

# 2017 TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS AND PLAYER HANDBOOK

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Dear Web.com Tour Members:

The 2017 Web.com Tour Player Handbook and Tournament Regulations serves as an informational guide for members. I encourage every player to use this publication on a day-to-day basis and become familiar with the policies and procedures of the Web.com Tour.

Since many of you are newcomers to the Web.com Tour, it is important to understand that this publication is the final authority on Web.com Tour operations and policies. Further, we expect each player to conduct himself to the highest professional standards, and to learn his responsibilities to fellow members, sponsors, volunteers, spectators and staff.

The Web.com Tour is a highly competitive and growing TOUR which is gaining stature within professional golf. We will continue to elevate this TOUR's status whenever possible going forward.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our staff. Best wishes for a successful season.

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Jay Monahan Commissioner PGA TOUR

# SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE 2017 WEB.COM TOUR TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- 1. Simplification of round 1 and 2 groupings categories shall be as listed below:
  - A. All members of PGA TOUR, Web.com Tour and those players with combined PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour official career earnings of more than \$750,000.
  - B. All other players.
- 2. Modifications for Major Medical Regulations

The category will be moved within the eligibility list to be located between the PGA TOUR Members 48-49 and the Top 50 Web.com Tour Finishers from the Previous Year. Additional language will be added to the regulation: Once a player resumes a normal playing schedule on the Web.com Tour, the number of his Available Tournaments shall be reduced by one for each PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latinoamerica, PGA TOUR China, or other Federation Tours tournament he plays when eligible for the ~eb.com Tour event the same week.

3. Additional Language for Next 25 Money Leaders from Web.com Tour Finals Category

NOTE: Beginning with the 2018 season, players eligible for this category from the FedExCup #151-200 category will be limited to a maximum of five players for the season based on order of ranking on the final Web.com Tour Priority Rankings List.

4. Inclusion of PGA TOUR 126-150 Category in Web.com Tour Player Advisory Council

The category will be added to the group that includes Major Medical, Past Champions Years 3-4 and the 151-200 category.

5. Top-25 Rollover Category-Additional language added to be the same as the PGA TOUR

Any player finishing Top 25 and those tied for 25th place not able to gain entry into the next open tournament awarding official victory status due to a full field shall be exempt 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.

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# 2017 WEB.COM TOUR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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Jan 5 - 11	THE BAHAMAS GREAT EXUMA CLASSIC (132 Players) Sandals Emerald Bay - Emerald Reef Course Queen's Highway Great Exuma, Bahamas Club: (242) 336-6800 Office: (859) 285-3818 Commit Deadline: 1/2/17, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Catherine Clifton - Tournament Director
Jan 19 - 25	<b>THE BAHAMAS GREAT ABACO CLASSIC (132 Players)</b> The Abaco Club on Winding Bay Marsh Harbour Great Abaco, Bahamas Club: (242) 366-3862 Office: (859) 494-3932 Commit Deadline: 1/16/17, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Josh Franklin - Tournament Director
Feb 6 - 12	CLUB COLOMBIA CHAMPIONSHIP (144 Players) by Servientrega Country Club de Bogota Calle 127c #15-02 Bogota, COLOMBIA Club (011) 571 6582700 Office (011) 57 3106951029 Commit Deadline: 2/3/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Juliana Calle - Tournament Director
Feb 13 - 19	PANAMA CLARO CHAMPIONSHIP (144 Players) Panama Golf Club Club de Golf de Panama Apartado 0834-00911 Panama, Republica de Panama Club (011) 507-266-7777 Office (011) 507 6207-0985 Commit Deadline: 2/10/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Carlos Sacre – Tournament Director

Mar 20 - 26	CHITIMACHA LOUISIANA OPEN (144 Players) Presented by NACHER Le Triomphe Country Club 100 Club Boulevard Broussard, LA 70518 Club (337) 856-9005 Office (337) 593-8000 Commit Deadline: 3/17/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Danny Jones - Executive Director
Apr 17 - 23	UNITED LEASING AND FINANCE CHAMPIONSHIP (156 Players) Victoria National Golf Club 2000 Victoria National Blvd Newburgh, IN 47630 Club (812) 858-8230 Office (904) 910-2690 Commit Deadline: 4/14/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Patrick Nichol - Tournament Director
Apr 24 - 30	EL BOSQUE MEXICO CHAMPIONSHIP (156 Players) El Bosque Country Club Av. Country Club Gran Jardín No. 104 Leon, GTO MEXICO C.P. 37000 Club (011) 52 477-104-8686 Office (011) 52 477 152 9404 Commit Deadline: 4/21/17 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Lorena Succar
May 1 – 7	CORALES PUNTACANA RESORT & CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (156 Players) Corales Golf Club 1 Punta Cana Dominican Republic Club (809) 959-2714 Office (011) 57 3106951029 Commit Deadline: 4/28/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code:

Commitment Code: Key Contact: Juliana Calle - Tournament Director

May 15 - 21	BMW CHARITY PRO-AM (168 Players) Presented by SYNNEX Corporation Thornblade Club (Host course) The Preserve at Verde Golf Club Furman University Golf Club 1275 Thornblade Blvd Greer, SC 29650 Club (864) 234-5100 Commit Deadline: 5/12/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code:	Office (864) 297-1660
	Key Contact: Marshall Bettendorf – Tournament	Director
May 29 - Jun 4	<b>REX HOSPITAL OPEN (156 Players)</b> TPC at Wakefield Plantation 2201 Wakefield Plantation Drive Raleigh, NC 27614 Club (919) 488-5100 Commit Deadline: 5/26/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Brian Krusoe - Tournament Director	Office (919) 784-4718
Jun 5 - 11	RUST-OLEUM CHAMPIONSHIP (156 Players	)
	Ivanhoe Golf Club 28846 Thorngate Drive Mundelein, IL 60060 Club (847) 949-1300 Commit Deadline: 6/2/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Scott Cassin - Tournament Director	Office (312) 446-1770
Jun 12 - 18	AIR CAPITAL CLASSIC (156 Players) Crestview Country Club 1000 North 127th Street East Wichita, KS 67206 Club (316) 733-1344 Commit Deadline: 6/9/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Roy Turner – Tournament Director	Ofifce (316) 219-9046
Jun 19 – 25	LINCOLN LAND CHARITY CHAMPIONSHIP (	156 Players)
	Panther Creek Country Club 3001 Panther Creek Drive Springfield, IL 62711 Club (217) 546-4431 Commit Deadline: 6/16/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Kate Peters - Tournament Director	Office (217) 546-4431

Jun 26 – Jul 2	NASHVILLE GOLF OPEN (156 Players) Nashville Golf & Athletic Club 1703 Crockett Springs Trail Brentwood, TN 37027 Club (615) 370-3346 Commit Deadline: 6/23/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Patrick Nichol	Office (904) 910-2690
Jul 3 – 9	LECOM HEALTH CHALLENGE (156 Players) Peek'n Peak Resort & Conference Center (Upper Course) 1405 Olde Road (shipping) Findley Lake, NY 14736 Club (716) 355-4141 Commit Deadline: 6/30/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Michelle Turner - Tournament Direc	Office (716) 661-8906 tor
Jul 10-16	UTAH CHAMPIONSHIP (156 Players) Presented by Zions Bank Oakridge Country Club 1492 Shepard Lane Farmington, UT 84025 Club: (801) 451-2229 Commit Deadline: 7/7/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Chris Prybylo - Tournament Director	Office: (801) 323-4252
Jul 17 -23	PINNACLE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP (156 Play The Club at Indian Creek 3825 North 202nd Street Elkhorn, NE 68022 Club: (402) 289-0900 Office: (5 Commit Deadline: 7/14/17, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Jessica Brabec - Tournament Director	15) 418-0175 e
Jul 24 - 30	DIGITAL ALLY OPEN (156 Players) Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate 14425 Dearborn Ave Overland Park, KS 66203 Club (913) 402-1000 Commit Deadline: 7/21/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Kelly Eddy – Tournament Director	Office (913) 652-6912

#### Jul 31 - Aug 6 ELLIE MAE CLASSIC (156 Players)

TPC Stonebrae 222 Country Club Drive Hayward, CA 94542 Club (510) 728-7878 Office (925) 212-1057 Commit Deadline: 7/28/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Trish Gregorovich - Tournament Director

# Aug 7 - 13 PRICE CUTTER CHARITY CHAMPIONSHIP (156 Players) Presented by Dr Pepper Presented by Dr Pepper

Highland Springs Country Club 5400 Highland Springs Boulevard Springfield, MO 65809 Club (417) 886-0408 Office (417) 887-3400 Commit Deadline: 8/4/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Jerald Andrews – Tournament Director

## Aug 14 - 20 NEWS SENTINEL OPEN (156 Players)

**Presented by Pilot** 

Fox Den Country Club 12284 North Fox Den Drive Knoxville, TN 37922 Club (865) 966-9771 Office (904) 910-2690 Commit Deadline: 8/11/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Patrick Nichol - Tournament Director

#### Aug 21 - 27 WINCO PORTLAND OPEN (156 Players) Presented by Kraft-Heinz

Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club, Witch Hollow 12930 NW Old Pumpkin Ridge Road North Plaines, OR 97133 Club (503) 647-4747 Office (503) 924-6207 Commit Deadline: 8/18/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Patrick McCabe - Tournament Director

#### Web.com Tour Finals

#### Aug 28 - Sep 3 NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Ohio State University GC Scarlet Course 3605 Tremont Road Columbus, OH 43221 Club (614) 459-4653 Commit Deadline: 8/25/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Kip McBride – Tournament Director

### Sept 11-17 ALBERTSONS BOISE OPEN

Presented by Kraft-Nabisco

Hillcrest Country Club 4610 Hillcrest Drive Boise, ID 83705 Club (208) 343-5425 Office (503) 924-6208 Commit Deadline: 9/8/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Travis McCutchan – Tournament Director

#### Sep 18 - 24 DAP CHAMPIONSHIP

Canterbury Golf Club 22000 South Woodland Road Cleveland, OH 44122 Club (216) 561-1000 Office (216) 561-1000 Ext. 263 Commit Deadline: 9/15/17, 5 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Kevin Krisle - Tournament Director

#### Sep 25- Oct 1 WEB.COM TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Atlantic Beach Country Club 1600 Selva Marina Drive Atlantic Beach, FL 3 223 3 Club: (904) 372-2222 Office: (904) 252-9515 Commit Deadline: 9/22/17, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time Commitment Code: Key Contact: Adam Renfroe - Tournament Director

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# WEB.COM TOUR DUES AND FEES

Annual Dues\* Entry Fees (non-members) Entry Fees (members) Open Qualifying Entry Fees\*\* Insurance Fee\*\*\* Locker Room Fee Club Repair Van Fee \$100
\$100 per event
\$ 0
\$450 per event
\$ 20 per event
\$ 20 per event
\$ 15 per event

- \* Combined PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) and Web.com Tour annual dues are \$150.
- \*\* For successful qualifiers, the \$450 qualifying entry fee is applied toward the non-member tournament entry fee of \$100. The open qualifying fee for PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions (Regular Members) and Web.com Tour members is \$100. Such players must commit to the Host PGA Section no later than 5 p.m. local time the Friday preceding open qualifying.
- \*\*\* Members or apprentices of the PGA of America need not pay the insurance fee. All other players, including amateurs, must either pay this fee or provide written evidence of the necessary levels of liability insurance coverage.

**NOTE:** For Web.com Tour members, the open qualifying entry fee for PGA TOUR events is \$100. Such players must enter with the Host PGA Section no later than 5 p.m. local time the Friday preceeding open qualifying.

# PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

#### THE BAHAMAS GREAT EXUMA CLASSIC

January 5 - 11 Sandals Emerald Bay - Emerald Reef Course Great Exuma, Bahamas

Eligible players for this 132-player field are those listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations.

**NOTE:** Special Commitment Deadline: Monday, January 2, 2017. **NOTE:** Tournament Rounds: Sunday, January 8, 2017 - Wednesday, January 11, 2017. **NOTE:** Open Qualifying is not held for this event.

#### THE BAHAMAS GREAT ABACO CLASSIC

January 19 - 25 The Abaco Club Marsh Harbour, Abaco Bahamas

Eligible players for this 132-player field are those listed in order of priority under Aiiicle III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations.

**NOTE:** Special Commitment Deadline: Monday, January 16, 2017. **NOTE:** Tournament Rounds: Sunday, January 22, 2017 - Wednesday, January 25, 2017. **NOTE:** Open Qualifying is not held for this event.

#### **CLUB COLOMBIA CHAMPIONSHIP by Servientrega**

February 6 - 12 Country Club de Bogotá Bogotá, Colombia

Eligible players for this 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:

- Finishers 2 through 5 from the final 2016 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Order of Merit.
- Four unrestricted sponsor exemptions.
- **NOTE:** Open qualifying, conducted by the South Florida PGA section in south Florida, shall be held for this event. The number of open qualifying spots will be (4) four.

#### PANAMA CLARO CHAMPIONSHIP

February 13 - 19 Club de Golf de Panama Panama City, Panama

Eligible players for this 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:

- Finishers 2 through 5 from the final 2016 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Order of Merit.
- Four unrestricted sponsor exemptions.
- **NOTE:** Open qualifying, conducted by the South Florida PGA section in south Florida, shall be held for this event. The number of open qualifying spots will be (4) four.

#### **EL BOSQUE MEXICO CHAMPIONSHIP**

April 24 - 30 El Bosque Country Club Leon, Mexico

Eligible players for this 156-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:

- 16 players from Mexico as determined by the host organization.
- Finishers 2 through 5 from the final 2016 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Order of Merit.

**NOTE:** Open qualifying is not held for this event.

**NOTE:** If needed to fill the field to 144 players after the exhaustion of all eligibility categories under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, additional players determined by the host organization.

#### **CORALES PUNTA CANA RESORT & CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

May 1 - 7 Corales Golf Club Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Eligible players for this 156-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:

- Finishers 2 through 5 from the final 2016 PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Order of Merit.
- Ten unrestricted sponsor exemptions, not less than eight of which shall go to players from Latin America.

**NOTE:** Open qualifying is not held for this event.

**NOTE:** If needed to fill the field to 144 players after the exhaustion of all eligible categories under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, additional sponsor exemptions determined by the Host Organization, chosen from players on the current PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Order of Merit.

#### BMW CHARITY PRO-AM presented by SYNNEX Corporation

May 15 - 21 Thornblade Club (host course) Furman University Golf Club The Preserve at Verde Golf Club Greer, SC

Eligible players for this 168-professional field are those listed in order of priority under Article III, Section A of the Tournament Regulations, modified as follows:

• On invitation of the tournament sponsor, a maximum of twelve professionals, provided that not less than five such sponsor exemptions shall be PGA TOUR or Web.com Tour members not

otherwise exempt for the event.

