

# PLAYER ADVANCE SHEET

## The Panama Championship

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### HOURS OF OPERATION

DATE	DAY	PLAYER & CADDIE REGISTRATION	PLAYER & CADDIE BREAKFAST	PLAYER & CADDIE LUNCH	PRACTICE FACILITY	PHYSICAL THERAPY
1/26	Monday	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM	7:00 AM – 10:00 AM	10:30 AM – 3:00 PM	7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Set-Up Day
1/27	Tuesday	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM	6:00 AM – 10:30 AM	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	6:00 AM – 6:00 PM	7:00 AM – 3:00 PM
1/28	Wednesday	7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	5:00 AM – 9:45 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:00 AM – 6:00 PM	1 Hour before Pro-Am – 3:00 PM
1/29	Thursday	N/A	5:00 AM – 9:45 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:00 AM – 6:30 PM	1.5 Hours before first time – 3:00 PM
1/30	Friday	N/A	5:00 AM – 9:45 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:00 AM – 6:30 PM	1.5 Hours before first time – 3:00 PM
1/31	Saturday	N/A	5:00 AM – 9:30 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:00 AM – 6:00 PM	1.5 Hours before first time – 3:00 PM
2/1	Sunday	N/A	5:00 AM – 9:30 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:00 AM – 1 hour after last tee time	1.5 Hours before first time – Last tee time

**NOTE:** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Round dining (breakfast and lunch) and practice facility hours of operation are subject to change based on starting times. Opening hours are generally 1.5 hours prior to the first starting time, where possible.

### NEED TO KNOW

- **VIRTUAL LOCKER ROOM/LOCKER ROOM POSTING BOARDS** Each week the Rules Committee will prepare documents, notices and policies in these areas for your review. Posted documents will include tournament-specific information as well as Groupings, Pace of Play, Weather, etc. The Virtual Locker Room is accessible via the PGA TOUR Central Platforms (Website or Mobile App). Posting Boards will be located in a high-traffic area (i.e., Player Dining) when Locker Rooms are not available or accessible at host facilities.
- **PLAYER & CADDIE REGISTRATION MUST** be completed before practice or play. Player & Caddie Registration will be in the open lobby at the main entrance of the clubhouse (hours listed above). Applicable registration fees must be paid by credit card at the time of registering.

- **CLUB DE GOLF DE PANAMÁ CADDIES** For the Panamá Championship, the club has a Caddie Master and a large pool of experienced caddies familiar with the course. Caddies approaching you in hotel lobbies, or anywhere but the Club, are not part of the caddie program and may not be allowed on property at Club de Golf de Panamá. Full-time caddies and caddies traveling with players from the US will have access to Player & Caddie Dining. Club caddies have food provided at an alternate location.  
Club de Golf de Panamá caddies have a rate of \$60 US per day. Please negotiate the percentage of winnings for making the cut prior to starting play. If you make the cut, and use a different caddie for the weekend, payment for those two days must still be made to the local caddie.

Please contact Wilman Beltran PRIOR to your arrival to secure a Caddie [wbeltran@clubgolf.com.pa](mailto:wbeltran@clubgolf.com.pa)

- **WEEKEND ACCESS** Limited weekend access is available at Club de Golf de Panama on Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> as follow:  
SATURDAY: Practice Facilities (after 12:00 pm) Golf Course Access (after 12:00 pm)  
SUNDAY: Practice Facilities (after 12:00 pm) Golf Course Access (Walking Only, no playing or practicing (after 2:00 pm)  
Food and Beverage is available in the downstairs lounge next to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee (credit cards only)  
Please contact Wilman Beltran PRIOR to your arrival to secure access through the gate and schedule a starting time if needed [wbeltran@clubgolf.com.pa](mailto:wbeltran@clubgolf.com.pa)
- **PRACTICE ROUNDS** As a reminder, prohibitions to practice rounds beginning on #10 tee after a specific time, do not apply during weeks when a 9&9 Pro-Am format is being utilized. However, practice rounds beginning on hole #10 must yield in all instances to players making the turn and must not delay practice rounds at any time. Further, players and caddies **MUST** take into consideration other closures affecting practice rounds.
- **PRACTICE RANGE** The “Lower Practice Tee” may be used every day, except Wednesday. Shots from this tee may NOT travel farther than 150 yards. If you need to hit shots over 150 yards, please utilize the main tee deck.
- **AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION** Please fill out the following survey if you have not done so already, in order to ensure pick from the Panama Airport to the host hotel:  
[https://pgatour.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_di0YuSix1EBysBM](https://pgatour.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_di0YuSix1EBysBM)
- **PLAYERS & CADDIES TRANSPORTATION** Shuttle service will run to/from between the host hotels (Sheraton & ALOFT) and the golf course daily. The Sheraton is the shuttle pickup and drop-off point. The complete shuttle schedule is posted on PGA TOUR CENTRAL and on the Tournament Information at Player/Caddie Registration. Updates to the transportation schedule will be sent by text message. Transportation is a courtesy; it is the players responsibility to arrive in time for his assigned starting time. schedule will be sent by text message and email. Transportation is a courtesy; it is the players responsibility to arrive in time for his assigned starting time.



