



Rules and Terms of Entry and Participation

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1. Dates	
Monday 10 July 2023	US Qualifying Round
Sunday 23 July 2023	Limited Official Practice
Monday 24 July 2023	UK Qualifying Round
	Official Practice Day
Tuesday 25 July 2023	Rolex Pro Am
	Official Practice Day
Wednesday 26 July 2023	Official Practice Day
Thursday 27 – Sunday 30 July 2023	The Senior Open Presented By Rolex

2. Conditions

- a) The Senior Open will be a 72-hole stroke play event with 18 holes being played each day.
- b) A field of 144 competitors will be eligible to play in The Senior Open. The field shall include all exempt and qualified amateurs.
- c) Players not qualified under exemption categories 1 – 20 listed under section 4 will be required to play an 18-hole stroke play qualifying round as detailed in section 5.
- d) The field will play one round on each of the first two days, after which time the leading 70 players (and those tied for 70th place) will go forward to the third and fourth rounds. If a player who has posted a two round total score that will qualify for the third round withdraws before or after the third-round draw is made, the players score will still be used to calculate the leading 70 places and ties the will determine the cut mark.
- e) In the event of a tie for first place there will be a hole-by-hole play-off. If the play-off involves more than 2 players, those other than the winner will be deemed to have tied for 2nd place regardless of their scores in the play-off.

- f) Play shall be in accordance with the Rules of Golf effective January 2023 as approved by R&A Rules Limited and in accordance with the local rules approved by The Senior Open Championship Committee.
- g) In the event of play being either delayed or declared null and void for any round of The Senior Open, additional play will be at the discretion of the Senior Open Championship Committee. Additional play may take place on Monday 31 July.
- h) Any player who believes they are eligible to use the Modification for Players with Disabilities (Rule 25) should contact entries@europeantourgroupp.com (Exempt players and UK Qualifiers) or jgabriel@pgatourhq.com (US Qualifiers) at entry to confirm their eligibility to use the specific modifications in Rule 25.
- i) The Senior Open Championship Committee expects players and their team to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of The Senior Open and the sport of golf. Players and their team shall at all times act in the best interests of the sport and The Senior Open, and shall not conduct themselves in an unlawful or improper manner or so as to bring The Senior Open, The R&A, The Legends Tour, the sport of golf or its governing bodies into disrepute and shall not use any one of or a combination of, violent conduct, threatening, abusive, indecent or insulting words or behaviour. Players and their team shall comply with any Code of Conduct set by the Senior Open Championship Committee from time to time. For the purposes of this condition, a player's team includes their caddies as well as any agents, coaches or other support team including family members present at The Senior Open or in the environs of The Senior Open venue or otherwise acting in relation to The Senior Open.
- j) Players will at all times be liable for the actions of their caddies and will ensure that the caddies comply with the Terms as they apply to the players. Players will ensure that their caddies wear clothing of a type appropriate to The Senior Open and, in particular, caddies will be required to wear The Senior Open over-garment or bib of a type and design as will be supplied by The Senior Open Championship Committee. Caddies will be required to wear such an over-garment or bib during official practice rounds and during The Senior Open. Caddies shall wear smooth, rubber-sole preferably tennis or basketball shoes. Footwear with a closed toe is required. Flip flops, open-toed sandals and other similar shoes are not permitted. Golf spikes are prohibited.
- k) Safety protocols – Competitors are subject to all safety protocols applicable at the Championship in relation to Health & Safety as issued and updated by the Senior Open Championship committee and/or its safety advisers from time to time.
- l) All competitors and/or caddies are subject to the provisions of The Senior Open's Logos and Marks Policy in force at the date of the Championship
- m) All players gaining entry to The Senior Open (and qualifiers) are subject to the provisions of the European Tour Group [Anti-Doping Policy](#) in force at the date of The Senior Open. Details of the Policy and the Prohibited Substances and Prohibited Methods, are available from the Senior Open Championship Committee. Players who are taking medication and in doubt as to their clinical status should seek advice from The European Tour Group not later than 21 days before the start of The Senior Open or qualifiers.
- n) The Model Local Rules in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf are in effect for:
- List of Conforming Driver Heads – MLR G-1
 - Groove and Punch Mark Specifications – MLR G-2
 - List of Conforming Golf Balls – MLR G-3
 - One Ball Rule – MLR G-4
 - Prohibiting Use of Distance-Measuring Devices – MLR G-5 *
 - Prohibiting Use of Motorised Transportation – MLR G-6 **
 - Replacing Club that is Broken or Significantly Damaged – MLR G-9
 - Prohibiting Use of Clubs Longer the 46 Inches – MLR G-10
 - Restricting Use of Green Reading Materials – MLR G-11 ***