- Open Qualifying will not be held for the tournament
- If needed to fill the field, on invitation of the tournament sponsor additional professionals will be added to reach 168.

**NOTE:** The sponsor will team each professional with an amateur player. The Web.com Tour shall group the professional players and assign starting times. After three rounds, the field will be cut to the low 65 professionals and ties and exactly the low 16 pro-am teams for fourth round play.

#### WINCO FOODS PORTLAND OPEN presented by Kraft-Heinz

August 21 - 27 Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club North Plains, OR

Players eligible for this 156 player field are:

• Players from the current Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List, in order of ranking, as of the conclusion of tournament immediately preceding (News Sentinel Open)

#### Web.com Tour Finals

#### NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CHAMPIONSHIP

August 28 - September 3 The Ohio State University Golf Club, Scarlet Course Columbus, OH

#### ALBERTSONS BOISE OPEN

September 11 - 17 Hillcrest Country Club Boise, ID

#### DAP CHAMPIONSHIP

September 18 - 24 Lakewood Country Club Westlake, OH

#### WEB.COM TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

September 25 - October 1 Atlantic Beach Country Club Atlantic Beach, FL Players eligible to compete in the four Web.com Tour Finals events listed above are:

- The top-75 players (including any ties) on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List through the conclusion of the Web.com Tour event immediately preceding the first Finals event.
- Players #126 #200 on the PGA TOUR's Official FedExCup Points List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceding the first FedExCup Playoffs event (Wyndham Championship).
- Non-members, who would have earned if they were members, enough FedExCup points from their performance in official money PGA TOUR events in the current year to place them within #126 #200 on the official FedExCup Points List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceding the first FedExCup Playoffs event (Wyndham Championship).

**NOTE 1:** All players exempt for the PGA TOUR the following season via an eligibility category higher than category A.1d (Top-125 Non-Members) are not eligible to play in the Finals.

**NOTE 2:** PGA TOUR Members subject to Medical Extension Regulations as outlined in Section III.A.2 of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations may gain access to the Web.com Tour Finals as a result of the provisions of those regulations.

**NOTE 3:** A professional under the age of 18 may play in the Web.com Tour Finals, provided the player turns 18 on or before the first scheduled round of the final official money PGA TOUR tournament of the following season. If a player under the age of 18 earns a PGA TOUR card, the player would not become eligible for the PGA TOUR membership until his 18 birthday. Similarly, a player under the age of 18 who qualifies for the Web.com Tour as a result of his play in the Web.com Tour Finals would not become eligible for Web.com Tour membership until his 18 birthday.

# **TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES**

60 positions available will be allocated through an Olympic Golf Ranking (OGR) list published on the IGF website, based on the player's respective official world golf ranking as follows:

• Players within the top-15 on the men's official world golf rankings as of TBD date in 2020 will be eligible, except that there will be no more than four players from any one country eligible within the top-15.

• The balance of the field will be selected in order from 16th place onwards on the official world golf rankings as of as of TBD date in 2020, up to a maximum of 2 players per country for those countries not already having more than 2 players within the top-15.

• A provision has been included for the host country, Japan, which will guarantee that at least one Japanese golfer will compete in the Games if not otherwise eligible, based on position within the official world golf rankings.

• Another provision has also been included that each of the five continents of the Olympic Movement (Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania) will be guaranteed at least one athlete in the event, if not otherwise eligible, based on position within the respective official world golf rankings.

• These provisions will not increase the field size beyond 60 athletes in the competition.

The two-year qualification period for the Olympic Golf Ranking will run from TBD date in 2018 to TBD date in 2020. Throughout that time, an OGR list will be published each week using the current official world golf rankings at http://www.igfgolf.org. The IGF will publish the final OGR list as of TBD date in 2020 following the conclusion of all eligible events.

For more information http://www.igfgolf.org/

# **NATIONALITY POLICY**

#### I. GENERAL

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

The IGF publishes this Nationality Policy as it pertains to matters relating to the determination of the country which a competitor 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 a competitor's Nationality.

Each sanctioning organization has adopted the IGF 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 a competitor 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

#### **Men's Competitions**

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

#### **Sanctioning Organization**

International Golf Federation LPGA LPGA International Golf Federation International Golf Federation

#### **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**

A competitor will be considered a National of a country if the competitor is a citizen of the country, as defined by the laws of such country.

A competitor who is a National of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as the competitor may elect. However, after having represented one country in an International Golf Competition, the competitor 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.

A competitor 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 repre-

senting the new country provided that, as of the start of the qualification period for such event, at least four years have passed since the competitor 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, a competitor may continue to represent the country to which the competitor belongs or belonged. However, if the competitor prefers, the competitor may elect to represent the new country. This particular choice may be made only once.

Furthermore, in all cases in which a competitor 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 competitor 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 competitor, 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 a competitor 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:

#### V. RANKINGS

A competitor 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 competitor 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 a competitor'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 player within the rankings.

A competitor 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.

A competitor eligible to participate in an International Golf Competition by having the choice as to the country which such competitor 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.

A competitor who changes his 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.

# **PURSE DISTRIBUTION CHARTS**

The PGA TOUR Policy Board establishes distribution of purses for Web.com Tour tournaments. Events with special or small fields may use other purse distribution formulas.

The standard formula for Web.com 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 \$650,000.

PLACE	PERCENT	PRIZE	PLACE	PERCENT	PRIZE
1		\$117,000	34		\$3 803
				0.560%	1 - 7
3	6.800%	\$44,200		0.535%	1 - 7
4		\$31,200		0.510%	1 - 7
5		\$26,000		0.485%	
				0.460%	1 - 7
7		\$21,775			1 /
8		\$20,150			1 /
				0.400%	
				0.380%	1 1
11		\$16,250	44		\$2,340
12		\$14,950			1 /
				0.320%	
14		\$12,350		0.305%	1 1
15		\$11,700		0.300%	
16		\$11,050		0.295%	
17		\$10,400		0.290%	1 /
18		\$9,750		0.285%	
19		\$9,100	52	0.280%	\$1.820
20		\$8,450			1 /
21		\$7,800		0.274%	1 /
22		\$7,280		0.271%	
23		\$6,760		0.268%	
24		\$6,240	57	0.266%	\$1.729
25	0.880%	\$5,720	58	0.264%	\$1.716
26	0.833%	\$5,415	59	0.262%	\$1.703
27	0.790%	\$5,135		0.260%	
28	0.750%	\$4,875	61	0.258%	\$1,677
29	0.720%	\$4,680	62	0.256%	\$1.664
30		\$4,485		0.254%	1 1
31		\$4,290		0.252%	
32	0.635%	\$4,128		0.250%	1 /
33	0.610%	\$3,965			

Following is the distribution formula for the Web.com Tour Finals events with a purse of \$1,000,000 each.

PLACE	PERCENT	PRIZE
1	10 0000/	¢100.000
2		1 1
3		1 /
4		
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6		
7		\$33,500
8		\$31,000
9		\$29,000
10		
11		\$25,000
12		\$23,000
13		\$21,000
14		\$19,000
15		\$18,000
16		\$17,000
17		\$16,000
18	1.500%	\$15,000
19	1.400%	\$14,000
20	1.300%	\$13,000
21	1.200%	\$12,000
22	1.120%	\$11,200
23	1.040%	\$10,400
24	0.960%	\$9,600
25	0.880%	\$8,800
26	0.833%	\$8,330
27	0.790%	\$7,900
28	0.750%	\$7,500
29	0.720%	\$7,200
30		\$6,900
31		\$6,600
32		\$6.350
33		\$6,100
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PLACE	PERCENT	PRIZE
34		\$5,850
35		\$5,600
36	0.535%	\$5,350
37	0.510%	\$5,100
38	0.485%	\$4,850
39		\$4,600
40	0.440%	\$4,400
41	0.420%	\$4,200
42		\$4,000
43		\$3,800
44	0.360%	\$3,600
45	0.340%	\$3,400
46	0.320%	\$3,200
47	0.305%	\$3,050
48	0.300%	\$3,000
49	0.295%	\$2,950
50	0.290%	\$2,900
51	0.285%	\$2,850
52	0.280%	\$2,800
53	0.277%	\$2,770
54	0.274%	\$2,740
55	0.271%	\$2,710
56	0.268%	\$2,680
57	0.266%	\$2,660
58	0.264%	\$2,640
59	0.262%	\$2,620
60	0.260%	\$2,600
61	0.258%	\$2,580
62	0.256%	\$2,560
63	0.254%	\$2,540
64	0.252%	\$2,520
65	0.250%	\$2,500

# **PERFORMANCE BENEFITS**

#### For the PGA TOUR:

- The top-25 players from the Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List earn their PGA TOUR cards (positioning determined in Finals).
- The top-25 players on the Web.com Tour Finals Money List who do not already have a card also earn a PGA TOUR Card (positioning determined in Finals).
- The leading money winner from the Top 25 Web.com Tour Regular Season players using combined money earned on the Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List and money earned in the Web. com Tour Finals and the leading money winner from the Official Web.com Tour Finals Money List at the conclusion of the Finals (should they be different players) are exempt from the reshuffle the following year and are also awarded an exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship.
- Any Web.com Tour member who wins three events in the same calendar year becomes eligible immediately for PGA TOUR membership in the current year and is exempt from reshuffle the following year.

#### For the Web.com Tour:

- Winners of Web.com Tour events are fully exempt for Web.com Tour regular season events for the balance of the year of their win and the following full year. They are then eligible via Past Champion categories for an additional 8 years.
- The Top-75 players on the Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List are fully exempt for the following year's Web.com Tour regular season events.
- The next 25 players on the Web.com Tour Finals Money List who did not earn PGA TOUR cards are fully exempt for the following year's Web.com Tour regular season events. Beginning with the 2018 season, players eligible for this category from the FedEx Cup #151-200 category will be limited to a maximum of five players for the season based on order of ranking on the final Web. com Tour Priority Rankings List.
- Finishers 76 to 100 on the Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List are conditionally exempt for the following year's Web.com Tour regular season events.
- Winners of Web.com Tour Regular Season events are exempt for the particular tournament won for the following 5 years.
- PGA TOUR 126-150 are eligible in the current year for Web.com Tour Finals and are fully exempt for the following year on the Web.com Tour.
- PGA TOUR 151-200 are eligible in the current year for Web.com Tour Finals and are conditionally exempt for the following year on the Web.com Tour.

#### **Other Performance Benefits:**

- Players within the next 50 players who did not earn a PGA TOUR card through the Web.com Tour Finals are exempt into the Final Stage of the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament.
- Finishers 76-85 on the Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List are exempt into the Final Stage of the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament.
- Finishers 86 to 100 on the Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List and any player who played in the Web.com Tour Finals are exempt into the second stage of the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament.

- Winners of Web.com Tour tournaments in the previous three seasons are exempt into the second stage of the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament.
- The Web.com Tour is recognized as part of the World Golf Rankings system. At a minimum, 14 points are awarded to the winner of each Regular Season event, 16 points for the first three Finals events, and 20 points to the winner of the Web.com Tour Championship.

# **GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

## PLAYER IDENTIFICATION

Web.com Tour members receive a personal photo ID which serves as identification at all cosponsored tournaments. Similar photo IDs are provided for their ladies, to serve the same function. If lost, replacement photo IDs are available through PGA TOUR Headquarters at a cost of \$50 per photo ID.

## TICKETS FOR MEMBERS FAMILY

Host organizations provide complimentary daily admissions credentials for any member of the PGA TOUR or the PGA of America, as well as for members of his immediate family. Immediate family in this case includes the player's wife, children and parents. Family members must accompany the player in person to obtain the admission credentials.

## CHECK-CASHING POLICY

The Web.com Tour requests that arrangements be made with the finance office to allow Web.com Tour members to cash their personal checks, or checks which bear their name, up to a maximum daily amount of \$1,000 without approval by a Web.com Tour official. Checks exceeding \$1,000 must be approved by any on-site Web.com Tour official (rules officials, operations staff and media officials). Any person seeking to cash a player's check (including caddies), regardless of amount, must also obtain approval from any on-site Web.com Tour official. The tournament may wish to cash checks for others, but the Web.com Tour assumes responsibility only for its members or for checks approved by Web.com Tour officials.

# **BAD WEATHER GUIDELINES**

The PGA TOUR Policy Board has approved these guidelines for use by tournament officials in case of bad weather:

- 1. Every effort should be made to finish each round as scheduled.
- 2. When unplayable conditions occur, play will be suspended. Play will resume when conditions improve, even when that round cannot be completed that day.
  - (a) Where daylight permits, play may resume the following day, to include completion of the next scheduled round.
  - (b) Where daylight does not permit, the suspended round may be completed the next day. Thus, one round might be completed over a two-day period, depending on how many players had played from the starting tee(s).
- 3. When the first, second and/or third rounds are cancelled or suspended beyond the third scheduled day, with only one day remaining, every reasonable effort will be made to complete the next sched-

uled round (first round, or in the event it is the completion of the second round and daylight and conditions permit, determine the cut and complete the 3rd or 4th rounds).

- 4. In the event of a suspension during the final round, with the exception of the last event of the Web. com Tour Regular Season and the last event of the Web.com Tour Finals, the round will be cancelled unless half the field has completed the round. If at least half the field has completed the round, play should be temporarily suspended and completed when conditions permit. No completion should extend past Monday. In no situation would play resume in order to have at least half the field complete play on Sunday so that play may be extended to Monday.
- 5. For the last event of the Web.com Tour Regular Season and the last event of the Web.com Tour Finals, play may be extended to Monday at the discretion of the Tournament Director if golf course conditions and weather permit. However, in no case shall play extend beyond Monday (with the exception of a sudden-death Playoff to determine the winner)

### 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 prolonged siren or horn note signals suspension for a dangerous situation. Several short intermittent horn or siren notes signal all other types of suspension.

### LOCKER ROOM

Locker room access is limited to:

Tournament week:

Players, player's 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".

When accompanied by his player, a caddie may enter the locker room at the end of the player's week (i.e., after a missed cut or completion of the event) to assist the player in loading the player's golf bag with contents from his locker. Caddies are not allowed in the locker room at any other time. Players whose caddies enter locker rooms initially (not within the designated times listed 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 over night and shall not be left out in the locker room.

# Players in the starting tournament field where locker room facilities are available at the host clubhouse must pay the attendant a minimum of \$20 for service.

Smoking is not permitted in the player locker room.

## **COURTESY CAR POLICIES (IF APPLICABLE)**

As a matter of courtesy to tournament volunteers, no player may request courtesy car service (pickup or return at airports) after 8 p.m. or before 7 a.m. If courtesy cars are issued to players by the host organization, only players may drive the cars. The penalty for permitting a caddie to drive a courtesy car is \$500 for the first offense and \$1,000 for any additional offense.

