25	27	13.067
36	20	24	26	12.444
37	19	23	25	11.822
38	18	22	24	11.2
39	17	21	23	10.578
40	16	20.25	22	9.956
41	15	19.5	21	9.333
42	14	18.75	20.25	8.711
43	13	18	19.5	8.089
44	12	17.25	18.75	7.467

Position	PGA TOUR Events	Signature Events	Masters, PLAYERS, US Open, Open Champ. & PGA Champ.	Additional Events
45	11	16.5	18	6.844
46	10.5	15.75	17.25	6.533
47	10	15	16.5	6.222
48	9.5	14.25	15.75	5.911
49	9	13.5	15	5.6
50	8.5	13	14.25	5.289
51	8	12.5	13.5	4.978
52	7.5	12	13	4.667
53	7	11.5	12.5	4.356
54	6.5	11	12	4.044
55	6	10.5	11.5	3.733
56	5.8	10	11	3.609
57	5.6	9.5	10.5	3.484
58	5.4	9	10	3.36
59	5.2	8.5	9.5	3.236
60	5	8.25	9	3.111
61	4.8	8	8.5	2.987
62	4.6	7.75	8.25	2.862
63	4.4	7.5	8	2.738
64	4.2	7.25	7.75	2.613
65	4	7	7.5	2.489
66	3.8	6.75	7.25	2.364
67	3.6	6.5	7	2.24
68	3.4	6.25	6.75	2.116
69	3.2	6	6.5	1.991
70	3	5.75	6.25	1.867
71	2.9	5.5	6	1.804
72	2.8	5.25	5.75	1.742
73	2.7	5	5.5	1.68
74	2.6	4.75	5.25	1.618
75	2.5	4.5	5	1.556
76	2.4	4.25	4.75	1.493
77	2.3	4	4.5	1.431
78	2.2	3.75	4.25	1.369
79	2.1	3.5	4	1.307
80	2	3.25	3.75	1.244
81	1.9	3	3.5	1.182
82	1.8	2.75	3.25	1.12
83	1.7	2.5	3	1.058
84	1.6	2.25	2.75	0.996
85	1.5	2	2.5	0.996

**NOTE:** Positions 66–85 are shown to represent possible ties for 65th position.

Ties – Points will be distributed to those in tying positions using the same method currently used to distribute prize money when there is a tie. That is, the total points for each tying position will be averaged and that average will be distributed to each player in the tying position.

### FedExCup Playoffs

At the conclusion of the season, the top 70 players in points plus ties will be eligible to play in the FedExCup Playoffs. At that point, each player will carry all points earned through the FedExCup competition through the first two playoff events. The first two events of the FedExCup Playoffs will award 2,000 points to the player finishing first with remaining points distributed as shown below.

Position	Points Awarded
1	2,000
2	1,200
3	760
4	540
5	440
6	400
7	360
8	340
9	320
10	300
11	280
12	260
13	240
14	228
15	220
16	212
17	204
18	196
19	188
20	180
21	172
22	164
23	156
24	148
25	142
26	136
27	130
28	124
29	118
30	112
31	106
32	100
33	94
34	88
35	84
36	80

Position	Points Awarded
37	76
38	72
39	68
40	64
41	60
42	56
43	52
44	48
45	44
46	42
47	40
48	38
49	36
50	34
51	32
52	30
53	28
54	26
55	24
56	23.2
57	22.4
58	21.6
59	20.8
60	20
61	19.2
62	18.4
63	17.6
64	16.8
65	16
66	15.2
67	14.4
68	13.6
69	12.8
70	12
71	11.6

Position	Points Awarded
72	11.2
73	10.8
74	10.4
75	10
76	9.6
77	9.2
78	8.8

Position	Points Awarded
79	8.4
80	8
81	7.6
82	7.2
83	6.8
84	6.4
85	6

## **FEDEXCUP PLAYOFFS POINTS DISTRIBUTION FIRST TWO EVENTS**

The top 70 players from the FedExCup competition, after the Wyndham Championship, will be eligible to play in the first playoff event. In the event that one of those players is unable or chooses not to play, the field will be shortened and no alternates will be added.

FedEx St. Jude Championship opens the FedExCup Playoffs with 70 players and ties, followed by the BMW Championship with 50 players and ties.

The top 30 players and ties earning points through the BMW Championship will be eligible to play in the TOUR Championship. In the event any of the 30 eligible players is unable or chooses not to play in the TOUR Championship, alternates will not be added to fill the field.

### **TOUR Championship Starting FedExCup Strokes**

At the conclusion of the BMW Championship, the top 30 players and ties in the FedExCup Points standings will be eligible for the TOUR Championship and will be awarded starting strokes for Round 1 based on their position. The starting strokes awarded at the TOUR Championship are shown in the table below. The TOUR Championship will be played as a 72-hole stroke play event from the starting stroke positions. The player with the lowest stroke total including starting strokes in the TOUR Championship will be named winner of the FedExCup and will be awarded an official PGA TOUR victory.

In the event there are tied players at any position going into the TOUR Championship, tied players will be awarded the same number of starting strokes for Round 1. For example, if two players are tied for second position in the points standings going into the TOUR Championship, both players would receive – 8 starting strokes and the player in fourth position would receive – 6 starting strokes. – 7 starting strokes would not be awarded. Any professionals that are qualified for the TOUR Championship but are unable to participate will not be awarded starting strokes for Round 1 and starting stroke positions for the remaining players will not be reallocated. For example, if the player in position two is unable to participate, – 8 starting strokes would not be awarded, and the player in third position would be awarded – 7 starting strokes.

# **TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP STARTING FEDEXCUP STROKES**

<b>Position</b>	<b>TOUR Championship Round 1 Starting FedExCup Strokes</b>
1	-10
2	-8
3	-7
4	-6
5	-5
6-10	-4
11-15	-3
16-20	-2
21-25	-1
26-30	Even

In the event of a tie for first place following the TOUR Championship, the FedExCup winner will be decided in a sudden-death playoff immediately following completion of competition. The sudden-death playoff will follow the same format that would be used in the event of a tie for first place at a PGA TOUR cosponsored stroke play tournament.

In the event of a tie for positions below first place following the TOUR Championship, the FedExCup bonus distribution will be allocated using the same method currently used to distribute prize money when there is a tie. That is, the total money for each tying position will be averaged and that average will be distributed to each player in the tying position.

Any professional that is qualified for the TOUR Championship but unable to participate and/or any professional who is disqualified or withdraws for any reason will finish in last position for the TOUR Championship.

## **Other Notes**

FedExCup points are distributed to players earning official money. Only players who are Regular Members of the PGA TOUR or become Regular Members during the season (as defined by PGA TOUR tournament regulations) will be listed on the "FedExCup Points List." Special Temporary Members and Non-Members who earn FedExCup points will not appear on the "FedExCup Points List," but will be tracked on a Non-Member FedExCup Points List. Amateurs will not be eligible to earn FedExCup points. For example, if an amateur finishes 3rd at an event and a regular PGA TOUR member finishes 4th, the PGA TOUR member will receive 4th place points – third place points will not be awarded at all.

Points will be awarded at official PGA TOUR FedExCup events where official money is earned. Please refer to Article IV, Section A.6 of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations for the definition of Official Money. For purposes of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations, the TOUR Championship will be considered an official money event even though prize money is not distributed. FedExCup bonus money will be deemed not to be official money and will not be included on the Official PGA TOUR Money List.

Points won by Non-Members and Special Temporary Members who subsequently become Regular PGA TOUR Members during the season will be counted on the FedExCup Points List, along with any

FedExCup Points earned as a Non-Member (excluding those won at the ISCO Championship and the Barracuda Championship as a Special Temporary Member or Non-Member).

All FedExCup point totals will be calculated and rounded to three decimals. As noted earlier, in the event that there is a tie to three decimal places, at one of the progressive cut levels during the FedExCup Playoffs, the tied players will be added to the field.

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## **FEDEXCUP BONUS STRUCTURE**

### **CASH AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION**

#### **Comcast Business TOUR Top 10**

At the conclusion of the Regular Season, bonus money will be distributed to the top 10 players on the FedExCup Points List as shown below.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	\$8,000,000
2	\$6,000,000
3	\$4,800,000
4	\$4,400,000
5	\$4,000,000
6	\$3,400,000
7	\$2,800,000
8	\$2,400,000
9	\$2,200,000
10	\$2,000,000
TOTAL	\$40,000,000

# FEDEXCUP BONUS STRUCTURE

## CASH AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION

At the conclusion of the FedExCup, bonus money will be distributed as follows:

### BONUS DISTRIBUTION

Place	Cash	Deferred	Total
1	\$24,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$25,000,000
2	11,500,000	1,000,000	12,500,000
3	6,500,000	1,000,000	7,500,000
4	5,000,000	1,000,000	6,000,000
5	4,100,000	900,000	5,000,000
6	2,700,000	800,000	3,500,000
7	2,050,000	700,000	2,750,000
8	1,650,000	600,000	2,250,000
9	1,450,000	550,000	2,000,000
10	1,250,000	500,000	1,750,000
11	600,000	475,000	1,075,000
12	575,000	450,000	1,025,000
13	550,000	425,000	975,000
14	525,000	400,000	925,000
15	505,000	380,000	885,000
16	435,000	360,000	795,000
17	425,000	350,000	775,000
18	415,000	340,000	755,000
19	405,000	330,000	735,000
20	395,000	320,000	715,000
21	360,000	310,000	670,000
22	350,000	300,000	650,000
23	340,000	290,000	630,000
24	330,000	285,000	615,000
25	320,000	280,000	600,000
26	315,000	275,000	590,000
27	310,000	270,000	580,000
28	305,000	265,000	570,000
29	300,000	260,000	560,000
30	295,000	255,000	550,000

Place	Deferred
31	\$250,000
32	236,000
33	228,000
34	221,000
35	214,000
36	211,000
37	209,000
38	208,000
39	207,000
40	206,000
41	205,000
42	204,000
43	203,000
44	202,000
45	201,000
46	200,000
47	199,000
48	198,000
49	197,000
50	196,000
51	195,000
52	194,000
53	193,000
54	192,000
55	191,000
56	190,000
57	189,000
58	188,000
59	187,000
60	186,000
61-65	185,000
66-70	175,000
71-85	140,000
86-100	130,000
101-125	120,000
126-150	85,000
Total Cash	\$68,255,000
Total Deferred	\$31,745,000
Grand Total	\$100,000,000

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# **SPECIAL AWARDS**

## **PGA TOUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR/JACK NICKLAUS AWARD**

The Player Advisory Council and the Player Directors annually nominate a list of players for the PGA TOUR Player of the Year. PGA TOUR members who have played in at least 15 official money tournaments during the season vote on this award. The player who receives the most votes will receive the Jack Nicklaus Award as the PGA TOUR Player of the Year.

## **PGA TOUR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR/ARNOLD PALMER AWARD**

The Player Advisory Council and the Player Directors nominate annually a list of first-season PGA TOUR members for the PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year. A player's rookie season ("Rookie Year") is defined as the season in which he becomes a PGA TOUR member (including Special Temporary Members) and plays in 10 or more events as a member or finishes in the Top 125 on the Official FedExCup Points List or qualifies as a Top 125 Non-member, whichever occurs first.

Further, for purposes of this definition, a new member (including Special Temporary Members) shall not be eligible to be a rookie if he has previously played in more than seven (7) Official PGA TOUR Money events as a professional in any prior season.

PGA TOUR members who have played in at least 15 official money tournaments vote on this award. The Ryder Cup, Presidents Cup and Olympic Games count as one of the 15.

## **PGA TOUR COURAGE AWARD**

Presented to an individual who, through courage and perseverance, has overcome extraordinary adversity (such as personal tragedy or a debilitating injury or illness) to make a significant and meaningful contribution to the game of golf. The recipient of the Award will be selected by the Commissioner and the Player Directors. In their discretion, the Commissioner and the Player Directors may determine that circumstances do not warrant the selection of an award recipient in a given year.

## **BYRON NELSON AWARD**

The player having the lowest adjusted scoring average will be awarded the Byron Nelson Award (minimum of 35 rounds required).

## **VARDON TROPHY**

The Vardon Trophy is awarded annually to the touring professional with the lowest adjusted scoring average. It is based on a minimum of 60 official rounds in events cosponsored or approved by the PGA TOUR, with no incomplete rounds (i.e., stipulated rounds as defined by the Rules of Golf, as approved by the USGA and the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland). The adjusted score is computed from the average score of the field at each tournament. As a result, a player's adjusted score may be higher or lower than his actual score. For example, a player shoots 70 each day at a tournament, while the field average is 73. His 280 total would then be adjusted to 268,



since he actually played 12 shots better than the field did at the tournament. Any player with an incomplete round is ineligible to win the Vardon Trophy.

## **PGA TOUR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

This award is given to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the PGA TOUR over an extended period, through their performance on the golf course as well as by their actions off the golf course in serving as ambassadors of the game. The PGA TOUR Policy Board will select the person who receives this award.

## **PAYNE STEWART AWARD**

This award will be presented annually to a PGA TOUR player who shares:

- Payne Stewart's respect for the traditions of the game
- His commitment to uphold the game's heritage of charitable support
- His professional and meticulous presentation of himself and the integrity of the sport.

Award nominees and the winner will be selected by the Commissioner's Office, in consultation with a panel composed of the current chairman of the Player Advisory Council, one of the TOUR's independent directors, the president of the USGA, the president of the PGA of America, the current President of the PGA TOUR Tournaments Association and past winners of the Payne Stewart Award.

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# **2025 PGA TOUR TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

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# PGA TOUR TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

These Tournament Regulations shall govern the operation and administration of cosponsored and coordinated PGA TOUR Tournaments. Any player who is prevented from conveying any rights set forth in these Tournament Regulations to the PGA TOUR including, but not limited to, those set forth in Article V (Conflicting Events; Media and Marketing Rights) herein shall be deemed ineligible for membership.

These *Regulations* may be amended or repealed from time to time as provided in Article IX, Section H of these *Regulations*.

The Commissioner of PGA TOUR shall interpret and apply these *Regulations* and, in the interim between meetings of the PGA TOUR Policy Board, if he deems it in the interest of the game of golf, the host organizations, the public or the players, may waive or suspend the application of any one or more of these *Regulations*.

No right or privilege pursuant to these *Regulations* shall be denied on the basis of race, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, or national origin.

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# I. DEFINITIONS

- A. A "PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR)" tournament means any tournament for which the eligible players are as described in Article III, Section A of these Regulations .
- B. A "cosponsored" tournament is a golf competition for which PGA TOUR contracts with a cosponsor. The respective responsibilities of PGA TOUR and the cosponsor with respect to such a tournament shall be as set forth in the Tournament Agreement for such tournament.
- C. An "approved" tournament is a golf competition endorsed by PGA TOUR but for which PGA TOUR has no contract with the tournament's sponsor (Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, The Open Championship, PGA Championship, The Presidents Cup, Ryder Cup and Olympic Games).
- D. An "open tournament" is a cosponsored tournament for which all players eligible under these Regulations may apply to enter.
- E. An "invitation tournament" is a cosponsored tournament whose participants are invited by the cosponsor in accordance with categories set forth in the Tournament Agreement with PGA TOUR.
- F. A "coordinated" tournament is a PGA TOUR-sanctioned tournament for which a Tournament Agreement exists, but for which (due to field size, time of season or other such special circumstance) the purse is not considered official money, and for which a conflicting event release is not required.
- G. "Exempt" (e.g., an "exempt player") means automatically eligible to compete in particular tournaments without any additional (i.e., tournament-by-tournament) qualifying, subject to the availability of space in the field and to these Regulations.
- H. The "Official PGA TOUR Money List" is the list of PGA TOUR members ranked according to the amount of official money (see Article IV, Section B-6 of these Regulations) each has won in PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the applicable time period. Those players who are members of the PGA TOUR as of the beginning of the applicable time period and those who become regular members (as defined in Article IX, Section A.1-5 and 7-8 of these Regulations) during the course of the applicable time period will be included on the "Official PGA TOUR Money List." A player who ceases to be a member of the PGA TOUR during the applicable time period shall be removed from the "Official PGA TOUR Money List." Prize money earned by a nonmember or Special Temporary Member in the ISCO Championship and Barracuda Championship starting in 2022 will be deemed not to be official money and will not be included on the Official PGA TOUR Money List.
- I. The "Official PGA TOUR Career Money List" is the list of players ranked according to the amount of official money (see Article IV, Section B-6 of these Regulations) each has won in PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) cosponsored or approved tournaments during the player's entire career. Further, for PGA TOUR members only, the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List will include official money won in the ISCO Championship and Barracuda Championship starting in

2022, and any official money World Golf Championship events if such PGA TOUR member was a member, other than a Special Temporary Member, at such time he played in these event(s).

**NOTE:** However, money earned by a Special Temporary Member at the 1999 WGC NEC Invitational will be included on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List.

- J. The “Official Korn Ferry Tour Points List” is the list of players ranked according to the amount of official points, as determined in accordance with the Korn Ferry Tour *Tournament Regulations*, each has won in Korn Ferry Tour cosponsored tournaments in the applicable time period.
- K. The “FedExCup Points List” is the list of PGA TOUR members ranked according to the amount of FedExCup Points each has won in PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the applicable time period. Those players who are members of the PGA TOUR as of the beginning of the applicable time period and those who become regular members (as defined in Article IX, Section A.1-5 and 7-8 of these Regulations) during the applicable time period are eligible to earn FedExCup Points and will be included on the “FedExCup Points List”. FedExCup Points earned during a period when a player is not a regular member of PGA TOUR will not be listed on the “FedExCup Points List”, but will be listed on a Non-Member FedExCup Points List. Points won by Non-Members and Special Temporary Members who subsequently become regular PGA TOUR Members during the season will be counted on the FedExCup Points List, along with any FedExCup Points earned as a non-member (excluding those won at the ISCO Championship and Barracuda Championship starting in 2022, and World Golf Championship events as a non-member). A player who ceases to be a member of the PGA TOUR during the applicable time period shall be removed from the “FedExCup Points List” and any points earned will be shown on the Non-Member FedExCup Points List. FedExCup Points earned by a Non-member or Special Temporary Member in the ISCO Championship and Barracuda Championship starting in 2022, and any official money World Golf Championship events will not be counted for the purposes of the “FedExCup Points List.” The FedExCup Points System shall be determined annually by the PGA TOUR Policy Board, and may be amended from time to time by the PGA TOUR Policy Board.
- L. An “unauthorized tournament” means any elite, professional golf event (i) for which the Commissioner has denied or has indicated he would deny all conflicting event releases and/or media releases or (ii) not eligible for releases because it is to be held in North America.
- M. The “FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List” is the list of PGA TOUR members from the Official FedExCup Points List minus any PGA TOUR member who is under suspension or resigns their membership for participation in an unauthorized event. For the purposes of eligibility, the FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List will be utilized in the 2025 season in place of the Official FedExCup Points List.

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## II. TOURNAMENT AGREEMENT

All PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments shall be conducted pursuant to a written contract between PGA TOUR and the tournament host organization (the "Tournament Agreement"). The Commissioner of PGA TOUR as its chief executive officer, or his designated representative, is authorized to execute Tournament Agreements on behalf of PGA TOUR. The Tournament Agreements shall be in conformance with these *Regulations*, which shall be incorporated by reference therein and be a part thereof.

