

PLAYER ADVANCE SHEET

The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic

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HOURS OF OPERATION

DATE	DAY	PLAYER & CADDIE REGISTRATION	PLAYER & CADDIE BREAKFAST	PLAYER & CADDIE LUNCH	PRACTICE FACILITY	PHYSICAL THERAPY	FITNESS CENTER
1/10	Wednesday	N/A	N/A	N/A	12:00 – 3:30 PM	N/A	5:00 AM – 10:00 PM
1/11	Thursday	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	6:00 AM – 10:00 AM	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	6:30 AM – 5:30 PM	Set-Up Day	5:00 AM – 10:00 PM
1/12	Friday	7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	6:00 AM – 10:00 AM	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	6:30 AM – 5:30 PM	7:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:00 AM – 10:00 PM
1/13	Saturday	7:00 AM – 12:00 PM	6:00 AM – 10:00 AM	11:00 AM – 3:00 PM	6:30 AM – 5:30 PM	1 Hour before Pro-Am – 3:00 PM	5:00 AM – 10:00 PM
1/14	Sunday	N/A	5:15 AM – 9:00 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:15 AM – 5:30 PM	1.5 Hours before first time – 3:00 PM	5:00 AM – 10:00 PM
1/15	Monday	N/A	5:15 AM – 9:00 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:15 AM – 5:30 PM	1.5 Hours before first time – 3:00 PM	5:00 AM – 10:00 PM
1/16	Tuesday	N/A	5:15 AM – 9:00 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:15 AM – 5:30 PM	1.5 Hours before first time – 3:00 PM	5:00 AM – 10:00 PM
1/17	Wednesday	N/A	5:15 AM – 9:00 AM	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	5:15 AM – 1 hour after last tee time	1.5 Hours before first time – Last tee time	5:00 AM – 10:00 PM

*Weekend 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.

NEED TO KNOW

- **PLAYER & CADDIE REGISTRATION** must be completed before practice or play. Player & Caddie Registration will be located inside Sandals Resort in the Ballroom Foyer. This room may be accessed by entering the main doors adjacent to the practice putting green.
- **TRANSPORTATION SURVEY** if you and your party need a ride from the airport upon arrival to one of the host hotels, you need to fill out the following [SURVEY](#).
- **THURSDAY PRO-AM** will be a limited number of teams playing in starting times from hole #1. The first tee will be closed from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 11th. Practice rounds will be available before and after this Unofficial Pro-Am, but must not interfere with the Pro-Am.

- **OFFICIAL (SATURDAY) PRO-AM** is a **9&9** and will take place on Saturday, January 13th with starting times from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. from the 1st Tee. There will be approximately 40 teams (Teams will be comprised of 2 am's and 1 pro). Practice rounds are available off #1 tee prior to start of the pro-am, and off the 10th tee until 9:30 a.m. Players starting on #10 will only be permitted to play 9 holes. Play from either tee **MUST NOT** interfere with the pro-am. Official Pro-Am starting times and assignments will be posted on-site (Registration) and online (PGA TOUR Links) on Thursday, January 11th.
- **SPONSOR VALUE PROGRAM** will be posted on-site (Registration) and online (PGA TOUR Links) on Thursday, January 11th. Please contact Brad McGahey (BradMcGahey@pgatourhq.com or (904) 495-5785) with any questions.
- **GROUPINGS & STARTING TIMES** will be made available on-site and distributed/posted electronically mid-day on Friday, January 12th.
- **TICKETS** Physical tickets will be available in the Tournament Office.
- **PLAYER/CADDIE PARKING** is located in the Sandals Resort staff parking lot. Access using the first left turn after passing the guard house. Parking passes are not required. Parking is very limited. Overflow parking available in the shopping center across the street from the main entrance. Please note that shuttles are not available.
- **PLAYER DINING** is located in Sandals Resort Ballroom A, open to players and credentialed spouses. Be prepared to show your credentials for access. Hours of operation are listed above.
- **CADDIE DINING** is complimentary and located in Sandals Resort Ballroom B. Caddies must obtain a Caddie Credential at Registration to access dining. Hours of operation are listed above.
- **LOCKER ROOM** there are no locker room facilities.
- **CLUB STORAGE** is secure and highly encouraged for those using tournament transportation. Located directly across from the golf pro shop. The golf shop staff will manage the bag storage area.
- **FITNESS CENTER** is available at Sandals Resort and open 5:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Located behind the spa adjacent to the Rules Office.
- **CHIROPRACTOR/PHYSICAL THERAPY** is located in Volunteer/Caddie dining area.
- **EMERGENCY MEDICAL** Medics will also be on-site for any immediate emergencies.
- **YARDAGE BOOKS** will be issued to players and caddies free of charge at registration. Players and caddies **MUST** use the 2023 or 2024 Committee Approved Book(s).
- **PLAYER/CADDIE TRANSPORTATION** shuttle service will run to/from the airport as well as between hotels and the golf course daily. Pickup hotels are the Hideaways and the Peace and Plenty. The complete shuttle schedule is posted on PGA TOUR Links and on the Tournament Information board at Player/Caddie Registration, and at each participating hotel. Updates to the transportation 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.

