



2025 PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

ENTRY DEADLINE: Monday, October 28, 2024 at 5:00 pm EDT (Eastern Daylight Time)

Registrations must be completed online by 5:00 pm EDT (Eastern Daylight Time) on the applicable entry deadline, Monday, October 28, 2024, *Without Exception*. Entries by telephone, text, facsimile or e-mail are **NOT** acceptable. Registrations must be completely executed for an applicant to be entered in the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament.

All entry fee payments must be made by credit card (Mastercard, Visa or American Express ONLY).

Each applicant must be a professional golfer or highly skilled amateur golfer with a Handicap Index not exceeding 0.8 under the Rules of Handicapping, who is 50 years of age or older, or who is 49 years of age provided he turns 50 on or before June 1, 2025, in order to begin competition at any level (First or Final Stage) of the 2025 PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament.

Amateurs who meet the above criteria are entitled to enter the 2025 PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament. An amateur advancing to the Final Qualifying Stage must forfeit their amateur status upon entry in their first PGA TOUR Champions tournament or PGA TOUR Champions Event Qualifier of the 2025 PGA TOUR Champions season.

Although membership in PGA TOUR Champions is based principally on this competition, PGA TOUR Champions reserves the right to apply reasonable criteria other than performance in this competition (including but not limited to; character; conduct; financial responsibility; etc.) to all applicants. Based on all such factors, PGA TOUR Champions in its sole discretion will determine whether to extend to any applicant an invitation to join PGA TOUR Champions.

If an applicant successfully qualifies and agrees to accept such invitation to participate in PGA TOUR Champions tournaments and/or PGA TOUR Champions Event Qualifiers, applicant agrees to pay the fees and dues and to abide by PGA TOUR Champions *Tournament Regulations* in consideration of all the rights and privileges of such access. The applicant also understands that this *Registration* may at any time be rejected (including during the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament) by PGA TOUR Champions. Conduct unbecoming a professional or noncompetitive performance in previous PGA TOUR Champions tournaments or any level of PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament may be a basis for the rejection of a registration.

PGA TOUR Champions reserves the right to change the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament and schedule from that presently contemplated.

I. ENTRY FEES, FORMAT/SCHEDULE OF PLAY

2024 PGA TOUR Champions Fully Exempt Members, 2024 PGA TOUR Members, and 2024 Korn Ferry Tour Members:

- Entry deadline: 5:00 p.m. EDT, Monday, October 28, 2024 \$3,300

All other Applicants:

- Entry deadline: 5:00 p.m. EDT, Monday, October 28, 2024
- Entry Fee paid: **BEFORE** 5:00 p.m. EDT, Monday, September 9, 2024 \$3,300
AFTER 5:00 p.m. EDT, Monday, September 9, 2024 \$3,800

FIRST Qualifying Stage - Stroke play contested over 72 holes (54-hole cut)

Buckhorn Springs Golf &CC

<p>Practice Rounds: Sunday, November 10, 2024 12:00 p.m. onward & Monday, November 11, 2024</p> <p>Official Rounds: Tuesday – Friday November 12 - 15, 2024</p>	<p>Buckhorn Springs Golf &CC 2721 S Miller Road Valrico, FL 33596</p>	<p>Contact: Bob Munro, General Manager Email: bmunro@buckhornsprings.com Phone: 1-813-689-7766</p>
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Grand Bear Golf Club

<p>Practice Rounds: Sunday, November 10, 2024 10:00 a.m. onward & Monday, November 11, 2024</p> <p>Official Rounds: Tuesday – Friday November 12 - 15, 2024</p>	<p>Grand Bear Golf Club 12040 Grand Way Blvd Saucier, MS 39564</p>	<p>Contact: Brad Kale, General Manager Email: bkale@viciproperties.com Phone: 1-228-265-9361</p>
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Soboba Springs Golf Course