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## III. ELIGIBILITY FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY

NOTE: Eligibility for tournament play has been amended for the 2026 season. A list of comprehensive changes to the revised priority ranking can be found in the Significant Changes section in the front of the Player Handbook and following the 2025 eligibility listed below.

### A. PGA TOUR

Subject to the approval of PGA TOUR and to the availability of places in particular tournament fields as determined by PGA TOUR, players eligible to compete in cosponsored tournaments shall be PGA TOUR members (including temporary members) and qualified amateurs in the following categories:

#### 1. ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

Eligible players, listed in order of the priority that shall be used to complete the starting field in open cosponsored tournaments:

##### a. Special Exemptions

- (1) Winners of PGA Championship or U.S. Open prior to 1970 or in the last six seasons (2019-2024) and the current season.

**NOTE:** Winners of PGA Championship or U.S. Open prior to 1970 must have made at least one cut in a cosponsored or approved tournament within the five seasons preceding the tournament such member has entered in order to retain a normal spot in the starting field of such open cosponsored tournament. If such member has not made at least one such cut, the member shall be added to the field in any of the open tournaments in each season until the season immediately following the season in which the member last made a cut in a cosponsored or approved tournament.

- (2) Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship in the last six seasons (2019-2024) and the current season.
- (3) Winners of the Masters Tournament in the last six seasons (2019-2024) and the current season.
- (4) Winners of The Open Championship in the last six seasons (2019-2024) and the current season.
- (5) Winners of official money World Golf Championship events in the last three seasons (2022-2024).
- (6) Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and The Genesis Invitational (starting with the 2020 winner) in the last three seasons (2022-2024) and the current season.
- (7) The winner of the FedExCup in each of the last six seasons (2018/19-2024).

- (8) Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (excluding winners of the ISCO Championship and Barracuda Championship starting in 2022 who were non-members or Special Temporary Members at the time of their victory), whose victories are considered official, in the last two seasons and the current season.

**NOTE:** Winners are exempt for two seasons following the end of the season in which they win, except that:

- (a) Winners of two cosponsored or approved tournaments in a season are exempt for three seasons following the end of the season in which they win their tournaments;
- (b) Winners of three tournaments in a season are exempt for four seasons; and
- (c) Winners of four or more tournaments in a season are exempt for five seasons.

**NOTE:** A player who earns a multiple season exemption for winning the FedExCup beginning with the 2018–2019 season, the Masters Tournament, THE PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open, The Open Championship, PGA Championship (five season exemption), TOUR Championship, an official money World Golf Championship event, The Genesis Invitational, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, the Memorial Tournament presented by Workday (three season exemption) or two or more cosponsored tournaments in a season shall have his multiple season tournament winner exemption extended by one season for each official victory in the subsequent season(s), but in no case shall it be extended beyond five seasons from the current season.

**NOTE:** A player who was eligible for tournament play under a tournament winners or multiple season exemption in the 2019-2020 season had his exemption extended by one season without restriction on a one-time only basis.

**NOTE:** If a player under 18 years of age wins a PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved event, such player, upon reaching age 18 and joining the PGA TOUR, would be entitled to the remainder of the exemption provided as a result of such win, which shall be determined as if it commenced on the date of such win.

- (8a) Winners of the ISCO Championship and Barracuda Championship in the current season and previous season who were non-members or Special Temporary Members at the time of their victory.

**NOTE:** Winners of the opposite events which provide 50 playing opportunities for DP World Tour members, who were non-members or Special Temporary Members at the time of their victory, are exempt for one season following the end of the season in which they win. PGA TOUR members who win receive a standard two season exemption.

- (11) Players on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List or with a minimum of 300 career cuts made, as follows:



- (a) The top 50 members who are eligible for tournament play on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List at the end of the season (following the RSM Classic) may elect to use a one-time, one-season special exemption for the next season, subject to the conditions set forth below and provided such a member has not previously used a 300 career cuts made exemption as outlined in (b) below or one or more seasons of Official PGA TOUR Career Money List exemptions, except as provided for in (c) below.
- (b) PGA TOUR Members who have accumulated 300 or more PGA TOUR career cuts made following the conclusion of the season (following the RSM Classic) and have participated in 15 or more PGA TOUR events in the previous season, have participated in less than 15 events and were eligible for tournament play in the previous season in category h. (Top Finishers of the Korn Ferry Tour) or above or otherwise qualify for a Medical/Family Crisis/Mandatory Obligation Extension, may elect to use a one-time, one-season special exemption for the next season, subject to the conditions set forth below and provided such member has not previously used a Top-50 Career Money List exemption as provided for in (a) above.

Players utilizing a 300 career cuts made exemption will be placed in the last position within of the Top Finishers of the Q-School Category as provided in Section A-1j of this Article III ("Top Finishers from Q-school") and ahead of players under a Major Medical/Family Crisis/Mandatory Obligation Extension who were eligible for tournaments as provided in Section A1-j of this Article III ("Top Finishers from Q-school"). Players will be ranked based on total number of PGA TOUR career cuts. If two or more members are tied based on the number of PGA TOUR career cuts, the member who is highest on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List shall be first eligible.

- (c) The top 25 members who are eligible for tournament play on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List following the conclusion of the season (through the RSM Classic) may elect to use this special one-time, one-season exemption for the next season, subject to the conditions set forth below and provided that the member may be eligible for both seasons of this exemption only if he: (i) is among the top 25 on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List at the time of his first season of such exemption, and remains among the top 50 on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List at the end of the FedExCup Season preceding the second season of such exemption; or (ii) accepts the first such exemption as one of the top 50 members on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List as provided in (a) above, and then is among the top 25 on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List as of the end of the FedExCup Season preceding the second season for which he requests such exemption.
- (d) Members intending to use the eligibility in this subsection in a season must so inform the PGA TOUR no later than 10 days after the conclusion of the PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament for the year preceding the season in which he desires to use this exemption.

- (e) A member playing under the exemption provided in Subsection (a), (b) or (c) above, who experiences an injury or other medical disability sufficiently serious to prevent such member from competing in PGA TOUR tournaments for the remainder of such season, shall be entitled to play under the applicable exemption as provided in Subsection (a), (b) or (c) above in the following season, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - (i) The Commissioner, in his discretion and after review of such medical reports and examinations as he deems appropriate, determines that the applicable member has suffered an injury or medical disability sufficiently serious to prevent such member from competing in PGA TOUR tournaments for the remainder of the season;
  - (ii) Such member has competed in five or fewer PGA TOUR tournaments in such season (**NOTE:** If a member has competed in more than five PGA TOUR tournaments in such season, he may be entitled to a special medical extension in accordance with Section A-1d of Article III of the Tournament Regulations);
  - (iii) Such member may not compete in PGA TOUR tournaments for the remainder of such season, with the exception of a maximum of five unofficial money tournaments and/or Korn Ferry Tour tournaments for which such member is otherwise eligible;
  - (iv) Such member has not previously had his eligibility under subsection (a), (b) or (c) above extended to a subsequent season as a result of the same injury or medical disability.
  - (v) No more than one full season shall have passed between the time such member has experienced such injury or other medical disability and the time such member resumes play under subsection (a), (b) or (c) above, unless, in the case of severe injury to a member, the Commissioner, in the exercise of his discretion, determines to permit a member to have additional recuperation time.
- (12) On invitation of the tournament sponsor and subject to approval by the PGA TOUR, a maximum of eight players (which may include amateurs with USGA handicaps of zero strokes or less), provided that:
  - (a) If the tournament field is such that not all of the Top Finishers of the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-school categories (see Section A-1h-j of this Article III) can otherwise be accommodated, then the sponsor shall utilize not less than two of its sponsor exemptions for such Top Finishers of the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-school players. For the purposes of sponsor invitation, players utilizing a 300 career cuts made exemption shall not be eligible for these exemptions.
  - (b) Not less than two of such sponsor exemptions shall be PGA TOUR members not otherwise exempt for the tournament.

- (c) Players shall be eligible for sponsor exemptions as follows: (i) PGA TOUR members – unlimited number of sponsor exemptions; and A-1d other players – such number of sponsor exemptions as are extended, provided that such number shall not exceed the provisions set forth in the NOTE at the conclusion of Section A-1a (17) of this Article III.

**NOTE:** At official money tournaments, a member who failed to commit to the tournament by the commitment deadline and who would not have been part of the eligible field at such deadline may accept an unrestricted sponsor exemption after the deadline.

**NOTE:** At unofficial money tournaments only, the sponsor may utilize “unrestricted” sponsor exemptions on any member or nonmember, regardless of his commitment status.

**NOTE:** A tournament sponsor may not (i) hold a fundraising qualifying event for the purpose of determining a sponsor exemption or (ii) directly or indirectly award, offer or sell a sponsor exemption in exchange for any cash, in-kind or other consideration from a player, agency, sponsor, intermediary or any other person or entity. Without limitation, a tournament sponsor may not offer or sell a sponsorship, including any local sponsorship, pro-am or hospitality package, that is conditioned (in writing or implicitly) on the sponsor having the authority to directly or indirectly award a sponsor exemption. Further, without limitation, a tournament sponsor may not facilitate or enter into any arrangement whereby a player directly or indirectly provides cash, in-kind assets (e.g., an appearance), a share of the player’s prize money, a commitment from the player to engage the tournament sponsor for representation (where the tournament sponsor is also a player management group) or other consideration for a sponsor exemption. In the event of a potential violation, the PGA TOUR may request, and the tournament sponsor must provide, copies of contracts and other communications, financial reports, interviews and other information relating to the potential violation. A violation of the provisions of this paragraph will result in such sanctions determined by PGA TOUR, which will depend on the severity of the violation, whether the violation is a first or repeated offense and other factors. The sanctions may include a warning, loss of PGA TOUR accreditation for the Tournament Director, the loss of financial support from the PGA TOUR including loss of its annual cash contribution contingent on compliance and/or the loss of one or more sponsor exemptions for the current and/or future years. Further, a violation of these provisions would be a breach of the tournament agreement and could result in the termination of the tournament agreement. Further, a player who violates the provisions set forth in Article IV. Section B (No Guarantee for Appearance) of these Regulations will be deemed to have engaged in conduct unbecoming a professional and may be subject to a fine, suspension from play in PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, permanent disbarment from such play, an appropriate combination thereof or other discipline.

- (13) Two foreign players designated by the Commissioner.

**NOTE:** Foreign players wishing to apply for this exemption category must notify the Commissioner's office in writing not later than 30 days prior to the event in question.

**NOTE:** PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR Americas members are not eligible for such an exemption.

- (14) The current PGA National Professional Champion for a maximum of six open tournaments (three must be from open tournaments held opposite Signature Events, Genesis Scottish Open or The Open Championship), in addition to any sponsor exemptions. This exemption does not apply to open, limited-field events.
- (15) Either the current winner of the PGA Section Championship, the current PGA Section Player of the Year, or a PGA Section Member who wins a qualifying event for the applicable tournament that is conducted by the PGA Section in which the PGA TOUR tournament is played as determined by the Section.
- (16) The top four finishers at open qualifying held in accordance with applicable PGA TOUR policies and procedures. Such open qualifying shall normally be held on Monday of the tournament week, and shall be open to all amateurs with USGA handicaps of two strokes or less and to all professional golfers, with no limit as to the number of attempts to qualify. In the event that conditions make it impractical to host open qualifying, no qualifying will be held, and these spots will revert back to the field.

**NOTE:** PGA TOUR members who have not committed to the tournament by the commitment deadline may enter open qualifying provided they have entered open qualifying by the required entry deadline, which currently is 5 p.m. local time the Friday before open qualifying.

**NOTE:** The entry fee for non-members in open qualifying shall be \$500. The entry fee for PGA TOUR members in open qualifying shall be \$0. The entry fee for PGA TOUR Champions (Regular Members only), DP World Tour and Korn Ferry Tour members in open qualifying shall be \$100.

- (17) For the particular tournaments won, previous winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored tournaments with the same tournament sponsor, except for team tournaments, as follows:

- (a) Winners prior to July 28, 1970: unlimited exemptions for such tournaments.

**NOTE:** Winners prior to July 28, 1970 must have made at least one cut in a cosponsored or approved tournament within the five seasons preceding the tournament for which such member is exempt and has entered in order to retain a normal spot in the starting field of such tournament. If such member has not made at least one such cut, the member shall be added to the field of such tournament in each season until the season immediately following the season in which the member last made a cut in a cosponsored or approved tournament.

- (b) Winners after January 1, 2000: Five seasons of such exemptions for such tournaments, computed from the time of winning.

**NOTE:** A player who is not a member of PGA TOUR shall be eligible to play in not more than twelve cosponsored or approved tournaments per season (which shall include THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship but shall exclude any of the following events which he played via a "special invitation": THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship) through such special exemptions as sponsor exemptions and foreign exemptions (up to a combined maximum of seven), top-10 finishers in previous tournament, meeting invitational criteria to invitational tournaments, sectional qualifying, or any combination thereof. However, players eligible for PGA TOUR University Accelerated and finishers 2-5 on the final PGA TOUR University Ranking List are not subject to these nonmember restrictions in the current season or previous season.

A player who is not a member of PGA TOUR shall be eligible to play in any tournament in which he qualifies to play through open qualifying, or in accordance with Section A-1q of this Article III (finishers beyond 150th place of the prior season's FedExCup Points List), without regard to such twelve-tournament limitation. Attempting to qualify for a tournament through open qualifying does not count as "playing in a tournament" for purposes of this section.

- (18) Life Members (as defined in Section A-4, Article IX). To be eligible under this category, such Life Members must maintain a scoring average no greater than three strokes above the field average for the rounds of golf in which they have played during each season. Should any such member's scoring average exceed three strokes above the field average, such member shall lose such exempt position for the following season, and shall be placed in the highest eligibility category for which such player otherwise qualifies. If more than one full season has elapsed since a Life Member last played in a PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournament, such member shall not be eligible hereunder, and shall be placed in the next highest eligibility category for which that member qualifies for the next season. Should such member subsequently maintain the scoring average as required herein, such Life Member shall regain eligibility under this category for the following season.

**b. Top 30 from the Final FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List**

If not otherwise exempt under Section A.1.a. of this Article III ("Special Exemptions"), the top 30 finishers on the FedExCup Points List from the previous two seasons, in order of their total number of FedExCup Points. (**NOTE:** Beginning with the 2021-2022 season on a prospective basis.)

**c. Top 125 from FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List**

If not otherwise exempt under Section A.1.a. of this Article III ("Special Exemptions"), the top 125 finishers on the previous season's FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List in order of their positions on the list.

**d. Top 125-Nonmembers**

If not otherwise exempt under Section A.1.a to Section A.1.c of this Article III, those nonmembers and Special Temporary Members in the previous season whose points on the Non-Member FedExCup Points List for the previous season equals or exceeds the amount of FedExCup points earned by the player finishing in 125th position on the previous season's final FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List; provided, however, that points earned by a nonmember or Special Temporary Member in the ISCO Championship and Barracuda Championship starting in 2022, will be deemed not to be official points and will not be included on the FedExCup Points List and further provided that such player joined the PGA TOUR in accordance with Section A.1.d of Article IX of these Regulations (i.e. within 30 days after the last scheduled day of the final tournament awarding official prize money). If more than one player is included in this category, players with the greater amount of combined points shall have priority access to tournaments.

**e. Major Medical/Family Crisis/Mandatory Obligation Extension**

(1) A member who meets the requirements in (1)(a)(i), (1)(a)(ii) or (1)(a)(iii) and (1)(b) below shall be entitled to the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension for which he qualifies in accordance with Section A-1e(2) of this Article III, and shall be exempted into PGA TOUR tournaments prior to those players meeting the requirements of Section A-1f of this Article III; provided, however, if such member, at the time of his injury, the occurrence of the family crisis or mandatory obligation was eligible for tournaments as provided in Section A-1h-j of this Article III (the "Top Finishers of the DP World Tour/ Korn Ferry Tour / Q-school categories) or Section A1.a.11 of this Article III (300 Career Cuts), then such player's eligibility will be as provided in Section A-1j of this Article III. Such member will be placed in the last position within the Top Finishers of the Q-school category. Further, if such member finished as one of the 25 finishers below 125th place on the FedExCup Points List category in the season such player experienced such injury, family crisis, or mandatory obligation then such player's eligibility priority shall be as provided in Section A-o of this Article III (i.e., after the 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the FedExCup Points List):

(a)(i) In the discretion of the Commissioner after the review of such medical reports and examinations as the Commissioner deems appropriate, a member has experienced an injury or other medical disability sufficiently serious to prevent such member from competing on a regular basis in PGA TOUR tournaments for a minimum of four months from the date of the injury or other medical disability, (**NOTE:** if a member's injury is considered initially as not serious enough to prevent such member from competing for a minimum of four months but later proves to be, additional medical reports can be submitted to the Commissioner for purposes of allowing him to make such a determination) and

(a)(ii) In the discretion of the Commissioner and after a review of medical reports and examinations and any other information the Commissioner deems appropriate, a member's spouse or child has experienced a medical condition or other disability that prevents the member from competing on a regular basis in PGA TOUR tournaments for a minimum of four months from the date of the spouse or child's medical condition or other disability, (**NOTE:** if a spouse or child's medical condition or other disability is considered initially not serious

enough to prevent the member from competing for a minimum of four months but later proves to be, additional medical reports can be submitted to the Commissioner for purposes of allowing him to make such a determination): and

- (a)(iii) In the discretion of the Commissioner after a review of all information the Commissioner deems appropriate, an unavoidable circumstance, including but not limited to mandatory military service or religious obligation, prevents the member from competing in PGA TOUR tournaments for a minimum period of four months from the date of the beginning of the member's mandatory obligation.
- (b) Either (i) was a fully exempt player in an eligibility category through and including the Top Finishers of the Q-school category in the season such player experienced an event described in paragraph (1)(a)(i), (1)(a)(ii) or (1)(a)(iii) above (the "Extension Event") (without regard to the number of seasons such player has been a member); or (ii)(A) has maintained an average finish position in the top 100 on the FedExCup Points List for the last five full previous seasons, if such member has played the PGA TOUR for five or more full seasons, or who has an average finish position in the top 100 on the FedExCup Points List for all the full seasons in which such member has played the PGA TOUR, if less than five full seasons, but not less than three, and (ii)(B) in the season such player experienced the Extension Event was not lower than the 25th finisher beyond 125th place in the FedExCup Points List category.

**NOTE:** Eligibility priority among members who qualify for a Major Medical/ Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension shall be determined based upon the member's average finish positions on the FedExCup Points List for the last five full previous seasons, if such member has played the PGA TOUR for five or more full seasons, or for each full season such member has played the PGA TOUR if less than five full seasons.