- **OFFICIAL PRO-AM** will be two waves off #1 & #10 approximately 6:50 AM – 8:30 AM | 11:40 AM – 1:20 PM (approximately 40 teams) 9&9 format.
- **NOTE:** Professionals playing the 'first' 9 holes are asked/reminded to hand-off the scorecard to the 'second' 9 professional on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> tee when making the turn and to help facilitate introductions, take a photo, etc. with their amateur grouping.
- **GROUPINGS & STARTING TIMES** will be made available on-site and distributed/posted electronically mid-day on **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**.
- **PLAYER PARKING/CADDIE PARKING** is in the clubhouse parking lot. Players and caddies must show proper issued credentials to enter property. Parking passes are not required.
- **PLAYER & CADDIE DINING** is in the clubhouse Ballroom, open to players, caddies, and player spouses/significant other. **All other guests, including all other family, agents and coaches, may purchase a weekly pass (\$160) at Player Registration for a discount, or buy daily passes (\$45) at the door. Cash or credit card will be accepted.** Seating will be available indoors & outdoors (hours listed above). NOTE: Caddies traveling from the US, and full-time caddies will receive a Player Dining pass at Caddie Registration. No other caddies are allowed into Player Dining.
- **LOCKER ROOM** facilities are available for all players in the field. \$20.00 locker room fee will be collected at registration.
- **CLUB STORAGE** is secure and highly encouraged for those using tournament transportation. Club storage is located in the Locker Room.
- **FITNESS CENTER** is not available onsite.
- **PHYSICAL THERAPY** is located at the back of the Player Locker Room (hours listed above). Medics will also be onsite between the clubhouse and Practice Range.
- **YARDAGE BOOKS** will be issued to all players and caddies free of charge at registration. Players and caddies **MUST** use a Committee Approved Book (2023-2026). 2026 Book includes ALL recent course changes including all new sprinkler heads that may not be included in the 2023 or 2024 book.
- **\*\*\*ASTARA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY MASTERCARD\*\*\*** AS A REMINDER, COUNTRY CLUB DE BOGOTA DOES NOT ALLOW SHORTS ON PROPERTY AT ANY TIME FOR PROFESSIONALS. PLAYERS MUST WEAR PANTS AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON PROPERTY, INCLUDING PRACTICE ROUNDS. PLEASE PACK ACCORDINGLY. For all individuals looking to access Player Dining, they **MUST** wear pants. This includes spouses, family and caddies (who purchase access to Player Dining). Individuals with shorts on will **NOT** be allowed into Player Dining.

## **TOURNAMENT WEEK SCHEDULE**

### **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM Practice facilities open  
 7:00 AM Practice Rounds available off 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees

### **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 AM – 6:00 PM Practice facilities open  
 All Day Practice Rounds available off 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees  
 3:00 PM Golf Clinic on the right side of the main practice facility tee.

### **Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 AM – 6:00 PM Practice facilities open  
 6:50 AM – 1:20 PM Approximately 6:50 AM – 8:30 AM | 11:40 AM – 1:20 PM (Approximately 40 teams). 9&9 format.  
*Practice Range will be closed to non-Pro-Am professionals at the following times: 6:20 AM – 8:30 AM and 11:10 AM – 1:20 PM*  
*Practice rounds are not permitted before or after the Pro-Am.*  
 5:00 PM Opening Ceremony on the terrace near hole #10 tee.

### **Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 AM – 6:30 PM Practice facilities open  
 6:40 AM Approximate Round 1 starting times

### **Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

5:00 AM – 6:30 PM Practice facilities open  
 6:40 AM Approximate Round 2 starting times

### **Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

5:00 AM – 6:00 PM Practice facilities open  
 TBD Round 3 starting times, approximate finish time will be 5:00 pm

### **Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

5:00 AM Practice facilities open; facilities will close one-hour after the last starting time.  
 TBD Round 4 starting times  
 5:00 PM Approximate finish time  
 Following Play Trophy Presentation

## AGRONOMY

**Golf Course Superintendent:** Hector Macias

**Agronomist:** Dennis Ingram

Club de Golf de Panama is in acceptable condition for the competition following a prolonged rainy season that brought 102" of rain from May 2025 until mid-January – the wettest lingering weather pattern in nearly 15 years. Given the challenges with excessive rainfall and low sunlight, the bermudagrass greens required repair to ensure acceptable tournament conditions and will have visually evident areas of thin and open turf mainly on greens' edges. Zoysiagrass tees and fairways are sand-capped for improved drainage. Prevailing weather patterns in January typically include moderate winds, which can affect the competitive factor when coupled with hot and humid conditions.

**Quick Facts:**

- The target greenspeed will be 11-11.5 feet.
- The tees, fairways, and approaches will be mowed at 0.400 inch (10mm).
- The intermediate rough is 1 inch, and the primary rough will be cut at 2.5 inches.

## KEY PEOPLE

**Roberto Duran, Jr. – Tournament Chairman**

- Along with Sacre, Jr., helped land the event on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2004.
- Great-grandfather was the first of four generations of his family to serve as club president of Club de Golf de Panama.

**Carlos Sacre, Jr. – Tournament Director**

- Past president and club secretary of Club de Golf de Panama.
- Both Sacre, Jr. and Duran, Jr. won multiple national golf titles before spearheading The Panama Championship.