*Does not apply to US Qualifier

****The Senior Open Championship Committee will only consider requests for use of motorised transportation where (i) the player making the request has a disability and (ii) the need for transportation results from that disability. Any requests by a player to use any form of transportation must be made not less than 60 days in advance of the relevant qualifying round or The Senior Open. All requests must be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in The Senior Open Transportation Policy, available upon request.**

***** Does not apply to qualifying**

- o) Shorts may be worn at Qualifying rounds and whilst practicing at The Senior Open, but not in the Rolex Pro Am or the Championship. The Senior Open Championship Committee will consider any variations to this policy in light of extreme weather.
- p) The Senior Open Championship Committee arranges publicity before and during The Senior Open in the press and by live and recorded radio and television broadcasting and filming and on the internet. Each competitor by entering the Senior Open and thereby agreeing to these terms of Entry and participation assigns to R&A Championships Limited and PGA European Tour and each of their assignees and licensees, the right in perpetuity throughout the world to make, use, exhibit and reproduce in any way now known or hereafter devised (and to authorise others to do so) for commercial or other purposes from time to time and at their discretion, motion pictures, still pictures, live taped or filmed television, sound recordings and any other reproductions of any description of the competitor and/or their caddie made during or in connection with The Senior Open (including, without limitation, during practice and play) without compensation for the competitor or caddie or their heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor or caddie.

The competitor also assigns to R&A Championships and PGA European Tour the right to use and reproduce the competitor's and/or their caddie's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in any way now known or hereafter devised, without compensation for the competitor or caddie or their heirs, successors, executors, administrators or assignees of the competitor or caddie including in circumstances where it may include the logo of a third party or of a sponsor or patron of The Senior Open or any subsequent Senior Open or any other activities undertaken by The Senior Open. Competitors shall be responsible for ensuring that they hold all the necessary rights to grant the above assignments, including appropriate agreements with their caddies. Notwithstanding the foregoing grant of rights, The Senior Open and its assignees and licensees agree that, other than as permitted above, they will not authorise any company contractually associated with The Senior Open to use the competitor's or caddie's name, voice, likeness and biographical material in a way which constitutes the endorsement of a product or service, without first requiring such associated company to obtain the competitor's authorisation. Also, to comply with certain contractual limitations relating to advertising on television, competitors assent that they or their caddies may not, without the prior approval of The Senior Open, display any commercial identification on clothing or equipment other than that customarily affixed to and of the normal size and in the normal position on any such clothing or equipment. The winner shall be entitled to use the Championship Trophy for promotional purposes with commercial partners, but such use shall not be excessive, and shall be in good taste and respectful of the tradition and prestige of The Senior Open. As the owner of all intellectual property rights in and to the Championship Trophy, The Senior Open may, in its sole discretion, deem any commercial use of the Championship Trophy to be unsuitable, and in such event the winner shall ensure that such use is discontinued.

3. Eligibility for Entry

Entrants must have attained the age of fifty years on or before Thursday 27 July 2023. They shall be either male Professionals with a current Tour affiliation or PGA Membership or male Amateurs with an exact handicap index of 0.4 (scratch) or lower under the World Handicap System, or the scheme adopted by the recognised authority controlling golf in their country. Entries from non-exempt

amateurs will not be accepted unless accompanied by a handicap certificate. Entries from non-exempt Professionals will not be accepted unless accompanied by proof of their current Tour affiliation or PGA Membership (evidence of recent competitive performance may be subsequently requested by The Senior Open Committee).