### PLAYER EQUIPMENT

To help ensure that players competing in Web.com Tour cosponsored tournaments use equipment that conforms with the USGA Rules of Golf, players are encouraged to:

- 1. Confirm with equipment manufacturers that new equipment or samples have been approved by the USGA.
- 2. Confirm that driving clubs are on the USGA Conforming Driver List.
- 3. Have any altered or unusual clubs checked by a Web.com 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 the current Condition of Competition for Groove Specifications in elite competitions

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 Web.com 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 disciplinary action. From time-to-time, Web.com Tour, at the request of the USGA, collects ball and club samples for testing by the USGA.

# **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.

**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 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 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. For shotgun starts, practice is prohibited for one hour prior to the shotgun start.

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.

During tournament week practice facilities and the tournament course are for qualified players and the first 10 alternates on the Web.com Tour alternate list unless approved by the Web.com Tour Tournament Director. Qualified players and the first 10 alternates on the Web.com Tour alternate list shall not practice with ineligible players.

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.

# **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 Tournament Director 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-4's and par-5's, 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-5's or drivable par-4's. On par-3 holes, tee marker placement should vary (if possible) to encourage broader shot selection both on all par-3's 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.

# **ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM**

All contestants in Web.com 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 or pgatourlinks.com. Questions regarding the Anti-Doping Program should be directed to Andy Levinson, Executive Director, at PGA TOUR Headquarters.

# PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Rule 6-7 states, in part: "The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish." The following pace of play guidelines, penalties and fines, for stroke play competitions have been adopted. In the administration of these pace of play guidelines, 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 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 (a) exceed the allotted time to play and (b) reach a par-3 hole that is open and free of play, reach a par-4 and have not played a stroke from the teeing ground before the hole is open and free of play, or reach a par-5 hole and all players have not played a stroke from the teeing ground before the hole is open and free of play.

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

### TIMING

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.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments on his line of putt.

**NOTE:** 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.

Any player in a group being timed, who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke, will be informed as soon as practicable.

### **PENALTIES DURING ROUND**

#### 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 round.

### FINES CUMULATIVE DURING THE SEASON

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 \$1,000.

Third and Subsequent Offenses:

Third and subsequent timings exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (3 or more bad times) - a fine of \$2,000 for each offense.

**NOTE 1:** Timings exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (bad times) will accumulate throughout the season.

**NOTE 2:** Timings exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (bad times) on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Web.com Tour will be counted together for the purposes of determining the cumulative

number of timings exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke during a season. Fines will be pro-rated based on the number of occurrences on each respective tour.

**NOTE 3:** Timings exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (bad times) at Major Championships and official money World Golf Championships will be counted for the purposes of determining the cumulative number of timings exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke during a season.

### TIMINGS CUMULATIVE DURING SEASON

First through Ninth Offense:

First through ninth occasion of being out of position and timed - no fine.

Tenth Offense:

Tenth occasion of being out of position and timed - a fine of \$2,000.

Eleventh and Subsequent Offenses:

Eleventh and subsequent occasion of being out of position and timed - a fine of \$500 for each offense.

**NOTE**: Timings will accumulate throughout the season.

**NOTE 2:** Timings which occur on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Web.com Tour will be counted together for the purposes of determining the cumulative number of timings during a season. Fines will be pro-rated based on the number of occurrences on each respective tour.

**NOTE 3:** Timings which occur at Major Championships and official money World Golf Championships will be counted for the purposes of determining the cumulative number of timings during a season.

## **REPEAT OFFENSES**

Any player that receives a fine under this policy for either cumulative number of timings exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke in a season or cumulative number of timings in a season will be subject to double the existing fine structure the following season. For each consecutive season beyond the first season in which the player is subject to fines under the policy, the fine amount will continue to double from the previous season.

In addition, habitually slow players may be subject to additional requirements under the Conduct Unbecoming a Professional regulation, including but not limited to an education program or other requirements.

### **APPEALS**

Any appeal of a penalty, fine or bad time must be referred to the on-site Tournament Director immediately upon completion of the player in question's round. The Tournament Director'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.

Note: A player may not appeal an occasion of being out of position and timed.

# 2017 RESHUFFLE PROCEDURE

In accordance with Section III A.1 (f) and (g) of these Tournament Regulations, the first reordering of conditional categories will take place after the conclusion of the Panama Claro Championship and then every fourth event thereafter.

# PROCEDURES FOR DUALLY-COMMITTED PLAYERS

PGA TOUR members in the "126 to 150" category and below may commit to both PGA TOUR and Web. com 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 Web.com Tour field.

A player who is an alternate for the PGA TOUR event and is in the Web.com Tour tournament must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday of tournament week of his intention to play the Web.com Tour event. If he notifies the PGA TOUR that he intends to play the Web.com 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 Web.com Tour event.

PGA TOUR Champions members may commit to both PGA TOUR Champions and Web.com 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 the tournament week which tournament he intends to play. Failure to notify the PGA TOUR of his intention will cause the player to be place in the PGA TOUR Champions field and removed from the Web.com Tour field.

A PGA TOUR Champions member who is an alternate for that week's PGA TOUR Champions event and is in the Web.com Tour tournament must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday of tournament week of his intention to play the Web.com Tour event. If he notifies the PGA TOUR that he intends to play the Web.com 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 Web.com Tour event.

# POLICY FOR USE OF GOLF CARTS BY DISABLED INSTRUCTORS

PGA TOUR and Web.com 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 attempted over the last several months to work 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 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 or Web.com Tour member.
- \* In requesting the use of a cart for an instructor, the PGA TOUR or Web.com Tour member must indicate the name of the instructor, the nature of the instructors disability, and if requested by PGA TOUR, provide medical reports or other data indicating the extent and nature of the instructors disability.
- \* A request must be made for each individual tournament and must be made no later than 2 weeks prior to that tournament.
- \* The Web.com Tour Tournament Director 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 Tournament Director'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 Tournament Director.
- Carts will not be permitted in designated practice areas (e.g., range, putting green, etc.) at any time.
- If, in the Tournament Director'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 by the Tournament Director and returned to that location.
- \* No more than three 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 tournament director 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 memberships 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.

## **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 Tournament Director 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.
- 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 Tournament Director.
- 3. Caddies shall wear smooth rubber-sole shoes preferably tennis or basketball shoes. Permissable colors are limited to white and earth tones 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-toed Crocs are acceptable provided they conform with the colors described above. GOLF SPIKES are prohibited.
- 4. Caddies clothing must conform to the Player Endorsement policy as stated in the Web.com Tour Player Handbook and Tournament Regulations.
- 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 shall not enter the clubhouse unless properly credentialed, except when they are immediate family and accompanied by the player.
- 7. When accompanied by his player, a caddie may enter the locker room at the end of the player's week (i.e., after missed cut or completion of event) to assist a player in loading the player's golf bag with contents from his locker. Caddies are not allowed in 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 which is prohibited for players under the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program.
- 13. Caddies shall not engage in conduct unbecoming a professional caddie on the PGA TOUR as determined in the sole discretion of the PGA TOUR.
- 14. Caddies must carry their player's clubs. Pull carts or the like are not permitted.

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 which affect play, a fine will be levied against the player of the caddie.

### 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. 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 or an alternate list, 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.

### MOBILE DEVICE POLICY FOR CONTESTANTS AND OTHERS WITH ACCESS TO PRACTICE AREAS

#### **On Practice Days**

• Players may use a mobile device in designated practice areas or on the golf course. As a courtesy to fellow competitors, players must step away from the hitting line on the range when using a mobile device and keep the device in the "vibrate" or "silent ring" mode. All others are prohibited from using mobile devices in designated practice areas or on the golf course, unless used in a specially-designated mobile device calling area.

• Other electronic devices (rangefinders, launch monitors, video cameras for instruction, heart monitors, pedometers, electronic watches and health monitoring censors, etc.) may be used in designated practice areas and on the golf course, but only with proper etiquette and in a manner that does not distract or slow other players.

#### **During Pro-Ams**

• Players may use mobile devices in designated practice areas only. Players are prohibited from using a mobile device on the golf course during any official pro-am rounds. All others are prohibited from using mobile devices in designated practice areas or on the golf course, unless used in a specially-designated mobile device calling area.

• Other electronic devices, as defined above, may be used in designated practice areas but are prohibited on the golf course unless approved by the Rules Committee.

#### **During Official Competition**

• Mobile devices are strictly prohibited in all designated practice areas and on the golf course during official competition rounds unless used in a specially-designated mobile device calling center.

• Electronic devices are prohibited on the golf course for use by players and caddies unless approved by the Rules Committee. In addition to being considered conduct unbecoming a professional, the use of such devices (or accessing certain types of data from such devices) may also be a violation of the Rules of Golf.

• "Under Decision 14-3/17 of the Rules of Golf, the use of an artificial device to listen to music or a broadcast, whether or not through headphones, while making a stroke or for a prolonged period of time during a stipulated round is a breach of Rule 14-3 and subject to disqualification."

## PLAYER ENDORSEMENT POLICY

To ensure that all members and contestants clearly understand the applicable parameters covering sponsorship and endorsement contracts, the PGA TOUR Policy Board has adopted the following policy:

All sponsorships, endorsements and promotional activities by members, whether during or outside PGA TOUR competitions, are subject to the approval of the PGA TOUR. (For purposes of this policy, all such promotional activity is referred to as "sponsorship".) When playing in PGA TOUR co-sponsored, sanctioned or approved events, non-member 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 by companies whose business reputation or ongoing business activities may reflect adversely upon the image and reputation of the PGA TOUR will not be approved. The following addresses categories of special concern:

*Tobacco.* No sponsorships of any sort are permitted with companies selling tobacco products, other than cigars and tobacco smoked in pipes.

*Distilled Spirits.* A player may enter into a name and/or likeness agreement with a distilled spirit company. The ads or promotions (name or likeness) 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" or "Drink XYZ Distilled Spirit." Further, use of a player's likeness on primary (e.g. bottle label) or secondary (i.e. box or wrapping) distilled spirit packaging is not permitted. A player may not display a distilled spirit name, logo or product likeness on his apparel, headwear, golf bag or golf equipment. Sponsorships with legitimate apparel businesses owned or operated by distilled spirits companies are permitted, subject to the following limitations:

- Any identifier for the apparel line on players' apparel, head wear, or golf equipment must include language relating specifically to the apparel line (e.g., Johnnie Walker Collection, not "Johnnie Walker").
- Any identifier must be limited to one location only per item on any apparel, head wear or golf equipment.
- No visual representation of any distilled spirits product (e.g., liquor bottle, etc.) may appear on head wear, apparel, or golf bag of a player.

 Beer and Wine. Beer and wine sponsorships are permitted. However, any ads or promotions (using a player's name or likeness) must include a social responsibility message and cannot include a direct call to action about the product(s) (e.g. "Call 1-800-555-5555" or "www.xyz.com" or "Special 6-pack offer").

*Gambling and Casinos.* Sponsorships by casinos or gambling concerns of any sort, including on-line gaming sites, are not permitted, with the following exception: Sponsorship by a resort that includes a casino is permitted if the sponsorship focuses on non-gambling aspects of the resort. Such sponsorship may not include the word "casino" (e.g., "Foxwoods" or "Foxwoods Resort" is permitted; "Foxwoods Resort and Casino" is not) or any graphic or verbal depiction of gambling (e.g., cards or dice) in any identifier on the player's clothing or equipment or in any advertising. All sponsorships with resorts that include casinos or gambling concerns require prior approval of PGA TOUR.

*Logo Size, Location and Quantity.* Logos on a player's clothing and headwear must be in good taste as to size, location and quantity. As a guideline, logos which do not exceed three by five inches (3"x5") are considered reasonable. Generally accepted locations are as follows: right and left breast of shirt, right and left sleeve of shirt, right and left collar of shirt, yoke of the shirt and front, back and sides of headwear. Examples of unacceptable locations include: across the back of a shirt, down the length of either sleeve, down the length of a players pant legs and rear-end area of a player's pants. As a guideline, no more than four different sponsor logos should appear on a player's clothing and headwear. In addition, hat, shirt and pants designs may incorporate the apparel makers logo, other corporate logos, words, slogans, or the like provided they do not exceed the 3"x 5" size guidelines.

*Outings and Appearances.* Outings and appearances by players are permitted on behalf of any company including distilled spirits, tobacco and gambling companies, provided that such outing or appearance is private, limited to invited guests, not televised or covered in any other media and not promoted to the public.

### **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 competitor must not practice on the competition course or test the surface of any putting green on the course by rolling a ball or roughing or scraping the surface.

The PGA TOUR has adopted the following policy which applies to PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Web.com Tour competitions:

Contestants and caddies ARE NOT permitted to use a device that measures the condition (i.e. slope, texture, firmness or moisture level) of any putting green on the course on any day of a stroke play or match play competition. The use of such device is only permitted on practice days.

A contestant 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.

# WEB.COM TOUR FINALS CARD SYSTEM

The Web.com Tour Finals will be conducted in accordance with the Web.com Tour Tournament Regulations and in accordance with the following rules.

50 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded at the conclusion of each year's Web.com Tour Season as follows:

- The top-25 players from the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List at the conclusion of the regular season earn their PGA TOUR cards, but final positioning for the following PGA TOUR season is determined via their combined money earned on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List and money earned during the Web.com Tour Finals at the conclusion of the Finals events, as detailed below.
- All other eligible players (excluding the top-25 from the final Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List) start the Finals with \$0 on the Official Web.com Tour Finals Money List. At the conclusion of the Finals events, the top-25 players on the Official Web.com Tour Finals Money List will also earn a PGA TOUR Card. Final positioning for these players for the following PGA TOUR season is determined via Official Web.com Tour Finals Money earned at the conclusion of the Finals events, as detailed below.
- The leading money winner from the Top-25 Regular season players using combined money earned on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List and money earned in the Web.com Tour Finals at the conclusion of the Finals, and the leading money winner from Official Web.com Tour Finals Money List at the conclusion of the Finals (should they be different players), are both exempt from reshuffle the following year via eligibility category A1f (Leading Money Winners and Three-Time Winners on Web.com Tour) and are also awarded an exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship via special eligibility criteria for that event.
- The 50 players are ranked, in order, at the conclusion of the Finals events as follows:
  - 1. Web.com Tour Top-25 Regular Season and Finals Combined Money List #1
  - 2. Web.com Tour Finals Money List #1
  - 3. Web.com Tour Top-25 Regular Season and Finals Combined Money List #2
  - 4. Web.com Tour Finals Money List #2
  - 5. Web.com Tour Top-25 Regular Season and Finals Combined Money List #3
  - 6. Web.com Tour Finals Money List #3
  - 7. Web.com Tour Top-25 Regular Season and Finals Combined Money List #4
  - 8. Web.com Tour Finals Money List #4
  - (... and so on...)
  - 49. Web.com Tour Top-25 Regular Season and Finals Combined Money List #25
  - 50. Web.com Tour Finals Money List #25

**NOTE:** Any player who is #1 to #25 on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List as of the final regular season event who earns enough money solely as a result of his play in the Web.com Tour Finals events such that he would have been #1 on the Web.com Tour Finals Money List shall be placed in the #1 position on that list and shall be entitled to the benefits of that position. In such case, such player's other position on the #1 to #25 Regular Season and Finals Combined Money List shall be skipped and the ordering of players shall continue as identified above. In such case, the leading 25 players from the Official Web.com Tour Finals Money List will still earn their PGA TOUR card.