<p>Practice Rounds: Sunday, November 17, 2024 12:00 p.m. onward & Monday, November 18, 2024</p> <p>Official Rounds: Tuesday – Friday November 19 – November 22, 2024</p>	<p>Soboba Springs Golf Course 22777 Soboba Rd San Jacinto, CA 92583</p>	<p>Contact: Frank Luchowski Email: fluchowski@soboba.com Phone: 1-951- 654-4300 ext. 5113</p>
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FINAL Qualifying Stage - Stroke play contested over 72 holes

TPC Scottsdale – Champions Course

<p>Registration & Practice Rounds: All-day Sunday & Monday December 1 & 2, 2024</p> <p>Official Rounds: Tuesday – Friday December 3 – 6, 2024</p>	<p><u>TPC Scottsdale – Champions Course</u> 8243 E Bell Road Scottsdale, AZ 85260</p>	<p>Contact: Doug Hodge, Assistant General Manager Email: doughodge@pgatourtpc.com Phone: 1-480-585-4334</p>
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- **Prize Money:** Prize money will be distributed among the top 30 finishers and those tied for 30th place at the Final Qualifying Stage of the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament as follows:

1 st	\$30,000	5 th	\$14,000
2 nd	\$20,000	6 th	\$9,000
3 rd	\$18,000	7 th	\$8,000
4 th	\$16,000	8 th	\$7,000
9 th – 18 th	\$4,800		
19 th – 30 th , plus ties	\$2,500		

- **Play-off:** In the event of a tie for **any** of the Top-5 places, a hole-by-hole play-off will be used to determine the order of finish.

II. FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE

All applicants, except those exempt to the Final Qualifying Stage, shall participate in the First Qualifying Stage.

- The field size at each First Qualifying Stage site is scheduled to be approximately 78 players.
- First Qualifying Stage will be conducted at stroke play over 72 holes, with a reduction of the field (cut) after 54 holes. At each First Stage site the field will be reduced after 54 holes to scores within 10 strokes and better of the final qualifying position score.
- The number of players advancing from each First Qualifying Stage site to the Final Qualifying Stage will be on a pro rata basis (*i.e.*, roughly the same percentage of players from each site will advance), and such number will be announced during the First Qualifying Stage.
- In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position there will be a hole-by-hole play-off immediately following the last stipulated round to determine the players who will advance to the Final Qualifying Stage.
- Two (2) alternates from each First Qualifying Stage site will be established.
- In the event of a tie for either of the 2 alternate positions there will be a hole-by-hole play-off immediately following the last stipulated round to determine the alternate ranking.
- PGA TOUR Champions shall assign an on-site Tournament Rules Official who shall appoint a Rules Committee. The Rules Committee's decisions shall be final.
- PGA TOUR Champions reserves the right to remove a player from the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament, without any refund of the entry fee, who has been determined to be noncompetitive by the on-site PGA TOUR Champions Rules Committee.

III. FINAL QUALIFYING STAGE

Successful First Qualifying Stage applicants and applicants exempt to the Final Qualifying Stage shall participate in the Final Qualifying Stage.

- The field size at the Final Qualifying Stage is scheduled to be 78 players.
- The Final Qualifying Stage will be conducted at stroke play over 72 holes, with no reduction (cut) of the field.

Final Qualifying Stage Exemptions:

The following applicants shall be exempt into the Final Qualifying Stage, provided the applicant has met the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament entry deadline of Monday, October 28, 2024: at 5:00 pm EDT:

- a. The top five (5) finishers from the 2024 Senior PGA Professional Championship.
- b. The leading available player (to a floor of fifth position) on the 2024 Legends Tour Order of Merit through October 14, 2024.
- c. The leading available player (to a floor of fifth position) on the 2024 Japan Golf Tour Organization Senior Tour Order of Merit through October 14, 2024.