- (2) A member meeting the criteria set forth in Section A-1e(1) of this Article III shall be permitted to play in PGA TOUR tournaments as set forth below, provided that such member notifies the Commissioner in writing that he desires to take advantage of the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension no later than 30 days following the occurrence of the Extension Event which forms the basis of the request for the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension.
  - (a) A member who qualifies for a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension and during the season in which the Extension Event occurred was a fully exempt player in an eligibility category through and including the Top Finishers of the Q-school category shall be entitled to play in the number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (the "Available Tournaments") that equal (i) the greater of the average number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments played by the member in the three seasons preceding the season in which the Extension Event occurred (or if the player has been a member for fewer than three seasons, the average number of events he has played in the season(s) he was a member), or the average number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments played by the Top 125 categories

during the previous season; minus (ii) the number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in which such member played in the season in which the Extension Event occurred (the "Tournaments Played"); provided, however, that the number of Available Tournaments in the season following the season that the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension was granted shall in no event exceed the number of official money tournaments for which such member is eligible remaining in the current season after the date of the Extension Event. (In the event of a player receiving Mandatory Obligation Extension during a multi-year exemption, the player would receive the total number of events available to him during his final year of eligibility.)

- (b) A player who qualifies for a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension and during the season in which the Extension Event occurred was in the 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the FedExCup Points List category shall be entitled to play in the number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (the "Available Tournaments") that equal the average number played by the 25 finishers beyond 125th place category during the previous season; minus the number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in which such member played in the season the Extension Event occurred (the "Tournaments Played"); provided, however, that the number of Available Tournaments shall not exceed the number of official money tournaments for which such member is eligible remaining in the current season after the date of the Extension Event.

Thereafter, if the amount of points earned by such member in the Available Tournaments, when combined with the amount of points earned by such member in the Tournaments Played, equals or exceeds the amount of points earned by the member finishing in 125th place on the FedExCup Fall Playoffs & Eligibility Points List following the conclusion of the preceding season ("Combined Top 125 Points"); such member shall be entitled to a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension for the remainder of the current season; such member shall be placed in the first position within the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension category for the remainder of the current season; without regard to the priority order in effect from the beginning of the season; provided, however, if more than one member does so, as between or among said members, priority shall be established by the relative priority among said affected members as of the beginning of the season. Players whose combined FedExCup points equal or exceed 125th place on the FedExCup Points List for the preceding season shall have the same eligibility with respect to Invitation Tournaments as members within the Top 125 FedExCup Points List category for the preceding season.

In the event that the amount of points earned by such member in the Available Tournaments, when combined with the amount of points earned by such member in the Tournaments Played, equals or exceeds the amount of points earned by the member who finished last in the 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List for the preceding season ("Combined Top 150 points"), such member shall retain the Major Medical/ Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension but shall be placed at the end of the 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the FedExCup Points List category.



If such amount of points does not equal or exceed the amount of points earned by the member who finished last in the 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the FedExCup Points List for the preceding season, such member shall not be entitled to any further Major Medical /Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension and shall be placed in his next highest eligibility category if applicable; however, in the event that the amount of points earned by such member in the tournaments played equals or exceeds the amount of points earned by the member who finished last in the 50 finishers beyond 150th place on the FedExCup Fall Playoffs & Eligibility Points List for the preceding season, such member shall be eligible for PGA TOUR tournaments pursuant to Article A-1u ("50 finishers beyond 150th place on FedExCup Points List") of this Article III, and for Korn Ferry Tour tournaments as described in Article III, Section A-1(r) ("50 finishers beyond 150th place on the FedExCup Points List") of the Korn Ferry Tour Tournament Regulations.

- (c) For the purposes of this Section A-1e, "Available Tournaments" shall include all tournaments in which a member plays while in the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension category, whether or not such member shall have gained access to a particular tournament pursuant to this Section A-1e, or any other eligibility category set forth in Section A-1 of this Article III.
- (3) A member shall be entitled to use a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension only once in his career for the same Extension Event.
- (4) A member shall not be entitled to a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension if one or more full seasons shall have passed between the time of the Extension Event and the time such member again is able to resume play, unless, in the case of severe injury to a member or a severe family crisis, the Commissioner, in the exercise of his discretion, determines to permit a member to have additional time not to exceed three seasons. If in the discretion of the Commissioner and after review of medical reports and examinations, it is determined that extreme circumstances exist, an extension beyond three seasons may be granted.

Furthermore, if during the season in which a member is playing under a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension such member determines that additional time is necessary and the Commissioner, in the exercise of his discretion, determines to permit a member to have additional time, such member would be entitled to play in PGA TOUR events under his Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension in the subsequent season; provided that, in no case shall the total number of events to which such member is entitled access in the subsequent season exceed such member's Available Events in the season in which the Commissioner grants the additional time less the number of events actually played by such member during such season. Additional time will not be extended beyond the subsequent season. However, if the member playing under a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension sustains a separate Extension Event deemed to be sufficiently serious to prevent the member from competing on a regular basis in PGA TOUR tournaments for a minimum of four months, additional time may be extended for a maximum of one season.

Further, if at the time a member is able to resume play under his Major Medical/ Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension there is an insufficient number of events remaining in the season for such member to play in all of his Available Events, the Commissioner, in the exercise of his discretion, may permit such member to complete his Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension in the subsequent season; provided that, in no case shall the total number of events to which such member is entitled access in the subsequent season exceed such member's Available Events in the season in which the Commissioner grants the extension less the number of events actually played by such member during such season. Additional time will not be extended beyond the subsequent season. However, if the member playing under a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension sustains a separate Extension Event deemed to be sufficiently serious to prevent the member from competing on a regular basis in PGA TOUR tournaments for a minimum of four months, additional time may be extended for a maximum of one season.

**NOTE:** For the purposes of medical extension carry-over, the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons are considered one season.

- (5) After the time that a member applies for a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension and prior to beginning play in official money tournaments under the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension in the next season, such member, if otherwise exempt, shall be permitted to play in a maximum of five unofficial money tournaments, PGA TOUR Champions tournaments, Korn Ferry Tour tournaments and/or other Federation Tours (DP World Tour, Japan Golf Tour, PGA Tour of Southern Africa, PGA TOUR of Australasia, Asian Tour) tournaments for which such member is otherwise eligible. If, prior to beginning play in official money tournaments under the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension in the next season, such member plays in any official money tournaments or in more than five such unofficial money tournaments, PGA TOUR Champions tournaments, (excluding major tournaments), Korn Ferry Tour tournaments, and/or other Federation Tours tournaments the number of his Available Tournaments shall be reduced by one for each such official money tournament, or unofficial money tournament, PGA TOUR Champions (excluding major tournaments), tournament, Korn Ferry Tour tournament, or other Federation Tours tournament in excess of five in which he plays. Once a player resumes a normal playing schedule on the PGA TOUR, the number of his Available Tournaments shall be reduced by one for each Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR Champions (excluding major tournaments), or other Federation Tours tournament he plays when eligible for the PGA TOUR event the same week.

PGA TOUR Champions Major tournaments referenced above: Tradition, Senior PGA Championship, U.S. Senior Open Championship, SENIOR PLAYERS Championship and Senior Open Championship.

**NOTE:** All fully exempt members who are injured during the period of their exemption and are unable to fulfill the 15-tournament requirement for retention of Voting Membership, and who would otherwise qualify for a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension, or a Minor Medical extension will be considered to have played 15 events for purposes of retaining their Voting Member status and for

purposes of FedExCup Player Bonus Plan distributions. However, under the terms of the Player Retirement Plan, unless a player is a Veteran Member, credits cannot be awarded to a participant in any season in which he plays fewer than 15 tournaments. (Veteran Members may be eligible for credits if they play 5 or more tournaments.) Such members shall retain an exempt position in the highest eligibility category for which they qualify.

**f. Leading Points Winner Race to Dubai, Leading Points Winner Korn Ferry Tour, Three-Time Winners from DP World Tour and Korn Ferry Tour, and PGA TOUR University Accelerated in the current and previous seasons and the Leading Finisher(s) from PGA TOUR University in the previous season**

The leading points winner from the previous season's Race to Dubai Rankings that is not otherwise exempt within the top 125 of the FedExCup Points list or above; Leading points winner from the previous season's final Korn Ferry Tour Points List; Those players, if any, from the previous season who won three DP World Tour events awarding official victory status; and those players, if any, from the previous season who won three Korn Ferry Tour events awarding official victory status, in chronological order of their third win; and those players, if any, from the current season and/or previous season who reach the PGA TOUR University Accelerated threshold, in order of their total points; and the Leading Finisher(s) from PGA TOUR University in the previous season.

**NOTE:** The Leading Finisher(s) from PGA TOUR University includes the Leading Finisher from the PGA TOUR University Ranking List and any finishers who attain greater than or equal to 1,300 PGA TOUR University Ranking Points through the conclusion of the PGA TOUR University Ranking List in that season.

**NOTE:** The Leading Finisher from PGA TOUR University and players eligible for PGA TOUR University Accelerated in the previous season shall be subject to periodic reorder with the Top Finishers of the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-school categories.

**NOTE:** To be eligible for PGA TOUR University Accelerated underclassmen (freshman, sophomore, junior) players must accumulate 20 points total points by the end of their third year of NCAA eligibility. Players who become eligible for PGA TOUR University Accelerated may join as a PGA TOUR Member following the NCAA Championships (June) and accept the current and following season's exemption or may join by December 31, 2025 and accept the accept the following season's exemption only.

PGA TOUR University Accelerated Points shall be earned as follows:

**College**

- 3 points = Haskins Award, Hogan Award, D-1 Nicklaus Award
- 2 points = D-1 NCAA Individual Champion, D-1 Freshman of the Year Award
- 1 point = Top 10 & ties at D-1 NCAA Individual National Championship

**Amateur**

- 1-5 points = Career-best WAGR rank (No. 1 = 5 points, No. 2 = 4 points, No. 3 = 3 points, No. 4 = 2 points, No. 5 = 1 point)
- 2 points = Win - U.S. Amateur, The Amateur

- 1 point = Western Amateur, European Amateur, Latin America Amateur, Asia-Pacific Amateur, African Amateur, Palmer Cup, World Amateur Team Championship, Jones Cup, Northeast Amateur, Southern Amateur, Lifetime 26 weeks as No. 1 in WAGR, Lifetime 52 weeks as No. 1 in WAGR

**Professional (accumulated for each of the following achievements)**

- 2 points = Top-20 finish in a Major
- 1 point = Made cut in Official PGA TOUR event or select DP World Tour Events (2025 Hero Dubai Desert Classic)
- 1 point = Top-10 finish in PGA TOUR event
- 1 point = Top-5 finish in PGA TOUR event or select DP World Tour Events (2025 Hero Dubai Desert Classic)
- 1 point = Major start
- 1 point = Made cut in a Major

**g. Top 10 from Previous Tournament**

If not otherwise exempt under Section A-1a of this Article III (“Special Exemptions”), the top 10 finishing players (including amateurs) and those tied for 10th place from each tournament awarding official victory status (excluding non-members and Special Temporary Members in the ISCO Championship and Barracuda Championship) into the next open tournament awarding official victory status. Any player not able to gain entry into the next open tournament awarding official victory status due to a full field shall be exempt pursuant to this Section A-1g into the next succeeding open tournament awarding official victory status in which there is sufficient space in the field, unless otherwise exempt into such open tournament. Any player finishing in the top 10 or tied for 10th in the last tournament awarding official victory status (excluding non-members in the ISCO Championship and Barracuda Championship) in any season shall be exempt into the first open tournament in the subsequent season awarding official victory status and in which there is sufficient space in the field, unless otherwise exempt into such open tournament. Such players shall gain access to such tournament in priority order, based upon their total scores in the tournament in which they have finished in the top 10.

In cases of total-score ties, the priority order will be established by matching round scores, beginning with the final round of the tournament in which the players finished in the top 10 and working backward.

In the event of such an occurrence at a multi-course tournament in which all the players may not have played the same courses in the same order, any ties that still exist after matching final-round scores (on the same course) shall be broken by matching hole scores in the final round, starting with the 18th hole and working backward.

Should there be top 10 finishers from multiple tournaments, the top 10 finishers from the first event played will be exempt first in priority order followed by the top 10 finishers from the next event played and so forth, with each tournament’s top 10 finishers ranked per above.

**NOTE:** Any player finishing in the top 10 or tied for 10th not otherwise exempt, shall follow the commitment procedures as prescribed in Section A-2 of Article IV.

**NOTE:** A player who does not gain entry to the next tournament via the Top 10 from Previous Tournament category due to a full field but gains entry via another manner such as sponsor exemption, open qualifying or other special eligibility shall be considered to have gained entry into the event and will not be exempt into the next succeeding open tournament.

**h. Top Finishers of the DP World Tour**

Finishers 2-10 on the final previous season's Race to Dubai Rankings that are not otherwise exempt within the top 125 of the FedExCup Points list or above (Article III. Section A.1(a) through (d) of the PGA TOUR Regulations).

**NOTE:** If any such member declines PGA TOUR membership or is ineligible for PGA TOUR membership by the membership deadline, then the next highest ranked Member not otherwise exempt will be granted this exemption.

**i. Top Finishers of the Korn Ferry Tour**

Finishers 2-30 and ties from the previous season's final Korn Ferry Tour Points List.

**NOTE:** Players finishing in the top 30 and ties on the final Korn Ferry Tour Points List who are under the age of 18, amateurs, and players that do not become members are included in the top 30 and ties.

**j. Top Finishers from Q-School**

The top 5 finishers and ties from the previous year's PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament.

**NOTE:** The position of those members included in this the Top Finishers from the DP World Tour, Top Finishers from the Korn Ferry Tour, and Top 5 finishers and ties from the Q-school categories and the Leading Finisher on PGA TOUR University and players eligible for PGA TOUR University Accelerated in the previous season shall be periodically reordered based upon each member's position on the current season's FedExCup Points List at that time. In 2025, such periodic reordering shall take place on the Monday of the Masters and following the conclusion of the Wyndham Championship.

**k. Leading Finisher(s) from PGA TOUR University**

The leading finisher(s) from the current season's Final Official PGA TOUR University Ranking List.

This player shall be subject to periodic reorder with the Top Finishers of the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-school categories, as noted above.

**NOTE:** For the 2026 season, this will include the Leading Finisher from the PGA TOUR University Ranking List and any finishers who attain greater than or equal to 1,300 PGA TOUR University Ranking Points through the conclusion of the PGA TOUR University Ranking List in that season.

**l. Players Winning Three Korn Ferry Tour Events in the Current Season**

Those players who win three Korn Ferry Tour events awarding official victory status in the current season, in chronological order of their third win.

**m. Minor Medical Extension**

- (1) A member who meets the requirements in Section (1)(a) and (1)(b) of Section A-1e of Article III [except that the injury or other medical disability experienced by such member does not require a cessation of competition by such member for a minimum of four (4) months] shall be eligible to apply to the Commissioner for a Minor Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension, provided however, in order to be eligible to apply for a Minor Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension pursuant to Section A.1.e(1)(a)(ii) (i.e., the Family Crisis basis) a member must be prevented from competing on a regular basis in PGA TOUR tournaments for a minimum of two (2) months.
- (2) The maximum number of tournaments in which a member shall be eligible to participate under the category of Minor Medical Extension shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Section A-1e(2)(a) or Section A-1e(2)(b) of Article III, as applicable to the specific member. However, actual access shall be on a space-available basis, and there shall be no carry-over of access into any subsequent season. Relative priority between or among members playing under a Minor Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension shall be determined in the same manner as priority between or among members playing under a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension
- (3) A member playing under the category of Minor Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension shall have priority to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1j of Article III (i.e., following Top Finishers from Q-school).
- (4) A member gaining access to tournaments pursuant to the Minor Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension, who earns an amount of points in his Available Tournaments [as such term is defined in Section A-1e(2) of Article III] which when combined with the amount of points earned by such member in his Tournaments Played [as such term is defined in Section A-1e(2) of Article III] equals or exceeds the amount of points earned by the member finishing in 125th place or 150th place or 200th place on the FedExCup Points List following the conclusion of the last event for the preceding season shall be entitled to eligibility and priority to play in tournaments in accordance with the provisions of Section A-1(e)(2) of Article III [i.e., Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension].

**n. 25 Finishers beyond 125th Place on FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, those PGA TOUR members within the next 25 positions after the top 125 points leaders on the previous season's FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List, in order of their positions on such list.

In addition, the position of those members included in this category and those members in the Nonexempt, Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension Holders category, shall be periodically reordered based upon each member's position on the current season's FedExCup Points List at that time. Such reordering shall also include all players below this category, (p.) Past Champions, Veteran Members beyond 150, (q.) Past Champions, (r.) Special Temporary Members, (s.) Team Tournament Winners, (t.) Veteran Members. All players in these categories shall remain subject to reordering unless such player wins a PGA TOUR event. In 2025, such periodic reordering shall take after the

Zurich Classic of New Orleans, the Charles Schwab Challenge, the John Deere Classic, the Wyndham Championship, and after the Black Desert Championship.

**o. Nonexempt Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension Holders**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, members who have qualified for a Medical/Family Crisis/Mandatory Obligation Extension pursuant to Section A-1e(1) or Section A-1j(1) of this Article III.

**p. Past Champions, Team Tournament Winners, and Veteran Members not within the top 150 on FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, Past Champion Members (as defined in Section A.1.n of this Article III), Team Tournament Winners (as defined in Section A.1.p of this Article III) and Veteran Members (as defined in Section A.1.q of this Article III) not within the top 150 on the previous season's FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List, in order of their combined official PGA TOUR and Korn Ferry Tour earnings in the previous season.

Members in this category shall be periodically reordered as noted in Section A1n (25 Finishers beyond 125th position on the FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List) above.

**q. Past Champions**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, Past Champion Members, in order of the total number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments won, excluding team or other tournaments not awarding official victory status. If two or more members are tied based on the number of tournaments won, the member who is highest on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List shall be eligible.

To be eligible for tournament play via this eligibility category, a player must have:

- Played in the PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour or PGA TOUR Champions Annual Qualifying Tournament or Korn Ferry Tour Finals in the current season or within the previous two seasons, or,
- Made a cut on the PGA TOUR or Korn Ferry Tour during the current season or within the last two seasons, or,
- Played five or more combined events on the PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR Champions during the current season or in the preceding season.

Members in this category shall be periodically reordered as noted in Section A1n (25 Finishers beyond 125th position on the FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List) above.

**r. Special Temporary Members**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, members who meet the conditions set in Section A-2b of this Article III and have paid annual dues to PGA TOUR, in order in which such members qualified for this membership.

Members in this category shall be periodically reordered as noted in Section A1n (25 Finishers beyond 125th position on the FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List) above.

**s. Team Tournament Winners**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, winners of cosponsored team tournaments, in order of the total number of team tournaments won. If two or more members are tied based on the number of such tournaments won, the member who is highest on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List shall be eligible.

To be eligible for tournament play via this eligibility category, a player must have:

- Played in the PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour or PGA TOUR Champions Annual Qualifying Tournament or Korn Ferry Tour Finals in the current season or within the previous two seasons, or,
- Made a cut on the PGA TOUR or Korn Ferry Tour during the current season or within the last two seasons, or,
- Played five or more combined events on the PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR Champions during the current season or in the preceding season.

Members in this category shall be periodically reordered as noted in Section A1n (25 Finishers beyond 125th position on the FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List) above.

**t. Veteran Members**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, Veteran Members (members who have made a minimum of 150 cuts in tournaments awarding official money during their careers), in order of their position on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List.