- RULES MEETING** to discuss the changes to the Pace of Play Policy, In-Play Driver Testing, Greens Reading Material, and any general questions regarding the Rules of Golf will take place on Friday, January 12th, 2024 in Player Dining at 3:00 p.m.

TOURNAMENT WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 10th

12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Practice facilities available to players.
 Players will have access to the golf course. Players must check-in with the golf shop. \$50 cart fee or walk for free. Please note that cart availability is limited.

Thursday, January 11th

6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Practice facilities open
 7:00 a.m. Practice rounds available
 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Pro-Am with starting times off Hole #1. Practice rounds will be available before and after. Practice rounds must not interfere with the pro-am.

Friday, January 12th

6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Practice facilities open
 All Day Practice Rounds available off both tees, until 8:30 a.m., at which point all practice rounds must start from #1 tee (per Tournament Regulations).
 3:00 p.m. Rules meeting to discuss the changes to the Pace of Play Policy, In-Play Driver Testing, Greens Reading Material, and any general questions regarding the Rules of Golf (Player Dining)

Saturday, January 13th

6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Practice facilities open
 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Official Pro-Am. All Pro-Am times will begin play from 1st tee only. Practice rounds will be available in the morning prior to the first starting time. 10th Tee will be available until 9:30 a.m. for practice rounds (9 holes only).
 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. V.I.P. Clinic (Practice Facilities). See Practice Facilities Notice for Closure Information.
 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Youth Clinic (Practice Facilities). See Practice Facilities Notice for Closure Information.
 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Practice rounds may resume after the pro-am from the 1st tee only. The 1st tee will close at 3:30 p.m..

Sunday, January 14th

5:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Practice facilities open
 6:40 a.m. Approximate Round 1 starting times

Monday, January 15th

5:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Practice facilities open
 6:40 a.m. Approximate Round 2 starting times

Tuesday, January 16th

5:15 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Practice facilities open
 TBD Round 3 starting times

Wednesday, January 17th

5:15 a.m. Practice facilities open; facilities will close one-hour after the last starting time.
 TBD Round 4 starting times

4:30 p.m.
Following Play

Approximate finish time
Trophy Presentation (18th Green)

Agronomy

Golf Course Superintendent: Jeremy “Rev” Rolle

PGA TOUR Agronomist: P.J. Ringenberger

The Sandals Emerald Bay Golf Club has hosted the kickoff event on the Korn Ferry Tour for seven years and looks forward to another successful event. The Sealsle I Paspalum greens are expected to provide consistent quality as in years past. The Paspalum tees and fairways are in good condition and expected to provide consistent lies throughout the event. Many of the tees have had areas expanded to provide more teeing surfaces. This year brought great challenges for the entire resort when they experienced major flooding in May and June. The front 9 was closed for nearly three months, causing damage to all turf areas including the greens. The fourth hole has continued to be a challenge with flooding. Jeremy and his team have done an outstanding job rejuvenating the turf to ensure good conditions for the event.

Quick Facts:

- The target greenspeed will be 10 - 10.5’.
- The tees, fairways, and approaches will be mowed at 0.450”.
- The intermediate rough will be mowed at 1”, and the primary rough will be maintained at 2”.

KEY PEOPLE



Phillip “Brave” Davis

Prime Minister of the Bahamas

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Please refer to him as “Prime Minister” when introducing yourself



I. Chester Cooper

Deputy Prime Minister of the Bahamas

Minister of Tourism, Investment & Aviation

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Jeremy Mutton
General Manager
Sandals Emerald Bay Golf, Tennis & Spa Resort