#### Eligibility:

Players eligible to compete in the Web.com Tour Finals are:

- The top-75 players (including any ties) on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List through the conclusion of the Web.com Tour event immediately preceding the first Finals event.
- Players #126 #200 on the PGA TOUR's Official FedExCup Points List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceding the first FedExCup Playoffs event (Wyndham Championship).
- Non-members, who would have earned if they were members, enough FedExCup points from their performance in the official money PGA TOUR events in the current season to place them within #126 - #200 on the official FedExCup Points List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceding the first FedExCup Playoffs event (Wyndham Championship).

**NOTE 1:** All players exempt for the PGA TOUR the following season via an eligibility category higher than category A.1d (Top-125 Non-Members) are not eligible to play in the Finals.

**NOTE 2:** PGA TOUR Members subject to Medical Extension Regulations as outlined in Section III.A.2 of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations may gain access to the Web.com Tour Finals as a result of the provisions of those regulations.

**NOTE 3:** A professional under the age of 18 may play in the Web.com Tour Finals, provided the player turns 18 on or before the first scheduled round of the final official money PGA TOUR tournament of the following season. If a player under the age of 18 earns a PGA TOUR card, the player would not become eligible for PGA TOUR membership until his 18th birthday. Similarly, a player under the age of 18 who qualifies for the Web.com Tour as a result of his play in the Web.com Tour Finals would not become eligible for Web.com Tour membership until his 18th birthday.

**Format:** Each Finals event will be contested over 72-holes of stroke play with a standard 65 and ties cut and as otherwise in accordance with the Web.com Tournament Regulations.

**Ties:** In the event of a tie for the first position from the Top-25 Regular season players using combined money earned on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List and money earned in the Web.com Tour Finals at the conclusion of the Finals events, no playoff will be conducted and those players tied for the leading money winner position will receive exempt status for the following season.

In the event of a tie for the first position on the Official Web.com Tour Finals Money List at the conclusion of the Finals events, no playoff will be conducted and those players tied for the leading money winner position will receive exempt status for the following season.

In the case of a tie for the last PGA TOUR card positions on either list which would affect the number of PGA TOUR Cards awarded, no playoff will be conducted and any players tied at the final position on either the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List or the Official Web.com Tour Finals Money List will receive a PGA TOUR card for the following season.

For the purposes of breaking ties within the 50 card positions for eligibility for the following year's PGA TOUR season on either list, cumulative score in the last Finals event will be used. Should there still be a tie, round scores will be compared, beginning with the final round and working backwards. Should there still be a tie, hole-by-hole scores in the final round will be compared, beginning with the final round working backwards. In the event that multiple players from the top-25 of the Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List do not make a cut in any Finals event, these players will be ranked in order of finish from the Regular season.

**Pro-Am Eligibility:** Each tournament will have an official Pro-Am based on Web.com Tour Tournament Regulations. For the first Finals event, eligibility for the Pro-Am will alternate in order between the Web. com Tour Regular Season Money List and the PGA TOUR FedExCup Points List, beginning with #1 from the Web.com Tour, followed by #126 from the FedExCup Points List and so on until the Pro-Am field is filled in its entirety, except for pro-am sponsor picks which shall be chosen in accordance with Web.com Tour Tournament Regulations. The official Pro-Ams for the remaining Finals events will be filled based on the current week's standing from the Official Web.com Tour Finals Money List, in order starting with #1 until the Pro-Am field is filled in its entirety, except for pro-am sponsor picks which shall be chosen in accordance with Web.com the Web.com Tour Finals Money List, in order starting with #1 until the Pro-Am field is filled in its entirety, except for pro-am sponsor picks which shall be chosen in accordance with Web.com Tour Tournament Regulations.

### **MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

### ANNUAL MEETING(S)

The Annual Meeting(s) of the members of the Web.com Tour will be held annually at a place and time determined by the Commissioner at least 60 days prior to the holding thereof. Players invited to attend will include all regular members of the Web.com Tour. All Web.com Tour members in the field shall be required to attend this meeting. Failure to do so will result in a fine.

### **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings of members of the Web.com Tour will 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 regular members of the Web.com Tour. Within 30 days of the receipt of the petition, the Commissioner will schedule and give notice of such meeting.

## **SPECIAL AWARD**

### WEB.COM TOUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Every year, the Player Advisory Council for the Web.com Tour nominates a list of players for the Player of the Year award. The list of nominees is then sent out to be voted on by the Web.com Tour membership. To be eligible to vote, a player must be a member of the Web.com Tour and play in at least 12 official money events during that year. To be eligible to win the award, the player must have played in at least 7 regular season Web.com Tour events in the current season. The player who receives the most votes becomes the Web.com Tour Player of the Year.

# 2017 WEB.COM TOUR TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

### WEB.COM TOUR TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

These Tournament Regulations shall govern the operation and administration of the Web.com Tour golf tournaments cosponsored by the PGA TOUR\*.

These Regulations may be amended or repealed from time to time as provided in Article IX, Section F hereof.

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 sponsors, the public or the players, may waive or suspend the application of any one or more of the regulations.

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

## I. **DEFINITIONS**

- A. "Web.com Tour" events mean those tournaments or events for which the eligible players are as described in Article III of these Regulations.
- B. A "cosponsored" Web.com Tour tournament or event 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 an event shall be as set forth in the tournament agreement for such event.
- C. An "open event" is a cosponsored tournament or event for which all players eligible under these Regulations may apply to enter.
- D. "Exempt" (e.g., an "exempt player") means automatically eligible to compete in particular events without additional (i.e., event-by-event) qualifying, subject to the availability of space in the tournament field and to these Regulations.
- E. The "Official Web.com Tour 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 Web.com Tour cosponsored events in the applicable time period.
- F. The "Official PGA TOUR Career Money List" is the list of players ranked according to the amount of official money 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 World Golf Championship events, if such PGA TOUR member was a member, other than a Special Temporary Member, at such time he played in the World Golf Championship 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.

- G. The "Official PGA TOUR Money List" is the list of PGA TOUR members ranked according to the amount of official money each has won in PGA TOUR (Regular 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 during the course of the applicable time period will be included on the "Official PGA TOUR Money List." Prize money earned by a nonmember or Special Temporary Member in an official money World Golf Championship event will be deemed not to be official money and will not be included on the Official PGA TOUR Money List.
- H. 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 of PGA Tour Tournament 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 the 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 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 Points List. FedExCup Points earned by a Nonmember or Special Temporary Member in an official money World Golf Championship event 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.

### II. TOURNAMENT AGREEMENT

All Web.com Tour cosponsored tournaments shall be conducted pursuant to a written contract between PGA TOUR and the 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.

### **III. ELIGIBILITY FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY**

- A. 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 events shall be Web.com Tour members (including temporary members), PGA TOUR members and qualified amateurs in the following categories:
- 1. **Eligible Players** (listed in order of the priority that shall be used to complete the starting field in open events):

#### (a) Tournament Winners

Winners of Web.com Tour cosponsored events, whose victories are considered official, in the last calendar year or during the current calendar year.

**NOTE:** Tournament winners are exempt for one calendar year following the end of the calendar year in which they won the event.

**NOTE:** If a player under 18 years of age wins a Web.com Tour cosponsored or approved event, such player, upon reaching age 18 and joining the Web.com 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.

#### (b) Past Champion of Current Week's Event

For the particular tournament won, previous winners of Web.com Tour cosponsored tournaments with the same tournament sponsor for five years, computed from the time of winning.

(c) Leading Money Winner, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Leading Money Winner, PGA TOUR Canada Leading Money Winner, PGA TOUR China Winner of Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament

The leading money winner from the previous season's Official PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Order of Merit, the leading money winner from the previous season's Official PGA TOUR Canada Order of Merit, the leading money winner from the previous season's Official PGA TOUR China

Order of Merit and the winner of the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament (and any player tied for 1st place).

#### (d) Next 25 Money Leaders from Web.com Tour Finals

If not otherwise exempt under Article III, Section A. 1 (a) – (c) the next 25 Money Leaders from the Web.com Tour Finals who did not earn a PGA TOUR card pursuant to Section A. 1(j) of Article III.

**NOTE:** Beginning with the 2018 season, players eligible for this category from the FedEx Cup #151-200 category will be limited to a maximum of five players for the season based on order of ranking on the final Web.com Tour Priority Rankings List.

#### (e) Top 75 Money Leaders from Previous Year's Web.com Tour Regular Season

If not otherwise exempt under Article III, Section A. 1 (a) - (d) players finishing 26th to 75 on the final Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List from the previous year.

#### (f) Finishers 2-10 and Ties from the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament

Players finishing after the winner (and ties) through tenth position and any ties for 10th position from the previous year's Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament.

**NOTE:** Players who are under the age of 18, amateurs, and players who choose not to become members will be included when determining finishers 2-10 and ties from the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament.

**NOTE:** After the completion of the third reshuffle and approximately every fourth event afterwards, the list of members in this category shall be reordered, based on the amount of official Web.com Tour money earned to that point in the season. The dates of such reordering will be determined in advance of the season and be published in these Tournament Regulations. Such dates will be identified such that there are no less than 4 reshuffles that occur during the Regular Season, provided however that the specific dates of certain reshuffles may be adjusted to coincide with appropriate breaks in the schedule. Such reordering shall also include all players in category (g) and below, i.e., Finishers 11-45 and Ties, 50 Finishers Beyond 150th place on FedExCup Points List, PGA TOUR Past Champions, Team Winners and Veteran Members beyond 150th place on PGA TOUR Money List, Past Champions of the Web.com Tour, Additional Finishers from Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament/Prior Year Members 76-100/Finishers 2-5 on the Previous Year's PGA TOUR Latinoamerica Canada and China order of merit, Non-exempt Special Members/Medical, PGA TOUR Past Champions, Special Temporary Members, Prior Year Members, Past Champion Members and Veteran Members. All players in these categories shall remain subject to reordering unless such player wins a Web.com Tour cosponsored event.

#### (g) Finishers 11-45 and Ties from the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament

Players finishing after the tenth and ties position through forty-fifth and ties position from the previous year's Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament

**NOTE:** Players who are under the age of 18, amateurs, and players who choose not to become members will be included when determining Finishers 11-45 and Ties from the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament.

NOTE: After the completion of the second reshuffle and approximately every fourth event

afterwards, the list of members in this category shall be reordered, based on the amount of official Web.com Tour money earned to that point in the season. The dates of such reordering will be determined in advance of the season and be published in these Tournament Regulations. Such dates will be identified such that there are no less than 4 reshuffles that occur during the Regular Season, provided however that the specific dates of certain reshuffles may be adjusted to coincide with appropriate breaks in the schedule. Such reordering shall also include all players in category (q) and below, i.e., 50 Finishers Beyond 150th Place on FedExCup Points List, PGA TOUR Past Champions, Team Winners and Veteran Members Beyond 150th Place on Money List, Finishers 2-5 on the Previous Year's PGA TOUR Latinoamérica and PGA TOUR Canada Order of Merit, Past Champions of the Web.com Tour, Additional Finishers from Web. com Tour Qualifying Tournament/Prior Year Members, Nonexempt Special Members/Medical, PGA TOUR Past Champions, Special Temporary Members, Prior Year Members, Past Champion Members and Veteran Members. All players in these categories shall remain subject to reordering unless such player wins a Web.com Tour cosponsored event.

#### (h) Former Fully Exempt PGA TOUR Members

Those players who were fully exempt PGA TOUR members for at least the preceding five consecutive seasons. 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 (h) of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations (i.e. through and including the Top Finishers from Web.com Tour prior season category) or if such PGA TOUR member is not fully exempt, as defined above, 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.

**NOTE:** During the five preceding seasons, a player may not use a Special Medical Extension in accumulating his five year total unless, during the season, he achieves combined top 125 FedExCup Points or Official Money 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 or Official Money, such player would need to extend his exempt eligibility an additional season to qualify for this exemption. Players in this category will be placed in order of their positions on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List at the end of the preceding calendar year.

**NOTE:** A player shall be eligible for this exemption in one of the first two years after the player fails to retain fully-exempt status on the PGA TOUR (as defined in the preceding paragraph); provided that he notifies PGA TOUR no later than 10 days after the conclusion of the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament for the year preceding the season in which he desires to use this exemption. Further, any player may use this exemption only one time in his career.

#### (i) PGA TOUR Members 48-49 Years Old

The top 3 available PGA TOUR members ages 48 and 49, in order of their positions on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List. A PGA TOUR member is eligible for this category from their 48th birthday through their 50th birthday.

Players eligible for Web.com Tour events in this eligibility category must attain age 48 on or before the first scheduled official round of the tournament or must remain age 49 through the final scheduled round of his final tournament.

#### (j) Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension

1. If not otherwise exempt under Sections A.1(a)-(h) of this Article III a a member who meets

the requirements in (a) through (c) below shall be entitled to a Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension and shall be exempted into Web.com Tour tournaments prior to those players meeting the requirements of Section A.1(m) of Article III.

- (i) At the discretion of the Commissioner, after the review of such medical reports and (a) examinations as the Commissioner deems appropriate, has experienced an injury or other medical disability sufficiently serious to prevent such member from competing in more than 12 combined Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved events in the season in which his injury or medical disability occurred; or (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 and Web.com Tour events for a minimum of two months from the date of the spouse or child's medical condition or other disability and in more than 12 combined Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR cosponsored events in the year in which the spouse or child's medical condition or other disability occurred. (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 two 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
- (b) Was a fully exempt player pursuant to one of the eligibility categories described in Article III, Section A.1(a), (c), (d), (e), or (h), or was a player in categories described in Article III, Section A.1 (f) or (g); (see section A.1 (j) 4) in the year in which such player experienced an event described in paragraph 1(a)(i) or 1(a)(ii) above (the "Extension Event") and
- (c) Has notified the Commissioner in writing, no later than 30 days following the occurrence of the Extension Event which forms the basis of the request for the Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension, that he desires to take advantage of the Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension.

**NOTE:** Members in this category shall be ranked for eligibility purposes in the following order:

- 1. Positions on the previous year's Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List.
- 2. Official Money in year of extension event.
- 3. Reverse chronological order (most recent year zero money earned ahead of prior year zero money earned).

2. A member meeting the criteria set forth in A-1(j) of this Article III shall be permitted to play in Web.com Tour tournaments as set forth below.