To be eligible for tournament play via this eligibility category, a player must have:

- Played in the PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour or PGA TOUR Champions Annual Qualifying Tournament or Korn Ferry Tour Finals in the current season or within the previous two seasons, or,
- Made a cut on the PGA TOUR or Korn Ferry Tour during the current season or within the last two seasons, or,
- Played five or more combined events on the PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour and PGA TOUR Champions during the current season or in the preceding season.

Members in this category shall be periodically reordered as noted in Section A1n (25 Finishers beyond 125th position on the FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List) above.

**u. 50 Finishers beyond 150th place on FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field in tournaments played opposite PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, the next 50 players on the previous season's FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List following those members referred to in Section A-1k of this Article III, in order of their positions on such list. To be eligible for play in the category, a player must commit to the event in accordance with Article IV, Section A.2 of these Regulations.



## **2026 REVISED PRIORITY RANKING:**

Eligibility for tournament play has been amended for the 2026 season. Eligibility for tournament play in 2026 results in a revised Priority Ranking, shown below:

- A) Tournament Winners
- B) Top 70 FedExCup through the TOUR Championship
- C) Finishers 71-100 FedExCup through the FedExCup Fall
- D) Leading 10 Finishers, not otherwise exempt, Race to Dubai Ranking
- E) Top 20 Finishes from the Korn Ferry Tour
- F) Top 5 Finishers from the Qualifying Tournament
- G) PGA TOUR University (#1 and Accelerated from the Prior and Current Season)
- H) Top 70 nonmember
- I) Top 30 FedExCup Points List (Year 2)
- J) Top 25 / Top 50 Career Money
- K) Life Members
- L) Finishers 101-110 FedExCup through the FedExCup Fall
- M) 300 Career Cuts Made
- N) Three-Time Winners on the Korn Ferry Tour and DP World Tour in the current season
- O) Major Medical Extensions
- P) Finishers 111-125 FedExCup through the FedExCup Fall
- Q) Minor Medical Extensions
- R) Finishers 126-150 FedExCup through the FedExCup Fall
- S) Non-Exempt Medical Extension
- T) Past Champions and Veteran Members Beyond 150 through the FedExCup Fall
- U) Past Champion
- V) Special Temporary Member
- W) Veteran Member

## **2. QUALIFYING**

### **a. PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament**

PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament players may gain PGA TOUR Regular Membership and playing eligibility for the subsequent calendar year (see Section A-1j of this Article III) by finishing among the top 5 places and ties in the PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament, which shall be held not less than annually on conditions approved by the PGA TOUR Policy Board. The Qualifying Tournament may consist of First and Second Stage Qualifying, in addition to a Final Stage Qualifying competition.

**NOTE:** In accordance with Article IX, Section A of these Regulations, a player must be 18 years of age or older to be eligible for membership. Notwithstanding this age limit, a player under the age of 18 may enter the PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament, provided he turns 18 on or before the first scheduled round of the final official money tournament of the following season. However, if a player under the age of 18 finishes among the top 5 places and ties, he would not become eligible for membership until his 18th birthday. Until his 18th birthday, such player may participate in PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved events as a nonmember, subject to the limitations defined in Article III, Section A.1.a(17) (b) (i.e. nonmember playing privileges) of these Regulations.

The top 40 available PGA TOUR members below the 100th position on the Final 2025 FedExCup Fall Playoffs & Eligibility Points List, to a floor of 200th position, and Special Temporary Members and nonmembers whose whose combined official points and points earned in the ISCO and Barracuda Championships is equal to or greater than the 150th place finisher on the Final 2025 FedExCup Fall Playoffs & Eligibility Points List shall be exempt into Final Stage Qualifying in that year. Players who finish from 21st through 50th position on the final Korn Ferry Tour Official Points List shall be exempt into Final Stage Qualifying in that year.

**NOTE:** Should a player who has earned an exemption into Final Stage Qualifying (beginning in 2023 when the event returned to the PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament) as described in the preceding paragraph present bona fide evidence of an injury or other medical disability sufficiently serious to prevent such player from playing in Final Stage Qualifying in that respective year, he shall be exempt to Final Stage Qualifying in the subsequent calendar year. A player who begins play at Final Stage Qualifying and subsequently withdraws due to injury or other reason prior to completion of Final Stage Qualifying shall not be permitted to utilize the exemption in the following year's PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament.

The leading player on the Japan Golf Tour Official Order of Merit as of the Qualifying Tournament entry deadline for that year and the leading player from the Australasian PGA Tour final Official Money List, the leading player from the Sunshine Tour Official Players List and the leading player from the final Genesis Points List for the Korea Professional Golfers' Association from the previous year shall be exempt into Final Stage Qualifying for that year, provided that such players notify PGA TOUR of their desire to be so exempt no later than the Qualifying Tournament entry deadline for that year.

The leading ten (top 10) finishers from the current year's Final PGA TOUR Americas Points List, the leading two finishers from the current year's Final PGA TOUR Americas Points List Segment I, the leading three players from the the current year's Final PGA TOUR Americas Points List Segment II, and finishers two through five from the current season's Final Official PGA TOUR University Ranking shall be exempt into Final Stage Qualifying in that year.

Players among the top 50 on the Official World Golf Ranking as of the Qualifying Tournament entry deadline shall be exempt into Final Stage Qualifying that year.

A member eligible for tournaments as provided in Section A-1e (i.e. Major Medical Extension) Section A-1m (i.e. Minor Medical Extension) and Section A-1o (Non exempt, Major Medical Extension) of this Article III, whose FedExCup Points earned in their "Available Tournaments", when combined with the amount of FedExCup Points earned in their "Tournaments Played", equals or exceeds the amount of FedExCup Points earned by the member who finished last in the 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the FedExCup Fall Playoffs & Eligibility Points List for the preceding season shall be exempt into Final Qualifying Stage in that year provided that the FedExCup Points earned in his "Tournaments Played" was less than the 150th finisher on the FedExCup Points List in the year of the applicant's injury.

The following players also shall be exempt into Second Stage Qualifying:

- PGA TOUR Members who are eligible for tournament play as defined in the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations.
- Applicants with an official victory in a Korn Ferry Tour tournament in the last three years as defined in the Korn Ferry Tour Tournament Regulations.
- Applicants finishing sixty-one through eighty-fifth (51-75) on the final Official Korn Ferry Tour Points List, as defined in the Korn Ferry Tour Tournament Regulations.
- Applicants who have made fifty (50) or more cuts in PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments awarding official money as of the second stage entry deadline.
- Applicants who made the cut in the current years: THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament, PGA Championship, U.S. Open or The Open Championship.
- Players ranked fifty-first through one hundred (51-100) on the Official World Golf Ranking.
- Applicants ranked sixth through twentieth (6-20) on the current season's Final Official PGA TOUR University Ranking.
- Applicants ranked sixth through twenty-fifth (11-25) on the PGA TOUR Americas Official Points List.
- Applicants ranked third through tenth (3-10) from PGA TOUR Americas Segment I
- Applicants ranked fourth through tenth (4-10) from PGA TOUR Americas Segment II
- Applicants ranked first through fifth (1-5) on the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR)
- Applicants ranked one through five (1-5) including ties at the PGA Professional National Championship.
- Applicants ranked two through five (2-5) on the current season's Official Order of Merit for Japan Golf Tour Organization (JGTO) as of the Second Qualifying Stage deadline.
- Applicants ranked two through five (2-5) on the prior year's Final Official Money List for the PGA Tour of Australasia.
- Applicants ranked two through five (2-5) on the prior year's Final Official Players List for the Sunshine Tour.
- Applicants ranked two through five (2-5) on the prior year's Final Genesis Point List for the Korea Professional Golfers' Association (KPGA).
- Applicant who is a current Korn Ferry Tour member that has been disabled to the extent he is unable to compete in more than twelve (12) events in a season but has played in a minimum of five (5) Korn Ferry Tour events that season; has performed at a level which placed him 51st – 75th position on the Official Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List at the time he was disabled; or who has average points per event at the time he was disabled which would have placed him 51st – 75th position on the Official Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List for the entire season (determined by multiplying such an average number of Korn Ferry Tour events played by all Korn Ferry Tour members).

### **Medical Provisions**

A PGA TOUR member who presents bona fide evidence of any injury or other medical disability that prevented him from playing in one or more PGA TOUR tournaments and who meets the following criteria shall be exempt into Final Stage of the PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament:

- (1) Not more than one Qualifying Tournament has passed since such member has been prevented from playing in PGA TOUR events due to such injury or other medical disability; provided however that if a player's injury is sufficiently serious enough that it prevents

him from playing in one or more Qualifying Tournaments, he shall be considered to have satisfied this condition.

- (2) Such member has not played in 15 or more PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the year in which such injury or other medical disability occurred; and
- (3) Such member has had an average finish position in the top 150 on the FedExCup Points List for the last three seasons if such member has been a member of PGA TOUR for three seasons or more, or if such member has been a member of PGA TOUR for less than three seasons, has averaged 150th or better on the FedExCup Points List for those seasons such member has been a member of PGA TOUR.

**b. Nonmember Qualifying**

Subject to the age requirement provision described in the note following Section A.1.a (10) of Article III, if a nonmember of the PGA TOUR who is a professional wins a PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournament then he shall be eligible to compete in PGA TOUR tournaments as provided in Section A-1a(10) of this Article III, provided that he joins the PGA TOUR as a Regular Member within 60 days after his victory. If he fails to do so, he forfeits the right to join the PGA TOUR either as a Regular or Special Temporary Member for the duration of that season. If a nonmember of the PGA TOUR who is an amateur wins a cosponsored or approved tournament, then he shall be eligible to compete in PGA TOUR events as provided in Section A.1a(10) of this Article III as an amateur or he may join the PGA TOUR as a regular member at anytime during the season in which the win occurred. Thereafter, such nonmember shall be entitled to join the PGA TOUR at the end of any season, provided he has at least one season remaining in his exempt period and joins within 30 days after the last scheduled day of the final tournament awarding official prize money. Further, upon joining, he shall be entitled to the remaining portion of such multi-season exemption.

Subject to the provisions concerning notification to PGA TOUR as set forth below in this Section A-2b, if a nonmember of the PGA TOUR earns an amount of points when combined with points earned in the ISCO Championship and Barracuda Championship and in the prior season (collectively, "combined points"), that equals or exceeds the amount of points earned by the player finishing in the 125th position on the previous season's FedExCup Fall Playoffs & Eligibility Points List (e.g., through tournament invitations, sponsor exemptions, foreign player exemptions, open qualifying, sectional qualifying, etc.), then he shall be eligible to compete in PGA TOUR tournaments for the following season, as provided in Section A-1c of this Article III ("Top 125 Nonmember"), provided that he joins the PGA TOUR as a Regular Member within 30 days after the last scheduled day of the final tournament awarding official prize money.

If, during the course of a PGA TOUR season, a nonmember of PGA TOUR wins an amount of points (e.g., by playing in PGA TOUR tournaments through tournament invitations, sponsor exemptions, foreign player exemptions, open qualifying, sectional qualifying, etc.), when combined with points earned in the ISCO Championship and Barracuda Championship (collectively "combined points"), equal to or greater than the amount won in the preceding season by the 150th finisher on the FedExCup Fall Playoffs and Eligibility Points List, as determined in accordance with Section A of Article III, then such player will become eligible to become a Special Temporary Member of PGA TOUR for the remainder

of the season, provided that he joins PGA TOUR in such category within 60 days after becoming eligible. Upon payment of annual dues to PGA TOUR, such member shall be eligible for an unlimited number of sponsor exemptions for the remainder of the season.

## **N. OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

In any PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournaments, eligibility of a player to participate also shall be conditioned on the following:

### **1. One New Event Played Per Season Requirement**

During the current PGA TOUR season, any Regular Member of the PGA TOUR (as defined in Article IX, Section A.1.a. through e.) is required to play in at least one tournament he has not played in previously during any of the preceding three (3) seasons.

Tournaments eligible to fulfill such Regular Member's obligation under this regulation shall include all official money, co-sponsored and approved tournaments but shall not include the Masters Tournament, U.S. Open Championship, The Open Championship, PGA Championship, Signature Events, THE PLAYERS Championship, the FedExCup Playoff Events, Presidents Cup, Ryder Cup, Olympic Games, and any first-year official money event.

Any Regular Member of the PGA TOUR (as defined in Article IX, Section A.1.a. through d.) who meets any of the following criteria shall be exempt from the provisions of this Regulation in the current season:

- a. Played in 25 or more official money, co-sponsored or approved tournaments in the previous or current season.
- b. Life Members (as defined in Article IX, Section A.4.)
- c. Veteran Members (as defined in Article IX, Section A.8.) who are age 45 or older at any point during the current season
- d. Dual Members of both the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions

Furthermore, a player who has been granted an eligibility extension pursuant to Article III, Section A.1.d. will not be subject to the requirements of this regulation in the season of the extension event.

Any player subject to this regulation that fails to meet the obligations set forth herein shall be subject to a Major Penalty under Article VII, Section D.3. (Discipline, Penalties and Appeals).

Notwithstanding the above, the Commissioner, upon application by a member subject to this regulation and for a serious medical condition or other extraordinary circumstances that the Commissioner, at his discretion, determines to be a valid reason for not meeting this requirement, may excuse a player from the regulation.

**NOTE:** Regular Members (as defined in Article IX, Section A.1.e. through j.) shall be exempt from the provisions of this Regulation in the current season.

**NOTE:** Players within the top 10 of the Player Impact Program (PIP) will be eligible to fulfill their obligation to this regulation and the Player Impact Program for the season by participating in a tournament designated by the PGA TOUR, based on an objective set of criteria.

## **2. Entry Form and Fee**

No player shall be eligible to participate in a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament unless he has signed an entry form as prescribed in Section B-1 of Article IV, and he has paid the required entry fee, the amount of which shall be set from time to time by the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

## **3. PGA TOUR Dues; Limited Dues; Amateur Administrative Fees**

Every professional player who applies to enter a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament shall be a fully paid member of PGA TOUR or, if not a member, shall pay \$50 (or such other amount as the PGA TOUR Policy Board may set from time to time) as dues for limited PGA TOUR membership for the duration of the tournament. Any amateur who applies to enter a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament shall pay the same amount (\$50 or such other amount set by the PGA TOUR Policy Board) as an administrative fee.

## **4. Insurance**

As a further condition of entry in any PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament, each player must furnish evidence acceptable to PGA TOUR that he has obtained personal liability insurance covering any liability or claim that may arise from his participation in such tournament, in minimum amounts of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence with PGA TOUR, Inc., the Professional Golfers' Association of America and such other affiliated entities as shall be designated from time to time by the PGA TOUR Policy Board, named as additional insureds under such policy, indicating the name of the insurance company and the number of the policy by which he is insured. In addition, nonmembers of PGA TOUR or PGA who enter a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament may be required as a condition of entry to pay a fee to PGA TOUR for the cost of personal liability insurance covering their participation in such tournament.

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## IV. CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENTS

The management and conduct of all PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments, pro-ams and other golf events sanctioned by PGA TOUR shall be under the direction of PGA TOUR. Such tournaments, pro-ams or events shall be played in accordance with these Regulations and the tournament agreements applicable thereto.

### A. MATTERS RELATING TO PLAY

#### 1. Starting Fields

##### a. Open Tournaments

The starting field in PGA TOUR cosponsored open tournaments shall consist of those players listed in Section A of Article III (in the order in which listed). Except if specified otherwise in the tournament agreement, the number of players in the starting field of an open tournament shall be 156, provided that the Chief Referee may reduce the starting field to 144 players or such other lesser number as he determines in his discretion to be required by the circumstances (e.g., due to available daylight). In addition, the Chief Referee, in his discretion, may increase the starting field above the levels indicated in this Section A if necessary, in order to include in the starting field those members listed in Section A-1b of Article III (Top 125 from FedExCup Points List).

**NOTE:** Starting in 2026, the starting field of open tournaments has been adjusted to a maximum of 144 players.

##### b. Invitation Tournaments

PGA TOUR also may cosponsor or approve invitation tournaments. The starting field in such a tournament shall be that number specified in the tournament agreement. The tournament agreement for an invitation tournament also shall list the categories of players to be invited. All players within such categories who are "Eligible Players" under Section A-1 of Article III may apply to enter such tournaments.

##### c. Special or Coordinated Tournaments

PGA TOUR may sanction special or coordinated tournaments that may combine any or all of the aspect of open, invitation and pro-am tournaments. Players eligible to participate in such tournaments shall meet the requirements of Article III of these Regulations. The conduct of special or coordinated tournaments shall be in accordance with tournament agreements entered into with respect thereto and with these Regulations.

**NOTE:** In the event that a player is incorrectly included in the starting field, he shall be removed as soon as practical, and be reimbursed for reasonable travel expensed by PGA TOUR.

## 2. Commitments and Personal Registration

Eligible players wishing to participate in a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament must commit in advance to PGA TOUR, either by 800-number telephone service to PGA TOUR Headquarters during business hours Monday through Friday (i.e. – 9 am to 5 pm Jacksonville, FL time), except for legal holidays, or by committing electronically via the player website.

While advance commitments may be made at any time, the deadline for all players to commit to PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournaments shall be 5 p.m. Eastern Time via the manners described in the preceding paragraph, or one-half hour after the conclusion of play to an onsite PGA TOUR Media Official, whichever is later, on the Friday immediately preceding the tournament applied for; provided, however, that the winner of a tournament held in the immediately preceding week or any player finishing in the top 10 or tied for 10th place, not otherwise exempt, (see Section A-1g of Article III) in the tournament held in the immediately preceding week may commit to an onsite PGA TOUR Media Official within one-half hour after the conclusion of such immediately preceding tournament. Further, provided that a player who wins a Korn Ferry Tour tournament in the immediately preceding week and becomes eligible for PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournaments pursuant to Article III, Section A-11 (i.e., players winning three Korn Ferry Tour events in the current season) as a result may commit to the following week's PGA TOUR event to an on-site Korn Ferry Tour Media Official within one-half hour after the conclusion of such immediately preceding Korn Ferry Tour tournament. Additionally, at Signature Event tournaments, a member who becomes eligible after the commitment deadline via a category whose qualification is finalized though the event immediately preceding (Aon Next 10, Aon Swing 5, Top 30 Official World Golf Ranking or Sponsor Exemption) may commit to the Signature Event by Monday at 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

**NOTE:** At tournaments with starting field sizes of 144 players or less, the sponsor shall have the option of inviting Past Champions (Article III, Section A.1.q), regardless of a provisional commitment being made, if there are no alternates for the event. With respect to those tournaments played opposite PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, finishers from beyond 150th on the prior season's FedExCup Points List as provided in Section A-1u of Article III may fill such tournament fields to 132 players.

**NOTE:** At official money tournaments, a member who failed to commit to the tournament by the commitment deadline and who would not have been part of the eligible field at such deadline may accept an unrestricted sponsor exemption after the deadline.

**NOTE:** At unofficial tournaments only, the sponsor may utilize "unrestricted" sponsor exemptions on any member or nonmember, regardless of his commitment status.