- d. Those players not otherwise exempt who are in the Top 75 on the 2024 PGA TOUR Champions Official Money List through October 14, 2024.
- e. Those players not otherwise exempt who are in the Top 100 on the 2024 PGA TOUR Champions All-Time Money List through October 28, 2024.
- f. On a two-time only basis, players who (i) have won an official event (awarding official money and official victory status, excluding team events) on PGA TOUR or PGA TOUR Champions, or are a PGA TOUR Veteran Member (i.e., have a minimum of 150 career cuts in official money PGA TOUR events); and (ii) are 50 years of age or older, or will turn age 50 on or before June 1, 2025.

Note: A player who receives a two-time exemption into the Final Qualifying Stage of the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament as a Tournament Winner shall not be eligible to receive an exemption as a PGA TOUR Veteran Member at a later date. Likewise, a player who receives a two-time exemption into the Final Qualifying Stage of the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament as a PGA TOUR Veteran Member shall not be eligible to receive an exemption as a Tournament Winner at a later date. The two-time exemption became effective in 2010 and remains in effect for those eligible players who are 50 or will turn 50 on or before June 1, 2025.

- g. Players who have won an official PGA TOUR Champions event awarding official money, official victory status, will receive a one-year exemption into the Final Qualifying Stage of the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament for each win. This exemption can be used at the player's discretion at any point that player no longer maintains exempt status on PGA TOUR Champions.

AMATEUR INFORMATION:

Applicants advancing to the Final Qualifying Stage, will be required to declare (by signing a form at registration) their desire to (a) forfeit amateur status and be paid prize money should they finish within the top 30 plus ties for 30th position OR (b) continue on at the Final Qualifying Stage as an amateur and not be paid any money should they finish within the top 30 plus ties for 30th position. Upon entry in their first PGA TOUR Champions tournament or Event Qualifier of the 2025 PGA TOUR Champions season amateur status will be forfeited.

DOCUMENTATION OF GOLFING ABILITY AND CHARACTER:

If an applicant has not played in the Final Stage of the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament in the last five years (2019-2023), nor played in a PGA TOUR Champions Event Qualifier (Event Pre-Qualifiers are not applicable) in the last three years (2022, 2023, 2024), the PGA TOUR Champions **may** require the applicant to provide supporting documentation of his playing ability and character.

Documentation of golfing ability and character would include, but not be limited to, letters of reference from Class-A PGA of America professionals, PGA TOUR members, PGA TOUR Champions members and/or Korn Ferry Tour members. In the case of foreign applicants, letters of reference from golf officials and/or PGA members from a foreign golf tour or association.

NOTE: Failure to provide the PGA TOUR Champions with documentation of playing ability and character upon request will result in the entry being revoked and applicable withdrawal fee charged.

IV. NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY APPLICATION/QUALIFYING SITE ASSIGNMENT

Upon receipt of a completely executed *Registration*, notification confirming the applicant's entry into the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament and their qualifying stage site assignment will be e-mailed to applicants. **It is an applicant's responsibility to verify their status in the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament.**

Each applicant will be assigned a qualifying site in order of their preference based upon space availability at the time such applicant is assigned to a qualifying site; provided, however, that assignment to qualifying sites shall be at the discretion of PGA TOUR Champions. PGA TOUR Champions reserves the right to change the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament format, schedule of play and qualifying locations as presently contemplated and reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to add players to the field of any Qualifying Stage.

PGA TOUR Champions reserves the right to require proof of age (Certified Birth Certificate or Passport) or documentation of golfing ability and character (including, but not be limited to, letters of reference from Class-A PGA of America professionals, PGA TOUR members, PGA TOUR Champions members and/or Korn Ferry Tour members. In the case of foreign applicants, letters of reference from golf officials and/or PGA members from a foreign golf tour or association.) at any time.

V. WITHDRAWALS, SUBSTITUTIONS AND REALLOTMENT OF SPOTS

- a. Entry fees shall not be refunded unless extreme circumstances prevent qualifying play, in which case a request for a refund, along with valid proof of extreme circumstances, must be substantiated in writing. Applicants withdrawing shall inform PGA TOUR Champions by the applicable deadline listed below in order to receive a refund of their entry fee (minus the applicable withdrawal fee). Refunds will not be processed until written substantiation of withdrawal is received.