4. Exemption Categories

1. Former Winners of The Senior Open aged 65 or under on Thursday 27 July 2023.
2. Former Winners of The Masters Tournament, US PGA Championship, US Open and The Open aged 65 or under on Thursday 27 July 2023.
3. Top 60 players on the Legends Tour Career Money List as of Monday 3 July 2023.
4. Top 60 players on the PGA Tour Champions All Time Money List as of Monday 3 July 2023.
5. The leading 20 players, not otherwise exempt on the closing date, on the Legends Tour Order of Merit for 2022.
6. The leading 20 players, not otherwise exempt on the closing date, on the US Charles Schwab Cup Points List for 2022.
7. Players finishing in positions 1-15, and those tying for 15th place, in The Senior Open 2022.
8. Winners of Official Tournaments on the Legends Tour and PGA Tour Champions since The Senior Open 2022, i.e. between Monday 25 July 2022 and Monday 24 July 2023.
9. Winners of Official Tournaments which are, or have been, part of the DP World Tour (or European Tour) and PGA Tour, including official co-sanctioned tournaments, when aged 50 years on Thursday 27 July 2023.
10. Past members of Ryder Cup or Presidents Cup teams aged 50 on Thursday 27 July 2023.
11. Former Winners of the DP World Tour (or European Tour) and PGA Tour Order of Merit aged 50 – 55 years on Thursday 27 July 2023.
12. Winners of the US Senior Open 2018 – 2023.
13. Winners of the Senior PGA Championship 2018 – 2023.
14. The leading 2 players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 10 of the Japan PGA Senior Tour Money List for 2022.
15. The first 4 players, and those tying for 4th place, who are not otherwise exempt, in the top 30 of the current Legends Tour Order of Merit as of Monday 24 July 2023.
16. The first 4 players, and those tying for 4th place, who are not otherwise exempt, in the top 30 of the current US Charles Schwab Cup Money List as of Monday 24 July 2023.
17. The leading amateur in the 2022 Senior Open who completed 72 holes.
18. The Senior Amateur Champion for 2023.
19. The US Senior Amateur Champion for 2022.
20. The European Senior Men's Amateur Champion for 2023.
21. Special Exemptions as selected by The Senior Open Championship Committee.
22. A minimum of 24 places will be available to players not qualified under exemption categories 1 – 21 via an 18-hole stroke play qualifying round.

The US Qualifier, 10 July, will receive $\frac{1}{4}$ of the places available as of Friday 7 July (decimal point rounding of places will favour the UK qualifiers). The remaining $\frac{3}{4}$ of places and any subsequent exempt withdrawals will be proportionately divided by the amount of players who tee off at each UK qualifier.

Should a player who has qualified via the US Qualifying round subsequently become exempt via exemption categories which fall after closing date (i.e. 8, 15, 16, 18) the spot that player earned at the qualifier will revert to the next best placed player from the US qualifier up until 5pm EDT Friday 21 July 2023. After that date, any withdrawals will revert to the UK qualifying round.

If a player withdraws having qualified from the US Qualifier this will be redistributed to the US Qualifier up until 5pm EDT Friday 21 July 2023. No additional places will be awarded to the US Qualifier in the case of exempt withdrawals after the distribution of spots has been done.

If required, there will be a hole-by-hole play-off immediately after play for those tied on the final qualifying score, in order to identify all the qualifiers and reserves. The play-off will take place once the last group have recorded their scores.