A player, including alternates who are eligible to practice on the tournament course, must register personally at the tournament site prior to any pro-am round or practice at the tournament course. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. Furthermore, a player failing to register prior to his first official tournament round shall be ineligible to participate in the tournament unless satisfactory evidence of mitigating circumstance has been provided to the on-site Chief Referee.



### 3. Groupings

In PGA TOUR Signature Events with limited field sizes tournament groupings shall be drawn in groups of two players or as otherwise determined by the Chief Referee due to existing circumstances (e.g. lack of daylight, weather, etc.). Groupings of players for the first two rounds shall be drawn in the following categories as approved by the Chief Referee:

#### **Category 1:**

- Players within the top 50 of the previous year's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Playoffs

#### **Category 2:**

- All other players in the field

In PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments groupings shall be drawn in groups of three players. Following a reduction of field, groupings shall be drawn in pairs, or as otherwise determined by the Chief Referee due to existing circumstances (e.g., lack of daylight). Groupings of players for the first two rounds shall be drawn in the following categories as approved by the Chief Referee:

#### **Category 1:**

- PGA TOUR members eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Sections A-1a(1) through (8) and Sections A-1a(10) of Article III (Tournament Winners).
- Nonmember tournament winners that, if they were a PGA TOUR member, would be eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Sections A-1a(1) through (7) and Section A-1a(10) of Article III.
- Players finishing in the Top 30 from the Prior Season's Final FedExCup Playoffs and Eligibility Points List
- PGA TOUR Life Members, as defined in Section A-4 of Article IX.
- The top 25 on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List through the end of the preceding season.
- Players within the top 20 positions on the current FedExCup Points List, starting with the event following the Masters.
- Players (including nonmembers) within the top 20 positions on the current Official World Golf Ranking.
- One player, on a weekly basis, not otherwise eligible for this category.

#### **Category 1A:**

- Tournament winners whose victories were considered official that no longer qualify for grouping category 1 and who played in 5 or more PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved events or 10 or more combined PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Korn Ferry Tour

cosponsored events in the current or prior season (qualifying rounds do not constitute “play” in such tournaments for purposes of this section).

- Former winners of THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship who no longer qualify for grouping category 1.

### **Category 2:**

- PGA TOUR members eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Sections A-1c (Top 125 FedExCup), and A-1d (Top 125-Nonmembers) of Article III .
- Players with 50 or more career cuts made in official money PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments and who played in 5 or more PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved events or 10 or more combined PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Korn Ferry Tour cosponsored events in the current or prior season (qualifying rounds do not constitute “play” in such tournaments for purposes of this section).
- Players (including nonmembers) within the top 21–50 positions on the current Official World Golf Ranking.

### **Category 3:**

- All others.

**NOTE:** PGA TOUR members eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1e of Article III, (Major Medical Extension) shall retain the grouping category they were assigned when they were injured.

During the draw when the number of players in a grouping category is not sufficient the necessary number of players will move up as follows:

Category 1A to category 1:

- In order on the previous season’s FedExCup Fall Playoffs & Eligibility Points List.

Category 3 to category 2:

- The leading player to earn a PGA TOUR card from the previous season’s Race to Dubai
- The leading points winner on the previous season’s Final Korn Ferry Tour Points List.
- In order on the current season’s FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List.

During the season, players in category 3 will be eligible to move to category 2 as follows:

- Players within the top 60 on the current season’s FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Masters Tournament, and Special Temporary Members whose official points equal or exceed 60th place on the FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Masters Tournament.
- Players within the top 100 on the current season’s FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the U.S. Open, and Special Temporary Members whose official points equal

or exceed 100th place on the FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the U.S. Open.

- Players within the top 125 on the current season's FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Wyndham Championship, and Special Temporary Members whose official points equal or exceed 125th place on the FedExCup Playoffs & Eligibility Points List through the Wyndham Championship.

#### **4. Starting Times**

Starting times for the first and second rounds shall be assigned by draw, and shall be fixed for the rounds after a reduction of field on the basis of current standings at the conclusion of the preceding rounds, consistent with weather conditions and available daylight hours, with the highest scorers starting first and the lowest scorers starting last. However, in unusual circumstances, the Chief Referee in his discretion may change this sequence. All starting times shall be fixed under the supervision of the Chief Referee.

#### **5. Reduction of Fields (Cuts)**

Unless otherwise provided in the tournament agreement or unless otherwise determined by the Chief Referee in his discretion (e.g., due to weather), the starting field shall be reduced to the 65 players (including amateurs) having the lowest scores at the conclusion of 36 holes of tournament play, including any players tied for 65th place.

In the event of a postponement or cancellation of any of the first three rounds, the Chief Referee in his discretion may schedule the final 36 holes to be played in one day. If he schedules the final 36 holes in one day, he will reduce (cut) the field to the score which has the closest number of players (including amateurs) to the 60th position. Should there be an equal number at different scores at equal intervals above and below 60th position, the higher score shall be used. In the event of any such reduction (cut), professionals eliminated who otherwise would have played in the final 36 holes shall receive their appropriate share of the prize money in accordance with their respective positions.

Once a reduction of field has been made after 36 or 54 holes and the next round groupings have been approved by the Rules Committee, no withdrawal or disqualification will affect the calculation of the cut line.

#### **6. Substitutions and Alternates**

After the commitment deadline but before 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) on the third day preceding the first scheduled day of official tournament competition (usually Monday), any player who withdraws or is elevated to a higher eligibility category (i.e. Top 10, becomes part of the eligible field, etc.) will be replaced by the highest ranking alternate on the applicable alternate list. At and after 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) on the third day preceding the first scheduled day of official tournament competition (usually Monday), any player who withdraws or is disqualified prior to starting will be replaced by the highest ranking alternate on the PGA TOUR alternate list, except that in a tournament awarding official money a player who withdraws and is one of the four sponsor exemptions not pursuant to Section A1a(12)(a) and (b) of Article III may be replaced, at the discretion of the sponsor, by

another sponsor exemption, provided that the player either committed to the tournament in advance of the commitment deadline, is a member who failed to commit to the tournament by the commitment deadline and who would not have been part of the eligible field at such deadline, is a nonmember, or is a member of the PGA TOUR Champions who would normally not have committed to that particular PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) tournament. Additionally, the Aon Next 10 and Aon Swing 5 categories, should an eligible player not commit, the next available player will become eligible up until the final commitment deadline on Monday. Likewise, in an official money event without an alternate list, any sponsor exemption who withdraws or is disqualified prior to starting may be replaced, at the discretion of the sponsor, by another sponsor exemption under the same commitment regulations. Furthermore, in a tournament awarding unofficial money, any player who withdraws and is an “unrestricted” sponsor exemption may be replaced at the discretion of the sponsor, regardless of his commitment status.

**NOTE: When the previous week’s tournament concludes on Monday, the deadline above shall be extended to 12:00 noon on the second day preceding the first scheduled round of official tournament competition (usually Tuesday).**

**NOTE: When the tournament begins on a Wednesday instead of Thursday (i.e. Farmers Insurance Open), the deadline above shall be extended to 12:00 noon on the second day preceding the first scheduled round of official tournament competition (Monday).**

**NOTE: Concurrently with a withdrawal, the highest ranking alternate from the applicable alternate list automatically becomes a contestant in the tournament and is subject to the same rules, regulations and guidelines as other contestants in the tournament field, including the obligation to begin play at an assigned starting time.**

**NOTE: It is an alternate’s responsibility to know his position on the PGA TOUR alternate list. It is the responsibility of the contestant or an alternate when he becomes a contestant to know his starting time. An alternate who is not available to replace the withdrawal is disqualified from that tournament.**

## **7. Professional-Amateur Competitions/Tournament Sponsor Functions**

Unless other wise provided in the tournament agreement, the host organization of any cosponsored or coordinated tournament may sponsor and conduct a professional-amateur competition (a “pro-am”) in conjunction with the tournament, normally to be played on the day immediately preceding the tournament. The pro-am shall be played in groups no larger than five, and each group must include at least one professional.

A tournament hosting a pro-am with four amateurs may request to utilize an alternate format whereby one professional plays the first nine holes and a second professional plays the second nine holes (9&9 format). Professionals will have the option to request 18 holes (up until the commitment deadline) until all the first nine-hole positions are filled.

**UNSANCTIONED PRO-AMS:** The tournament also may request an unsanctioned pro-am be played on the tournament course on the 1st day of tournament week (typically Monday). Schedules and formats for play of such pro-ams shall be subject to the written approval of the Commissioner or his designee no less than 45 days prior to the date, and PGA TOUR shall

have no obligation with regard to providing professionals for such pro-ams. A maximum of 30 teams will be permitted for such pro-ams.

Amateur players shall be selected or approved by the tournament. Amateurs shall have up-to-date handicaps computed under the USGA handicap system. They shall use their full handicaps or 21 strokes, whichever is lower, except that a plus handicap shall be changed to zero. An amateur contestant in a PGA TOUR event, playing in the Pro-Am as an amateur, may play from the professional teeing ground.

**CELEBRITY AND PROFESSIONAL PRO-AM PARTICIPANTS:** At the option of the tournament, a second celebrity professional may occupy a spot normally held by an amateur with such second celebrity professional to play in the Pro-Am with his full handicap; provided, however, at least one amateur must be on each team. Host Organization agrees that any celebrity golf professional who competes in a PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions or Korn Ferry Tour official event as a professional shall be unable to participate in a Pro-Am event as an amateur for a period of one year from the player's participation in the cosponsored TOUR official event. Such a professional player shall, however, remain eligible to participate as the professional in a Pro-Am group, if he is also a participant in the professional Competition. PGA of America Members may play from the same teeing ground as amateurs, however, their handicaps would be 0 and their scores cannot be counted in the Pro-Am team score.

**WOMEN AMATEUR PLAYERS:** Women amateur players will play from the forward teeing grounds, except where the Chief Referee determines the use of such teeing grounds will be inadvisable (e.g., due to roping problems). In the rare instance where forward teeing grounds are not used, women amateur players shall have 6 strokes added to their handicap (with a maximum of 27 strokes), and shall play from the same teeing grounds as used by the men amateurs.

**PLACEMENT OF AMATEUR PLAYERS:** The draw will be blind, except that (i) the host organization may assign not more than one "celebrity" to a team, in which case the other amateurs in that team shall be drawn from the other handicap classes, and (ii) PGA TOUR may authorize in writing exceptions for a pro-am with only one amateur on each team.

**CONDITION OF ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL PARTICIPANTS/EXCUSED WITHDRAWALS:** A commitment to enter a tournament is also a commitment to play in a related pro-am at the tournament course or participate in a tournament sponsor function. The failure of a professional player to participate in a pro-am or tournament sponsor function after a commitment by such player to do so shall cause him to become ineligible for the tournament, unless the player is excused from the pro-am by the Commissioner or his designee or the on-site Chief Referee after registering on-site and presenting evidence of an injury or other disability which requires medical attention. Further, at the discretion of the Commissioner or his designee, a player may be excused from the pro-am or tournament sponsor function due to a serious personal emergency, such as the funeral or serious illness of a family member or close personal friend, or other extenuating circumstances. In determining whether a player is excused due to extenuating circumstances, the Commissioner or his designee will consider all factors, including the player's level of effort to satisfy his pro-am obligation. In the case of a player being excused due to a serious personal emergency or other extenuating circumstance such member may be excused without having registered on-site. Further, upon being excused from the pro-am or tournament sponsor function, the player is not permitted to practice at the tournament

site the day of the pro-am. A player who is excused from the pro-am or tournament sponsor function for any reason will be required to perform a substitute tournament function and may be subject to disciplinary action for unbecoming conduct depending on the circumstances of his excused absence.

**PLAYERS WHO ARE LATE FOR TIME OF STARTING:** A player who is late for his pro-am starting time may be required to complete play with his group if practical and perform an additional tournament sponsor function. In addition, the player may be subject to disciplinary action for conduct unbecoming a professional golfer, which could include a fine or suspension from tournament play. Repeated refusal by a professional player to participate in pro-ams or tournament sponsor functions shall be considered conduct unbecoming of a professional golfer subject to disciplinary action by PGA TOUR.

**ELIGIBILITY/SPONSOR PICKS:** Each professional player in any pro-am shall have executed the official entry form for the host organization's tournament. At least 80 percent of the professional players shall be PGA TOUR members chosen from the previous season's FedExCup Fall Points List to a floor of 125 (FedExCup playoff events shall use the current FedExCup Points List through the previous week), and will be eligible in the order of their standings on such list. The host organization shall have the right to choose the remaining professional players, including any spots remaining from the 80 percent above that were below 125 on the previous season's FedExCup Fall Points List without regard to the previous season's FedExCup Fall Points List/current FedExCup Points List. Tournaments utilizing the "9&9" format shall have at least 90 percent of the professional tee times chosen from the previous season's FedExCup Fall Points List to a floor of 150 and, thereafter, chosen from the current season's FedExCup points list as of two weeks prior to tournament week, and will be eligible in the order of their standings on such list. The host organization shall have the right to choose the remaining professional players.

**ASSIGNMENT OF PLAYERS:** Players will be eligible in order of their standings on such lists until the first nine-hole positions are filled, thereafter, professionals will be assigned by taking the first player assigned to the second nine holes and pairing them with the highest ranked player assigned to the first nine holes (i.e. #1 and #48 together, #2 and #49 together, etc.). When Hall of Fame eligible members and Life Members, who are currently active players, are in the Pro-Am as a result of their positions on the previous or current season's FedExCup Points List or being a sponsor selection, they will be assigned their preference first, in order of the previous season's FedExCup Points List. Following the assignment of Hall of Fame eligible members and Life Members, the host organization, upon mutual agreement by the player, may assign the Defending Champion a Pro-Am time prior to assigning other players to the pro-am as detailed above. A player may not decline a sponsor's exemption to play in the pro-am.

**SPONSOR VALUE SELECTIONS:** A maximum of 16 players shall perform a mandatory tournament sponsor function. The list will be determined by the next 8 highest ranked players in the field, as determined by their positions on the previous season's FedExCup Fall Points List/current FedExCup Points List. Additionally, the host organization may have the option to select up to eight (8) player exemptions to participate in a mandatory tournament sponsor function. Players eligible to be selected are those outside the pro-am and alternate lists. A player may not decline the sponsor's selection to participate, however, a player can only be selected a maximum of five (5) times. If the host organization chooses not to select such players, the next eight (8) players in order of previous season's FedExCup Fall Points List/current FedExCup

Points List, will be added to the list. Consistent with the mandatory tournament sponsor function program, if a sponsor's selection withdraws after assignments are made, they will not be replaced. The host organization shall notify the PGA TOUR of the planned tournament sponsor functions, which shall be subject to the approval of the PGA TOUR. The PGA TOUR shall assign sponsor's exemptions to these functions first followed by the remainder of the list in order at their discretion.

**PRO-AM ALTERNATES/REPLACEMENT POLICY:** Pro-am alternates are PGA TOUR members entered in the tournament who are not among those assigned a starting time in the Pro-Am, and are listed in order of their position on the previous season's FedExCup Fall Points List/current FedExCup Points List, (4 for FedExCup playoff events, 6 Signature events and The ZOZO Championship; 16 for the 9&9 format; 12 for 9&9 format at tournaments with a field of 120 or less and at multi-course Pro-Ams, and 10 for all others) preceding the 20 total players who must perform a mandatory tournament sponsor function. A professional who withdraws or is excused from the pro-am prior to 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the pro-am shall be replaced by the highest ranked pro-am alternate, except that a professional who is in the pro-am as a sponsor's exemption may be replaced by another sponsor's exemption. If the host organization elects not to choose another professional, the highest ranked pro-am alternate shall replace the withdrawal.

A professional, including sponsor's exemptions for the pro-am, who withdraws or is excused from the pro-am after 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the pro-am shall be replaced by the highest ranked alternate from the applicable morning or afternoon pro-am alternate list. For the purpose of replacing a professional withdrawing after 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the pro-am, the first six applicable pro-am alternates (12 for the 9&9 format) as of 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the pro-am shall be designated for replacement of late pro-am withdrawals. Pro-am alternates one, three and five (one, three, five, seven, nine and 11 for the 9&9 format; at multi-course pro-ams, alternates one, three, five at host course and two, four, six at secondary course) shall be designated for the morning and shall be available to play should a player with a morning pro-am starting time withdraw. The designated morning pro-am alternate's responsibility concludes when all players in the morning have started play. Pro-am alternates two, four and six (two, four, six, eight, ten and 12 for the 9&9 format; at multi-course pro-ams alternates seven, nine, 11 at host course and eight, ten and 12 at secondary course) shall be designated for the afternoon and shall be available to play should a player with an afternoon pro-am starting time withdraw. The designated afternoon pro-am alternate's responsibility concludes when all players in the afternoon have started play. Should any of these six/12 designated pro-am alternates be unable to replace the applicable withdrawal, he shall become ineligible for the tournament, unless the player has registered on-site and is excused from the Pro-am by the Commissioner, his designee or the PGA TOUR Chief Referee after presenting evidence of an injury or other disability which requires medical attention. Further, at the discretion of the Office of the Commissioner, a player may be excused from the pro-am or tournament sponsor function due to a serious personal emergency, such as the funeral or serious illness of a family member or close personal friend. In the case of emergency, such member may be excused without having registered on site. Further, upon being excused from the pro-am or tournament sponsor function, the player is not permitted to practice at the tournament site the day of the pro-am. It is the players' responsibility to know his position on the pro-am alternate list as of 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the Pro-am.

If a pro-am afternoon starting time withdrawal occurs and the next applicable pro-am alternate is a morning designated player, that player shall have the option to replace the afternoon pro-am withdrawal, provided he has informed the Rules Committee of his desire to play by 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the pro-am.

Pro-am alternates seven and below (13 and below for the 9&9 format), as of 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the pro-am, will not become ineligible for the tournament if unable to replace the applicable pro-am withdrawal.

**PRO-AM SHIFT/OPT OUTS:** The tournament host organization, subject to mutual agreement of the player, may shift up to five players from the pro-am into an alternative sponsor function, subject to the review and approval of the PGA TOUR.

Similarly, the top 30 players on the previous season's FedExCup Points List and Life Members, subject to mutual agreement of the host organization as well as review and approval of the PGA TOUR, may elect to perform an alternative sponsor function in lieu of playing in the official pro-am up to two times per year (except for Life Members who have no limitation), provided the player submits his request no less than 30 days in advance of the tournament. No more than three players may make such an election for any one tournament, with priority assigned first to Life Members and then in order of their position on the previous season's FedExCup Points List. At the discretion of the Commissioner or his designee, the number of top 30 players or Life Members choosing to perform an alternative sponsor function at a particular tournament in lieu of playing in the official pro-am may be extended beyond three players.

Notwithstanding any other provision in these Regulations, a professional who is not in the starting field of a tournament is ineligible to compete in the pro-am at the tournament site unless expressly approved in writing by the Commissioner or his designee.

**NUMBER OF TEAMS:** In any pro-am, the number of teams shall be limited to 52 professional players or 104 professional players if using the 9&9 format and two, three or four amateur partners, except that pro-ams using shotgun starts shall be limited to 54 such teams.

**NOTE:** Eight amateur places in each pro-am will be reserved for use by PGA TOUR.

**PRIZE MONIES:** The prize monies specified in the tournament agreement shall be paid directly to a junior golf initiative on a weekly basis. The junior golf organization to receive the donation would be identified by the local Tournament Organization and would be required to have 501(c)(3) status. The money would be donated from the PGA TOUR Player Prize Fund. Players would not be required to report the winnings as earnings. In the event no 501(c)(3) organization promoting junior golf could be identified or the tournament is held outside the United States, money would be donated to the National First Tee program.

**ADVERSE WEATHER:** If, in the judgment of the Chief Referee, adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence or condition beyond the control of PGA TOUR or the tournament render commencement or continuation of the pro-am inadvisable in its originally scheduled format, the Chief Referee in his discretion may postpone, cancel or alter play therein. In the event of cancellation of the pro-am, prize monies shall be distributed as noted in previous paragraph.



**FORMAT OF PLAY:** At the option of the tournament, the pro-am may be conducted using the scramble format. Other general terms and conditions of such pro-am as described herein shall be applied, provided that each professional player in the pro-am will play at stroke play and will not be a part of the amateur scramble competition other than the use of his score on a hole.

## **8. Best Efforts; Withdrawals**

In making a commitment to participate in a PGA TOUR cosponsored, coordinated or approved tournament, a player thereby obligates himself to attempt to exercise his maximum golf skill and to play in a professional manner.

After making a commitment to participate in a tournament, a player shall not withdraw, either before or after signing an entry form for such tournament, except that:

- a. Prior to the commitment deadline, a player may withdraw for any reason.
- b. After the commitment deadline and before the tournament has commenced, a player may withdraw because of injury or other disability which requires medical attention, or serious personal emergency, such as the funeral or serious illness of a family member or close personal friend. The player shall immediately notify PGA TOUR of his reason for withdrawal, and within a period of 14 days submit written evidence supporting such reason to the Commissioner. For withdrawals related to injury or illness, a player's letter must include additional documentation from a medical professional substantiating the nature of the ailment and the prescribed treatment.

**NOTE:** Fatigue will not be considered a valid reason for withdrawing.

- c. During a round, a player may withdraw because of injury or other disability which requires medical attention, or serious personal emergency. The player shall notify the PGA TOUR Chief Referee or a PGA TOUR Rules Official of his reason for withdrawal, and within a period of 14 days submit written evidence supporting such reason to the Commissioner.
- d. Upon completing any round of 18 holes a player may withdraw, upon notifying the PGA TOUR Chief Referee or a Rules Official and returning a signed scorecard. In this case, the player's round is complete and the withdraw will be taken for the subsequent round. Should the player's subsequent round for which he is being withdrawn occur after the reduction in field size, the player would remain eligible to make the cut but would not appear in the following rounds groupings.

A player who breaches the provisions in Section A-8 of this Article IV shall be subject to a fine or suspension from play, or both, in PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments.

## **9. Suspensions, Postponements and Cancellations**

If, in the judgment of the Chief Referee, adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence or condition beyond the control of PGA TOUR renders commencement or continuation of tournament play inadvisable, play shall be suspended or postponed until such time as the Chief Referee, after consultation with the host organization, determines that such weather conditions or other occurrence have improved sufficiently for play to commence or resume,

provided that no such suspension or postponement shall extend the tournament beyond the Monday following the scheduled conclusion of the tournament, except that in the event of a suspension during a final round being played on Monday when at least half of that round's starting field has completed play, the final round will be completed on Tuesday, but no later. For THE PLAYERS Championship and the Playoffs, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, extend play as necessary in order to complete 72 holes of competition.

In the event of cancellation of any part of a tournament, prize money shall be distributed among the lowest scorers after the last completed round of play in the same number, amounts and order as for the originally scheduled number of holes. If a tournament is shortened to less than 72 holes and there is a tie for first place, there will be a playoff at a convenient time, as determined by the Chief Referee. The tournament will be considered "official" for purposes of determining official money if at least two official rounds have been completed or, in the case of a tournament played over three or more courses, if players have completed at least one official round on each course. The tournament will be considered "official" for purposes of determining official wins if at least three official rounds have been completed or, in the case of a tournament played over four or more courses, if players have completed at least one official round on each course.

If less than one official round of the tournament is completed as the result of any cancellation, the host organization shall not be required to pay any prize money and shall refund any dues paid for limited PGA TOUR memberships by nonmember entrants. In an open tournament, the host organization shall refund all entry fees paid; in an invitational tournament, the host organization shall not be required to pay a service fee to PGA TOUR.

If, however, at least one official round is completed, the host organization shall pay the full amount of any service fee payable to PGA TOUR under the tournament agreement, and 50 percent of the purse. If at least two official rounds are completed, the host organization shall pay the full amount of the service fee payable to PGA TOUR and 100 percent of the purse.

## **B. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The following general provisions relating to the conduct of tournaments apply to PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments.

### **1. Entry Forms**

All entry forms for cosponsored and coordinated tournaments shall be prepared by PGA TOUR and furnished to the host organization.

All entries shall be subject to acceptance by the host organization and PGA TOUR, and may be rejected or revoked by either without liability at any time before or after commencement of tournament play if the entrant fails to meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the entry form and these Regulations, violates any of the regulations or otherwise conducts himself in a manner unbecoming a professional golfer. If a player's tournament entry is revoked, he shall not be entitled to share in the prize monies thereof.

All players in PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments shall grant and assign to PGA TOUR through their entry forms, without limitation, their individual television, radio,

motion picture, photographic and similar rights (including all forms of television and other electronic media) with respect to their participation in such tournaments, provided that PGA TOUR's use thereof shall be limited to advertising, promoting or publicizing the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR golf tournaments or broadcasts related thereto, and provided further that in no case shall such rights be used in any broadcast, motion picture or other program on an electronic medium that is for instructional purposes without the express written consent of the player(s) involved.

Players also shall agree in such entry forms to (i) refrain from any action that will interfere with PGA TOUR's ownership and exercise of the rights granted and assigned to it hereunder, including any use by other parties of such rights that are authorized by PGA TOUR; (ii) abide by these Regulations, including any amendments thereto as may be adopted from time to time; and (iii) abide by the USGA Rules of Golf, subject to any modifications thereof approved by PGA TOUR.

A professional who has incorporated may enter cosponsored and coordinated tournaments in the name of his corporation, and any money winnings will be paid directly to such corporation, provided that the beneficial interest in such corporation is owned entirely by the professional (and/or members of his immediate family). The professional shall give a personal guarantee of all obligations of the corporation on a form prescribed by PGA TOUR, and the player shall remain personally subject to all requirements applicable to professionals who enter such tournaments in their own names.

## **2. Course Preparation**

Preparation of the course shall be subject to approval of the Chief Referee. Locations of teeing grounds and hole positions on putting greens shall be selected by the Chief Referee.

The Chief Referee may direct growing, cutting and watering of grass as the Chief Referee may deem advisable to provide appropriate playing conditions. Unnatural substances, such as artificially colored sand-like material in bunkers, are prohibited.

## **3. Playoffs**

In the event of a tie for first place at the conclusion of the scheduled number of holes in a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament at stroke play, a playoff shall be conducted for the purpose of determining the tournament winner. Such playoff shall be on a "hole-by-hole" basis immediately following the conclusion of the final round, or on the following day if the Chief Referee determines that darkness, weather or other conditions preclude conducting a playoff on the day of the final round. At the discretion of the Commissioner, a multiple-hole playoff format based on aggregate score may be implemented.

The winner of any playoff shall be deemed to have placed first in the tournament and his prize money determined accordingly. The loser of any playoff involving two players shall be deemed to have placed second and shall be entitled to second-place prize money. If a playoff involves more than two players, those other than the winner shall be deemed to have tied for second place regardless of their scores in the playoff, and their prize monies shall be apportioned accordingly. The determination of all prize monies shall be under the direction of the Chief Referee.

#### **4. Distribution of Purses**

The purses of all PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments, including the proceeds received from the sale of television rights allocated by PGA TOUR to such tournaments, shall be distributed to the low finishers therein, as determined or approved from time to time by the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

#### **5. Other Prizes**

Prizes of any nature for other than total score shall be subject to approval by the Commissioner.

#### **6. Official Money**

Official money shall be awarded to individual prize-winners in such PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments as the PGA TOUR Policy Board may designate, provided that at least two official rounds have been completed or, in the case of a tournament played over three or more courses, if players have completed at least one official round on each course, and provided that official money shall not be awarded in any pro-am (but official money will be awarded in a tournament for individuals even if held concurrently with a pro-am). The breakdown of official money will be determined from time to time by the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

**NOTE:** For purposes of determining official money standings, money won by a nonmember shall count the same as money won by a PGA TOUR member, provided that the nonmember satisfied the requirements of Section A-2b of Article III, except that prize money earned by a nonmember or Special Temporary Member in the ISCO Championship and the Barracuda Championship will be deemed not to be official money and will not be included on the Official PGA TOUR Money List.

**NOTE:** The TOUR Championship will be considered an Official money event even though prize money is not distributed. FedExCup bonus money will be deemed not to be official money and will not be included on the Official PGA TOUR Money List.

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# V. CONFLICTING EVENTS; MEDIA AND MARKETING RIGHTS

## A. CONFLICTING EVENTS

### 1. Obligations of PGA TOUR

On a date on which any golf tournament or event cosponsored by PGA TOUR is being played, PGA TOUR will not cosponsor or approve any other similar golf tournament or event without the advance written consent of the tournament of the first scheduled PGA TOUR tournament or event, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. "Similar golf tournament or event" means a tournament or event of the same type (i.e., PGA TOUR/Regular TOUR tournament or event). For example, PGA TOUR shall not be prohibited under this section from holding a PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, PGA TOUR Canada, or PGA TOUR China tournament on the same dates as a PGA TOUR (regular tour) tournament or event.

### 2. Obligations of PGA TOUR Members

To contribute to the success of a PGA TOUR tournament or event and to permit PGA TOUR to fulfill its contractual obligations concerning representative fields, no PGA TOUR member shall participate in any other golf tournament or event on a date when a PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) cosponsored tournament or event for which such member is exempt is scheduled, except for the following tournaments or events:

- a. A tournament or event for which a member obtains an advance written release for his participation from the Commissioner (See "Guidelines for Conflicting Event Release" set forth below);

**NOTE:** No conflicting event releases will be approved for tournaments held in North America.

- b. A tournament or event cosponsored or approved by and held in the territory of the PGA section with which the PGA TOUR member is affiliated or where he is then employed, provided that he is eligible for such sectional tournament under the constitution of the PGA;
- c. The PGA National Professional Championship, and PGA winter tournaments for professionals;
- d. Golf tournaments on the "home circuit" of a foreign player who is a PGA TOUR member.

**NOTE:** "Home circuit" is defined as the recognized professional golf tournament circuit which plays all or some portion of its schedule in the country of which the player is a citizen. Such foreign PGA TOUR member shall be eligible for this "home circuit" exception to provisions of these Regulations with regard to conflicting tournaments provided he has played, or committed to play, in a minimum of 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (as defined in paragraph C of Article I) in the season, or in the case of a

Regular Member or Life Member (as defined in Section A.1 and 4 of this Article IX) who is age 45 or more and has made 150 cuts or more in tournaments awarding official prize money in his career, in a minimum of 12 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the season. (See Section D-2 of Article IX, Membership Reinstatement Provisions.) In addition, a player who has played regularly on a recognized professional golf tournament circuit (i.e., meets membership requirements) for the past five seasons regardless of citizenship may designate this circuit as his "home circuit," provided he plays in a minimum of 20 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the season, or in the case of a Regular Member or Life Member (as defined in Section A.1 and 4 of this Article IX) who is age 45 or more and has made 150 cuts or more in tournaments awarding official prize money in his career, in a minimum of 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the season.

For purposes of the Tournament Regulations, the following professional golf tournament circuits, and the geographical area covered by each, are recognized as "home circuits":

<b>Home Circuit</b>	<b>Geographical Region</b>
PGA European Tour	Countries within the continent of Europe plus Morocco, Tunisia and the Middle East
PGA Tour of Southern Africa	Countries within the continent of Africa
Japan Golf Tour	Japan
PGA Tour of Australasia	Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Myanma, Vietnam, Guam, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, India and Pakistan
Korean PGA	Korea
Asian Tour	Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Myanma, Vietnam, Guam, Taiwan, India, and Pakistan

Any events sanctioned or cosanctioned by any of the above professional golf tours which are not within the geographical area listed for such professional golf tour shall not be considered events within the "home circuit" of a foreign player claiming such professional golf tour as his "home circuit."

Furthermore, the Commissioner, in the exercise of his discretion, may recognize additional "home circuits" and determine their geographical area.

- e. Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, The Open Championship or PGA Championship;
- f. Ryder Cup, Presidents Cup or Olympic Games;
- g. World Cup, provided that the dates have been approved in advance by PGA TOUR;
- h. PGA TOUR Champions cosponsored or approved tournaments; and

- i. Korn Ferry Tour tournaments, but only for those PGA TOUR members who gain eligibility to Korn Ferry Tour tournaments as a result of being Life Members of PGA TOUR (Section A-4 of Article IX), Past Champion Members of PGA TOUR (Section A-5 of Article IX), Special Temporary Members of PGA TOUR (Section A-6 of Article IX), Team Tournament Winners (Section A-7 of Article IX), Veteran Members of PGA TOUR (Section A-8 of Article IX), or any other member of PGA TOUR who is an alternate for a PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) cosponsored tournament but who elects to play in a Korn Ferry Tour tournament opposite such PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) cosponsored tournament.

In addition, in any week when a PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR Americas cosponsored tournament is scheduled, no PGA TOUR member shall participate in any golf activity (including public exhibitions, clinics and pro-ams) in the same geographic area as such PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR Americas tournament without the prior approval of the Commissioner. Nothing in the foregoing shall preclude PGA TOUR members from playing in "outings" during the week of a cosponsored tournament. As used herein, an "outing" refers to an event in which a player or players are invited by a company to entertain its customers, without any broadcast or other electronic portrayal of play and without public gallery.

### **3. Guidelines for Conflicting Event Release**

- a. Each Regular Member of PGA TOUR ordinarily shall be eligible for three releases per season based on participation in 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments and, in addition, shall be eligible for one release for every five cosponsored or approved tournaments (as defined in paragraph C of Article I) in which he participates above 15 tournaments.
- b. Notwithstanding the above, the Commissioner may deny any particular release request if he determines that such a release would cause PGA TOUR to be in violation of a contractual commitment to a tournament sponsor, or would otherwise significantly and unreasonably harm PGA TOUR and such sponsors. Also, the Commissioner shall be entitled, but not obligated, to grant additional releases when he determines that to do so would not unreasonably harm PGA TOUR or the sponsor involved.
- c. In making the factual determinations contemplated in the preceding paragraph, the Commissioner shall consider, but shall not be limited to, the following factors:
  - (1) The overall makeup of the field from which the member seeks to be released;
  - (2) The member's standing on the current and previous season's FedExCup Points List;
  - (3) The number of tournaments that the member has played in, or committed to play in, for the current season;
  - (4) The member's record of participation in the tournament from which he seeks to be released.

The Commissioner may consider the following exception to the number of Conflicting Event Releases available under 3.a. above and the deadline by which the Conflicting Event Release must be submitted as set forth after 3.d.(3):

- a. Any PGA TOUR Member who is also a member of the DP World Tour and Participates in a tournament which is being sanctioned by the DP World Tour, provided that:
  - (1) if an exempt Member, he has Participated, or it is possible for him to Participate in a minimum in a minimum of 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (as defined in paragraph C of Article I) in the season;
- b. In considering granting this exception, the Commissioner shall consider, but shall not be limited to, the following factors:
  - (1) if the Member is the defending Champion of the corresponding PGA TOUR Tournament;
  - (2) if the DP World Tour sanctioned tournament is in the same geographical region or a similar time zone (+/- 1 hour) as the corresponding PGA TOUR Tournament; and;
  - (3) if the PGA TOUR sanctioned tournament has similar or simultaneous live television coverage to the corresponding Race to Dubai Ranking Tournament.
- d. The Commissioner will consider conditional releases under the following circumstances:
  - (1) If the member has not played in the tournament for which he seeks to be released for an extended period of time, such release may be conditional upon his participation in the tournament the following season.
  - (2) After five releases have been granted for the same tournament, subsequent releases may be conditional upon the member playing in the tournament the next season.
  - (3) If a member has committed to the tournament and is subsequently granted a release, such a member may be required to play in the tournament the following season.

All requests for conflicting event releases and/or television releases must be submitted no less than 45 days in advance of the first official round of competition of the tournaments for which such releases are requested. The Commissioner normally shall make decisions on release requests not later than 30 days in advance.

**NOTE:** No conflicting event releases will be approved for events held in North America.



## **B. MEDIA AND MARKETING RIGHTS**

### **1. Media Rights**

- a. The television, digital, radio, motion picture and all other media rights of all players participating in PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments, pro-ams or any other golf event conducted in conjunction with PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments (e.g., clinics, long-drive contests), or any portion thereof, are hereby granted and assigned to PGA TOUR. Based upon this grant and assignment, all such rights shall be the property of and expressly reserved by and to PGA TOUR, and any use thereof without the express written consent of PGA TOUR shall be forbidden.
- b. No PGA TOUR member shall participate in any live or recorded golf program without the prior written approval of the Commissioner, except that this requirement shall not apply to PGA TOUR cosponsored, coordinated or approved tournaments, wholly instructional programs\* or personal appearances on interview or guest shows. "Golf program" for purposes of this section means any golf contest, exhibition or play that is shown anywhere in the world in any form of media now known or hereinafter developed. The Commissioner's approval of any member(s) participating in any golf program covered by this rule may be subject, without limitation, to the sponsor, promoter, television producer and/or other parties involved in the golf program entering into a sanctioning or other agreement with PGA TOUR, including an acknowledgement of PGA TOUR's media rights and the payment of rights fees to the PGA TOUR, therefore, and to such other conditions as are designated by the Commissioner.

\*While wholly instructional programs have been exempted from the scope of this rule by the PGA TOUR Policy Board, any PGA TOUR member participating in such a program is nonetheless required to obtain an agreement from the producer of the program or other appropriate party that the program will not be shown or distributed at the same time as any scheduled live coverage of a PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournament. The "on demand" distribution of a wholly instructional program will not violate this rule as long as the program is not debuted during live coverage.

### **2. Marketing Rights**

- a. Aside from the assignment of individual television and similar rights provided for herein, nothing in these Regulations or in marketing programs adopted by PGA TOUR shall be deemed to restrict any member's individual marketing rights (e.g., promotions, endorsements, licensing, etc.).
- b. In addition, no person shall make any commercial use of the name, likeness or identity of any member of PGA TOUR without the advance written approval of such member.
- c. Similarly, no individual PGA TOUR member, tournament sponsor or other person or entity is authorized to make any commercial use of the PGA TOUR name, marks or logo without the advance written approval of PGA TOUR.

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## **VI. CONDUCT OF PLAYERS**

Players participating in PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournaments shall observe these Regulations and the applicable rules of play while engaged in tournament play, and at all times shall conduct themselves in a manner becoming professional golfers that will not reflect unfavorably on PGA TOUR, its members, officers or representatives, tournaments or sponsors.

To this end, players shall use their best efforts to play golf of the caliber and with the skill befitting professionals, and to show respect for the game of golf. Any player who violates any of the foregoing or any of the provisions of this Article VI and/or the Fair Way Manual or Tournament Courtesy Vehicle Agreement may be subject to a fine, suspension from play in PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments, permanent disbarment from such play or any appropriate combination thereof.

### **A. ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM**

All players shall comply with the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program, as amended from time to time.

### **B. NO GUARANTEE FOR APPEARANCE**

Neither players nor other individuals acting on such players' behalf shall solicit or accept any compensation, gratuity or other thing of value offered for the purpose of guaranteeing their appearance in any PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournament, including any pro-am played in connection therewith, except as may be specifically authorized by the PGA TOUR Policy Board prior to the tournament.

Conversely, neither players nor other individuals acting on such players' behalf shall offer anything of value to a PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated event in return for an invitation to the tournament as described in Section A-1a(12) of Article III (i.e., a sponsor exemption.)

Neither a player nor other individuals acting on player's behalf shall promise or guarantee such player's appearance in any PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated event conditioned upon the grant of a sponsor's exemption to a different player.

### **C. INTEGRITY PROGRAM**

All players shall comply with PGA TOUR Integrity Program as amended from time to time, which prohibits betting on professional golf and other betting-related activities, among other things.

### **D. FINANCIAL INTEREST BY A PLAYER IN ANOTHER PLAYER; GAMBLING; DOPING**

In order to ensure the competitive integrity of PGA TOUR tournaments, a player participating in a PGA TOUR tournament shall not have any financial interest, either direct or indirect, in the performance or winnings of another player in any golf event cosponsored, coordinated,

approved or otherwise sanctioned by the PGA TOUR or any other professional golf tour, including, without limitation, an unauthorized tournament, whether through purse-splitting, prize money “insurance,” financial assistance, bets, team membership, team/league ownership or otherwise without prior written permission of the PGA TOUR. Any member who violates the provisions of this paragraph shall be subject to immediate suspension under Article VII. Section. C. Such member shall also be subject to Major Penalty under Article VII. Section E.2 of suspension from tournament play for a minimum period of two complete seasons. Any non-member who violates the provisions of this paragraph shall be ineligible for PGA TOUR tournament play for a minimum period of two complete seasons. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commissioner in their discretion may determine that there are aggravating or mitigating circumstances that warrants a lesser or greater penalty, as applicable.

Further, a player shall not do the following:

1. Associate or having dealings with persons whose activities have involved trafficking or administration of substances or methods prohibited by the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program, or other forms of doping.

## **E. PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC ATTACKS**

The favorable public reputation of PGA TOUR, its players and its tournaments are valuable assets and create tangible benefits for all PGA TOUR members. Accordingly, it is an obligation of membership to refrain from making comments that unreasonably attack or disparage others, including, but not limited to tournaments, sponsors, fellow members/players and/or PGA TOUR. Speech that could be reasonably viewed as hateful, abusive, obscene and/or divisive is expressly prohibited. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with PGA TOUR policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that a member knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interest of PGA TOUR, a fellow member/player, a tournament sponsor or a charity are expressly covered by this section. Any violation of this section shall be considered conduct unbecoming a professional. For the avoidance of doubt, promotion of an unauthorized tournament (or series of unauthorized tournaments) by a member shall be deemed to be a violation of this section.

## **F. WORTHLESS CHECKS**

If any player issues a worthless (dishonored) check in payment of entry fees or otherwise in connection with a PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournament, he shall be fined and disciplined as follows:

<b>First Offense:</b>	\$200 fine.
<b>Second Offense:</b>	\$200 fine and loss of check-cashing privileges for six months.
<b>Third Offense:</b>	\$500 fine and loss of check-cashing privileges for one season.

Repeated instances of the issuance of worthless checks by a member shall be grounds for suspension or permanent disbarment from tournament play, as may be determined by the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

## G. USGA RULES OF GOLF

Play in all PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf, as modified by PGA TOUR. A copy of such modifications, including Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for PGA TOUR, and a Notice to Competitors (Players), which shall describe any special Local Rules and Conditions, will be made available to players prior to their starting times.

## H. PRACTICING

Only contestants, their caddies, instructors, managers, media, golf equipment manufacturers (when invited by contestants), tournament representatives and PGA TOUR staff are permitted onto any area designated for practice (e.g. range, practice putting greens, chipping or pitching greens, bunkers and the tournament golf course during practice rounds).

The use of permanent markers, paint or other similar products to create lines on the practice putting and chipping greens is not permitted. If marks or lines are created on these surfaces, they must be done with a non-permanent material, such as a chalk line, which will not damage the turf and will disappear in a short period of time.

**NOTE:** Family members and friends are not permitted inside the ropes on the golf course at any time. Family members are permitted on other designated practice areas when accompanied by the player. Players are expected to use good judgment and discretion when inviting family members onto designated practice areas. Players are responsible for their minor children and their conduct. Only one tournament representative is allowed access to designated practice areas at any time

Practicing shall be permitted only in areas specifically designated for practice. On pro-am days, practice by professionals and amateurs not in the pro-am or without a mandatory sponsor function pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (Pro-Am/Tournament Sponsor Functions) in designated practice areas is prohibited from 30 minutes prior to the first pro-am starting time through the final pro-am starting time, for each segment/wave of tee times. Tournaments using the (9&9 pro-am format may amend this policy and practice restrictions will be posted in the locker room during tournament week.) On practice days, after 8:30 a.m., all play must start from the first tee, unless approved by a member of the Rules Committee. This rule doesn't apply to tournaments using the 9&9 pro-am format.

On pro-am days at tournaments played from the start of each season until the Masters Tournament, professionals and amateurs not in the pro-am are permitted to practice chipping and putting on course prior to the first pro-am starting time. Full shots or bunker shots on course are not permitted. On pro-am days at tournaments played after the Masters Tournament until the conclusion of the FedExCup Playoffs, professionals and amateurs not in the pro-am are permitted to practice all shots on course prior to the first pro-am starting time. Any practice taking place prior to the pro-am must not interfere with the pace of play of the pro-am and players shall not endanger persons preparing the golf course for the pro-am.

During practice rounds, the following shall govern certain types of strokes:

1. Only one stroke, including a stroke from a bunker, may be aimed for the putting green, except as follows:
  - (a) If such stroke does not land or stop on the putting green, only one additional stroke may be played.
  - (b) More than one chip shot outside a bunker may be played, provided such practice does not damage the course unduly.
2. Not more than three bunker strokes may be played in directions other than toward the putting green, provided the bunker is not thereby damaged unduly.
3. More than one stroke may be played on the putting green.

In any case, a player must not delay any following players. No practice strokes shall be permitted if a player of a group behind the player is waiting to play.

During tournament week, practice facilities and the tournament course are for qualified players and the first 10 alternates on the PGA TOUR alternate list or other eligible players as determined by the on-site PGA TOUR Chief Referee. Qualified players and the first 10 alternates on the PGA TOUR alternate list or other eligible players shall not practice with ineligible players.

## **I. CADDIES AND GOLF CARTS**

Players in cosponsored and coordinated tournaments shall not use automotive transportation. Caddies must be employed for all practice, qualifying, pro-am and tournament rounds. Amateurs may use golf carts during pro-ams when approved in advance by the PGA TOUR Chief Referee.

Caddies shall be paid promptly. PGA TOUR shall determine who is eligible to be employed as a caddie and shall further determine uniforms to be worn by a caddie, including headwear, shirts and slacks. Caddies shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. A caddie may enter the locker room during the week to assist the player with retrieving items from his locker. Caddies are not allowed in the locker room at any other time. Players who wish to bring their own caddies to a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament shall so indicate at the time they commit to participate in such tournament, and shall be responsible for the conduct and behavior of such caddies at such tournaments, and the conformance of such caddies to these *Regulations*.

## **J. LOCKER ROOM FEES**

Players in the starting field of the tournament who use locker room facilities at the host clubhouse shall pay a minimum fee of \$50 to the locker room attendant for such service.

## **K. APPEARANCE OF PLAYERS**

Players shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Clothing worn by players shall be consistent with currently accepted golf fashion. The Chief Referee shall interpret this regulation, subject to the approval of the Commissioner.

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## VII. DISCIPLINE, PENALTIES & APPEALS

Each PGA TOUR member, by participating in cosponsored, coordinated or approved golf tournaments, acknowledges the right and authority of the PGA TOUR Policy Board, the Commissioner and the Appeals Committee to (i) fine and suspend the member from tournament play, and/or (ii) fine and permanently bar the member from play in PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournaments for violation of the *Tournament Regulations*.

Any such participating member, if involved or affected in any manner whatsoever by a decision of the PGA TOUR Policy Board, the Commissioner or the Appeals Committee with respect to any such violation hereby releases the PGA TOUR Policy Board, the Commissioner or the Appeals Committee, PGA TOUR, Inc., the Professional Golfers' Association of America, and each director, officer, member, employee, agent or representative of any of the foregoing, jointly and severally, individually and in their official capacity, of and from any and all claims, demands, damages and causes of action whatsoever, in law or equity, arising out of or in connection with any such decision or action by the PGA TOUR Policy Board, the Commissioner or the Appeals Committee.

Fines are due and payable within 30 days unless the member has made a written appeal. Should the appeal be denied, the fine will be due and payable within 30 days of such denial of appeal and, notwithstanding such 30-day period, until such fine is paid the member will be ineligible for competition.

### A. NOTIFICATION OF DISCIPLINARY INQUIRY

Except for penalties under the USGA Rules of Golf (including Slow Play, Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for PGA TOUR) and for minor penalties, any members subject to disciplinary action or penalties defined as intermediate or major penalties shall first be notified of such proposed action in writing. Such notice may be presented to the member by the Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR or his designee, except that any notice of a proposed major penalty shall be executed by the Commissioner.

Within 14 days of such notice of proposed disciplinary action or penalty, the member shall submit to the Commissioner such facts or evidence of mitigating circumstances as may apply.

Within 14 days of receipt of such information from the member, the Commissioner shall notify the member in writing of the imposition of the proposed disciplinary action or penalty, or that the proposed action has been dismissed. After imposition of any penalty hereunder, the member shall have the right of appeal as set forth in Section E of this Article VII.

### B. USGA RULES OF GOLF

Any member who, while participating in any PGA TOUR cosponsored, coordinated or approved tournament, breaches the USGA Rules of Golf, Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for the PGA TOUR, Local Rules or Conditions in effect for the conduct of such tournament shall be subject to the penalties provided in such Rules or Conditions, as well as any other penalties determined by the PGA TOUR Policy Board. The decision of the PGA TOUR Rules Committee for the competition with respect of such breach(es) shall be final and conclusive.

## **C. CONDUCT UNBECOMING A PROFESSIONAL**

Any member who shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a professional golfer while participating in a PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournament, or activities related thereto (e.g., practice rounds, hospitality events, etc.), or who otherwise violates the provisions of Articles VI and VII of these Regulations and/or the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program relating to Drugs of Abuse shall be subject to fine, suspension and/or permanent disbarment from tournament play as provided in these Regulations.

In any instance where a member of PGA TOUR has for any reason been placed on probation for an infraction of any rule of PGA TOUR, then and in that event, if at any time during the probation period that member shall violate any rule of PGA TOUR, irrespective of whether that violation carries with it a penalty designated minor, intermediate or major as described under Sections D-1, D-2 and D-3 of this Article VII, the Commissioner may immediately suspend the member's playing privileges. The Commissioner shall inform the member of the decision to revoke the probation within 14 days. In addition, if there are credible allegations of serious criminal misconduct and/or violations that compromise the integrity of competition and/or the financial interest of the PGA TOUR, the Commissioner may immediately suspend a player pending the outcome of an investigation by TOUR and/or determination through an appropriate criminal or civil proceeding. Such serious criminal misconduct includes, but is not limited to, child abuse and other offenses involving minors, domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual assault, and/or any reckless conduct that results in serious mental or bodily injury to another.

A suspension imposed by the Commissioner under this Section C. is separate from any penalty under Section E. and, therefore, is not stayed during any appeal under Section E and shall remain in effect until such time the Commissioner has informed the member of the decision to revoke the probation underlying the suspension.

Prior to imposition of any intermediate or major penalty (except under the Rules of Golf), the member shall be notified orally, if possible, and in writing signed by the PGA TOUR Chief Referee or the Commissioner or the Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR or his designee (in the case of an intermediate penalty). In the case of minor penalties, notification may be by the Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR or his designee. Such written notifications shall specify the precise charges or violations. To the extent practicable, such written notifications shall be given within seven days following such violation.

Any written notification required by this section to be given to a member shall be emailed, hand-delivered or sent to him via registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of the member as shown in the records of PGA TOUR, provided that delivery to a member's locker at a tournament site shall constitute hand delivery under this section.

## **D. CLASSES OF PENALTIES**

### **1. Minor Penalties**

A minor penalty is a fine of not more than \$10,000. A minor penalty may be imposed by the Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR or his designee.

## **2. Intermediate Penalties**

An intermediate penalty is a fine of between \$10,001 and \$20,000 and/or suspension from play for not more than three tournaments, including the tournament then in progress or scheduled for the calendar week in which the alleged violation occurred. For violations of the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program related to Drugs of Abuse, an approved plan of treatment and rehabilitation to be conducted at the player's expense, in addition to or in lieu of other penalties may be imposed. An intermediate penalty may be imposed by the Commissioner or, if the Commissioner is not readily available, by the Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR or his designee.

## **3. Major Penalties**

A major penalty is a fine in excess of \$20,000, suspension from tournament play for more than three tournaments and/or permanent disbarment from play in PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated events. For violations of the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program related to Drugs of Abuse, an approved plan of treatment and rehabilitation to be conducted at the player's expense, in addition to or in lieu of other penalties may be imposed. A major penalty may be imposed only by the Commissioner except as otherwise specified in these Regulations.

## **E. APPEALS**

### **1. Minor Penalties**

Appeals from minor penalties shall be to the Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR or his designee. Such appeal may be written or oral, and may include defenses or mitigating circumstances, including written statements of witnesses. Such appeal shall be received by the Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR, or his designee no later than 14 days after the date of the written notification of imposition of the penalty. The Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR or his designee shall render his decision on appeal, in writing, within 14 days of his receipt of the appeal, and such decision shall be final.

### **2. Intermediate and Major Penalties**

Within 14 days of the date of notification of an intermediate or major penalty, the member may submit a written appeal to the Commissioner; provided, however, that if the initial penalty was imposed by the Commissioner and the Commissioner deems it in the best interest of PGA TOUR, any appeal to the Commissioner may be transferred by the Commissioner to the Appeals Committee. Such appeal may include statements from others having knowledge of the facts. Failure to file such an appeal shall be deemed conclusively to be an admission of the charges specified in the notification.

Thereafter, and within 14 days of receipt of such appeal, the Commissioner shall reach a decision and shall promptly notify the member in writing of his response, specifying the reason therefor. No member who has not appealed an intermediate or major penalty to the Commissioner shall have a right of further appeal to the Appeals Committee.

An appeal shall operate to stay the effective date of any penalty, except suspension from a tournament then in progress or scheduled for the calendar week in which the alleged violation



occurred, until after the final decision on the appeal. However, no appeal as set forth in this Section E.2. shall operate to stay a suspension imposed by the Commissioner under Section C.

### **3. Appeals Committee**

There shall be an Appeals Committee consisting of three non-Player Directors designated by the Board. The Appeals Committee shall prescribe its own rules of procedure.

A member may appeal to the Appeals Committee from any decision by the Commissioner denying any initial appeal from the imposition of an intermediate or major penalty. The Appeals Committee shall also consider any appeal directed to it by the Commissioner, as provided in Section E-2 of this Article VII. The appellant shall give written notice of appeal, directed to the Appeals Committee (in care of the Commissioner) within 14 days of the notice from the Commissioner denying the player's initial appeal.

Within 14 days after giving notice of appeal to the Appeals Committee, the appellant and the Commissioner may submit to the Appeals Committee any and all written evidence, documentation, affidavits, witness statements, legal memoranda, or other materials relevant to the appeal or any penalties imposed on the appellant. The Appeals Committee will review and consider all such materials. The Appeals Committee may, in its discretion, request a member or a witness to respond to questions from the Appeals Committee.

As soon as practicable after considering the materials submitted to it, the Appeals Committee shall give appellant and the Commissioner written notice of its decision. Upon the evidence before it, including any evidence previously submitted to the Commissioner, the Appeals Committee may affirm, modify (increase or decrease) or reverse the decision of the Commissioner. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall constitute full, final and conclusive disposition of the matter.

### **4. Anti-Doping Program**

The provisions of this Article shall only be applicable to violations of the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program relating to Drugs of Abuse, as determined in the sole discretion of the Program Administrator for the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program. All other violations of the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program shall be subject to the disciplinary and appeals terms and processes set forth in the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program Manual.

### **5. Integrity Program**

The provisions of this Article shall not be applicable to violations of the PGA TOUR Integrity Program. Such violations shall be subject to the disciplinary and appeals terms and processes set forth in the PGA TOUR Integrity Program Manual.

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## **VIII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOURNAMENTS**

### **A. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The Commissioner may, at his option, require the host organization of any cosponsored or coordinated tournament to furnish evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of the tournament's financial responsibility, either (i) by posting a bond in an amount equal to the sum of the prize monies for such event plus \$10,000 to cover the entry fees or the service fee payable to PGA TOUR, guaranteeing such performance, or (ii) by providing some other form of financial guarantee or arrangement assuring the tournament's performance of its financial obligations under the tournament agreement.

### **B. SALE ON GROUNDS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OTHER THAN WINE OR BEER**

The tournament will ensure that alcoholic beverages other than wine and beer will not be sold on the grounds (excluding the clubhouse and hospitality areas) without the prior written approval of PGA TOUR.

### **C. SIGNS AND BANNERS**

The tournament will ensure that signs and banners will not be allowed on the course except as specifically approved by the Chief Referee.

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# IX. MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

This article defines PGA TOUR membership categories, including the eligibility criteria, rights and privileges for each category. Nothing herein shall be deemed to be inconsistent with or to supersede the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of PGA TOUR, Inc. (the "Charter") or the Amended and Restated By-Laws of PGA TOUR, Inc. (the "By-Laws"), which reserves certain voting rights and responsibilities solely to the members of the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

## A. ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following players who are 18 years of age or older shall be eligible to apply to become Members of the PGA TOUR:

### 1. Regular Members

- a. Players with special exemptions as defined in Section A-1a(1)-(11) and (18) of Article III
- b. The top 125 finishers on the FedExCup Points List in a season, provided they apply for membership within the time specified by PGA TOUR.
- c. Any nonmember of PGA TOUR who wins a PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournament provided he applies for membership within the time specified by PGA TOUR.
- d. Any nonmember of PGA TOUR whose points on the Non-Member FedExCup Points List for the previous season equals or exceeds the amount of FedExCup points earned by the player finishing in 125th position on the previous season's FedExCup Fall Playoffs & Eligibility Points List, provided he applies for membership within the time specified by PGA TOUR.
- e. Any members who qualify for the Major Medical Extension as provided in Section A-1e of Article III, for so long as such member is entitled to the Major Medical Extension.
- f. The top 10 finishers on the previous year's Race to Dubai, not otherwise exempt, the top 30 finishers from the Official Korn Ferry Tour Points List and top 5 finishers and ties from the PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament, provided they apply for membership within the time specified by PGA TOUR.
- g. Any player who wins three Korn Ferry Tour tournaments in the current season, provided he applies for membership within the time specified by PGA TOUR.

### 2. Associate Regular Members

- a. The 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the FedExCup Points List in a season may apply to become Associate Regular Members for the next succeeding season, provided they declare in writing to PGA TOUR within 30 days after the last scheduled day of the final tournament awarding official prize money whether he desires to become a PGA TOUR

member for the following season, or he shall forfeit his ability to become a PGA TOUR member for such season based upon his position on the FedExCup Points List.

- b. Such members shall be able to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1n of Article III.
- c. Such members shall be subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these Regulations.

### **3. Minor Medical Extension Members**

- a. Any members who qualify for the Minor Medical Extension as provided in Section A-1m of Article III, for so long as such member is entitled to the Minor Medical Extension.
- b. Such members shall be subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these Regulations.

### **4. Life Members**

PGA TOUR Regular Members who meet the following criteria will automatically become Life Members:

- a. Eligibility  
A member must have:
  - (1) Won at least 20 cosponsored or approved tournaments whose victories are considered official in his career including those won as a nonmember.
- b. Benefits and Obligations  
A Life Member shall be:
  - (1) Exempt from the obligation to pay annual dues.
  - (2) Eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1a(18) of Article III.
  - (3) Subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these Regulations.

### **5. Past Champion Members**

- a. Eligibility:  
A former tournament winner of a PGA TOUR (or, before 1969, PGA) cosponsored or approved tournament.
- b. Benefits and Obligations:  
A Past Champion Member shall be:
  - (1) Eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1q of Article III.

(2) Subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these Regulations.

## **6. Special Temporary Members**

A Special Temporary Member shall be:

- a. Eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1r of Article III.
- b. Subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these Regulations.

## **7. Team Tournament Winners**

A Team Tournament Winner shall be:

- a. Eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1s of Article III.
- b. Subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these Regulations.

## **8. Veteran Members**

A Veteran Member shall be:

- a. Eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1t of Article III.
- b. Subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these Regulations.

## **9. Temporary Members**

Any nonmember of PGA TOUR (except an amateur) who qualifies to participate in a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament or event shall be required to become a temporary member of PGA TOUR for the duration of such tournament.

# **B. VOTING MEMBERSHIP**

## **1. Eligibility**

A nonvoting member can become a voting member by (i) playing in at least 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (as defined in paragraph C of Article I) in a season (qualifying rounds do not constitute “play” in such tournaments for purposes of this section); and (ii) attending at least one player meeting designated by PGA TOUR (a “mandatory meeting”) or performing a substitute educational requirement established by the PGA TOUR Policy Board, including, without limitation, attending a makeup meeting or video presentation (an “educational requirement”) in the season in which he first plays 15 events; and (iii) in the case of members playing their first full PGA TOUR season, having attended the New Member Orientation meeting (normally held prior to the first event of the following season).

**NOTE:** Members playing their first full PGA TOUR season who are unable to attend the New Member Orientation meeting due to a serious personal emergency or, any such members gaining membership other than through the DP World Tour, Korn Ferry Tour or the Qualifying

Tournament may perform a substitute educational requirement established by the PGA TOUR Policy Board, including, without limitation, attending a makeup meeting or video presentation.

**NOTE:** For the purpose of the player retirement plan, a nonvoting member who becomes a voting member as a result of fulfilling the conditions set forth in this Section B-1 of Article IX shall be entitled to begin accumulating retirement plan credits in the season following the season in which such nonvoting member first becomes a voting member.

## **2. Retention of Voting Membership; Reinstatement**

A voting member shall play in at least 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (as defined in paragraph C of Article I), or any combination thereof equal to at least 15 PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) cosponsored or approved tournaments, excluding qualifying rounds in each season; and shall further attend at least one mandatory meeting or perform an educational requirement. If he fails to do so, he shall cease to be a voting member.

Notwithstanding the above, any member who was a voting member at the time he became unable to play in PGA TOUR tournaments due to injury or medical disability and thereafter resumes play under the Major Medical Extension as provided in Section A-1d of Article III, or Minor Medical Extension as provided in Section A-1m of Article III, shall retain his voting membership while playing under such category, provided that while playing under such category such player attends at least one mandatory meeting or performs one educational requirement.

A former voting member who plays in at least 15 PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) cosponsored or approved tournaments in a season, and attends at least one mandatory meeting or performs an educational requirement in such season, shall automatically be reinstated to Voting Membership retroactive to the beginning of such season in which he plays in a least 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments and attends such mandatory meeting or performs such educational requirement.

## **3. Special Privileges of Voting Members**

Besides their exclusive rights to vote for Player Member Directors of the PGA TOUR Policy Board (see Section G of this Article IX), only voting members shall be eligible to participate in the PGA TOUR Deferred Compensation Player Retirement Plan (the "Cuts" plan) unless the member has achieved Veteran Member status pursuant to Section A-1t of Article III.

## **C. DUES AND FEES**

Members shall pay such dues and fees as may from time to time be prescribed by the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

A nonvoting member who becomes a Voting Member shall pay any differences between the initiation fee paid by him when he becomes a (nonvoting) member and the initiation fee required of a Voting Member as of the time he becomes eligible therefor.

A voting member who loses voting status shall not be required to pay an additional fee if he is reinstated to voting membership.

## **D. TERMINATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

### **1. Termination**

A player shall cease to be a member of the PGA TOUR:

- a. If he resigns;
- b. If he fails to pay required dues or fees within the time specified by PGA TOUR;
- c. If he loses his eligibility for membership under Section A of this Article IX; or
- d. If in the judgment of the PGA TOUR Policy Board he commits a serious breach of these Tournament Regulations, the USGA Rules of Golf, the PGA Code of Ethics or conducts himself in a manner unbecoming a professional golfer; or
- e. If he loses his eligibility for membership under the terms of the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping or PGA TOUR Integrity Program.

### **2. Reinstatement**

A player whose PGA TOUR membership is terminated for playing performance reasons (i.e., for failing to retain his exempt status) shall be eligible for reinstatement to such membership if he subsequently becomes eligible under Section A of this Article IX.

If a player's membership in PGA TOUR shall be terminated for any reason other than the foregoing, he shall not be eligible for reinstatement to membership for at least six months from such termination, except on the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Regulations, any PGA TOUR member who (i) resigns from membership or purposely allows his membership to lapse by nonpayment of dues and thereafter participates in a conflicting event (as defined herein), or (ii) in the case of a Regular Member or Life Member (as defined in Section A-1 and 4 of this Article IX) takes advantage of the provisions of Section A-2d of Article V ("home circuit exception") to the conflicting event rule for foreign members and thereafter fails to honor his commitment to play in at least 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (as defined in paragraph C of Article I), or in the case of a Regular Member or Life Member (as defined in Section A-1 and 4 of this Article IX) who is age 45 or more and has made 150 cuts or more in tournaments awarding official prize money in his career, in a minimum of 12 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the season, shall lose his PGA TOUR membership as of the conclusion of the season in which he fails to play such 15 events (or 12 events as the case may be) and shall not be eligible to apply for reinstatement to PGA TOUR membership for one season.

Notwithstanding the above, the Commissioner, upon application by a foreign member and for medical reasons or other extraordinary circumstances that the Commissioner, at his discretion, determines to be a valid reason for not playing in at least 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, may reduce the 15-minimum (or 12-minimum as the case may be) tournament requirement.

Any PGA TOUR member who resigns from membership while playing under a multi-season exemption (see Section A-1a(1)-(9) of Article III) and thereafter notifies PGA TOUR that he desires to rejoin as a member after having fulfilled the one season waiting period, as applicable, referred to above in this Section D-2, shall be entitled to rejoin the TOUR at the beginning of any season remaining in his exempt period, and shall be entitled to the remaining portion of such multi-season exemption (with such remaining portion of the multi-season exemption determined as if such member had not resigned).

## **E. MEETINGS OF PLAYER MEMBERS**

### **1. Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the members of PGA TOUR shall be held on a date and at a place to be determined not less than 60 days prior to such meeting. Players invited to attend shall include regular, Life, Past Champion and all voting members of PGA TOUR.

### **2. Special Meetings**

Special meetings of members of the PGA TOUR shall be held whenever called by the Commissioner upon the written request of two or more of the Player Directors of the PGA TOUR Policy Board or upon the filing with the Commissioner of a petition signed by not less than 25 percent of the voting members of PGA TOUR. Within 30 days of the receipt of such request or petition, the Commissioner shall schedule and give notice of such meeting.

### **3. General Provisions**

- a. So far as is practicable, meetings shall be scheduled at a place and time convenient to the members, preferably at the site of and within two days of the commencement of a PGA TOUR cosponsored tournament.
- b. Notice of each meeting of the members shall be mailed to each member, addressed to such member at his address as it appears on the records of PGA TOUR, not less than 10 or more than 30 days before the scheduled date of such meeting. Each such notice shall state the place, date and hour of the meeting, and the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. No notice of any meeting need be given, however, to any member who personally appears thereat or signs a written waiver thereof, whether before or after such meeting, and no notice need be given of any adjourned meeting of the members if the time and place of such adjourned meeting are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken, provided that the adjournment is not longer than the lesser of (i) 21 days or (ii) 120 days after the record date for determining members entitled to notice of the meeting. Any business may be transacted at any adjourned meeting which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally scheduled.
- c. The presence, in person, at any meeting of the members of a majority of all the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the voting members present or, if no voting member is present, any officer of PGA TOUR present, may adjourn the meeting for a period not exceeding the lesser of (i) 21 days or (ii) 120 days after the record date for determining members entitled to notice of the meeting.



- d. Each voting member present at meetings of members shall be entitled to one vote in person on all matters with respect to which voting members may vote. All matters voted upon by the voting members at any meeting of the members except the election or removal of a Player Member Director, as provided in Section G of this Article IX, shall be decided by the vote of a majority of the voting members present.
- e. Nothing herein shall preclude the scheduling by PGA TOUR of additional informal player meetings

## **F. PGA TOUR POLICY BOARD**

### **1. Members**

The members of the PGA TOUR Policy Board (Board of Directors of PGA TOUR, Inc.) shall consist of:

- (a) four voting members of the PGA TOUR elected in accordance with Section G of this Article IX (the "Player Member Directors" and, together with the PD Elected Player Directors and the Liaison Director, the "Player Directors");
- (b) one voting member of the PGA TOUR elected by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the other Player Directors (the "First PD Elected Player Director");
- (c) one current member of the PGA TOUR who, in the ten years prior to their initial election as director, (i) has won at least one PGA TOUR tournament, PGA TOUR cosponsored tournament or PGA TOUR approved tournament and (ii) either (A) has received an equity grant in PGA TOUR Enterprises, LLC that has not been forfeited or (B) has been a top 5 player in the Player Impact Program at the time of their initial election as director, elected by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the other Player Directors ("Second PD Elected Player Director" and, together with the First PD Elected Player Director, the "PD Elected Player Directors");
- (d) five independent public figures (the "Independent Directors");
- (e) one officer of the PGA of America (the "PGA Director");
- (f) the Commissioner; and
- (g) one liaison director elected by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the other Player Directors (the "Liaison Director").

### **2. Rules and Procedures**

The rules and procedures governing the meetings and other actions of the PGA TOUR Policy Board shall be as prescribed herein and in the Charter and the By-Laws.

## **G. PLAYER ADVISORY COUNCIL AND PLAYER DIRECTORS**

### **1. Player Advisory Council**

- a. Eight members of PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) shall be elected annually to serve on a PGA TOUR Player Advisory Council (the "Council") by voting members and fully exempt members of the PGA TOUR. For purposes of this section, fully exempt PGA TOUR members shall be defined as those players eligible for PGA TOUR cosponsored, open events in accordance with Article III, Section A-1(a) through (j) of these regulations (i.e. through and including the Top Finishers from Q-school category). The purpose of the Council is to advise and consult with the PGA TOUR Policy Board and Commissioner on matters affecting PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) members.
- b. The members of the Council will be elected as follows:
  - (1) Not later than ten days following the completion of the last official money event in each calendar year, the Commissioner shall mail to all eligible members a list of members of PGA TOUR finishing within the top 125 on the FedExCup Fall Playoffs & Eligibility Points List, Top Finishers of the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-school and players eligible for tournament play pursuant to Sections A-1a(1) through (11), A-1a(18), A-1b, A-1c, A-1d and A-1e of Article III of these Regulations.

The list shall be arranged in seven groups of 25, in order of the FedExCup Points List followed by the Top Finishers of the DP World Tour / Korn Ferry Tour / Q-school. Players eligible for tournament play pursuant to Sections A-1a(1) through (11), A-1a(18), A-1b, A-1c, A-1d and A-1e of Article III of these Regulations and not already listed will then be evenly distributed among these seven groups. Each eligible PGA TOUR member may vote for one player in each group of 25 who is not a Player Director of the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

- (2) Ballots shall be returned to the office of an outside auditor no later than 30 days following the date on which they are mailed to eligible members. The member who receives the greatest number of votes in each group of 25 shall be deemed elected. In addition, the player remaining with the highest number of votes from any of the seven categories will be elected as an at-large member of the Council.

The results of the election shall be announced as soon as practicable unless a tie vote in any group of 25 makes a runoff necessary, in which case the Commissioner shall promptly conduct a mail vote of all eligible members to resolve the tie and announce the results when voting is completed.

- (3) Upon completion of the election as provided above, the current Player Directors shall select eight additional members to serve on the Council. Thereafter, the current Player Directors shall nominate at least two and not more than three of the elected and appointed members of the Council to serve as Chairman. Any member of the Council so selected by the current Player Directors shall be an actual voting member of PGA TOUR at the time such member is selected.

- (4) After the Player Directors have made their nominations for Chairman of the Council as provided in Section 3 above, the Commissioner shall mail to all voting members of PGA TOUR the nominees for Chairman of the Council. Each such voting member of PGA TOUR may vote for one of the nominees for Chairman.
  - (5) Ballots shall be returned to the office of an outside auditor no later than 30 days after mailing by the Commissioner. The nominee for Chairman who receives the greatest number of votes shall be the Chairman.
  - (6) For 2025 only, the nominee for Chairman who receives the second greatest number of votes shall be the Co-Chairman.
- c. The Chairman of the Council will be invited to attend meetings of the PGA TOUR Policy Board as an observer without a vote.
  - d. A member of the Council shall hold office until December 31 of the year of his election or until he ceases to be a member of the PGA TOUR, whichever first occurs. A vacancy occurring during the year (other than a vacancy in the office of Chairman) will be filled by a vote of the Council for players in the category of FedExCup points of the retiring member. Members of the Council may be reelected from year to year.

## **2. Term of Chairman and Player Member Directors**

- a. A Chairman of the Council shall hold office until December 31 of the year of his or their election. Thereafter, unless otherwise provided in Section G-2c of this Article IX, the Chairman will automatically become a Player Member Director and will hold such office for a period of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified or until his earlier resignation or removal.
- b. Whenever the office of Chairman of the Council becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, disqualification, removal or otherwise, or if the Chairman ceases to be a voting member of PGA TOUR, the Player Directors then serving on the PGA TOUR Policy Board shall elect the Chairman from among those individuals then serving on the Council who are then voting members of PGA TOUR. The individual so selected shall serve the unexpired term of his predecessor. In such case, the new Chairman of the Council shall become a Player Member Director upon the expiration of his term as Chairman of the Council as provided in Section G-2a of this Article IX.
- c. Notwithstanding Section G-2a of this Article IX, the Player Member Directors serving in 2025 shall hold such office for a term of three years. In addition, for 2025 only, the Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Council shall each hold office until December 31, 2025 and, thereafter, the Chairman will automatically become a Player Member Director and will hold such office for a period of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified or until his earlier resignation or removal and the Co-Chairman will automatically become a Player Member Director and will hold such office for a period of three years and until his successor is elected and qualified or until his earlier resignation or removal.

### **3. Vacancies and Removal of Player Member Directors**

- a. Whenever the office of any Player Member Director becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, disqualification, removal or otherwise, or if such Player Member Director ceases to be a voting member of PGA TOUR, a successor (who shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor) shall be elected an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the other Player Directors.
- b. Any Player Member Director may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause, only by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the other Player Directors in accordance with the Charter.

### **H. AMENDMENTS**

These Tournament Regulations may be amended or repealed at any meeting of the PGA TOUR Policy Board by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board, provided that at least five of such majority shall be Player Directors, provided, further, that if any member of the PGA TOUR Policy Board, including a Player Director, upon advice of PGA TOUR counsel or otherwise, abstains from participating in any vote to adopt, amend or repeal any provision of these Tournament Regulations because of an actual or potential conflict of interest, the PGA TOUR Policy Board nonetheless may adopt, amend or repeal such provision by a vote of a majority of the disinterested directors, even if (a) such majority is comprised of no Player Directors and/or (b) the disinterested directors constitute less than a majority of the Board; provided, further, however that if any Player Directors do vote on such adoption, amendment or repeal, such majority shall include at least 70% of the Player Directors voting thereon. The voting members of PGA TOUR shall have the power to reverse or repeal any amendment of these Tournament Regulations pertaining to tournament matters by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all the voting members.

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## **X. COSTS & EXPENSES OF LITIGATION**

If any member of PGA TOUR shall institute any legal action or other proceeding against PGA TOUR and such member does not obtain the relief requested in such action, such member shall reimburse PGA TOUR for all costs and expenses incurred by PGA TOUR in connection with such action, including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, whether incurred in preparation of trial, at trial, on appeal or in bankruptcy proceedings.

If such member does obtain the relief requested in such action, PGA TOUR shall reimburse such member for all costs and expenses incurred by such member in connection with such action, including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, whether incurred in preparation of trial, at trial, on appeal or in bankruptcy proceedings.

In the event any such action or proceeding is settled or resolved other than by a final determination of a court or other tribunal, such member shall not be entitled to recover costs, expenses or attorneys' fees against PGA TOUR unless PGA TOUR expressly agrees otherwise as part of such settlement or resolution.

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# PGA TOUR POLICY BOARD MEMBERS

## Lead Player Director

Tiger Woods

## Liason Director

Joe Ogilvie

## Player Directors

Patrick Cantlay

Peter Malnati

Adam Scott

Webb Simpson

Camilo Villegas

## Independent Directors

Mike Corbat

Joe Gorder, Chair

Edward Herlihy

Mary Meeker

Bill Rhodes

## PGA Director

Don Rae, Jr., President, PGA of America

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# FREQUENTLY USED TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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PGA TOUR Travel .....	800/535-6058
Tournament Players Clubs (Account Information) .....	904/273-3281
Tournament Players Clubs (Tee Times).....	888/877-9201
PGA of America .....	561/624-8400
USGA .....	908/234-2300
LPGA.....	386/274-6200

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