A member who qualifies for a Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension and during the year in which his Extension event occurred was a fully exempt player in an eligibility category through and including category (h), i.e., Former Fully Exempt Category shall be entitled to play in the number of Web.com Tour cosponsored tournaments (the "Available Tournaments") that equal the number of official tournaments on the schedule in the year in which the Extension Event occurred minus the number of Web.com Tour cosponsored tournaments in which such member played in the year in which the Extension Event occurred (the "Tournaments Played"); provided, however, that the number of Available Tournaments shall in no event exceed the number of official money tournaments for which such member was eligible remaining in the year after

such Extension Event occurred.

Thereafter, if the amount of official money earned by such member in the Available Tournaments, which combined with the amount of official money earned by such member in the Tournaments Played, equals or exceeds the amount of official money earned by the member finishing in 75th place on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List for the preceding calendar year, such member shall be entitled to a Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension for the remainder of the current calendar year.

In the event that the amount of official money earned by such member in the Available Tournaments, when combined with the amount of official money earned by such member in the Tournaments Played equals or exceeds the amount of official money earned by the 100th place finisher on Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List for the preceding calendar year, such member shall retain the Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension but shall be placed at the end of the Additional Finishers from PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament/Prior Year Members category, or in the Reordered Eligibility Category.

If such amount of official money does not equal or exceed the amount of official money earned by the 100th place finisher on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List for the preceding year, such member shall not be entitled to any further Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension.

3. A member shall not be entitled to any Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension if he played in more than 12 combined Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the year in which the Extension Event occurred.

4. A member shall be entitled to use a Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension only once in his career for the same Extension Event.

5. A member shall not be entitled to a Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension if one or more full calendar years shall have passed between the time a member has experienced an Extension Event and the time such member again is able to resume play, unless, in the case of a severe Extension Event, 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, and extension beyond three seasons may be granted.

6. Once a member begins play under a Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension, additional time will not be extended beyond the subsequent season (i.e. – no more than one year of carryover).

7. Once a player resumes a normal playing schedule on the Web.com Tour, the number of his Available Tournaments shall be reduced by one for each PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latinamerica, PGA TOUR China, or other Federation TOURS tournament he plays when eligible for the Web.com Tour event the same week.

8. A member meeting criteria set forth in Section A. 1 (j) of this article III whose eligibility category at the time of the Extension event was Category A. 1 (f) or (g) of the Article III (Finishers 2-10 and Ties or Finishers 11-45 and Ties from the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament) and whose Extension event occurred prior to the first reshuffle of the season applicable to the category (i.e. – 2nd or 3rd reshuffle) may gain access to events via this category A. 1 (j) in the year in which the Extension event occurred should he have recovered from the injury or family crisis. In such cases, the player will be temporarily eligible for this category A. 1 (j) for a number of tournaments equal to the number of events left following the last tournament the player played up to and including the reshuffle applicable to categories A. 1 (g) and (f) respectively (2nd or 3rd reshuffle). Any tournaments played via this temporary eligibility will be counted as Tournaments Played for the purposes listed in this section A. 1 (j). Thereafter, the player will cease to have access via this category A. 1 (j) in the year in which the Extension event occurred.

9. A member meeting criteria set for the in Section A. 1 (i) of the Article III whose eligibility category at the time of the Extension event was Category A. 1 (f) or (g) (Finishers 2-10 at Ties or Finishers 11-45 and Ties from the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament) or Category A. 1 (g) (50 Finishers Beyond 150th Place on FedExCup Points List) and whose Extension event occurred prior to the first reshuffle of the season applicable to the category (i.e. - the 1st, 2nd or 3rd reshuffle) may gain access to events via this category A. 1 (i) in the year in which he resumes play for a number of tournaments equal to the number of events left following the last tournament the player played up to and including the reshuffle applicable to the category. However, in no event will this number exceed the number of Available Tournaments. Thereafter, the player will cease to have access via this category A. 1 (i) and will be placed in the periodic reordering of players based on the amount of official money earned by such member in the Available Tournaments in the year the player resumes play, when combined with the amount of official money earned by such member in the Tournaments Played in the year of the Extension Event. In the instance that a player in Category A. 1 (g) (50 Finishers Beyond 150th Place on FedExCup Points List) has earned no combined money as of his last event eligible for category A, 1 (i) as outlined above, he will be placed in category A. 1 (v) (Nonexempt Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension) for the remainder of his Available Tournaments. Notwithstanding the above, all other provision of category A. 1 (v) will apply to players in Category A. 1 (g) (Finishers Beyond 150th Place on FedExCup Points List).

#### (k) Top 50 Finishers from Web.com Tour Prior Season

If not eligible for the PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) event in the same week and if not otherwise exempt under Sections A.1(a)-(i) of this Article III, the top 50 finishers from the Web.com Tour previous season, in the same order in which such players are eligible for PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) events.

**NOTE:** In the event an unusually high number of such players commits to an event, the following steps will be taken to accommodate exempt players:

- a. If available daylight permits, at the discretion of the Tournament Director, the field size will be expanded beyond 144 as necessary, up to a maximum of 156.
- b. Open qualifying spots will be reduced by up to 8 spots. However, in no case shall the open qualifying category be reduced to fewer than four players.
- c. Web.com Tour members eligible under the Finishers 11-45 and ties from the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament category will be reduced beginning with the last such player. In the event one or more Finishers 11-45 players is removed from the field, any such Finishers 11-45 player(s) shall supersede other alternates in priority, and will be placed back into the field should alternates be required to fill the field, in the same order in which they are ranked in the Finishers 11-45 category.

d. If at the 5:00 pm Friday (deadline) the field size is finalized at more than 144 in order to accommodate all exempt players, then withdrawals will not be replaced until the field size drops below 144. Only in the case of finishers 11-45 from Qualifying Tournament category being reduced would those players be added back into the field before the field size reaches 144.

#### (I) Open Qualifying

A minimum of 12 low scorers at open qualifying for each open cosponsored event held in accordance with applicable Web.com Tour policies and procedures. Such open qualifying shall normally be held on Monday of tournament week, and shall be open to all amateurs with USGA handicaps of 2 or less and to all professional golfers.

**NOTE:** The final number of open qualifying spots will be determined as of the commitment deadline on the Friday preceding the tournament. Pursuant to Section A.1(j) of this Article III, the number of open qualifying spots may be reduced from 12 to a minimum of four (4).

PGA sections conducting the open qualifying competitions will be required to conduct them at a site other than the tournament site.

**NOTE:** Web.com Tour or 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 deadline, which currently is 5 p.m. local time the Friday preceding open qualifying.

**NOTE:** Open Events played opposite PGA TOUR Playoff events and "off week" will have four (4) qualifying spots.

#### (m) Sponsor Exemptions

On invitation of the tournament sponsor, a maximum of four (4) players, including amateurs with USGA handicaps of zero or less, provided that not less than two of such sponsor exemptions shall be Web.com or PGA TOUR members not otherwise exempt for the event.

Further, on the invitation of the umbrella sponsor, Web.com, a maximum of one (1) player, including amateurs with USGA handicaps of zero or less, provided that any such player selected shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner or his designee.

**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.

#### (n) Top 25 from Previous Event

If not otherwise exempt under Sections A.1(a)-(j) of this Article III, the top 25 finishing players (including amateurs) and those tied for 25th place in the order of finish in the immediately preceding Web.com Tour Regular Season event awarding official money (excluding cosanctioned events) and on a space-available basis (i.e., such number as shall be needed to fill the field). In cases of total-score ties, the priority order will be established by matching round scores, beginning with the final round of the event in which the players finished in the top 25, and working backward. Any player finishing in the top 25 or tied for 25<sup>th</sup> shall follow the commitment procedures so prescribed in Section A-2 of Article IV.

Any player finishing Top 25 and those tied for 25th place not able to gain entry into the next open tournament awarding official victory status due to full field shall be exempt 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.

**NOTE:** Those players in the top 25 and tied for 25th place in the last open Web.com Tour event and the Web.com Tour Championship of any calendar year shall not be exempt pursuant to this Section A.1(I).

**NOTE:** Amateurs that finish in the top 25 plus ties may utilize this eligibility even if they turn professional for the next event.

- (o) Web.com Tour Members within Top-25 on Official Money List at Periodic Reordering If needed to fill the field, Web.com Tour members accessing tournaments via categories A. 1 (p) (PGA TOUR Members Not Exempt for Current PGA TOUR Event) and below who are within the top 25 positions of the official Web.com Tour Money List, as of the last periodic reordering of players.
- (p) PGA TOUR (Regular Tour) Members Not Exempt for Current PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) Event

If needed to fill the field, PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) members who are not eligible for the PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) event occurring simultaneously with the Web.com Tour event, and who are eligible for PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) open and invitational events in accordance with Sections A.1(a)-(k) of Article III of PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) TOUR) Tournament Regulations, in the order of their eligibility for PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) open events.

**NOTE:** An exempt member of PGA TOUR (i.e., a player eligible for events from categories a. through h., or down through the Top Finishers from Web.com Tour category of Article III, Section A-1), may commit for and participate in events on the Web.com Tour provided that (i) he is not exempt for the PGA TOUR event scheduled for the same week; or (ii) he has obtained a Conflicting Event Release.

PGA TOUR members eligible for PGA TOUR events from categories k. through q. (i.e., from the 126 to 150 category on down) of Article III, Section A-1, who have space-available access to the Web.com Tour, are not required to obtain a Conflicting Event Release to play in a Web.com Tour tournament.

#### (q) 50 Finishers Beyond 150th Place on FedExCup Points List (151-200)

If needed to fill the field, the next 50 finishers after 150th place on the previous season's FedExCup Points List, provided that such finishers have become regular members of the Web. com Tour within the time prescribed by PGA TOUR.

**NOTE:** Any player, including nonmembers of the PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour, with nonmember FedExCup points greater than or equal to 200th position on the Official FedExCup Points List may utilize this category for Web.com Tour eligibility. Such player's position in this category shall be determined by his position on the Official FedExCup Points List if he were included on such list.

**NOTE:** After the completion of approximately every fourth, cosponsored event of the season, the list of members in this category shall be reordered, based on the amount of official Web.

com Tour money earned to that point in the season. The dates of such reordering will be determined in advance of the season and be published in these Tournament Regulations. Such dates will be identified such that there are no less than 4 reshuffles that occur during the Regular Season, provided however that the specific dates of certain reshuffles may be adjusted to coincide with appropriate breaks in the schedule. Such reordering shall also include all players below this category (p), i.e., PGA TOUR Past Champions, Team Tournament Winners, and Veteran Members beyond 150th place on the FedExCup Points List, Past Champions of the Web.com Tour, Prior Year Members of the Web.com Tour 76-100/Additional Finishers from qualifying Tournament/Order of Merit Finishers 2-5 from PGA TOUR Latinoamerica, Canada and China, Nonexempt Special Members/Medical, PGA TOUR Past Champions, Special Temporary Members of PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Team Championship Winners, PGA TOUR Veteran Members, Special Temporary Members, Prior Year Members, Past Champion Members and Veteran Members. All players in these categories shall remain subject to reordering unless such player wins a Web.com Tour cosponsored event.

#### (r) PGA TOUR Past Champions, Team Tournament Winners, and Veteran Members Not Within The Top 150 on FedExCup Points List (Previous Year's Top-100 or Finals of Qualifying Tournament)

If needed to fill the field, PGA TOUR Past Champion Members (as defined in Section A1.w of Article III of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations), Team Tournament Winners (as defined in Section A1.y of Article III of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations), and Veteran Members (as defined in Section A1.z of Article III of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations) not within the top 150 on the previous season's FedExCup Points List who finished among the top 100 money leaders on the previous year's Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List or who qualified for Finals of the previous year's Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament, in order of their combined PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour official earnings in the previous season.

#### (s) Past Champions of Web.com Tour

If needed to fill the field, winners of Web.com Tour cosponsored events, whose victories are considered official, within three years prior to the current year. Players in this category shall be ranked in order of the most Web.com Tour tournaments won, with ties for the same number of wins broken by placing the most recent tournament winner first.

#### (t) Prior Year Members 76-100

#### Additional Finishers from Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament Finishers 2-5 on the Previous Year's PGA TOUR Latinoamérica Finishers 2-5 on the Previous Year's PGA TOUR Canada Finishers 2-5 on the Previous Year's PGA TOUR China

If needed to fill the field, those players who finished in positions 76 through 100 on the prior year's Official Web.com Tour Regular Season money List, the next available members after Finishers 11 – 45 and Ties from the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament [Article III, Section A.1.(g)], and Finishers 2-5 on the Previous Year's PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, PGA TOUR Canada and PGA TOUR China Order of Merit in alternating order as follows:

#76 WCT Regular Season #46 WCT Q-School #2 Latinoamérica #2 Canada #2China #77 WCT Regular Season #47 WCT Q-School #3 Latinoamérica #3 Canada #3 China #78 WCT Regular Season #48 WCT Q-School etc...

**NOTE:** If a player is elevated to a higher eligibility category, his position shall not be replaced and the order will continue with the next currently ordered player: Example: If player #77 from WCT Regular Season elevates, then the order is #76 Regular Season, #46 Q-School, #2 Latinoamérica, #2 Canada, #2 China, #47Q-School, etc.

# (u) PGA TOUR Past Champions, Team Tournament Winners, and Veteran Members Not Within The Top 150 on FedExCup Points List

If needed to fill the field, PGA TOUR Past Champion Members (as defined in Section A.1.w of Article III of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations), Team Tournament Winners (as defined in Section A.1.y of Article III of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations) and Veteran Members (as defined in Section A.1.z of Article III of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations) and veteran Members (as defined in Section A.1.z of Article III of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations) and veteran Members (as defined in Section A.1.z of Article III of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations) not within the top 150 on the previous season's FedExCup Points List, in order of their combined PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour earnings in the previous year.

#### (v) Nonexempt Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension

If not otherwise exempt under section a.1(q)-(t) of this Article III and if needed to fill the field, a member who meets the requirements in (a) through (c) below shall be entitled to a Nonexempt Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension and shall be exempted into Web.com Tour tournaments prior to those players meeting the requirements of Section A.1(v) of Article III.