Notes

- A. Exemptions 17 to 20 are only applicable if the entrant concerned is still an amateur on 30 July 2023.
- B. The Senior Open Championship Committee reserve the right to extend exemption categories 15 & 16 up until Sunday 23 July 2023. In such a case alternating between categories will begin with Category 15. Where a place is offered to a player and rejected in the time determined by the Tournament Director (for example 3 hours), the place will alternate to the next player in the alternating Category. If a player given a deadline is uncontactable, they will not be removed from the alternating rotation.
- C. A player may enter both the UK and US qualifiers but cannot play in both.
- A. Amateurs and Professionals must retain their corresponding exemption status from entry through the Sunday 30 July 2023. Similarly, qualified Amateurs must retain their status throughout the Championship. Amateurs do not qualify for any prize money.
- B. The scores and/or performance of qualifying competitors will be subject to The Senior Open Championship Committee review. This Committee reserves the right to refuse entry or further participation based on a player's score and/or performance.

5. Qualifying

Qualifying rounds will take place as follows:

Monday 10 July 2023	Firestone CC, Fazio Course
Monday 24 July 2023	Machynys Peninsula Golf Club Pyle & Kenfig Golf Club Southerndown Golf Club

In the eventuality that The Senior Open Championship Committee receive entries that exceed the maximum field size for each qualifying round, The Senior Open Committee reserve the right to reject further entries and/or operate a waiting list.

All qualifying venues will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The places available to make up The Senior Open field shall be determined by the number entered who are exempt under section 4. Ties for last places and alternates shall be decided by a hole-by-hole play-off immediately after the last card is returned. In the event of a play-off being either delayed or declared null and void for any qualifying round, additional play will be at the discretion of The Senior Open Committee and may take place on the day following the qualifying round.

If you are entering the Qualifying Round to be held at Firestone Country Club on Monday 10 July 2023, please [click here](#)

6. Rolex Pro Am

A Pro Am will take place at The Senior Open venue on Tuesday 25 July 2023. If selected, exempt players are required to play in the Pro Am as a condition of entry.

7. Entry Fees and Deadlines

Entry Fee for all competitors	£180 (\$250 for US qualifier)
Entry Deadline – Exempt Players	Thursday 6 July 2023 at 12 noon (UK time)
Entry Deadline – US qualifying round	Monday 3 July 2023 at 17:00 (Eastern Time US)
Entry Deadline – UK qualifying round	Thursday 6 July 2023 at 12 noon (UK time)

8. Methods of Payment and Payment Advice

Payment may only be made by credit card or debit card and must be made at the end of the application process.

The following card types are accepted: Visa, Mastercard, American Express.

It is acceptable for a third party (i.e. Sponsor or Agent) to pay on your behalf.

VERY IMPORTANT: The applicant must ensure that the credit card account has the funds available and should check the card limit with the credit card company if in any doubt. Should the funds not be collected, your application will not be submitted. Delays on receiving payment could result in you not being allocated your preferred qualifying round.

9. Registration

Exempt players and successful qualifiers must register by 12:00 noon (UK time) on Wednesday 26 July 2023.

This process will be handled via The European Tour Group Player Portal, details of which will follow nearer the time.

10. Withdrawals

All withdrawals for The Senior Open and the UK qualifying rounds must be notified to the European Tour Group Entries Department. Withdrawals from the Firestone CC, US Qualifier must be notified to the PGA Tour, Champions.

If a player withdraws on or before the Entry Deadline (see section 7), his entry fee will be refunded in full.

If a player withdraws after the Entry Deadline (see section 7), without competing, entry fees will only be considered for refund on medical grounds (a medical certificate will be required) and in extreme personal circumstances. Any bank charges will be borne by the player.

Players cannot switch between the UK and US Qualifiers after Close of Entries.

11. Notification of Acceptance of Entry and Qualifying Venue

Once an application has been submitted, you will be taken back to the Schedule Page on the Player Portal. The entry status will have changed to "Applied". Once your entry has been verified and accepted, the entry status will change to "Entered". The full list of competitors for the Senior Open and the UK Qualifiers will be available on Friday 7 July 2023. All player information for the Championship and the UK Qualifiers will be posted on the relevant tournament page on the Player Portal. You can access each tournament page via the Schedule page.

12. Prizes

Prize money will be allocated to Professional golfers and paid according to the payment instructions outlined on the application form. Amateurs do not qualify for any prize money. Players who are disqualified or withdraw from The Senior Open at any stage or for any reason shall forfeit all prize money. The Senior Open Championship Committee at its total discretion may waive or otherwise amend this condition.

Players which are not tax resident in the UK will be subject to a withholding tax of 20% of their prize winnings. Where applicable, players may be entitled to the UK personal allowance of £12,570 (for the 2023/24 tax year). PGA European Tour will assess the applicability of the UK personal allowance based on information available on file. For more information on whether you are entitled to the personal allowance, please visit the UK government website (<https://www.gov.uk/hmrc-internal-manuals/residence-domicile-and-remittance-basis/rdrm10340>).

If a withholding tax deduction is applied to your payment, you will receive a certificate from PGA European Tour to certify this.

The leading amateur in The Senior Open, unless the winner, will receive a Silver Medal on completion of 72 holes. Other amateurs who complete 72 holes will each receive a Bronze Medal.

13. Help or Advice

In the event of any problems with your application or payment please contact the European Tour group Membership and Entries Department: entries@europeantourgrou.com

Before proceeding, please ensure you have the following to hand in order to complete your entry:

- Details of your credit card with funds available.
- For amateur applicants and electronic copy of your handicap certificate.
- An electronic copy of the photo page of your passport.

The onus is on the applicant to ensure that his application has been correctly submitted.

The Senior Open Championship Committee reserve the right to change or amend any of the above conditions.

All applications will be subject to the approval of The Senior Open Championship Committee which reserves the right to accept or refuse or, having accepted, subsequently reject and application without giving reason for its decision.

14. Data Protection and Integrity

I confirm that I will conduct myself in accordance with and agree that I am bound by the Code of Behaviour and Disciplinary Procedure and the [Integrity Policy](#).

I have read and acknowledge the [Data Protection Policy](#) and [Privacy Notice](#) (as supplemented by the Player Data Protection Notice set out below) and understand that my personal information will be processed, transferred and stored as detailed in such notices as may be updated.

PGA European Tour (PGAET) Player Data Protection Notice – 2023 Season.

I confirm that:

General Statement

1. I understand that PGAET needs to collect and process my personal data to allow it to conduct the requirements of its business. This may include data collected directly from me alongside data that PGAET gathers from other sources, including those acting on my behalf (including, for example, business partners, management companies, agents etc...).

I understand the such data will only be used for the purposes outlined in this form, the PGAET Privacy Notice (linked to above) and/or any applicable terms of Membership of the Legends Tour, and that any significant changes in how PGAET use my personal data will be notified to me.

I understand that there may be circumstances in which PGAET are under a duty to disclose or share my personal data in order to comply with any legal obligation; or where necessary in connection with welfare, safeguarding, integrity or anti-doping. I further understand that my name, nationality and golf club/attachment may be shared with The R&A for the purposes outlined in this form and to facilitate my participation in The Senior Open.

PGAET may also need to process my personal data in order to enforce or apply its terms of Membership (or any other agreement with the Member).

I understand that PGAET will collect, use and disclose my personal data lawfully and in accordance with my rights as set out in the PGAET Privacy Notice.

Specific Information Categories

2. In addition to the data and purposes set out in the PGAET Privacy Notice, I understand that PGAET will need to hold and process certain specific information for the purposes of administering my participation on the Legends Tour. This Includes:

My passport information (including a photocopy of the passport) for the purposes of:

- Facilitating my entry into tournaments by assisting in travel or visa acquisition.
- Facilitating the payment of prize money at the end of a given (applicable) tournament where proof of ID is required.

Certain financial information in the form of my bank account details or payment card details for the purposes of:

- Fulfilling tournament entry requirements regarding fee payment.
- Facilitating the payment of prize money.
- Facilitating the payment of any fines that I accrue whilst competing.

Where PGAET needs to supply this information to third parties in order to achieve these purposes, it will only do so under suitable terms of security and confidentiality.