1. WITHDRAWAL DEADLINES

- **First Qualifying Stage (All Sites):** 5:00 p.m. EDT Monday, November 4, 2024
- **Final Qualifying Stage:** 5:00 p.m. EDT Monday, November 25, 2024

2. WITHDRAWAL FEES

- **Applicants Starting at First Qualifying Stage:**
 - **Prior to the applicable Withdrawal Deadline:** \$500
 - **After Withdrawal Deadline:** \$750
- **Applicants Starting at Final Qualifying Stage:**
 - **Prior to the applicable Withdrawal Deadline:** \$500
 - **After Withdrawal Deadline:** \$750

Notwithstanding any prior written notice of withdrawal furnished by an applicant, once an applicant begins play in any stage of the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament, is disqualified or is removed for conduct unbecoming a professional or noncompetitive performance, the applicant will be ineligible to receive a refund. Only withdrawals made personally by the applicant will be accepted.

- b. If a successful First Qualifying Stage entrant withdraws prior to such entrant beginning play in the Final Qualifying Stage, the first available alternate from the same First Qualifying Stage site will be substituted.
- c. If an applicant exempt to the Final Qualifying Stage withdraws either before or after all First Qualifying Stage contestants have teed off or after the First Qualifying Stage has been completed, the position reserved will be reallocated to the first available qualifier from the various First Qualifying Stage sites on a pro rata basis (i.e., based on the percentage of players advancing from a First Qualifying Site).

VI. PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS MEMBERSHIP / TOURNAMENT ACCESS

PGA TOUR Champions Regular Membership will be awarded to the low 5 finishers (1 - 5) in the Final Qualifying Stage. The lowest five (5) finishers (1 – 5) will be fully exempt into open, full-field, cosponsored PGA TOUR Champions tournaments in the 2025 season. **NOTE:** Players finishing 6-30 in the Final Qualifying Stage shall be eligible to apply for PGA TOUR Champions Associate Membership for the 2025 season, which will afford them the opportunity to enter 2025 PGA TOUR Champions weekly Event Qualifiers.

- a. **PGA TOUR Champions Exempt Membership will be awarded to the low 5 finishers (1-5) in the Final Qualifying Stage.** These 5 players will be fully exempt into all open full field tournaments for the 2025 PGA TOUR Champions Season. **NOTE:** Annual dues for PGA TOUR Champions Membership: \$100 Champions Members, \$150 Combo Members (due prior to your first tournament)

PGA TOUR Champions Membership Includes:

- Tournament entry fee

- Player & Family Credentials
 - Player Money Clip
 - TOUR Travel
 - Physiotherapy Trailer onsite
 - Equipment Truck onsite
 - Access to www.pgatourlinks.com
 - Subsidized health, dental and vision insurance
 - Players under 65 are automatically covered under a group long term disability policy
 - All players competing in 12 events are eligible for Champions Retirement Plan contributions
 - Annual TPC Sawgrass Membership
 - Marketing Benefits (all are subject to change)
 - (i.e. CAREY Transportation, OMNI Hotel, United Airlines, FedEx, Getty Images, etc.)
- b. Players finishing 6-30 in the Final Qualifying Stage will be eligible to enter weekly PGA TOUR Champions Event Qualifiers.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, PGA TOUR Champions Tournament Regulations are the final authority on all operations and policies of PGA TOUR Champions, including eligibility and exempt status.

VI. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. RULES OF GOLF:

Play shall be governed in accordance with the current Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and R&A Rules Limited, except as modified by PGA TOUR Champions. Pace of play will be in accordance with the 2025 PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament Pace of Play Policy. Questions and disputes shall be settled by the on-site Rules Committee whose decisions shall be final. There will be no refund of entry fee to disqualified players.

B. POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS:

If in the judgment of the on-site PGA TOUR Champions Rules Official, adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence or condition renders commencement or continuation of tournament play inadvisable, play shall be postponed until such time as the on-site PGA TOUR Champions Rules Official determines that such weather conditions or other occurrence have improved sufficiently for play to commence or resume, provided that:

In situations involving adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence or condition, the first priority is the completion of four rounds (72 holes). Every effort will be made to achieve this objective by the end of the last scheduled competitive round day, which may include playing more than one round in a day.

In the event four rounds (72 holes) cannot be completed by the end of the last scheduled competitive day, play will be extended one additional day. If four rounds (72 holes) cannot be completed by the end of one additional day, the next priority will be the completion of three rounds (54 holes) by the end of the one additional day.

First and Final Qualifying Stage competitions are "official" if at least two rounds (36 holes) have been completed by the end of the one additional day. First or Final Qualifying Stage competitions will be extended beyond one additional day only enough to complete the number of holes to become "official".

In no situation will a round of an "official" First or Final Qualifying Stage be started or resumed that cannot be completed by the end of one additional day. A round of an "official" competition that is not completed at the end of the one additional day and half of the field has not finished will be cancelled and the results through the last completed round shall stand. A round of an "official" competition that is suspended at the end of one additional day and half the field has finished will be extended a second additional day to complete that round only; however, if that round cannot be completed by the end of the second additional day, the round will be cancelled and the results through the last completed round shall stand.

C. REMOVAL FROM COMPETITION:

PGA TOUR Champions reserves the right to remove from the competition a player determined to be noncompetitive by the on-site PGA TOUR Champions Rules Official at any Stage of the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament without any refund of entry fee.

PGA TOUR Champions reserves the right to require proof of age at any time (Acceptable Forms of Proof of Age: Certified Birth Certificate or Passport).

D. APPEARANCE OF PLAYERS/CADDIES:

- **PLAYERS:** While on the host facility property during official practice and tournament round days, players shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Jeans or T-shirts shall not be worn.
- **CADDIES:** Caddies may wear either long pants or tailored, solid-colored, knee-length shorts. Jeans, cutoffs, T-shirts or sandals or Crocs shall not be worn. Smooth rubber-soled, closed-toed shoes are required. Golf shoes, including spikeless golf shoes, are prohibited.

E. CADDIES:

- **FIRST QUALIFYING STAGE:** Players are not required to have a caddie but have the option to have one should they elect. Each entrant is solely responsible for arranging and paying his own caddie.
- **FINAL QUALIFYING STAGE:** All players are required to have a caddie. Each entrant is solely responsible for arranging and paying his own caddie.

Note: A player must accept responsibility for the conduct of his caddie. A caddie who conducts themselves in an unbecoming manner could result in the removal of the player from the competition.

F. MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION:

- Each player may have a golf cart at both First Qualifying Stage and Final Qualifying Stage.
- Both the player and his caddie are permitted to ride or drive together throughout the round.
- The player's golf bag may remain affixed to the golf cart throughout the round.
- Players choosing to take a golf cart may do so for the entire 18 holes or any portion of the round.
- Golf carts may not be shared between players, except for brief periods to expedite play (e.g., proceeding under penalty of stroke & distance).
- Golf cart covers and heaters are not permitted.
- Complete golf cart regulations will be provided at the tournament site.

Push/pull carts, either manual or motorized, are permitted at First Qualifying Stage, but are **NOT** permitted at Final Qualifying Stage.

G. DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES:

FIRST & FINAL QUALIFYING STAGES: Players are permitted to use electronic distance-measuring devices at both First Final Qualifying Stages. Any functionality other than distance (i.e., slope, elevation change, map features, etc.) must be disabled.