(a) (i) At the discretion of the Commissioner, after the review of such medical reports and examinations as the Commissioner deems appropriate, has experienced an injury or other medical disability sufficiently serious to prevent such member from competing in more than 12 combined Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved events in the year in which his injury or medical disability occurred; or

(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 and Web. com Tour events for a minimum of two months from the date of the spouse or child's medical condition or other disability and in more than 12 combined Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR cosponsored events in the year in which the spouse or child's medical condition or other disability occurred. (NOTE: If a spouse or child's medical condition or other disability not serious enough to prevent the member from competing for a minimum of two 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

- (b) Was a nonexempt player pursuant to one of the eligibility categories described in Article III, Section A.1(q) through (t), in the year in which such player experienced an event described in paragraph (a)(i) or (ii) above (the "Extension Event") and
- (c) Has notified the Commissioner in writing, no later than 30 days following the occurrence of the Extension Event which forms the basis of the request for the Nonexempt Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension, that he desires to take advantage of Nonexempt Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension.
- (d) A member meeting the criteria set forth in A-1 (v) of this Article III shall be permitted to play in the Web.com Tour tournaments as set forth below.
  - (i) A member who qualifies for a Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension and during the year in which his Extension Event occurred was a nonexempt member pursuant to one of the eligibility categories described in Article III, Section A.1 (q) through (t), shall be entitled to play in the number of Web.com Tour cosponsored tournaments (the "Available Tournaments") that equal the average number of official tournaments played by the membership of that nonexempt category in which he started the year minus the number of Web.com Tour cosponsored tournaments in which such member played in the year in which his Extension Event occurred (the "Tournaments Played"); provided, however, that the number of Available Tournaments shall in no event exceed the number of official money tournaments for which such member was eligible remaining in the year in which such Extension occurred. Actual access shall be on a space available basis, and there shall be no carryover of access into any subsequent year.
  - (ii) In the event that the amount of official money earned by such member in the Available Tournaments, when combined with the amount of official money earned by such member in the Tournaments Played ("Combined Money") equals or exceeds the amount of money earned by the 100th place finisher on Official Web. com Tour Regular Tour Money List for the preceding calendar year, such member shall remain eligible at the end of the Additional Finishers from Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament/Prior Year Members category or in the Reordered Eligibility category.

**NOTE:** If a member's Combined Money equals or exceeds 75th place on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List for the preceding calendar year, such member shall be placed in the Top 75 Money Leaders category for the remainder of the year.

A member shall not be entitled to any Nonexempt Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension if he played in more than 12 combined Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the year in which his Extension Event occurred.

A member shall be entitled to use a Nonexempt Special Medical / Family Crisis Extension only once in his career for the same Extension Event.

#### (w) Past Champions of PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR)

If needed to fill the field, PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) members in category (w) of Article III, Section A.1 (i.e., Past Champions) of PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) Tournament Regulations,

even if eligible for the PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) event occurring simultaneously with the Web.com Tour event, in order of the total number of PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) cosponsored and approved tournaments won, excluding team or other events not conferring official victory status. If two (2) or more players are tied based on the number of such tournaments won, the player who is higher on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List shall have priority.

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

- Played in the PGA TOUR or PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament in the current year or within the previous two calendar years, or,

- Made a cut on the PGA TOUR or Web.com Tour during the current year or within the last two calendar years, or,

- Played five or more combined events on the PGA TOUR, Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR Champions during the current season or in the preceding season.

#### (x) Special Temporary Members of PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR)

If needed to fill the field, PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) Special Temporary Members as provided in Section A.1(x) of Article III of the PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) Tournament Regulations, even if eligible for the PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) event occurring simultaneously with the Web. com Tour event, in the order in which such players have qualified for such Special Temporary Membership in PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR).

#### (y) PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) Team Championship Winners

If needed to fill the field, winners of PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) cosponsored team championship tournaments as provided in Section A.1(y) of Article III of the PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) Tournament Regulations, even if eligible for the PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) event occurring simultaneously with the Web.com Tour event, in the order of total number of team championship tournaments won. If two (2) or more players are tied based on the number of team championship tournaments won, the player who is higher on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List shall have priority.

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

- Played in the PGA TOUR or PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament in the current year or within the previous two calendar years, or,

- Made a cut on the PGA TOUR or Web.com Tour during the current year or within the last two calendar years, or,

- Played five or more combined events on the PGA TOUR, Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR Champions during the current season or in the preceding season.

#### (z) PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) Veteran Members

If needed to fill the field, PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) Veteran Members as provided in Section A.1(z) of Article III of the PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) Tournament Regulations, even if eligible for the PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) event occurring simultaneously with the Web.com Tour event, in the 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 or PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament in the current year or within the previous two calendar years, or,

- Made a cut on the PGA TOUR or Web.com Tour during the current year or within the last two calendar years, or,

- Played five or more combined events on the PGA TOUR, Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR Champions during the current season or in the preceding season.

#### (aa) Special Temporary Members

If needed to fill the field, players who have met the conditions prescribed in Section 2(c) of this Article III and paid annual dues to PGA TOUR, in the order in which such players qualified for this membership.

#### (bb) Past Champions of Web.com Tour

If needed to fill the field, winners of Web.com Tour cosponsored events not included within section (s), whose victories are considered official, in the last nine years prior to the current year. Players in this category shall be ranked in order of most Web.com Tour tournaments won, with ties for the same number of wins broken by placing the most recent tournament winner first. To be eligible for tournament play via this eligibility category, a player must have:

- Played in the Web.com Tour or PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament in the current year or within the previous two calendar years, or,

- Made a cut on the PGA TOUR or Web.com Tour during the current year or within the last two calendar years, or

- Played five or more combined events on the PGA TOUR, Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR Champions during the current year or in the preceding calendar year.

#### (cc) Veteran Members

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, Veteran Members (members that have made 150 combined cuts in tournaments on the PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour that awarded official money) in order of their number of combined cuts. To be eligible for tournament play via this eligibility category, a player must have:

- Played in the Web.com Tour or PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament in the current year or within the previous two calendar years, or,

- Made a cut on the PGA TOUR or Web.com Tour during the current year or within the last two calendar years, or

- Played five or more combined events on the PGA TOUR, Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR Champions during the current year or in the preceding calendar year.

#### (dd) Additional Open Qualifiers

If needed to fill the field to 144 players (or, to the number of players in the starting field if the starting field is less than 144 players), additional qualifiers from open qualifying, in the order of finish in such open qualifying.

#### 2. Qualifying

#### (a) Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament

The Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament may consist of first and second stage qualifying, in addition to the Final Qualifying competition. A Web.com Tour member may enter the Qualifying Tournament and continue to participate in Web.com Tour events. Applicants for the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament must apply on forms furnished by PGA TOUR and must pay the application fee prescribed by PGA TOUR. Successful contestants in the qualifying tournament also shall be required, as a condition of application for Web.com Tour membership, to attend classroom instruction in subjects pertaining to professional golf.

**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 Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament, provided he turns 18 on or before the first scheduled round of the final regular season open official money Web.com Tour tournament of the following season. Such player would not become eligible for Web.com Tour membership until his 18th birthday. Until his 18th birthday, such player may participate in Web. com Tour cosponsored or approved events as a nonmember.

#### (b) Medical Provisions

A Web.com Tour member who has been prevented by injury or illness or other disability from playing in one (1) or more Web.com Tour events and who meets the following guidelines shall be eligible to request in writing to the Commissioner an exemption into either the final stage or the second stage of the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament.

- a. Final Stage: The member has been disabled to the extent he is unable to compete in more than 12 events in a regular season but has played in a minimum of five (5) Web.com Tour events that year; has performed at a level which placed him 76th 85th on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List at the time he was disabled; or who has average money winnings per event at the time he was disabled which would have placed him 76th 85th on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List for the entire season (determined by multiplying such average money winnings by the average number of Web.com Tour events played by all Web.com Tour members).
- b. Second Stage: The member has been disabled to the extent he is unable to compete in more than 12 events in a calendar year but has played in a minimum of five (5) Web.com Tour events that year; has performed at a level which placed him 86th 100th on the current year Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List or who has average winnings per event which would have placed him 86th 100th on the current year Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List.

#### (c) Nonmember Qualifying

If a nonmember of the Web.com Tour who is a professional wins a cosponsored event, then he shall be eligible to compete in Web.com Tour events as provided in Section A.1(a) of this Article III, provided that he joins the Web.com Tour as a regular member within 60 days after his win. If a nonmember of the Web.com Tour who is an amateur wins a cosponsored event, then he shall be eligible to compete in Web.com Tour events as provided in Section A.1(a) of this Article III as an amateur or he may join the Web.com Tour as a regular member at anytime during the year in which the win occurred.

If during the course of a Web.com Tour season a nonmember of the Web.com Tour earns an amount of official money (e.g., by playing in Web.com Tour events through sponsor exemp-

tions, open qualifying, sectional qualifying, etc.), equal to or greater than the amount won in the preceding year by the 100th finisher on the final Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List, then such player will become eligible to become a Special Temporary Member of the Web.com Tour for the remainder of the year, provided that he joins the Web.com Tour in such category within 60 days after becoming eligible. Upon payment of annual dues, such player shall be eligible for an unlimited number of sponsor exemptions for the remainder of the year, and shall be eligible for tournaments as specified in Section A.1(aa) of this Article III.

#### B. OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In any cosponsored event, eligibility of a player to participate also shall be conditioned on the following:

#### 1. Entry Form and Fee

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

#### 2. Web.com Tour Dues

Every regular member of the Web.com Tour shall pay annual dues of \$100 (or \$150 for combined PGA TOUR (Web.com Tour annual dues), or such other amount as shall be determined by the PGA TOUR Policy Board from time to time.

#### 3. Insurance

As a further condition of entry in any cosponsored 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, Web. com Inc. and such other affiliated entities as shall be designated from time to time by the PGA TOUR Policy Board, shall be named additional insured 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 the Web.com Tour or the PGA who enter a cosponsored tournament may be required as a condition of entry to pay a fee to PGA TOUR for the cost of personal liability insurance covering participation in such tournament.

### **IV. CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENTS**

The management and conduct of all Web.com Tour cosponsored tournaments, pro-am events and other golf events shall be under the direction of PGA TOUR, and such events shall be played in accordance with these Regulations and the tournament agreements applicable thereto.

#### A. MATTERS RELATING TO PLAY

#### 1. Starting Fields

The starting field in Web.com Tour open cosponsored 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 Tournament Director determines, in his discretion, the field size to be required by the circumstances (e.g., due to lack of available daylight, to incorporate all exempt players, etc.).

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

#### 2. Commitments and Personal Registration

Eligible players wishing to participate in a Web.com Tour cosponsored event must commit to such event in accordance with the terms of this Subsection A.2. Advance commitments by players shall be made either by 800-number telephone service to PGA TOUR Headquarters during business hours Monday through Friday (i.e., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jacksonville, FL time) except for legal holidays, or by committing electronically via the player website. Onsite commitments may be made at the tournament site within 30 minutes after the completion of play on Friday of the week preceding the tournament.

While advance commitments may be made at any time, the deadline for all players to commit to Web.com Tour cosponsored events shall be 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) on the Friday of the week prior to the tournament. A member may also commit to an event in person or by telephone to an on-site Web.com Tour media official or rules official one-half hour after the conclusion of play, whichever is later, on Friday of the week prior to the tournament. In addition any player, that becomes eligible for a Web.com Tour event by reason of finishing in the top 25 of the previous event [see Article III, Section A.1(n)] and the winner of the previous week's event may commit for the next event by notifying the Web.com Tour Tournament Director on site at the event where such person won or finished in the top 25 within 30 minutes after the conclusion of such event.

**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.

A player must register personally at the tournament site prior to any practice or pro-am round at the tournament course or in any case by Tuesday at 5 p.m. local time. Players may request permission for late registration, provided such request is made to a Web.com Tour tournament official on-site by 5 p.m. local time, or to PGA TOUR headquarters by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the day of such deadline. Failure to register (or request late registration) as specified will result in disciplinary action. Furthermore, a player failing to register prior to his first tournament round shall be ineligible to participate in the tournament unless satisfactory evidence of mitigating circumstances has been provided to the Tournament Director.

**NOTE:** A dual-committed player may play in the Web.com Tour pro-am while remaining an alternate for that week's PGA TOUR event. However, a player must complete his pro-am round prior to accepting a place in the starting field of that week's PGA TOUR event.

#### 3. Groupings

Groupings in Web.com Tour cosponsored tournaments shall be by threes (3s) to the extent possible, prior to reduction of the field. Following the reduction of field, groupings shall be by pairs or as otherwise determined by the Tournament Director due to existing circumstances (e.g., lack of daylight). Subject to the discretion and under the supervision of the Tournament Director, groupings of players for the first two (2) rounds shall be made by draw in the following categories:

- (a) All members of PGA TOUR, Web.com Tour and those players with combined PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour official career earnings of more than \$750,000.
- (b) All other players

Groupings for the final round after a reduction of field shall be made on the basis of tournament standings at the conclusion of the preceding round. The lowest finishers at the end of such round,

as listed on the Web.com Tour's official scoreboard, will be grouped together. Groupings for the third and fourth rounds shall be fixed on the basis of tournament standings at the conclusion of the preceding round.

The remainder of the field will likewise be grouped in similar sequence. Ties shall be decided by the order of starting the round last played, with the later starting time assigned to the earlier starter in the previous round.

#### 4. Starting Times

Starting times for the first and second rounds shall be assigned by draw, and shall be fixed for the round after a reduction of field on the basis of current standings at the conclusion of the preceding round, 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 Tournament Director at his discretion may change this sequence. All starting times shall be fixed under the supervision of the Tournament Director. Starting times for the third and fourth rounds will be fixed on the basis of tournament standings at the conclusion of the preceding round.

#### 5. Reduction of Field (Cuts)

Unless otherwise provided in the tournament agreement or unless otherwise determined by the Tournament Director at his discretion (e.g., due to weather), the starting field in a Web.com Tour cosponsored tournament shall be reduced to the 65 professional players having the lowest scores at the conclusion of 36 holes of tournament play, including any players tied for 65th place, plus amateurs with scores not higher than that of the 65th professional.

Once a reduction of field has been made after 36 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 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 (including one receiving a restricted sponsor exemption) who withdraws or who is disqualified, or is elevated to a higher eligibility category prior to starting will be replaced by the highest ranking alternate on the Web.com Tour alternate list, except that a player who withdraws, is disgualified or is elevated to a higher eligibility category and is an unrestricted sponsor exemption may be replaced, at the discretion of the sponsor, by another sponsor exemption prior to 12:00 noon two days preceding the first scheduled day of the tournament (usually Tuesday), 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, or is a nonmember. Unrestricted sponsor exemptions revert to the Web.com Tour alternate list after 12:00 noon two days preceding the first scheduled day of the tournament (usually Tuesday).

Restricted sponsor exemptions must be named by 12:00 noon three days preceding the first scheduled day of the tournament (usually Monday). Unrestricted sponsor exemptions must be named by 12:00 noon two days preceding the first scheduled day of the tournament (usually Tuesday).

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:** 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 Web.com 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 that is not available to replace the withdrawal is disqualified from that tournament.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section A.6 of this Article IV, any PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) member who is within the starting field of a Web.com Tour event and is also an alternate for that week's PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) event must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters or the Web.com Tour official at the site of the Web.com Tour event by no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday of tournament week of his intent to play in the Web.com Tour event. If such player notifies PGA TOUR Headquarters or the Web.com Tour official at the Web.com Tour official at the Web.com Tour official at the veb.com Tour official at the week's PGA TOUR Headquarters or the Web.com Tour official at the Web.com Tour site that he intends to play in the Web.com Tour event (or if such player fails to give such notification), such player shall cease to be an alternate in that week's PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) event and shall not thereafter withdraw from the Web.com Tour event for purposes of playing in that week's PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) event.

PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) members in categories p. through z. (i.e., the 126 to 150 category and below) of Article III, Section A-1, are eligible for and may commit to both PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour events scheduled for the same week. If any such player is in the field of both events, he shall notify PGA TOUR Headquarters of his intention to play either the PGA TOUR event or the Web.com Tour event in the following week not later than 3 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Monday of the tournament week in question. Failure to notify PGA TOUR of his intentions by the 3 p.m. Monday deadline, will cause the player to be placed in the PGA TOUR tournament field (provided he is still eligible).

If by 3 p.m. (Eastern Time) on the Monday the player is eligible for both events, he is required to declare himself to one event and to withdraw from the other. If he has been "bumped" from either field, he may elect to remain an alternate for the field from which he was bumped, or he may declare himself in the other field and withdraw from the event for which he is now an alternate. If the player, as of the 3 p.m. Monday deadline, is an alternate for the PGA TOUR event, he may remain in the field for the Web.com Tour event and determine his final status by the existing 5 p.m. Wednesday deadline as provided above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section A-6 of this Article IV, any PGA TOUR Champions member who is within the starting field of a Web.com Tour event and is also an alternate for that week's PGA TOUR Champions event must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters or the Web.com Tour event by no later than 5 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Wednesday of tournament week of his intent to play in the Web.com Tour event. If such player notifies PGA TOUR Headquarters or the Web.com Tour official at the Web.com Tour site that he intends to play in the Web.com Tour event (or if such player fails to give such notification), such player shall cease to be an alternate for that week's PGA TOUR Champions event and shall not thereafter withdraw from the Web.com Tour event for purposes of playing in that week's PGA TOUR Champions event.

**NOTE:** If a PGA TOUR Champions member is in the field of both the PGA TOUR Champions and Web.com Tour event he must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters by 3 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday of tournament week of which event he intends to play. Failure to notify PGA TOUR of his intention will cause the player to be placed in the PGA TOUR Champions field and removed from the Web.com Tour field.

#### 7. **Professional-Amateur Events**

Unless otherwise provided in the tournament agreement, the host organization of any cosponsored tournament may sponsor and conduct a professional-amateur golf event (a "pro-am") in conjunction with the tournament, to be played on the day immediately preceding the tournament. The pro-am shall be played in groups no larger than five (5); each group must include at least one (1) professional.

**NOTE:** The host organization may also request that an unsanctioned pro-am be played on the tournament course on Monday. Schedules and formats for play of such pro-am events shall be subject to the prior written approval of the Commissioner, and PGA TOUR shall have no obligation with regard to providing professionals for such pro-ams. A maximum of 28 teams will be permitted for such proams.

Amateur players shall be selected or approved by the host organization. Amateurs shall have up-todate handicaps computed under the USGA handicap procedure. They shall use their full handicaps or 21 strokes, whichever is lower, except that a plus handicap shall be changed to scratch or zero (0).

At the option of the host organization, women amateur players may play from the ladies' teeing grounds, except where the Tournament Director determines that use of such teeing grounds would be inadvisable (e.g., due to roping problems). Where ladies' tees are not used, women amateur players shall receive six (6) additional strokes added to their handicap (with a maximum of 27 strokes) and shall play from the same teeing grounds as used by the amateur men.

In any pro-am, the number of teams shall be limited to 52 professionals and two (2), three (3) or four (4) amateur partners, except that pro-ams using shotgun starts shall be limited to 54 such teams. The number of pro-am teams may be reduced by the Web.com Tour Tournament Director in his discretion, due to lack of available daylight, weather conditions or other contingencies.

The professionals eligible for the pro-am shall be determined as follows and in the following order of priority, provided, however, that if the number of pro-am teams is reduced to less than 52, the Web. com Tour Tournament Director shall determine which professionals are eligible to compete, based upon operating procedures and policies which will be distributed to Web.com Tour members.

**NOTE:** Professionals must be in the field at the commitment deadline in order to be eligible for the pro-am unless otherwise approved by the Web.com Tour Tournament Director.

- (a) The tournament winner from the previous week.
- (b) The top available Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR members from the current year's Official Web. com Tour Regular Season Money List, in order of their standings on such list, as of the commitment deadline for that event.

NOTE: The sum of players eligible for the pro-am from these two categories (a) and (b) shall be 44

professionals, except that in pro-ams that use a shotgun start and have a field of 54 teams, the sum of players eligible for the pro-am from these two categories (a) and (b) shall be 46 players.

(c) The host organization shall have the right to choose the remaining professional players to fill the pro-am field without regard to the current year's Official Web.com Tour Money List.

For events in which there is no official money list as of the respective commitment deadline (i.e. early season tournaments), the professionals eligible for the pro-am shall be determined as follows and in the following order of priority:

- (a) Web.com Tour tournament winners from the previous year.
- (b) Leading Money Winners from PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR China and the winner of Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament.
- (c) The next 25 money leaders from the previous year's Web.com Tour Finals and the Top 75 Money Leaders from the previous years Web.com Tour Regular Season.
- (d) Additional Web.com Tour members: Players from those eligible for the tournament pursuant to Section A.1(f and g) of Article III (i.e. Finishers 2-10 and Ties and Finishers 11-45 and Ties from Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament).

**NOTE:** The sum of players eligible for the pro-am from these three categories (a), (b), (c) and (d) shall be 44 professionals, except that in pro-ams that use a shotgun start and have a field of 54 teams, the sum of players eligible for the pro-am from these two categories (a), (b) and (c) shall be 46 players.

(d) The host organization shall have the right to choose the remaining professional players to fill the pro-am field without regard to the current year's Official Web.com Tour Money List.

At the beginning of each year, Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR members will be given the opportunity to select their pro-am starting time preference. Pro-am starting time preference shall be given to players in the order of their standing on the current year's Official Web.com Tour Money List as of the commitment deadline for that event. For events in which there is no official money list as of the respective commitment deadline (i.e. early season tournaments), pro-am starting time preference shall be given to players in the same order for which they are eligible for the official competition.

**NOTE:** Professionals playing in the pro-am in the current year's Official Web.com Tour Money List category, who are required to play in all pro-ams, may be excused at the discretion of Web.com Tour Tournament Director once per year. A player wishing to be excused from the pro-am must submit his request to PGA TOUR Headquarters by 5 p.m Eastern Time Friday of the week preceding tournament week. Players will not be excused from the last event of the Web.com Tour Regular Season Pro-Am or Finals series Pro-Ams. If selected, either by system or Sponsor Exemption, participation is required.

**NOTE:** Those players within the top five alternate positions for the PGA TOUR event in the same week, as of 5 pm Eastern Time on the Friday preceeding the week of the tournament, shall not be eligible for the Web.com Tour pro-am. Further, a dual-committed player may play in the Web.com Tour pro-am while remaining an alternate for that week's PGA TOUR event . However, a player must complete his pro-am round prior to accepting a place in the starting field of that week's PGA TOUR event.

A commitment to enter a tournament is also a commitment to play in a related pro-am at the tournament course, if the player is so eligible for the pro-am. A player failing to meet any such proam obligation shall incur an automatic penalty of \$500. Repeated failure of a professional player to participate in a pro-am field for which he is eligible shall be considered conduct unbecoming a professional golfer and subject to disciplinary action by PGA TOUR.

The prize monies specified in the tournament agreement shall be paid to the professional players in the pro-am on the basis of low finishing scores therein.

If, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence or condition beyond the control of PGA TOUR or the host organization renders commencement or continuation of the pro-am inadvisable in its originally scheduled format, the Tournament Director in his discretion may postpone, cancel or alter play therein. In the event of cancellation of the pro-am, prize monies shall be distributed equally among the professionals, provided at least 50 percent of the field has started.

The preferred format for the pro-am competition is one (1) best-ball of the team. In no case shall two (2) or more best-balls of the team be used. At the option of the host organization, the pro-am may be conducted using the scramble format or the select-drive 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.

**NOTE: Web.com Tour Finals Series Pro-Am Eligibility:** For the first Finals event, eligibility for the Pro-Am will alternate in order between the Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List and the PGA TOUR FedExCup Points List, beginning with #1 from the Web.com Tour, followed by #126 from the FedExCup Points List and so on until the Pro-Am field is filled in its entirety, except for pro-am sponsor picks which shall be chosen in accordance with Web.com Tour Tournament Regulations. The official Pro-Ams for the remaining Finals events will be filled based on the current week's standing from the Official Web.com Tour Finals Money List, in order starting with #1 until the Pro-Am field is filled in its entirety, except for pro-am sponsor picks which shall be chosen in accordance with Web.com Tour Tournament Regulations. If selected, either by system or Sponsor Exemption, participation is required.

#### 8. Best Efforts; Withdrawals

In making a commitment to participate in a cosponsored event, 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. 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.
- (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 Tournament Director 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 Tournament Director and returning a signed score card.

A player who breaches the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine or suspension from play, or both, in cosponsored events.

#### 9. Postponements and Cancellations

If, in the judgment of the Tournament Director, adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence or condition beyond the control of PGA TOUR render commencement or continuation of tournament play inadvisable, play shall be postponed until such time as the Tournament Director, 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 postponement, with the exception of the Web.com Tour Championship, and last event of the Web.com Tour Regular Season shall extend the tournament beyond the scheduled conclusion of the tournament (normally Sunday), except that in the event of a suspension during a final round played on Sunday, when at least half of the field has completed play, the final round will be completed when conditions permit, but no later than Monday. In no situation would play resume in order to have at least half the field complete play on Sunday so that play may be extended to Monday.

For the Web.com Tour Championship and last event of the Web.com Tour Regular Season, play may be extended to Monday at the discretion of the Tournament Director if golf course conditions and weather permit. However, in no case shall play extend beyond Monday (with the exception of sudden-death playoff to determine the winner.

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 four (4) official rounds and there is a tie for first place, there will be a playoff at a convenient time as determined by the Tournament Director. The tournament will be considered "official" for purposes of determining official money if at least two (2) official rounds have been completed. The tournament will be considered "official" for purposes of determining official wins if at least three (3) rounds have been completed.

If less than one official round of the tournament is completed as the result of any cancellation, the host organization and PGA TOUR shall not be required to pay any prize money. In an open tournament, the host organization shall refund all tournament entry fees paid.

If, however, at least one official round is completed, the host organization and PGA TOUR shall pay 50 percent of the purse, which shall be divided equally among all players in the starting field. In the case of only one official round being completed, there will be no playoff conducted. If at least two official rounds are completed, the host organization and PGA TOUR shall pay 100 percent of the purse, which 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.

#### B. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The following general provisions relating to the conduct of tournaments apply to cosponsored Web. com Tour events.

#### 1. Entry Forms

All entry forms for cosponsored tournaments shall be prepared by PGA TOUR and furnished to the host organization not less than 30 days prior to the tournament. 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 cosponsored Web.com Tour 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 PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR golf events 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: (1) 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 is authorized by PGA TOUR; (2) abide by these Regulations, including any amendments thereto as may be adopted from time to time; and (3) abide by the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association, subject to any modifications thereof approved by PGA TOUR.

A player who has incorporated may enter cosponsored events 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 player (and/or members of his immediate family). The player 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 players who enter such events in their own names.

#### 2. Course Preparation

Preparation of the course shall be subject to approval of the Tournament Director. Locations of teeing grounds and hole positions on putting greens shall be selected by the Tournament Director.

The Tournament Director may direct growing, cutting and watering of grass as he 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 cosponsored 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 Tournament Director determines that darkness, weather or other conditions preclude conducting a playoff on the day of the final round.

Tournaments shall begin playoffs on the 18th hole unless the Tournament Director determines that another hole should be used because of mitigating circumstances.

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

(2) 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 Tournament Director.

#### 4. Distribution of Purses

The purses of all cosponsored 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 cosponsored tournaments and such other events as the PGA TOUR Policy Board may designate, provided that at least two official rounds have been completed and provided that official money shall not be awarded in any team competition or pro-am tournament. The breakdown of official money will be determined from time to time by the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

### V. CONFLICTING EVENTS; MEDIA AND MARKETING RIGHTS

#### A. CONFLICTING EVENTS

#### 1. Obligations of PGA TOUR

On a date on which any Web.com Tour cosponsored event is being played, PGA TOUR will not cosponsor or approve any other similar golf event without the advance written consent of the host organization of the first scheduled Web.com Tour event, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. "Similar golf event" means a tournament of the same type (i.e., Web.com Tour event). For example, PGA TOUR shall not be prohibited under this section from holding a PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) or PGA TOUR Champions event on the same dates as a Web.com Tour event.

#### 2. Obligations of Web.com Tour Members

In any week when a PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions or Web.com Tour cosponsored tournament is scheduled, no Web.com 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 or Web.com Tour tournament without the prior approval of the Commissioner. Nothing in the foregoing shall preclude Web.com 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 electronic portrayal of play and without public gallery.

#### B. MEDIA AND MARKETING RIGHTS

#### 1. Media Rights

The television, radio, motion picture and all other media rights of all players participating in Web. com Tour tournaments, pro-ams or any other golf event conducted in conjunction with cosponsored events (e.g., clinics, long-drive contests, etc.), or any portion thereof, shall be 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.

#### 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 the Web.com 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 the Web.com Tour without the advance written approval of such member.
- (c) Similarly, no individual Web.com Tour member, tournament sponsor or other person or entity is authorized to make any commercial use of the PGA TOUR or Web.com Tour name, marks or logo with out the advance written approval of PGA TOUR.

# VI. CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

Players participating in Web.com Tour cosponsored events and related activities 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, the Web.com 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 may be subject to a fine, suspension from play in Web.com Tour and other PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated events, 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 Web.com Tour cosponsored golf event, including any pro-am event played in connection therewith, except as may be specifically authorized by the Policy Board prior to the event.

Conversely, neither players nor other individuals acting on such players' behalf shall offer anything of value to a Web.com Tour cosponsored event in return for an invitation to the tournament as described in Section A.1(I) of Article III (i.e., a sponsor exemption).

Neither a player nor other individuals acting on a player's behalf shall promise or guarantee such a player's appearance in any Web.com Tour cosponsored, approved or coordinated event conditional

upon the grant of a sponsor's exemption to a different player.

### C. FINANCIAL INTEREST BY A PLAYER IN ANOTHER PLAYER: GAMBLING; BRIBES; GIFTS; DOPING

A player shall not have any financial interest, either direct or indirect, in the performance or the tournament winnings of another player, whether through purse-splitting, prize money "insurance," financial assistance, bets or otherwise. Any player who violates the provisions of this paragraph shall be subject to a suspension from tournament play for a minimum period of two (2) years.

A player shall not do any of the following:

- 1. Fail to give his best efforts in competition.
- 2. Gamble or play cards on the premises where a Web.com Tour cosponsored tournament is being played.
- 3. Associate with or have dealings with persons whose activities, including gambling, might reflect adversely upon the integrity of the game of golf.
- 4. Bet money or anything of value on a golf tournament or similar event, whether or not the player is a competitor in such competition.
- 5. Offer or give a bribe, gift, payment, reward or anything of value to any player with the intention of influencing his efforts in a competition.
- 6. Solicit, agree to accept or accept a bribe, gift, payment, reward or anything of value offered or given with the intention of influencing the player's efforts in a competition.
- 7. Fail to report promptly to the Commissioner any known or suspected offer, bribe, gift, payment, reward or anything of value, or any agreement or acceptance or bet described in the foregoing.
- Associate or have 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.

#### D. MEDIA COMMENTS; PUBLIC ATTACKS

The favorable public reputation of PGA TOUR and its tournaments are valuable assets and create tangible benefits for all Web.com Tour members. Accordingly, it is an obligation of membership to refrain from comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage tournaments, sponsors, fellow competitors, PGA TOUR or the Web.com Tour. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with PGA TOUR policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that a player knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interests of a tournament sponsor or charity are expressly covered by this section. Any violation of this section shall be considered conduct unbecoming a professional.

#### E. WORTHLESS CHECKS

If any player issues a worthless (dishonored) check in payment of entry fees or otherwise in connection with a Web.com Tour cosponsored tournament, he shall be penalized as follows:

First Offense:	\$200 fine.
Second Offense:	\$200 fine and loss of check-cashing privileges for six months.
Third Offense:	\$500 fine and loss of check-cashing privileges for one year.

Repeated instances of the issuance of worthless checks by a player shall be grounds for suspension or permanent disbarment from tournament play, as may be determined by the Tournament Policy Board.

#### F. USGA RULES

Play in all Web.com Tour cosponsored tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with the United States Golf Association Rules of Golf, as modified by PGA TOUR. Players will be furnished a copy of such modifications, including local rules, prior to their starting times.

#### G. **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.)

**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 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 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 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. For shotgun starts, practice is prohibited for one hour prior to the shotgun start. 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 time will be adjusted to 7:30 a.m. for the months of May through August.

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 (1) 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 or 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 Web.com Tour alternate list or other eligible players as determined by the on-site PGA TOUR Tournament Director. Qualified players and the first 10 alternates on the Web.

com Tour alternate list or other eligible players shall not practice with ineligible players.

#### H. CADDIES AND GOLF CARTS

Players in cosponsored Web.com Tour events shall not use automotive transportation unless otherwise determined by the Tournament Director, and then in accordance with procedures established by the Tournament Director. Unless otherwise determined by the Tournament Director, caddies must be employed for all practice rounds, qualifying rounds, pro-am rounds and tournament rounds.

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. When accompanied by his player, a caddie may enter the locker room at the end of the player's week (i.e. after a missed cut or completion of the event) to assist the player in loading the player's golf bag with contents 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 cosponsored event shall so indicate at the time they commit to participate in such event and shall be responsible for the conduct and behavior of such caddies at such events.

#### LOCKER FEES

If locker facilities are available, players in Web.com Tour tournament starting fields shall use such locker room facilities and shall pay a minimum fee of \$20 to the locker attendant for such service.

#### J. 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 Tournament Director shall interpret this regulation, subject to the approval of the Commissioner.

# **VII. DISCIPLINE, PENALTIES AND APPEALS**

Each player, by participating in cosponsored Web.com Tour events, acknowledges the right and authority of the PGA TOUR Policy Board, the Commissioner and the Appeals Committee (a) to fine and suspend the player from tournament play, and/or (b) to fine and permanently bar the player from tournament play in cosponsored, coordinated or approved golf events of PGA TOUR for violation of these Tournament Regulations.

Any such participating player, 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 Web.com Tour, Web.com, 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, notwith-

standing such 30-day period, until such fine is paid the player will be ineligible for competition.

#### A. ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Except for penalties under the Rules of Golf (including pace of play) and for minor penalties, any players subject to disciplinary action or penalty defined as intermediate or major penalties shall first be notified of such proposed action in writing. Such notice may be presented to the player by a tournament official or the Tournament Director, 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 player 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 player, the Commissioner shall notify the player 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 player shall have the right of appeal as set forth in Section E of this Article VII.

#### B. RULES OF GOLF

Any player who, while participating in any Web.com Tour cosponsored tournament, breaches the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association, or local rules in effect for the conduct of such tournament, shall be subject to the penalties provided in such Rules as well as any other penalties determined by the PGA TOUR Policy Board. The decision of the Web.com Tour Rules Committee for the tournament with respect to such breach shall be final and conclusive.

**NOTE**: PGA TOUR pace of play rules constitute supplemental local rules.

#### C. CONDUCT UNBECOMING A PROFESSIONAL

Any player who shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a professional golfer while participating in a tournament cosponsored, coordinated or approved by Web.com Tour 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 the Web.com Tour has for any reason been placed on probation for an infraction of any rule of the Web.com Tour, then and in that event, if at any time during the probation period that member shall violate any rule of the Web.com Tour, irrespective of whether that violation carries with it a penalty designated minor, intermediate or major as described under Sections D-1, 2 and 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.

Prior to imposition of any intermediate or major penalty (except under the Rules of Golf), the player shall be notified orally, if possible, and in writing signed by the Web.com Tour Tournament Director or by the Commissioner. In the case of minor penalties, notification may be by any Web.com Tour tournament official. Such written notifications shall specify the precise charges or violations. To the extent practicable, such written notifications shall be given before noon of the day following such violation.

Any written notification required by this section to be given to a player shall be hand-delivered or

sent to him via registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of the player as shown in the records of PGA TOUR, provided that delivery to a player'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 \$1,000. A minor penalty may be imposed by the Chief of Operations, or his designee.

#### 2. Intermediate Penalties

An intermediate penalty is a fine of between \$1,001 and \$2,000 and/or suspension from play for not more than three (3) 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.

#### 3. Major Penalties

A major penalty is a fine in excess of \$2,000, suspension from tournament play for more than three (3) tournaments and/or permanent disbarment from tournament play in Web.com Tour events and other 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 or his designee. Such appeal may be in writing or oral and may include defenses or mitigating circumstances, including written statements or witnesses. Such appeal shall be received no later than 14 days after the date of the written notification of imposition of the penalty. The Chief of Operations or his designee shall render his decision on the 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 from the date of notification of an intermediate or a major penalty, the player 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 player in writing of his response, specifying the reason therefor. No player 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.

#### 3. Appeals Committee

There shall be an Appeals Committee consisting of three non-player directors designated by the Board. to serve on such committee. The Appeals Committee shall prescribe its own rules of procedure.

A player 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 the 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.

#### F. 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.

## **VIII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOURNAMENTS**

#### A. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The Commissioner may, at his option, require the host organization of any Web.com Tour event to furnish evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of the host organization's financial responsibility, either:

- By posting a bond in an amount equal to the sum of the prize monies to be provided by the sponsor for such event plus an additional sum to cover the entry fees or the service fee payable to PGA TOUR, guaranteeing such performance, or
- 2. By providing some other form of financial guarantee or arrangement assuring the host organization's performance of its financial obligations under the tournament agreement.

#### B. NO GAMBLING

Neither the host organization of any Web.com Tour event nor any of its employees, agents or representatives shall be associated with any form of organized or unorganized gambling at the time of the tournament or pro-am, if any, either at or removed from the site thereof. If such provision is violated, PGA TOUR shall have the right to terminate all or any portion of such events without liability to the host organization, and any Web.com Tour member may withdraw from participation therein without liability to the host organization and without penalty under these Regulations or other PGA TOUR rules.

#### C. SALE ON GROUNDS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OTHER THAN WINE OR BEER

The host organization will insure 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.

#### D. SIGNS AND BANNERS

The host organization will ensure that signs and banners will not be allowed on the course except as specifically approved by the Tournament Director.

# **IX. MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

This Article defines Web.com 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 Articles of Incorporation or By-Laws of PGA TOUR, Inc., which reserve 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 become members of the Web.com Tour:

#### 1. Regular Members

- (a) All players who earn access to the Final Stage of Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament.
- (b) Any tournament winner of a Web.com Tour event in the current or immediately preceding year.
- (c) The next 25 money leaders from the previous year's Web.com Tour Finals who did not earn PGA TOUR cards.
- (d) Top 75 Money Leaders from the previous year's Web.com Tour Regular Season.
- (e) Former fully exempt members of the PGA TOUR as described in Section A.1(h) of Article III of the Regulations.
- (f) The 50 finishers beyond 150th place on the Official FedExCup Points List as described in Section A.1(q) of Article III of the Regulations.
- (g) Finishers 1 through 5 from the previous year's final PGA TOUR Latinoamérica and PGA TOUR Canada Order of Merit.

#### 2. Temporary Members

Any nonmember of the Web.com Tour (except an amateur) who qualifies to participate in a Web. com Tour event shall become a temporary member of the Web.com Tour for the duration of such tournament.

#### 3. Special Member/Medical

- (a) Any members who qualify for the Special Medical Extension as provided in Section A.1(n) of Article III, for so long as such member is entitled to the Special Medical Extension.
- (b) Such members shall be eligible to participate in tournaments as provided in Section A.1(n) of Article III.
- (c) Such members shall be subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these Regulations.

#### 4. Special Temporary Members

A Special Temporary Member shall be:

- (a) Eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A.1(aa) of Article III.
- (b) Subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these Regulations.

#### 5. Past Champion Members

Players who won events two through nine years prior to the current season. Such players shall be:

- (a) Eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1(s) and Section A-1 (bb) of Article III.
- (b) Subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these Regulations.

#### 6. Veteran Members

Players that have made 150 combined cuts in tournaments on the PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour that awarded official money. Such players shall be:

- (a) Eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1 (cc) of Article III.
- (b) Subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these Regulations.

#### B. **DUES AND FEES**

Members shall pay such dues and fees as may from time to time be prescribed by the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

#### C. TERMINATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

#### 1. Termination

A player shall cease to be a member of the Web.com 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 to compete in Web.com Tour events as provided in Sections A.1(n) and
   (v) of Article III, as applicable; or
- (d) If in the judgment of the PGA TOUR Policy Board he commits a serious breach of these Tournament Regulations, the Rules of Golf, the PGA Code of Ethics, or conducts himself in a

manner unbecoming a professional golfer.

#### 2. Reinstatement

A player whose Web.com 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 the Web.com Tour shall be terminated for any reason other than the foregoing, he shall not be eligible for reinstatement to membership for at least six (6) months from such termination, except on the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

#### D. MEETINGS OF PLAYER MEMBERS

#### 1. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the members of the Web.com Tour shall be held annually, on a date and at a place to be determined by the Commissioner at least 60 days prior to the holding thereof. Players invited to attend shall include all regular members of the Web.com Tour. All Web.com Tour members in the field shall be required to attend. Failure to do so will result in a fine.

#### 2. Special Meetings

Special meetings of members of the Web.com Tour shall be held whenever called by the Commissioner upon the written request of two (2) 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 regular members of the Web.com 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 practicable, meetings shall be scheduled at a place and time convenient to the members, preferably at the site of and within two (2) days of the commencement of a Web.com Tour cosponsored event.
- (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 nor 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 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 at which the adjournment is taken, provided the adjournment is not for more than 21 days. 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 a majority of all the regular members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the members present or, if no member is present, any officer of PGA TOUR present, may adjourn the meeting for a period not exceeding 21 days in any one case.
- (d) Each member present at meetings of members shall be entitled to one (1) vote in person on all matters with respect to which members may vote. All matters voted upon by the members at any

meeting of the members shall be decided by the vote of a majority of the members present.

(e) Nothing herein shall preclude the scheduling by PGA TOUR of additional informal player meetings.

### E. PLAYER ADVISORY COUNCIL

- 1. Player Advisory Council
  - (a) A Web.com Tour Player Advisory Council (the "Council") will be composed of thirteen (13) members elected annually by the members of the Web.com Tour. The purpose of the Council is to advise and consult with the PGA TOUR Policy Board and Commissioner on matters affecting the Web.com Tour.
  - (b) The members of the Council will be elected as follows:
    - (i) Not later than one (1) week following completion of the Web.com Tour Qualifying Tournament each year, the Commissioner shall mail to all Web.com Tour regular members a list of such members. Each member may vote for eleven (11) members, as follows:
      - Three (3) players from the Tournament Winner category/Leading Money Winners from PGA Tour Latinoamérica, PGA Tour Canada, PGA Tour China, Winner of Web. com Tour Qualifying Tournament and Next 25 Money Leaders from the previous year's Web.com Tour Finals and Former Fully Exempt category.
      - Two (2) players from the 2-10 and Ties Qualifying Tournament category, 11-45 and Ties Qualifying category and Top 75 Money Leaders from the previous year's Web. com Tour Regular Season.
      - Two (2) players from the Special Member/Medical, Web.com Tour Past Champion (yrs. 3 to 4), finishes 126-150 on the official PGA TOUR FedEx Cup Points List, and 50 Finishers Beyond 150th Place on the Official PGA TOUR FedExCup Points List.
      - Two (2) from the Additional Finishers from Q-school/Prior-year Members (76-100) categories, Finishers 2 through 5 from the PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, Canada and China Order of Merit.
      - One (1) from PGA TOUR Past Champions/Veteran Members (combined category) / Web.com Tour Past Champions (yrs 5 to 10) categories/Web.com Tour Veteran Members/Web.com Tour Non-Exempt Medical Extension.
      - One (1) from New Member Category.
    - (ii) Ballots shall be returned to the office of an outside auditor no later than 30 days following distribution of the ballots. The members who receive the highest number of votes in each of the categories as provided above shall be deemed elected. The results of the election shall be announced as soon as practicable unless a tie vote makes a runoff necessary, in which case the Commissioner shall promptly conduct a mail vote of all members to resolve the tie and announce the results when voting is completed.
    - (iii) If any member declines to serve on the Player Advisory Council, the member with the next highest number of votes shall take such declining member's place.
    - (iv) The eleven (11) elected members of the Player Advisory Council shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman and shall select two (2) other Web.com Tour members not otherwise elected to serve on the Council.
  - (c) The Chairman 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 Web.com Tour, whichever first occurs. A vacancy occurring during the year will be filled by a vote of the Player Advisory Council. Members of the Council may be reelected from year to year.

#### F. AMENDMENTS

These Tournament Regulations may be amended or repealed at any meeting of the PGA TOUR Policy Board as provided in Article IX, Section H of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations.

## X. COSTS AND 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.

## PGA TOUR POLICY BOARD MEMBERS

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Tournament Players Clubs	
PGA of America	
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LPGA	

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