INQUIRIES

Please direct requests for information on the PGA TOUR Champions National Qualifying Tournament to:
Gaby Santini, PGA TOUR Champions Competitions, 1 PGA TOUR Boulevard, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
Email: GabySantini@pgatourhq.com ; Office Direct: 904-273-3685

TELEVISION, RADIO, MOTION PICTURE, PHOTOGRAPHIC, ELECTRONIC, INTERNET AND SIMILAR RIGHTS/DECLARATIONS:

The undersigned hereby grants and assigns to PGA TOUR, Inc., without limitation, the undersigned's individual television, radio, motion picture, photographic, electronic, internet "Interactive Applications" (as defined below) and all other media rights with respect to the undersigned's participation in the qualifying tournament or any portion thereof (i.e., at all times on-site during Tournament week and during any Tournament-related activities), or any other footage of the undersigned that may be captured by PGA TOUR Entertainment or its contractors with the undersigned's permission, with the understanding that PGA TOUR's use thereof shall be limited to the following: (1) advertising, promoting or publicizing the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR charitable initiatives, tournaments or any broadcasts thereof; (2) live broadcasts during tournaments, (3) broadcasts or exhibitions on a recorded basis as part of a program or motion picture of tournaments or year-end summaries of sports award programs or any news of sports news programs; provided, that in no case shall the rights granted hereunder be used in any program or motion picture designed for instructional purposes without the express written consent of the player(s) involved; and (4) live or taped non-exclusive updates. "Interactive Applications" shall mean the presentation in any medium in a way that permits the viewer to interact with or manipulate the presentation or access other relevant information during the presentation. The undersigned agrees to refrain from any action which will interfere with PGA TOUR's ownership of the rights hereunder granted and assigned to PGA TOUR or with any authorized use thereof. The undersigned also agrees to abide by and be governed by the PGA TOUR Champions Tournament Regulations currently in effect (and, if a member of PGA TOUR Champions, attest that a copy thereof has been furnished to me) and by the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association, subject to any modifications thereof approved by PGA TOUR Champions.

I agree to refrain from any action which will interfere with PGA TOUR's, ownership of the rights hereunder granted and assigned to PGA TOUR or with any use thereof.

INTEGRITY PROGRAM: The PGA TOUR Integrity Program is intended to maintain integrity and prevent betting-related corruption in PGA TOUR Champions competitions including qualifying tournaments (each, a "Tournament") I consent and agree to be bound by all terms of the PGA TOUR Integrity Program Manual (the "Integrity Program Manual"). The Integrity Program Manual, among other things: prohibits me from betting on any Tournament and providing inside information to third parties for purposes of betting on any Tournament; requires me to report any violations of the Integrity Program Manual to PGA TOUR; and establishes a process for the monitoring, investigation, sanctioning and disclosure of violations of the Integrity Program Manual.

I hereby declare that I have the financial capacity to support myself on PGA TOUR Champions for one full year and that the foregoing information furnished in the *Application to Enter* is true and complete; I understand that any material false statements herein furnished by me may result in my expulsion from the 2025 PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament and the suspension or termination of my playing privileges in tournaments cosponsored, approved or endorsed by PGA TOUR.

By submission of this entry, I agree to the following:

- I agree to the PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament regulations included herewith and I agree that my entry is subject to rejection at any time. PGA TOUR Champions reserves the right to require proof of age at any time (Acceptable Forms of Proof of Age: Certified Birth Certificate, Passport).
- Failure to provide the PGA TOUR Champions with documentation of playing ability and character *upon request* will result in the entry being revoked and applicable withdrawal fee charged.
- I agree that certain risks are inherent to the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks.
- I agree that the responsibility of ensuring this *Application to Enter* is received by PGA TOUR Champions by no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, October 28, 2024 is mine alone and that this *Application to Enter* will be automatically rejected if it is received by the PGA TOUR Champions after such date and time.
- I agree that the risk of delay lies solely with me and PGA TOUR Champions has no liability with respect to any such delay and the consequences there from, including rejection of this entry.
- I agree that the *Application to Enter* must be completely executed before I may be invited to participate in the 2025 PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament.