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Dear PGA TOUR members,

Welcome to the PGA TOUR. This directory was compiled to assist you in your preparation for a season on the PGA TOUR.

The *Player Handbook* includes a 2018–2019 tournament schedule and covers such topics as special event eligibility and special awards.

The *Tournament Regulations* are the guide to specific rules pertaining to PGA TOUR play. We have incorporated changes made to the *Tournament Regulations* since last season into this season's book. In addition, the index provides quick reference. These *Regulations* are the final authority on the operations and policies of the PGA TOUR. I encourage every member to become familiar with these rules.

Best wishes for a successful 2018–2019 season!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Monahan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jay Monahan  
Commissioner  
PGA TOUR



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# SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR THE 2018-2019 SEASON

- TOUR Championship format and FedExCup bonus structure changes including the addition of a bonus for the top 10 players from the Regular Season known as the "Wyndham Rewards Top 10".
- Modifications to the World Cup of Golf withdrawal policy.
- Changes to the 2019 Presidents Cup Eligibility.
- Expanding the Top 50 Career Money Exemption to include players who have made 300 or more PGA TOUR cuts.
- Inclusion of the FedExCup Champion in the Multi-Season Exemption Extension Rule.
- The Shriners Hospitals for Children Open field size reduced to 132 from 144.
- There will be five periodic reshuffles in the 2018-2019 season taking place following The RSM Classic and the Genesis Open, and thereafter, the Mondays of the Masters, the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and The Open Championship.
- Past Champions prior to 2000 for the Arnold Palmer Invitational and the RBC Heritage and Past Champions prior to 1997 for the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide will be added to the starting field if not otherwise eligible for the event.
- Players under a medical extension who earn combined 200th position on the FedExCup points list can qualify for the Web.com Tour Finals provided they have not otherwise utilized the Medical Provisions into the Web.com Tour Finals as a result of the same injury.
- Player Endorsement Policy - Amended to address items such as alcohol, gambling and casinos.

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# NOTES

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**2018-2019 PGA TOUR  
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

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# 2018-2019 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

**NOTE:** The winner of a PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournament held in the immediately preceding week, or any professional who finishes among the top 10 finishers or tied for 10th, not otherwise exempt, excluding World Golf Championship events, (see Article III, Section A-1f of *Tournament Regulations*), may commit to an on-site PGA TOUR media official for the next open PGA TOUR cosponsored tournament, within one-half hour after the conclusion of play.

- Oct 1-7      SAFEWAY OPEN (144 players)**  
Silverado Resort and Spa (North Course)  
1600 Atlas Peak Road  
Napa, CA 94558  
Club: 707/257-5402                      Office: 503/207-5647  
Commit Deadline: 9/28/18, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after  
play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Matt McEvoy, Tournament Director
- Oct 8-14     CIMB CLASSIC (78 players)**  
TPC Kuala Lumpur (West Course)  
No. 10, Jalan 1/70D, off Jalan Bukit Kiara  
60000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia  
Club: +60-32-093-1111                  Office: +60-12-370-4653  
Commit Deadline: 9/19/18, Wednesday 5 p.m. EDT  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Todd Rhinehart, Executive Director
- Oct 15-21    THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES (78 players)**  
The Club at Nine Bridges  
34-156, Kwangpyong-ro, Anduk-myon,  
Seowipo-si, jeju Island  
Club: +064-793-9999                  Office: +82(2)6740-1644  
Commit Deadline: 9/19/18, Wednesday, 5 p.m. EDT  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Travis Steiner, Executive Director

- Oct 22-28 WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-HSBC CHAMPIONS (78 players)**  
 Sheshan International Golf Club  
 Lane 288 New Linyin Avenue  
 Sheshan National Tourism Resort, Songjiang District  
 Shanghai 201602 China  
 Club: +86-21-376-58-888 Office: +44-208-233-5300  
 Commit Deadline: 10/11/18, Thursday, 5 p.m. EDT  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Marc Webster, Executive Director  
**NOTE: The commit deadline for players who become eligible for the event after the 10/11/18 commit deadline is 10/15/18 Monday, 5 p.m. EDT**
- Oct 22-28 SANDERSON FARMS CHAMPIONSHIP (132 players)**  
 Country Club of Jackson  
 345 St. Andrews Drive  
 Jackson, MS 39211  
 Club: 601/956-1411 Office: 601/898-4653  
 Commit Deadline: 10/19/18, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Steve Jent, Executive Director
- Oct 29- Nov 4 SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN OPEN (132 players)**  
 TPC Summerlin  
 1700 Village Center Circle  
 Las Vegas, NV 89134  
 Club: 702/256-0111 Office: 702/873-1010  
 Commit Deadline: 10/26/18, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Patrick Lindsey, Tournament Director
- Nov 5-11 MAYAKOBA GOLF CLASSIC (132 players)**  
 Mayakoba Resort (El Camaleón Course)  
 Ctra. Federal Chetumal - Pto. Juarez Km. 298  
 Playa del Carmen, Solidaridad Quintana Roo, C.P. 77710, Mexico  
 Club: +52-984-877-2380 Office: +52-984-877-2380  
 Commit Deadline: 11/2/18, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament.  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Joe Mazzeo, Tournament Director

**Nov 12-18 THE RSM CLASSIC (156 players)**  
Sea Island Golf Club (Seaside Course) (host course)  
100 Retreat Avenue,  
Saint Simons Island, GA 31522  
Club: 912/638-5118 Office: 912/634-3266  
Commit Deadline: 11/9/18 Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Todd Thompson, Tournament Director  
**NOTE: Plantation Course at Sea Island Resort also used.**

**Nov 19-25 WORLD CUP OF GOLF (56 players)**  
The Metropolitan Golf Club  
Golf Road,  
South Oakleigh, Victoria, 3167, Australia  
Club: 011/61-39579-3122 Office: 904/280-4708  
Key Contact: Matt Kamienski, Executive Director

**Nov 28-  
Dec 2 HERO WORLD CHALLENGE (18 players)**  
Albany, New Providence, Bahamas  
Club: 242-676-6010 Office: 949-725-3003  
Commit Deadline: 9/28/18, Friday, 5 p.m. EST  
to the tournament office.  
Key Contact: Mike Antolini, Vice President, Championships

**Dec 3-9 QBE SHOOTOUT (12 2-man teams)**  
Tiburón Golf Club at the Ritz Carlton Resort Naples  
2620 Tiburon Drive  
Naples, FL 34109  
Club: 239/593-2200 Office: 239/254-9770  
Commit Deadline: 10/5/18, Friday, 5 p.m. EST  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Taylor Ives, Tournament Director

**Dec 31-  
Jan 6 SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**  
Kapalua Resort (Plantation Course)  
2000 Plantation Club Drive  
Kapalua, Maui, HI 96761  
Club: 808/665-9116 Office: 808/665-9160  
Commit Deadline: 12/28/18, Friday, 5 p.m. EST  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Nancy Cross, Executive Director

- Jan 7-13**      **SONY OPEN IN HAWAII (144 players)**  
 Waialae Country Club  
 4997 Kahala Avenue  
 Honolulu, HI 96816  
 Club: 808/734-2151                      Office: 808/523-7888  
 Commit Deadline: 1/4/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after  
 play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Ray Stosik, Executive Director
- Jan 14-20**      **CAREERBUILDER CHALLENGE (156 PLAYERS)**  
 TPC Stadium Course at PGA WEST (host course)  
 56-150 PGA Boulevard  
 La Quinta, CA 92253  
 Club: 760/564-7111                      Office: 503/924-6207  
 Commit Deadline: 1/11/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after  
 play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Pat McCabe, Tournament Director  
**NOTE: La Quinta CC and Nicklaus Tournament Course  
 at PGA WEST also used.**
- Jan 21-27**      **FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN (156 players)**  
 Torrey Pines South Course (host course)  
 11480 Torrey Pines Road  
 La Jolla, CA 92037  
 Club: 858/452-3226                      Office: 858/886-4653  
 Commit Deadline: 1/18/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after  
 play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Peter Ripa, Chief Executive Officer  
**NOTE: Torrey Pines North Course also used.**
- Jan 28-  
 Feb 3**              **WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN (132 players)**  
 TPC Scottsdale (Stadium Course)  
 17020 North Hayden Road  
 Scottsdale, AZ 85255  
 Club: 480/585-4334                      Office: 602/870-0163  
 Commit Deadline: 1/25/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after  
 play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: John Bridger, Executive Director

- Feb 4-10 AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM (156 players)**  
Pebble Beach Golf Links (host course)  
17 Mile Drive  
Pebble Beach, CA 93953  
Club: 831/624-3811 Office: 831/649-1533  
Commit Deadline: 2/1/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after  
play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Steve John, CEO  
**NOTE: Monterey Peninsula CC (Shore Course) and Spyglass  
Hill GC also used.**
- Feb 11-17 GENESIS OPEN (144 players)**  
Riviera Country Club  
1250 Capri Drive  
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272  
Club: 310/454-6591 Office: 310/573-5808, 800/752-OPEN  
Commit Deadline: 2/8/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after  
play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Mike Antolini, Vice President, Championships
- Feb 18-24 WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-MEXICO  
CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Club de Golf Chapultepec  
Conscripto 425, Lomas Hipodromo  
53900 Naucalpan de Juarez  
Mexico City, Mexico  
Club: +52-55-5589-1200  
Commit Deadline: 2/15/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament (NOTE: The commit  
deadline for players who become eligible for the event after the  
2/15/19 commit deadline is 2/18/19, Monday, 5 p.m. EST.)  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Gerald Goodman, Executive Director
- Feb 18-24 PUERTO RICO OPEN (132 players)**  
Coco Beach Golf & Country Club  
100 Clubhouse Drive  
Rio Grande, Puerto Rico 00745  
Club: 787/657-2000 Office: 787/467-8399, 888/774-6531  
Commit Deadline: 2/15/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Mike Harmon, Tournament Director

**Feb 25-  
Mar 3**      **THE HONDA CLASSIC (144 players)**  
PGA National (Champion Course)  
400 Avenue of the Champions  
Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418  
Club: 561/627-2000                      Office: 561/799-2747  
Commit Deadline: 2/22/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after  
play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Andrew George, Tournament Director

**Mar 4-10**      **ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL presented  
by Mastercard (120 players)**  
Bay Hill Golf Club and Lodge  
9000 Bay Hill Boulevard  
Orlando, FL 32819  
Club: 407/876-2429                      Office: 407/876-2888  
Commit Deadline: 3/1/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Marci Doyle, Chief Operating Officer

**Mar 11-17**      **THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP (144 players)**  
TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium Course)  
110 Championship Way  
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082  
Club: 904/273-3374                      Office: 904/273-3383  
Commit Deadline: 3/8/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Jared Rice, Senior Vice President and Executive Director

**Mar 18-24**      **VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP (144 players)**  
Innisbrook Resort & GC (Copperhead Course)  
36750 U.S. Highway 19 North  
Palm Harbor, FL 34684  
Club: 727/942-2000                      Office: 727/942-5566  
Commit Deadline: 3/15/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Tracy West, Tournament Director

- Mar 25-31 WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS - DELL TECHNOLOGIES MATCH PLAY (64 players)**  
Austin Country Club  
4408 Long Champ Drive  
Austin, TX 78746  
Club: 512/328-0090 Office: 512/949-5881  
Commit Deadline: 3/22/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Jordan Uppleger, Executive Director
- Mar 25-31 CORALES PUNTACANA RESORT & CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (132 players)**  
Punta Cana Resort & Golf Club  
Punta Cana 23000, Dominican Republic  
Club: 809/959-4653 Office: 809/959-2714  
Commit Deadline: 3/22/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Manuel Sajour, Tournament Director
- Apr 1-7 VALERO TEXAS OPEN (144 players)**  
TPC San Antonio (AT&T Oaks Course)  
23808 Resort Parkway  
San Antonio, TX 78261  
Club: 210/507-4191 Office: 210/345-3818  
Commit Deadline: 3/29/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Larson Segerdahl, Tournament Director
- Apr 8-14 MASTERS TOURNAMENT**  
Augusta National Golf Club  
2604 Washington Road  
Augusta, GA 30904  
Club: 706/667-6000 Office: 706/667-6000  
Commitment: By Invitation Only  
Key Contact: Walton L. Johnson, Senior Director
- Apr 15-21 RBC HERITAGE (132 players)**  
Harbour Town Golf Links  
11 Lighthouse Lane  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928  
Club: 843/363-4485 Office: 843/671-2448  
Commit Deadline: 4/12/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Steve Wilmot, President, Tournament Director

- Apr 22-28 ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS (160 players/80 teams)**  
 TPC Louisiana  
 11001 Lapalco Blvd.  
 Avondale, LA 70094  
 Club: 504/436-8721 Office: 504/342-3000  
 Commit Deadline: 4/19/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
 after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Steve Worthy, Tournament Director
- Apr 29-  
May 5 WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP (156 players)**  
 Quail Hollow Club  
 3700 Gleneagles Lane  
 Charlotte, NC 28210  
 Club: 704/552-1800 Office: 704/554-8101  
 Commit Deadline: 4/26/19 Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
 after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Gary Sobba, Tournament Director
- May 6-12 AT&T BYRON NELSON (156 players)**  
 Trinity Forest Golf Club  
 5000 Great Trinity Forest Way  
 Dallas, TX 75217  
 Club: 214/646-3570 Office: 214/943-9700  
 Commit Deadline: 5/3/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
 after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Jon Drago, Tournament Director
- May 13-19 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP (156 players)**  
 Bethpage State Park (Black Course)  
 99 Quaker Meeting House Road  
 Farmingdale, NY 11735  
 Club: 516/249-4040 Office: 516/558-3055  
 Commitment: Written Entry Only, Entry Deadline: Friday, Apr. 12, 2019  
 Key Contact: Scott Reid, Championship Director
- May 20-26 CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE (120 players)**  
 Colonial Country Club  
 3735 Country Club Circle  
 Fort Worth, TX 76109  
 Club: 817/927-4200 Office: 817/927-4280  
 Commit Deadline: 5/17/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
 after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Michael Tothe, Tournament Director

**May 27-  
Jun 2**

**the MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT presented  
by Nationwide (120 players)**

Muirfield Village Golf Club  
5750 Memorial Drive  
Dublin, OH 43017  
Club: 614/889-6700                      Office: 614/889-6819  
Commit Deadline: 5/24/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Dan Sullivan, Executive Director

**Jun 3-9**

**RBC CANADIAN OPEN (156 players)**

Hamilton Golf and Country Club  
232 Golf Links Road  
Ancaster, Ontario, Canada, L9G 2N5  
Club: 905/844-1800                      Office: 905/849-9700  
Commit Deadline: 5/31/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Bill Paul, Chief Championship Officer

**Jun 10-16**

**U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (156 players)**

Pebble Beach Golf Links  
17 Mile Drive  
Pebble Beach, CA 93953  
Club: 831/624-3811                      Office:  
Entry deadline: April 24, 2019  
Entry application must be filed at <https://champs.usga.org>  
Key Contact: Mike Davis, Executive Director

**Jun 17-23**

**TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP (156 players)**

TPC River Highlands  
1 Golf Club Road  
Cromwell, CT 06416  
Club: 860/635-5000                      Office: 860/502-6800  
Commit Deadline: 6/14/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Nathan Grube, Tournament Director

**Jun 24-30**

**ROCKET MORTGAGE CLASSIC (156 players)**

17911 Hamilton Road  
Detroit, MI 48203  
Club: 313/345-1818                      Office: TBD  
Commit Deadline: 6/21/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Jason Langwell, Executive Director

**Jul 1-7**      **3M Open (156 players)**  
TPC Twin Cities  
11444 Tournament Players Parkway  
Blaine, MN 55449  
Club: 763/795-0800                      Office: 763/783-9000  
Commit Deadline: 6/28/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Peter Mele, Executive Director

**Jul 8-14**      **JOHN DEERE CLASSIC (156 players)**  
TPC Deere Run  
3100 Heather Knoll  
Silvis, IL 61282  
Club: 309/796-6000                      Office: 309/762-4653  
Commit Deadline: 7/5/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Clair Peterson, Tournament Director

**Jul 15-21**      **THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (156 players)**  
Royal Portrush Golf Club  
Dunluce Road  
Portrush  
County Antrim, BT56 8JQ, UK  
Office: 011/44-1704-552020  
Commitment: Written Entry Only (Entry deadline: TBD)  
Key Contact: TheOpen.com

**Jul 15-21**      **BARBASOL CHAMPIONSHIP (132 players)**  
Keene Trace Golf Club (Champions Trace)  
20 Avenue of Champions  
Nicholasville, KY 40356  
Club: 859/224-4653                      Office: 859/469-8167  
Commit Deadline: 7/12/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: TBD

**Jul 22-28**

**WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-  
FEDEX ST. JUDE INVITATIONAL**

TPC Southwind  
3325 Club at Southwind  
Memphis, TN 38125  
Club: 901/748-0330                      Office: 901/748-0534  
Commit Deadline: 7/19/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament (NOTE: The com-  
mit deadline for players who become eligible for the event after  
the 7/19/19 commit deadline is 7/22/19, Monday, 5 p.m. EDT.)  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Darrell Smith, Executive Director

**Jul 22-28**

**RENO-TAHOE TOURNAMENT (132 players)**

Montrêux Golf and Country Club  
18077 Bordeaux Drive  
Reno, NV 89511  
Club: 775/849-9496                      Office: 775/322-3900  
Commit Deadline: 7/19/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Chris Hoff, Executive Director  
**NOTE: Modified Stableford Format will be used.**

**Jul 29-  
Aug 4**

**WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP (156 players)**

Sedgefield Country Club  
3201 Forsythe Drive  
Greensboro, NC 27407  
Club: 336/299-5324                      Office: 336/379-1570  
Commit Deadline: 7/26/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Mark Brazil, Tournament Director

**Aug 5-11**

**THE NORTHERN TRUST (125 players)**

Liberty National Golf Club  
100 Caven Point Road  
Jersey City, NJ 07305  
Club: 201/333-4105                      Office: 201/444-5356  
Commit Deadline: 8/02/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Julie Tyson, Executive Director

**Aug 12-18 BMW CHAMPIONSHIP (70 players)**

Medinah Country Club (Course No. 3)

6N001 Medinah Road

Medinah, IL 60157

Club: 630/773-1700

Office: 847/724-4600

Commit Deadline: 8/9/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_

Key Contact: Vince Pellegrino, Senior VP, Tournaments

**Aug 19-25 TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP (30 players)**

East Lake Golf Club

2575 Alston Drive

Atlanta, GA 30317

Club: 404/373-5722

Office: 404/378-8687

Commit Deadline: 8/16/19, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament

Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_

Key Contact: Allison Fillmore, Executive Director

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# ELIGIBILITY AND COMMITMENTS

For eligibility information and commitments to PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved events, you may call the following staff members on the commitment line 800/742-2244 or 904/285-3700 and telephone extensions.

## 1. PGA TOUR

	Extension
Kirsten Burgess .....	3306
Katelyn DiCristofano .....	5715
Kathy Mobley .....	3291

## 2. WEB.COM TOUR

	Extension
Kathy Mobley .....	3291
Leslie Grabeman.....	3288

## 3. QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

	Extension
Kelli Anderson.....	3460

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# 2018-2019 PGA TOUR DUES AND FEES

1. Initiation Fee.....	\$100
2. Annual Dues .....	\$100
3. Tournament Entry Fee .....	\$0
4. Open Qualifying Fee*.....	\$450
5. Limited Dues (nonmember) .....	\$50
6. Insurance Fee** .....	\$20
7. Mandatory Locker Room Fee.....	\$50

Amateurs must pay an administration fee of \$50 (instead of limited dues) on registration.

- \* The open qualifying fee for PGA TOUR members is \$0, and for PGA TOUR Champions (Regular Members only) and Web.com Tour members is \$100. Such players must commit to the Host PGA Section no later than 5 p.m. local time on the Friday preceding Open Qualifying.
- \*\* Apprentices or members of the PGA of America need not pay the insurance fee. All other players, including amateurs, must provide proof of necessary level of liability coverage or pay this fee.

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# PLAYER ELIGIBILITY FOR INVITATION AND SPECIAL EVENTS

## **CIMB CLASSIC**

*October 11-14*

TPC Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia

Eligible players for the 78-player field are:

- The top 60 available players from the final 2017–2018 FedExCup Points List, to a floor of 125th position.
- The top 10 available money leaders from the Asian Tour Order of Merit as of Monday October 8, 2018.
- Eight sponsor exemptions. (One designated for defending champion, if needed.)
  - Five from among the current season’s PGA TOUR membership
  - Three “unrestricted”
- If necessary to fill the field to 78 players, those players in order of priority under section III-A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall not be eligible:
  - Open qualifying
  - Past Champion of Respective Event
  - PGA National Professional Champion
  - Top 10 from Previous Tournament
- Withdrawals will be replaced by the highest ranking alternate on the PGA TOUR alternate list until the groupings are posted on the site Tuesday of tournament week (usually noon local time). After this time, if a member of the PGA TOUR alternate list is on site or en route he will retain his alternate position provided he has confirmed arrival information with PGA TOUR Competitions. Following any PGA TOUR alternates will be the next available payer from the Asian Tour Order of Merit.

## **THE CJ CUP @ NINE BRIDGES**

*October 18-21*

The Club at Nine Bridges

Jeju Island, Korea

Eligible players for the 78-player field are:

- Top 60 available players from the final 2017–18 FedExCup Points List, to a floor of 125th position
- Five players designated by the KPGA, as follows:
  - Winner of the 2018 KPGA Championship

- Winner of the 2018 KPGA Genesis Championship
- Top 3 available players from the KPGA Genesis Points List as of October 8, 2018
- If necessary to complete the 5 players from the KPGA, players in priority order from the KPGA Genesis Points List as of October 8, 2018
- Two players from the Asian Tour, as follows:
  - The leading available player from the Asian Tour Order of Merit as of October 8, 2018
  - The next highest ranked available player of KOR nationality from the Asian Tour Order of Merit as of October 8, 2018
- Top three available players of Korean nationality from the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, October 8, 2018.
- Eight sponsor exemptions (One designated for the defending champion, if needed)
  - Five from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership
  - Three "unrestricted"
- If necessary to fill the field to 78 players, those players in order of priority under section III-A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall not be eligible:
  - Open Qualifying
  - Past Champion of respective Event
  - PGA National Professional Champion
  - Top 10 from Previous Tournament
- Withdrawals will be replaced by the highest ranking alternate on the PGA TOUR alternate list until the groupings are posted on-site Tuesday of tournament week (usually noon local time). After this time, if a member of the PGA TOUR alternate list is on site or en route he will retain his alternate position provided he has confirmed arrival information with PGA TOUR Competitions. Following any PGA TOUR alternates will be the next available player from the KPGA Genesis Points List.

## **WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-HSBC CHAMPIONS**

*October 25-28*

Sheshan International Golf Club

Shanghai, China

Eligible players are:

1. Winners of the 2018 Masters, THE PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship.
2. Winners of the 2017 WGC-HSBC Champions and 2018 WGC-Mexico Championship, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play and WGC-FedEx St Jude Invitational.
3. Players ranked within the top 50 of the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, October 8, 2018.
4. Players ranked within the top 30 of the final 2017-2018 FedExCup Points List. If

there are less than 5 such available players from within the top 30, further available players from 31st position onwards will be selected in ranking order so that there are 5 players entered through this category.

5. Players ranked within the top 30 of the 2018 Race to Dubai Rankings as of Monday, October 15, 2018.
6. The leading 4 committed players not otherwise exempt in 1–5 above from the 2018 Asian Tour Order of Merit as of Monday, October 15, 2018. (Must have participated in the Asian Tour’s notified minimum number of Order of Merit events to be eligible for this event, by the cut-off date.)
7. The leading 2 committed players not otherwise exempt in 1–5 above from the 2018 Japan Golf Tour Order of Merit as of Monday, October 15, 2018.
8. The leading 2 committed players not otherwise exempt in 1–5 above from the final 2017 PGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit.
9. The leading 2 committed players not otherwise exempt in 1–5 above from the final 2017/2018 Sunshine Tour Order of Merit.
10. 6 Chinese Players not otherwise exempt above.

Alternates: If there are less than 78 players entered through Categories 1–10 above, then further players who are not otherwise exempt will be selected in order from the alternates category below.

- (i) The first four alternates will consist of the next highest ranked and committed player not otherwise exempt on each of the Orders of Merit specified in 6–9 above. The order of these 4 alternates will be determined by their OWGR ranking as of Monday, October 8, 2018.

**NOTE:** Once this order has been established and any reserve has been selected from this criteria, the order of selection from the respective Orders of Merit of the remaining reserves is fixed.

- (ii) The next highest ranked and committed player from the Race to Dubai Rankings as of Monday, October 15, 2018.
- (iii) The next highest ranked and committed player from the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, October 8, 2018.
- (iv) The next highest ranked and committed player from the final 2017–2018 FedExCup Points List.

Criteria (i) – (iv) will then be repeated as required to fill the field

Alternate Policy:

Any withdrawal from categories 4–10 will be replaced by the next eligible and committed player within that category up until the publication of the first round draw on Tuesday of the tournament week. After this time any withdrawals will be replaced by the next eligible and available player from within the alternates category.

## **SANDERSON FARMS CHAMPIONSHIP**

*October 25-28*

Country Club of Jackson

Jackson, MS

Eligible players in the 132-player field are:

- Those players listed in order of priority under Section III-A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:
  - Four “unrestricted” sponsor exemptions.
- The host has a total of 12 sponsor exemptions
  - Two from among the current season’s membership
  - Two from among the 2018 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour
  - Eight “unrestricted”

## **MAYAKOBA GOLF CLASSIC**

*November 8-11*

Mayakoba Resort (El Camaleon Course)

Riviera Maya, Mexico

Eligible players in the 132-player field are:

- Those players listed in order of priority under Section III-A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:
  - Up to four sponsor exemptions, restricted to players of Spanish or Mexican heritage from Latin America, South America, Spain or Mexico.
- The following **shall not** be eligible:
  - Current PGA National Professional Champion

## **WORLD CUP OF GOLF**

*November 22 – 25*

Victoria, Australia

Eligible players for the 28-team (56 players) field are:

- Top 28 available countries from the Official World Golf Ranking distributed the week of September 3, 2018.
- The top ranked player may pick any player from the same country within the top 500 on the OWGR, or if there are less than five players to choose from within the top 500, may extend the range of possible choices to be at least 5 players (and any ties) even if ranked outside 500.
- The deadline for the exempt players to commit is 5pm USA eastern time Thursday, September 13, 2018.
- The deadline for the exempt player to select his partner is 5pm USA eastern time Thursday, September 20, 2018.

**FORMAT:** The tournament is a 72-hole stroke play team event with each team comprised of two players. The first and third days are fourball (best ball) play and the second and final days are foursomes (alternate shot) play.

**WITHDRAWAL POLICY:**

In the event an exempt player (e.g. among the top 28 available nations from the Official World Golf Ranking) withdraws from the World Cup prior to the publication of the first-round draw on Tuesday of tournament week, that player's nation would remain exempt if the nation has another player within the floor of the top 28 available nations. The top ranked player from that nation would then be allowed to select his partner as outlined in the regulations.

In the event an exempt player (e.g. among the top 28 available nations from the Official World Golf Ranking) withdraws from the World Cup prior to the publication of the first-round draw on Tuesday of tournament week and that nation does not have another player within the floor of the top 28 available nations, then the next available player/nation (e.g. #29) would be exempt for the World Cup and allowed to select his partner as outlined in the regulations.

In the event an exempt player (e.g. among the top 28 available nations from the Official World Golf Ranking) withdraws from the World Cup after the publication of the first-round draw on Tuesday of tournament week, the partner will remain in the field provided that the exempt player was on-site and registered for the event. He may partner with the next highest available player from his nation. Should another partner not be available, that nation will be withdrawn and the next available player/nation (i.e. #29) would be exempt for the World Cup and allowed to select his partner as outlined in the regulations.

If either team member withdraws from the World Cup after beginning play in the official competition, the team will receive last place money. If a nation's team is on-site and registered and unable to begin play they may receive last place money to a charity of their choice if there is no other nation available to replace them.

**HERO WORLD CHALLENGE**

*November 29-Dec 2*

Albany, New Providence, Bahamas

Eligible players for the 18-player field are:

- The winner of the previous year's World Challenge.
- Current year winners of the Masters, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship.
- The top 11 available players from the Official World Golf Ranking through September 24, 2018. (TOUR Championship)
- Two sponsor exemptions, restricted to players ranked among the top 50 on the Official World Golf Ranking as of September 24, 2018, or the tournament host if not otherwise eligible.

- If necessary to complete a field of 18 players, the next available players from the Official World Golf Ranking through September 24, 2018.

**NOTE:** The commitment deadline for all participants is Friday, 5 p.m. EDST, September 28, 2018 to the tournament office: Stacy Stark-Bloch, 949-725-3003 or [sstark@TGRFoundation.org](mailto:ss Stark@TGRFoundation.org).

## **QBE SHOOTOUT**

*December 7-9*

(Pro-ams Wednesday and Thursday, December 5-6)

Tiburón Golf Club

Naples, FL

Eligible players for the 12-team (24-player) field are:

- The 2017 winning team, playing as a team.
- The top 12 available players from the 2017-2018 FedExCup Points List through the TOUR Championship.
- Ten (10) special exemptions, a minimum of four (4) must go to players ranked in the top 40 on the Career Money List through the TOUR Championship.
- If necessary to complete the field, additional sponsor exemptions.

The tournament shall assign players in teams.

**NOTE:** Commitment deadline is 5 p.m. EDST on Friday, October 5, 2018.

## **SENTRY TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**

*January 3-6*

Kapalua Resort (Plantation Course)

Kapalua, Maui, HI

Eligible players are:

- Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in 2018 calendar year, whose victories are considered official.
- Winner of the 2017-2018 FedExCup

## **SONY OPEN IN HAWAII**

*January 10-13*

Waialae Country Club

Honolulu, HI

Eligible players in the 144-player field are those listed in order of priority under Section III-A of the Tournament Regulations, except that prior to such players, the following shall first be eligible:

- At the invitation of the host organization, up to three professional golfers from Japan, China, India, Brazil, Mexico, Russia or other emerging markets.

## CAREERBUILDER CHALLENGE

*January 17-20*

PGA WEST—Stadium Course (Host Course), PGA WEST—Nicklaus Tournament Course, and La Quinta Country Club.  
La Quinta, CA

Eligible players in the 156-player field are:

- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship prior to 1996.
- Winners of Masters Tournament, THE PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship in the last five years (2014-2018).
- Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three years (2016-2018).
- Winners of official money World Golf Championship events in the last three years (2016-2018).
- Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard and the Memorial Tournament in the last three years (2016-2018).
- The leader from the final FedExCup Points List in each of the last five seasons (2013/14-2017/18).
- The leader from the final Official PGA TOUR Money List from (2013/14-2015/16).
- Playing members of the last-named U.S. Ryder Cup team (2018).
- Current PGA TOUR members who were playing members from the last named European Ryder Cup team (2018), U.S. and International Presidents Cup teams (2017).
- PGA TOUR members who use an exemption for the 2018-2019 season as one of the leaders (either top 25 or top 50) from the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List.
- Winners of the CareerBuilder Challenge prior to 1999, and winners of the CareerBuilder Challenge in the last ten years (2009-2018).
- Either the current winner of the PGA Section Championship or the current PGA Section Player of the Year where the tournament is played, as determined by the Section.
- Eight sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
  - Two from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership
  - Two from among the 2018 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour.
  - Four "unrestricted".
- Up to two foreign players designated by the Commissioner.
- Life members of the PGA TOUR.
- PGA TOUR members from the current Tournament Winners category.
- The top 125 players from the 2017-2018 FedExCup Points List.
- If necessary to complete the field, PGA TOUR members from the 2018-2019 priority ranking of eligible players after the top 125, in order of their positions on such list, including the top 10 from previous tournament category.

**NOTE:** Cut size is 70+ ties. In the event a 70+ ties cut results in a Sunday field of more than 78 professionals, the cut would then be made to 60+ ties. FedExCup points and official prize money would be awarded to 70+ ties.

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN**

*January 31-February 3*

TPC Scottsdale (Stadium Course)

Scottsdale, AZ

Eligible players in the 132-player field are:

- Those players listed in order of priority under Section III-A of the *Tournament Regulations*, except that the following **shall not** be eligible:
  - One sponsor exemption from among the 2018 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour.
  - One sponsor exemption from among the current season's membership.
  - One "unrestricted" sponsor exemption.
  - One open qualifier.
  - Current PGA National Professional Champion

**NOTE:** The provision in the *Tournament Regulations* which states that the field size will be expanded to include the entire Top 125 category does not apply to the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

## **AT&T PEBBLE BEACH PRO-AM**

*February 7-10*

Pebble Beach Golf Links (host course), Monterey Peninsula Country Club

(Shore Course) and Spyglass Hill Golf Course

Pebble Beach, CA

Eligible players in the 156-professional field are those players listed in order of priority under Section III-A of the *Tournament Regulations*, except that prior to such players, the following shall first be eligible:

- Winners of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am prior to 2000, and winners of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in the last five years (2014-2018).
- Winners of Masters Tournament, THE PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship prior to 2000, and winners of these events in the last five years (2014-2018).

**NOTE:** Open Qualifying will not be held.

**NOTE:** The host organization will team each professional player with an amateur player. The PGA TOUR shall group the professional players and assign starting times. After three rounds, the field will be cut to the low 60 professionals and ties and exactly the low 25 pro-am teams. Professionals placing 61st to 70th and ties will receive FedExCup points and official prize money normally distributed to those places.

## **WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS–MEXICO CHAMPIONSHIP**

*February 21-24*

Club de Golf Chapultepec

Mexico City, Mexico

Eligible players are:

- The top 50 players, including any players tied for 50th place, from the Official World Golf Ranking as of February 11, 2019.
- The top 50 players, including any players tied for 50th place, from the Official World Golf Ranking as of February 18, 2019.
- The top 30 players from the final 2017-2018 FedExCup Points List.
- The top 10 players from the FedExCup Points List as of February 18, 2019.
- The top 20 players from the final 2018 European Tour Order of Merit.
- The top 10 players from the European Tour Order of Merit as of February 11, 2019.
- The top 2 players from the final 2018 Japan Golf Tour Order of Merit, not otherwise exempt.
- The top 2 players from the final 2018 Australasian Tour Order of Merit, not otherwise exempt.
- The top 2 players from the final 2017/2018 Sunshine Tour Order of Merit, not otherwise exempt.
- The top 2 players from the final 2018 Asian Tour Order of Merit, not otherwise exempt.
- The highest ranked available player from Mexico from the Official World Golf Ranking as of February 11, 2019, if not otherwise eligible.
- If there are less than 72 players entered through the categories listed above, then the next highest ranked available players from the Official World Golf Rankings as of Monday, February 18, 2019 will become eligible as required to fill the field to 72 players. (Note: Alternate list is pending Policy Board approval at the November 2018 meeting.)

## **PUERTO RICO OPEN**

*February 21-24*

Coco Beach Golf and Country Club

Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

Eligible players in the 132-player field are:

- Those players listed in order of priority under Section III-A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:
  - Up to four sponsor exemptions, restricted to players from Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, Central America and South America.
- The host organization has 12 additional sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
  - Two from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership.
  - Two from among the 2018 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour.
    - Eight "unrestricted".

## **ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL presented by Mastercard**

*March 7-10*

Bay Hill Club and Lodge

Orlando, FL

Eligible players in the 120-player field are:

- Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard prior to 2000, and winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard in the last five years (2014–2018).

**Note:** Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational prior to 2000 who are not otherwise eligible for the event will be added to the starting field of 120 players.

- Winners of Masters Tournament, THE PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship in the last five years (2014–2018).
- Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three years (2016–2018).
- Winners of the WGC-Mexico Championship in the last three years (2017–2019).
- Winners of the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play and the WGC-FedEx St. Jude Invitational in the last three years (2016–2018).
- Winners of the WGC-HSBC Champions in the last three years (2016–2018)
- Winners of the Memorial Tournament in the last three years (2016–2018).
- Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, whose victories are considered official, since the previous season's Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard.
- Playing members of the last-named U.S. Ryder Cup team (2018).
- Current PGA TOUR members who were playing members of the last named European Ryder Cup team (2018) and the U.S. and International Presidents Cup teams (2017).
- The winner of the 2018 U.S. Amateur Championship, if still an amateur player.
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking through the WGC-Mexico Championship. (Monday, February 25, 2019).
- Life members of the PGATOUR.
- 18 sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
  - Two from among the 2018 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour.
  - Eight from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership.
  - Eight "unrestricted".
- Up to two foreign players designated by the Commissioner.
- The top 70 players from the final 2017–2018 FedExCup Points List.
- Members in the Top 125-Nonmembers category whose points on the non-WGC FedExCup Points List for Non-members for the previous season equals or exceeds the amount of FedExCup points earned by the player finishing in 70th position on the final 2017–2018 FedExCup Points List.
- The top 70 players from the 2018–2019 FedExCup Points List through the WGC-Mexico Championship.
- Either the current winner of the PGA Section Championship or the current PGA Section Player of the Year where the tournament is played, as determined

by the Section.

- If necessary to complete a field of 120 players, those players below 70th position from the 2018-2019 FedExCup Points List through the WGC-Mexico Championship, in order of their positions on such list.

## **THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

*March 14-17*

TPC Sawgrass (THE PLAYERS Stadium Course)

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Eligible players are:

- Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, whose victories are considered official, since the previous season's PLAYERS Championship.
- The top 125 players from the 2017-2018 FedExCup Points List.
- Winners of the Masters Tournament from 2015-2018.
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship in the last five years (2014-2018).
- Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three years (2016-2018).
- Winners of the WGC-Mexico Championship in the last three years (2017-2019).
- Winners of the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play from 2017 and 2018.
- Winners of the WGC-FedEx St Jude Invitational in the last three years (2016-2018).
- Winners of the WGC-HSBC Champions in the last three years (2016-2018).
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking through the Honda Classic (Monday, March 4, 2019).
- The top 10 players from the 2018-2019 FedExCup Points List through the Honda Classic.
- Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard in the last three years (2017-2019).
- Winners of the Memorial Tournament in the last three years (2016-2018).
- The winner of the previous year's Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.
- The leading money winner from the 2018 Top 25 Web.com Tour 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 and leading money winner from the 2018 Web.com Tour Finals.
- If necessary to complete a field of 144 players, PGA TOUR members from the 2018-2019 FedExCup Points List below 10th position through the Honda Classic, in order of their positions on such list.

## **WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS- DELL TECHNOLOGIES MATCH PLAY**

*March 27-31*

*Austin Country Club*

*Austin, TX*

Eligible players in the 64-player field are:

- The top 64 available players to a floor of 100 from the Official World Golf Ranking, as of the Monday one week prior to the week of the tournament (March 18, 2019).

**NOTE:** In the event of ties at any of the 64 starting positions, the ties will be broken by the following criteria, in order:

- Total Official World Golf Ranking points earned in the most recent 52-week period, ending with the Ranking released on the Monday one week prior to the week of the tournament (March 18, 2019).
- Total Official World Golf Ranking points earned in the most recent 13-week period, ending with the Ranking released on the Monday one week prior to the week of the tournament (March 18, 2019).

### **FORMAT:**

Wednesday to Friday: A series of Group Stage matches will take place over the first 3 days with the field of 64 players split into 16 groups of 4 and each player playing the other 3 players in their group once. Points will be awarded as follows: Win = 1 point; Halved match – ½ point; Loss = 0 points. The player who has accumulated the most points\* within each group at the end of the Group Stage matches will advance to the 16 player Knockout Stage matches where traditional match play will decide all subsequent matches.

The following process will be used to fill the 16 groups of four players:

- The top 16 ranked players from the OWGR as of Monday, March 25, 2019 will be placed in order in groups 1 to 16.
- The remaining 48 players will be split into three criteria:
  - Players with OWGR ranking 17-32
  - Players with OWGR ranking 33-48
  - Players with OWGR ranking 49-64
- To complete group 1, one player from each of the above 3 criteria will be selected by random draw. This process will be repeated for groups 2-16.

Saturday AM: 8 x elimination matches (16 players)

Saturday PM: 4 x quarter-finals

Sunday AM: 2 x semi-finals

Sunday PM: 18 hole final & consolation match for losing semi-finalists

\*In the event of a tie between two or three players in a group at the conclusion of the Group Stage matches, a hole by hole play-off (to take place once all scheduled

group matches have teed off on the final day of the Group Stage matches), will decide the player that will advance to the Knockout Stage matches.

**WITHDRAWALS & SUBSTITUTIONS POLICY:**

After the commitment deadline and up to one hour prior to the telecast to determine the seed numbers, a Player who withdraws from the WGC - Dell Technologies Match Play will be replaced by the highest eligible Player from the list of eligible Players, provided such Player is ranked among the top 100 Players on the Official World Golf Ranking as of the eligibility cut-off for the tournament.

After one hour prior to the start of the telecast to determine the seed numbers, a Player who withdraws, or is disqualified prior to the start of his first Group Stage match will be replaced by the highest available Player from the list of eligible Players, provided such Player is ranked among the top 100 Players on the Official World Golf Ranking as of the eligibility cut-off for the tournament. The Player will take the place of the player who withdrew or was disqualified in the seed numbers.

In the event that another eligible Player is not available, the number of Players in the group that the Player has withdrawn from, will be reduced. The leading\* Player from that group at the end of the Group Stage matches will still advance to the Knockout Stage matches as per all other groups.

After starting his first Group Stage match, a Player that concedes or is disqualified from a Group Stage match, is eligible to play in remaining Group Stage matches and advance to the Knockout Stage matches should he have the highest points total in his group or win a hole by hole playoff if one is required.

After starting his first Group Stage match, a player that withdraws from the tournament during the Group Stage matches is deemed to concede any of his Group Stage matches not played to a conclusion and the result of any of his Group Stage matches already played to a conclusion shall stand.

A player that qualifies for Knockout Stage matches who subsequently withdraws from the tournament concedes his Knockout State match that has not been played to a conclusion.

**PRIZE MONEY:**

A player who withdraws or is disqualified prior to the start of his first Group Stage match at the WGC – Dell Technologies Match Play will be ineligible to receive prize money or FedExCup Points.

At any time after starting his first Group Stage match, a Player who withdraws from the WGC - Dell Technologies Match Play will receive official prize money based on the results of his Group Stage matches to that point or thereafter his finish position in the subsequent Knockout Stage matches.

## **CORALES PUNTACANA RESORT & CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

*March 28-31*

Puntacana Resort & Golf Club

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

Eligible players in the 132-player field are:

- Those players listed in order of priority under Section III-A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:
  - Up to four sponsor exemptions restricted to players from Latin America
- The host organization has 12 additional sponsor exemptions restricted, as follows:
  - Two from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership
  - Two from among the 2018 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour
  - Eight "unrestricted"

## **VALERO TEXAS OPEN**

*April 4 - 7*

TPC San Antonio (AT&T Oaks Course)

San Antonio, TX

Eligible players in the 144-player field are:

- Those players listed in order of priority under Section III-A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:
  - Up to four sponsor exemptions, restricted to nonmember professionals who are qualified for the Masters Tournament and ranked among the top 100 players on the Official World Golf Ranking through the event scheduled to conclude four weeks prior to the final round of the Valero Texas Open (i.e. through the Arnold Palmer Invitational).

## **MASTERS TOURNAMENT**

*April 11-14*

Augusta National Golf Club

Augusta, GA

Eligible players for invitation are:

- Former winners of the Masters Tournament.
- Winners of the U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship in the last five years (2014-2018).
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship from 2016-2019.
- Winner and runner-up of the 2018 U.S. Amateur Championship, if still an amateur player.
- Winner of the 2018 British Amateur Championship, if still an amateur player.
- Winner of the 2018 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship, if still an amateur player.
- Winner of the 2018 Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship, if still an amateur player.
- Winner of the 2019 Latin America Amateur Championship, if still an amateur player.
- The top 12 finishers and ties from the 2018 Masters Tournament.

- The top 4 finishers and ties from the 2018 U.S. Open.
- The top 4 finishers and ties from the 2018 The Open Championship.
- The top 4 finishers and ties from the 2018 PGA Championship.
- Winners of PGA TOUR events whose victories are considered official since the previous year's Masters that award a full point allocation for the TOUR Championship (excluding team tournaments).
- Those players who qualified for the 2018 TOUR Championship.
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking as of December 31, 2018.
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking through completion of the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play/Corales Puntacanta Resort & Club Championship.
- The Masters Tournament Committee, at its discretion, also invites international players not otherwise qualified.

## **RBC HERITAGE**

*April 18-21*

Harbour Town Golf Links

Hilton Head Island, SC

Eligible players in the 132-player field are:

- Winners of RBC Heritage prior to 2000, and winners of RBC Heritage in the last five years (2014–2018).  
**NOTE:** Winners of the RBC Heritage prior to 2000 who are not otherwise eligible for the event will be added to the starting field of 132 players.
- Winners of the U.S. Open or PGA Championship prior to 2005 who played in a minimum of 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the 2017–2018 season, provided however the Commissioner shall have the discretion to waive such 15 event minimum if a player otherwise eligible pursuant to this eligibility criteria did not play 15 events in the prior season as a result of an injury and would have qualified for a medical extension if he had applied for one. Winners of these events in the last five years (2014–2018).
- Winners of the Masters Tournament in the last five years (2015–2019).
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship from 2014–2019.
- Winners of The Open Championship in the last five years (2014–2018).
- Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three years (2016–2018).
- Winners of the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play in the last three years (2017–2019).
- Winners of the WGC-Mexico Championship in the last three years (2017–2019).
- Winners of the WGC-FedEx St Jude Invitational in the last three years (2016–2018).
- Winners of the WGC-HSBC Champions in the last three years (2016–2018).
- Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard in the last three years (2017–2019).
- Winner of the Memorial Tournament in the last three years (2016–2018).
- Winner of the 2018 U.S. Amateur Championship, if still an amateur player.
- The leader from the final FedExCup Points List in each of the last five seasons

(2013/14-2017/18).

- The leader from the final Official PGA TOUR Money List from 2013/14-2015/16.
- Playing members of the last-named U.S. Ryder Cup team (2018).
- Current PGA TOUR members who were playing members from the last-named European Ryder Cup team (2018) and the U.S. and International Presidents Cup teams (2017).
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking through completion of the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play/Corales Puntacanta Resort & Club Championship (Monday, April 1, 2019).
- Eight sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
  - Two from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership.
  - Two from among the 2018 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour.
  - Four "unrestricted".
- Up to two foreign players designated by the Commissioner.
- Either the current winner of the PGA Section Championship or the current PGA Section Player of the Year where the tournament is played, as determined by the Section.
- PGA TOUR members who use an exemption for the 2018-2019 season as one of the leaders (either top 25 or top 50) on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List.
- Life members of the PGA TOUR.
- The top 125 players from the 2017-2018 FedExCup Points List.
- Members in the Top 125-Nonmembers category whose points on the Non-WGC FedExCup Points List for Non-Members for the previous season equal or exceed the amount of FedExCup points earned by the player finishing in 125th position on the 2017-2018 FedExCup Points List.
- PGA TOUR members from the current Tournament Winners category.
- The 20 players who are leading on the 2018-2019 FedExCup Points List through the Valero Texas Open.
- Five players not otherwise eligible who are leading on the 2018-2019 FedExCup Points List through the Valero Texas Open.
- If necessary to complete a field of 132 players, PGA TOUR members from the 2018-2019 priority ranking of eligible players, after the top 125 Non-Member category, in order of their positions on such list, including the Top 10 from previous tournament category.

## **ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS**

*April 25-28*

TPC Louisiana

New Orleans, LA

**FORMAT:** The tournament is a 72-hole stroke play team event with each team comprised of two professionals. The first and third rounds are four-ball (best ball) play and the second and final rounds are foursomes (alternate shot) play.

Eligible players for the 80-team (160 player) field are:

- Those players in priority order under Section III-A of *Tournament Regulations*, except that the following **shall not** be eligible:
  - Open Qualifying
  - Top 10 from Previous Tournament
  - The Current PGA National Professional Champion and the Local PGA Section exemption are only eligible if they both commit and play as a team

**NOTE:** The provision in the *Tournament Regulations* which states that the field size will be expanded to include the entire Top 125 prior season's FedExCup points category does not apply to the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

- The host organization will have a total of 8 sponsor exemptions
  - Two from among the current season's membership
  - Two from among the 2018 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour Finals category
  - Four "unrestricted"

**NOTE:** The Tournament Host Organization must ensure such exemptions have a pre-defined teammate from among those players who can pick a partner or other sponsor exemptions prior to committing such player. No amateur will be allowed to accept a sponsor exemption. Sponsor exemptions cannot access the field off their own category position after the commitment deadline.

- The top available members will select a player of their choosing from among PGA TOUR Members eligible for tournament play as defined in the PGA TOUR *Tournament Regulations*. Both team members must be committed by the commitment deadline.
- Any players eligible for the field who have not confirmed a partner by the commitment deadline, will be assigned a partner based on priority order under Section III-A of *Tournament Regulations* (i.e. 1 and 2 partner, 3 and 4 partner, etc.)

Withdrawal Policy:

- For the purposes of this policy, the top available member who is eligible to select a partner shall be referred to as "exempt".

Exempt player withdrawal:

- In the event an exempt player withdraws prior to the commitment deadline and his partner would have otherwise been exempt, the partner remains in the field and may select a new partner as outlined in the regulations.
- In the event an exempt player withdraws prior to the commitment deadline and his partner would not have otherwise been exempt, the partner is also withdrawn from the field and is replaced by the highest ranking alternate who may then select a partner as outlined in the regulations.
- In the event an exempt player withdraws after the commitment deadline but before 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week and his partner would have otherwise been exempt, the partner remains in the field and may select a player of their choosing from among PGA TOUR Members eligible for tournament play as defined in the PGA TOUR *Tournament Regulations*

regardless of commitment status.

- In the event an exempt player withdraws after the commitment deadline but before 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week and his partner would not have otherwise been exempt, the partner is also withdrawn from the field and is replaced by the highest ranking alternate who may select a player of his choosing from among PGA TOUR Members eligible for tournament play as defined in the PGA TOUR *Tournament Regulations* regardless of commitment status.
- In the event an exempt player withdraws after 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week and his partner would not have otherwise been exempt, the partner will remain in the field provided that the exempt player was on-site and registered for the event. The partner remaining in the field teams with the highest ranking alternate.

#### Partner withdrawal:

- If the exempt player's partner withdraws prior to the commitment deadline, he may select a new partner as outlined in the regulations.
- If the exempt player's partner withdraws after the commitment deadline but before 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week, he may select a player of his choosing from among PGA TOUR Members eligible for tournament play as defined in the PGA TOUR *Tournament Regulations* regardless of commitment status.
- If the exempt player's partner withdraws after 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week, he remains in the field and teams with the highest ranking alternate.

#### Sponsor Exemption withdrawal:

- Prior to the commitment deadline should the exempt player who is the teammate of a sponsor exemption withdraw, the host organization must secure another teammate from among the exempt players.
- After the commitment deadline but before 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week should the exempt player who is the teammate of a sponsor exemption withdraw, the sponsor exemption is also withdrawn from the tournament unless the first alternate agrees to partner with the sponsor exemption.
- After 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) Tuesday of tournament week should the exempt player who is the teammate of a sponsor exemption withdraw, the sponsor exemption stays in the field and teams with the highest ranking alternate.
- If an unrestricted sponsor exemption withdraws, the host organization may replace that exemption with a player of their choosing up until the commencement of the tournament.
- If a sponsor exemption restricted to PGA TOUR members or restricted to the Web.com Tour category withdraws, the host organization may replace that exemption with a player of their choosing before 12 noon (local time at tournament site) the Tuesday of tournament week. At or after 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the Tuesday of tournament week, the sponsor exemption withdrawal will be

replaced by the highest ranking alternate.

**NOTE:** Cut size will be 35 teams and any ties at 35th position. There will be no secondary cut.

**NOTE:** FedExCup points and official prize money will use an alternate distribution whereby the corresponding finish positions from the standard distribution are combined and split in two (i.e. 500 points for 1st place and 300 points for 2nd place = 800 point for the team/400 points for each player and so on down the list for 3rd and 4th for the 2nd place team, etc.)

**NOTE:** The Top-5 finishing teams and ties will advance into the following open event.

**NOTE:** The official pro-am will consist of the professional team and three amateurs.

**NOTE:** A hole-by-hole (sudden death) playoff will be contested with the first hole played as foursomes, the second hole played as four-ball, then alternating formats every hole, thereafter, on a set rotation of holes. The rotation of holes will be determined by the Rules committee.

## **PGA CHAMPIONSHIP**

*May 16-19*

Bethpage Black

Farmingdale, NY

**NOTE:** All contestants in the Championship (except international players) must be a PGA of America member in good standing.

Eligible players in the 156-player field are:

- All former winners of the PGA Championship.
- Winners of the Masters in the last five years (2015–2019).
- Winners of the U.S. Open and The Open Championship in the last five years (2014–2018).
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship in the last three years (2017–2019).
- The top 15 finishers and ties from the 2018 PGA Championship.
- The top 20 finishers from the 2019 PGA Professional Championship.
- The top 70 players who have earned the most official PGA TOUR prize money, from the 2018 PLAYERS Championship through the 2019 Wells Fargo Championship.
- Playing members of the last-named U.S. and European Ryder Cup teams (2018), provided they remain within the top 100 on the Official World Golf Ranking as of May 5, 2019.
- Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, whose victories are considered official, from the 2018 PLAYERS Championship to the 2019 PGA Championship.
- Special exemptions selected by the PGA of America.
- If necessary to complete the field, those players beyond the top 70 players who have earned the most official PGA TOUR prize money, from the 2018 PLAYERS Championship through the 2019 Wells Fargo Championship in order of their positions on such list.

## CHARLES SCHWAB CHALLENGE

*May 23-26*

Colonial Country Club

Ft. Worth, TX

Eligible players in the 120-player field are:

- Winners of the Charles Schwab Challenge prior to 2000, winners of the Charles Schwab Challenge in the last five years (2014–2018), and all former winners from 2000 and beyond who were among the top 150 finishers on the previous season’s FedExCup Points List.
- NOTE:** Winners of the Charles Schwab Challenge prior to 2000 who are not otherwise eligible for the event will be added to the starting field of 120 players.
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship and Masters Tournament in the last five years (2015–2019).
  - Winners of the U.S. Open and The Open Championship in the last five years (2014–2018).
  - Winners of the PGA Championship from 2014–2019.
  - Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three years (2016–2018).
  - Winners of the WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play and WGC-Mexico Championship in the last three years (2017–2019).
  - Winners of the WGC-FedEx St Jude Invitational in the last three years (2016–2018).
  - Winners of the WGC-HSBC Champions in the last three years (2016–2018).
  - Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard in the last three years (2017–2019).
  - Winners of the Memorial Tournament in the last three years (2016–2018).
  - Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, whose victories are considered official, since the previous season’s Charles Schwab Challenge.
  - Playing members of the last-named U.S. Ryder Cup team (2018).
  - Current PGA TOUR members who were playing members from the last-named European Ryder Cup team (2018) and the U.S. and International Presidents Cup teams (2017).
  - Two players selected by the current and former winners of the Charles Schwab Challenge.
  - The top 15 finishers and ties (including PGA TOUR nonmembers) from the 2018 Charles Schwab Challenge.
  - 12 sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
    - Two from among the 2018 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour.
    - Six from among the current season’s PGA TOUR membership.
    - Four “unrestricted”.
  - Up to two foreign players designated by the Commissioner.
  - The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking through completion of the Masters Tournament.
  - The top 80 players from the 2017–2018 FedExCup Points List.
  - Members in the Top 125-Nonmembers category whose points on the Non-WGC FedExCup Points List for Non-Members for the previous season equals or

exceeds the amount of FedExCup points earned by the player finishing in 80th position on the 2017–2018 FedExCup Points List.

- The top 80 players from the 2018–2019 FedExCup Points List through AT&T Byron Nelson.
- If necessary to complete a field of 120 players, those players below 80th position from the 2018–2019 FedExCup Points List through the AT&T Byron Nelson, in order of their positions on such list.

### **the MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT presented by Nationwide**

*May 30- June 2*

Muirfield Village Golf Club

Dublin, OH

Eligible players in the 120-player field are:

- Winners of the Memorial Tournament prior to 1997 and winners of the Memorial Tournament in the last five years (2014–2018).  
**NOTE:** Winners of the Memorial Tournament prior to 1997 who are not otherwise eligible for the event will be added to the starting field of 120 players.
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship and Masters Tournament in the last five years (2015–2019).
- Winners of the U.S. Open and The Open Championship in the last five years (2014–2018).
- Winners of the PGA Championship from 2014–2019.
- Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three years (2016–2018).
- Winners of the WGC– Dell Technologies Match Play and WGC–Mexico Championship in the last three years (2017–2019).
- Winners of the WGC–FedEx St Jude Invitational in the last three years (2016–2018).
- Winners of the WGC–HSBC Champions in the last three years (2016–2018).
- Winner of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard in the last three years (2017–2019).
- Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, whose victories are considered official, since the previous season’s Memorial Tournament.
- Playing members of the last-named U.S. and European Ryder Cup teams (2018).
- Playing members of the last-named U.S. and International Presidents Cup teams (2017). NOTE: Unrestricted sponsor exemptions will be reduced by an equal number for each nonmember that qualifies for the event via this category.
- Winner of the 2018 U.S. Amateur Championship. (Note: Such player may turn professional and still be eligible for the exemption.)
- Winner of the 2018 British Amateur Championship. (Note: Such player may turn professional and still be eligible for the exemption.)
- Up to four players selected by the tournament from among the money leaders on the PGA European Tour, Asian Tour, Australasian Tour, Sunshine Tour and Japan Golf Tour official money lists.
- Up to fourteen sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
  - Six from among the current season’s PGA TOUR membership.

- Two from among the 2018 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour.
- Six “unrestricted”.

**NOTE:** Players requesting sponsor exemptions should do so by March 31.

- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking through completion of the PGA Championship (Monday, May 20, 2019).
- The top 70 players from the 2017-2018 FedExCup Points List.
- Members in the Top 125-Nonmembers category whose points on the Non-WGC FedExCup Points List for Non-Members for the previous season equals or exceeds the amount of FedExCup points earned by the player finishing in 70th position on the 2017-2018 FedExCup Points List.
- The top 70 players from the 2018-2019 FedExCup Points List through the completion of the PGA Championship.
- The Division I College Player of the Year from 2018 (the Jack Nicklaus Award), as selected by the Golf Coaches Association of America. (Note: Such player may turn professional and still be eligible for the exemption.)
- If necessary to complete a field of 120 players, PGA TOUR members beyond 70th position from both the 2018-2019 FedExCup Points List through the PGA Championship and the 2017-2018 FedExCup Points List on an alternating basis beginning with the current season FedExCup Points List and in order of their positions on such FedExCup Points List (i.e., 71st player from current season’s FedExCup Points List, 71st player from prior season’s FedExCup Points List, 72nd player from current season’s FedExCup Points List, and so on).

## **RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

*June 6-9*

Hamilton Golf and Country Club  
Hamilton, ON, Canada

Eligible players in the 156-player field are those players 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:

- 20 sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
  - Two from among the current season’s membership.
  - Two from among the 2018 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour.
  - 16 “unrestricted”.

## **U.S. OPEN**

*June 13-16*

*(Practice Rounds June 10-12)*  
Pebble Beach Golf Links  
Pebble Beach, CA

## **ENTRY DEADLINE: April 24, 2019**

Entries are open to professional golfers and amateur golfers and applicants for reinstatement. Amateurs and applicants for reinstatement must have an up-to-

date Handicap Index based on rating for men not exceeding 1.4 under the USGA Handicap System. Entries are subject to approval or rejection at any time by the USGA Executive Committee.

Competition will be in three stages at stroke play:

- (a) Local Qualifying—18 holes. For all except exempt players. Entrants will compete for a total of 525 qualifying places.
- (b) Sectional Qualifying—36 holes. The eligible field for sectional qualifying will consist of 525 players from Local Qualifying and those players exempt from Local Qualifying.
- (c) Championship Rounds —72 holes. 156 players eligible, comprising place winners in sectional qualifying and those exempt from both qualifying stages.

**NOTE: Eligibility subject to change. Please refer to U.S. Open entry application.**

Players exempt from both qualifying stages are:

- Winners of the U.S. Open in the last 10 years (2009-2018).
- Winner and runner-up of the 2018 U.S. Amateur Championship, must be an amateur.
- Winners of the 2018 U.S. Junior Amateur and U.S. Mid-Amateur Championships, must be an amateur.
- Winner of the 2018 British Amateur Championship, must be an amateur.
- Winner of the 2018 Mark H. McCormack Medal (Men's World Amateur Golf Rankings), must be an amateur.
- Winners of the Masters Tournament in the last five years (2015-2019).
- Winners of The Open Championship conducted by the R&A in the last five years (2014-2018).
- Winner of the PGA Championship from 2014-2019.
- Winner of the 2018 U.S. Senior Open.
- Winner of THE PLAYERS Championship in the last three years (2017-2019).
- Multiple winners of PGA TOUR events that award a full-point allocation for the season-ending Tour Championship, from the conclusion of the 2018 U.S. Open to the initiation of the 2019 U.S. Open.
- The top 10 finishers and ties from the 2018 U.S. Open Championship.
- Those players qualifying for the season-ending 2018 TOUR Championship.
- The top 60 players and ties from the Official World Golf Ranking as of May 20, 2019
- The top 60 players and ties from the Official World Golf Ranking as of June 10, 2019
- Special exemptions selected by the USGA. Deadline for submission of request: April 24, 2019.

## **THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

*July 18-21*

Royal Portrush Golf Club  
Portrush, Northern Ireland

### **ENTRY DEADLINES:**

All Entries: TBD

### **NOTE: Eligibility subject to change. Please refer to The Open Championship entry application.**

Players exempt from all qualifying:

- The top 10 finishers and ties from the 2018 Open Championship.
- Former winners of the The Open Championship who are aged 60 or under on July 21, 2019.
- Winners of The Open Championship in the last ten years (2009–2018).
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking as of May 27, 2019 (week 21).
- The top 30 players from the final 2018 Race to Dubai.
- Winners of the BMW PGA Championship (2017–2018).
- The top 5 European Tour members and ties, not otherwise exempt, in the top 20 of the Race to Dubai on completion of the 2019 BMW International Open.
- The leading three players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 10 and ties from each of the 2019 Andalucia Valderrama Masters, 2019 Dubai Duty Free Irish Open, 2019 Aberdeen Standard Investments Scottish Open.
- Winners of the U.S. Open in the last five years (2015–2019).
- Winners of the Masters in the last five years (2015–2019).
- Winners of the PGA Championship from 2014–2019.
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship in the last three years (2017–2019).
- The top 30 players from the 2018 TOUR Championship.
- The top five players and ties, not otherwise exempt, from among the top 20 players on the 2018–19 FedExCup Points List through completion of the 2019 Travelers Championship.
- The leading three players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 10 and ties from each of the 2019 Arnold Palmer Invitational and 2019 RBC Canadian Open. The leading two players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 8 and ties from the 2019 Rocket Mortgage Classic. The leading player, not otherwise exempt, in the top 5 and ties from the 2019 John Deere Classic.
- The leading three players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 10 from the 2018 Emirates Australian Open.
- The leading three players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 10 from the 2018 South Africa Open.
- Playing members of the 2018 Ryder Cup teams.
- Winner of the 2018 VISA Open de Argentina.
- Winner of the 2018 Japan Open.
- The leading player from the 2018 Asian Tour Official Money List.
- The leading player from the 2018 Australasian Tour Official Money List.

- The top two players from the 2018 Japan Golf Tour Official Money List.
- The leading player from the 2018/2019 Sunshine Tour Official Money List.
- The top two players and ties, not otherwise exempt, who have earned the most Japan Golf Tour official prize money from the 2019 Japan Golf Tour official events through the Japan Tour Championship.
- Winner of the 2018 Senior Open Championship.
- Winner of the 2019 British Amateur, if still an amateur.
- Winner of the 2018 U.S. Amateur, if still an amateur.
- Winner of the 2019 European Amateur Championship, if still an amateur.
- The 2018 Mark H. McCormack Medal (Men's World Amateur Golf Ranking) winner, if still an amateur.
- Winner of the 2018 Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship, if still an amateur
- The leading four players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 12 from the 2019 SMBC Singapore Open.
- The leading four players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 12 and ties from the 2019 Mizuno Open.
- The leading two players players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 8 and ties from the 2019 KOLON Korean Open.

## **BARBASOL CHAMPIONSHIP**

*July 18-21*

Keene Trace Golf Club

Nicholasville, KY

Eligible players in the 132-player field are:

- Those players listed in order of priority under Section III-A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:
  - Four "unrestricted" sponsor exemptions.
- The host has a total of 12 sponsor exemptions
  - Two from among the current season's membership
  - Two from among the 2018 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour
  - Eight "unrestricted"

## **WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-FEDEX ST. JUDE INVITATIONAL**

*July 25-28*

TPC Southwind

Memphis, TN

Eligible players are:

- Playing members of the 2018 U.S. and European Ryder Cup teams.
- The top 50 players, including any tied for 50th place, from the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, July 15, 2019 (i.e. through completion of the John Deere Classic).
- The top 50 players, including any tied for 50th place, from the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, July 22, 2019 (i.e. through completion of The Open Championship/Barbasol Championship).

- Tournament winners, whose victories are considered official, of tournaments from the Federation Tours since the prior years WGC-FedEx St Jude Invitational with an Official World Golf Ranking Strength of Field (SOF) Rating of 115 or more.
- The winner of the following tournament from each of the following Tours:
  - Japan Golf Tour: Japan Golf Tour Championship (2019) and Bridgestone Open (2018)
  - Australasian Tour: Australian PGA Championship (2018)
  - Southern Africa Tour: Dimension Data Pro-Am (2019)
  - Asian Tour: Indonesian Masters (2018)

## **RENO-TAHOE TOURNAMENT**

*July 25-28*

Montrêux Golf and Country Club

Reno, NV

Eligible players in the 132-player field are:

- Those players listed in order of priority under Section III-A of the Tournament Regulations, except that the following shall first be eligible:
  - Four “unrestricted” sponsor exemptions.
- The host has a total of 12 sponsor exemptions
  - Two from among the current season’s membership
  - Two from among the 2018 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour
  - Eight “unrestricted”

Modified Stableford Format will be used.

<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>
Double Eagle	+8	Par	0
Eagle	+5	Bogey	-1
Birdie	+2	Double Bogey	-3
		or worse	

## **THE NORTHERN TRUST**

*August 8-11*

Liberty National Golf Club

Jersey City, NJ

Eligible players are:

- The top 125 players plus ties from the 2018-2019 FedExCup Points List through the Wyndham Championship.

## **BMW CHAMPIONSHIP**

*August 15-18*

Medinah Country Club (Course No. 3)

Medinah, IL

Eligible players are:

- The top 70 players plus ties from the 2018-2019 FedExCup Points List through the THE NORTHERN TRUST.

## **TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

*August 22-25*

East Lake Golf Club

Atlanta, GA

Eligible players are:

- The top 30 players plus ties from the 2018-2019 FedExCup Points List through the BMW Championship.

## **THE PRESIDENTS CUP**

*December 12-15, 2019*

Royal Melbourne Golf Club

Victoria, Australia

### United States Team

- The top eight(8) U.S. PGA TOUR members who have earned the most FedExCup points from September 11, 2017 through 2019 TOUR Championship, weighted as follows:
  - 2017 BMW Championship through 2018 TOUR Championship: 1 FedExCup point = 1 point
  - 2018 Safeway Open through 2019 TOUR Championship: 1 FedExCup point = 2 points
- Four (4) Captain's selections, to be named on date(s) to be determined.

NOTE: Presidents Cup points for FedExCup Playoffs Events will be weighted the same as World Golf Championships.

### International Team

- The top eight(8) international players (excluding those eligible for the European Ryder Cup team) from the Presidents Cup International Team points list which shall be Official World Golf Ranking Rank Points accumulated from August 27, 2018 (DELL Technologies Championship) through August 25, 2019 (TOUR Championship).
- Four (4) Captain's selections, to be named on date(s) to be determined.

## **RYDER CUP**

*September 25-27, 2020*

Whistling Straits Golf Course

Kohler, WI

**NOTE: Criteria for the 2020 Ryder Cup has not been finalized and is subject to change.**

### United States Team

- The top eight U.S. players who have earned the most official PGA TOUR money from January 1, 2019, through TBD, weighted as follows:
  - \$1,000 = 1 point for 2019 majors (Masters, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship)
  - \$2,000 = 1 point for 2019 PLAYERS Championship, WGC-Mexico Championship, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play, WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, and WGC-HSBC Champions.
  - \$1,000 = 2 points for the winner of 2020 majors (Masters, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship)
- \$1,000 = 1.5 points for all others who make the cut in the 2020 majors (Masters, US Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship).
- \$1,000 = 1 point for official events from January. 1, 2020 through date TBD (excluding majors, events played opposite majors and events played opposite World Golf Championship events).
- Four Captain's selections-to be made on a date TBD.

### European Team

- The top four European Tour members on The Ryder Cup European Points List on date TBD.
- The top four European Tour members, not otherwise qualified, from The Ryder Cup World Points List on date TBD.
- Four Captains' selections named on a date TBD.

## **TOKYO 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES**

Men's Golf Competition

Kasumigaseki Country Club

Tokyo, Japan

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 22 June 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 22 June in 2020, up to a maximum of 2 players per country including those athletes 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 1 July 2018 to 22 June 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 23 June 2020 following the conclusion of all eligible events.

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

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# 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	Sanctioning Organization
Espirito Santo Trophy	International Golf Federation
Solheim Cup	LPGA
International Crown	LPGA
Olympic Games	International Golf Federation
Youth Olympic Games	International Golf Federation
Men's Competitions	Sanctioning Organization
Eisenhower Trophy	International Golf Federation
Ryder Cup	European Tour & PGA of America
Presidents Cup	PGA TOUR
Olympic Games	International Golf Federation
Youth Olympic Games	International Golf Federation
World Cup	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 representing 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:

Albania	Cyprus	Iceland	Moldova	Slovak
Andorra	Czech	Ireland	Monaco	Republic
Armenia	Republic	Israel	Montenegro	Slovenia
Austria	Denmark	Italy	Norway	Spain
Azerbaijan	Estonia	Kazakhstan	Poland	Sweden
Belarus	Finland	Latvia	Portugal	Switzerland
Belgium	France	Liechtenstein	Romania	The
Bosnia and	Georgia	Lithuania	Russian	Netherlands
Herzegovina	Germany	Luxembourg	Federation	Turkey
Bulgaria	Greece	Macedonia	San Marino	Ukraine
Croatia	Hungary	Malta	Serbia	United
				Kingdom

## **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.

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# GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

## PLAYER IDENTIFICATION

PGA TOUR members will receive a personal photo ID and family credentials, which serve as identification at all cosponsored tournaments. Players are responsible for their minor children and their conduct in the Player Family dining area and elsewhere on course. If lost, replacement credentials are available through PGA TOUR Headquarters at a cost of **\$50 per family credential and photo ID card**. In addition, a player will receive a personal money clip. However, the money clip will not be recognized as a credential at PGA TOUR cosponsored events. If lost, a replacement money clip is available at a cost of \$100.

## OTHER CREDENTIALS

Tournament sponsors provide complimentary daily admission credentials to any member and their immediate family (spouse, children and parents) of the PGA TOUR, PGA of America, LPGA, and the Golf Course Superintendents Association. Complimentary daily admission credentials will be provided to any member of the Golf Course Builders Association of America, Club Managers Association of America and the American Society of Golf Course Architects. Family members must accompany the player in person to obtain these credentials.

## DATA PROTECTION & PRIVACY

The protection of our players' personally identifiable information is of the utmost importance at the PGA TOUR. Such information is used by PGA TOUR to administer the tournaments operated and/or sanctioned by PGA TOUR, provide membership benefits, and provide PGA TOUR players with information relating to membership, products, services, news and promotions of PGA TOUR and its affiliates. In light of new laws coming into effect such as the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation, the PGA TOUR has developed a Data Protection & Privacy Compliance Working Group to focus on the safeguards and best practices for the collection and processing of personal data. If at any time, you would like to access or correct any of your personally identifiable information, please contact [datacompliance@pgatourhq.com](mailto:datacompliance@pgatourhq.com).

# TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

## PURSE DISTRIBUTION FORMULAS

The PGA TOUR Policy Board establishes distribution of purses for PGA TOUR tournaments. “Approved” tournaments and events with special or small fields may use other purse distribution formulas.

The standard formula for PGA 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 \$6.0 million:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>PRIZE</u>
1 .....	18.000%	\$1,080,000.00	36 .....	0.515%	\$30,900.00
2 .....	10.800%	\$648,000.00	37 .....	0.490%	\$29,400.00
3 .....	6.800%	\$408,000.00	38 .....	0.470%	\$28,200.00
4 .....	4.800%	\$288,000.00	39 .....	0.450%	\$27,000.00
5 .....	4.000%	\$240,000.00	40 .....	0.430%	\$25,800.00
6 .....	3.600%	\$216,000.00	41 .....	0.410%	\$24,600.00
7 .....	3.350%	\$201,000.00	42 .....	0.390%	\$23,400.00
8 .....	3.100%	\$186,000.00	43 .....	0.370%	\$22,200.00
9 .....	2.900%	\$174,000.00	44 .....	0.350%	\$21,000.00
10 .....	2.700%	\$162,000.00	45 .....	0.330%	\$19,800.00
11 .....	2.500%	\$150,000.00	46 .....	0.310%	\$18,600.00
12 .....	2.300%	\$138,000.00	47 .....	0.290%	\$17,400.00
13 .....	2.100%	\$126,000.00	48 .....	0.274%	\$16,440.00
14 .....	1.900%	\$114,000.00	49 .....	0.260%	\$15,600.00
15 .....	1.800%	\$108,000.00	50 .....	0.252%	\$15,120.00
16 .....	1.700%	\$102,000.00	51 .....	0.246%	\$14,760.00
17 .....	1.600%	\$96,000.00	52 .....	0.240%	\$14,400.00
18 .....	1.500%	\$90,000.00	53 .....	0.236%	\$14,160.00
19 .....	1.400%	\$84,000.00	54 .....	0.232%	\$13,920.00
20 .....	1.300%	\$78,000.00	55 .....	0.230%	\$13,800.00
21 .....	1.200%	\$72,000.00	56 .....	0.228%	\$13,680.00
22 .....	1.120%	\$67,200.00	57 .....	0.226%	\$13,560.00
23 .....	1.040%	\$62,400.00	58 .....	0.224%	\$13,440.00
24 .....	0.960%	\$57,600.00	59 .....	0.222%	\$13,320.00
25 .....	0.880%	\$52,800.00	60 .....	0.220%	\$13,200.00
26 .....	0.800%	\$48,000.00	61 .....	0.218%	\$13,080.00
27 .....	0.770%	\$46,200.00	62 .....	0.216%	\$12,960.00
28 .....	0.740%	\$44,400.00	63 .....	0.214%	\$12,840.00
29 .....	0.710%	\$42,600.00	64 .....	0.212%	\$12,720.00
30 .....	0.680%	\$40,800.00	65 .....	0.210%	\$12,600.00
31 .....	0.650%	\$39,000.00	66 .....	0.208%	\$12,480.00
32 .....	0.620%	\$37,200.00	67 .....	0.206%	\$12,360.00
33 .....	0.590%	\$35,400.00	68 .....	0.204%	\$12,240.00
34 .....	0.565%	\$33,900.00	69 .....	0.202%	\$12,120.00
35 .....	0.540%	\$32,400.00	70 .....	0.200%	\$12,000.00

## **BAD WEATHER GUIDELINES**

In situations involving bad weather, our first priority is always the competition and completion of 72 holes. Every effort will be made to achieve this objective by Sunday which could include playing 36 holes on the final day. If this can not be accomplished, play will always be extended to Monday if conditions and the weather forecast permit.

In making decisions to extend play beyond Sunday or to reduce the tournament to fewer than 72 holes due to inclement weather, the on-site Tournament Director discusses the situation and conditions with a number of parties, including the host organization, title sponsor, host site (general manager and/or golf course superintendent), on-site weather forecaster, television representatives and the other members of the Rules Committee. Players are not included in these discussions as policy dictates it is inappropriate for the Rules Committee to discuss matters directly affecting the competition with contestants.

In an effort to provide more definitive guidelines for use in the decision-making process, the following Bad Weather Guidelines will be followed:

### **EXTENDING PLAY TO MONDAY**

1. Every effort will be made to finish each round as scheduled by Sunday. The first priority is always the competition and completion of 72 holes.
2. In an effort to achieve this objective by Sunday, 36 holes may be played on Sunday following a reduction of the field to the score which has the closest number of players (including amateurs) to 60. If an equal number of players are at scores above and below the 60th position, the higher score will be used. In the event of any such cut, professionals eliminated who otherwise would have played in the final 36 holes will receive the appropriate share of official prize money in accordance with their respective positions.
3. If conditions exist which prevent 72 holes from being completed by Sunday, play will always be extended to Monday if golf course conditions and the weather forecast permit. Play on Monday could include 36 holes and a reduction of the field to the score which has the closest number of players to 60.
4. If conditions exist which make the completion of 72 holes impossible, the next priority is to complete 54 holes, thereby the winner is credited with an official victory. Again, play in this situation will always be extended to Monday if golf course conditions and weather permit.
5. If conditions exist which make the completion of 54 holes impossible, the next priority is to complete 36 holes, thereby players receive official money although the winner is credited with an unofficial victory. Again, play in this situation may be extended to Monday.

## **EXTENDING PLAY BEYOND MONDAY**

1. Except for THE PLAYERS Championship, in the event of a suspension during a final round being played on Monday when at least half of the field has completed play, the final round will be completed on Tuesday, but no later. Further, in no situation would we resume play in order to have 50% or more of the field complete their round. If play cannot be completed on Tuesday, scores will revert back to the last completed round and the competition will be considered closed.
2. Except for THE PLAYERS Championship, play will not extend past Tuesday under any circumstances unless the event can be rescheduled and replayed in its entirety. This scenario would occur only if no more than 18 holes had been completed and an acceptable open date were available.
3. For THE PLAYERS Championship, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, extend play as necessary in order to complete 72 holes of competition.

## **ON-SITE COMMUNICATION**

1. On Tuesday of Tournament Week, the PGA TOUR Tournament Director will meet with host organization and title sponsor representatives to review the Bad Weather Guidelines and discuss plans to extend the event to Monday if necessary. Also reviewed are the tournament's plans to reschedule or relocate any special events planned for the tournament course on Monday (i.e. title sponsor outing) if play is extended to Monday.
2. Also on Tuesday of Tournament Week, the PGA TOUR Tournament Director will meet with television representatives to review air times, requested finish times, playoff holes and plans if inclement weather is predicted or encountered during the tournament. At small field tournaments, or for rounds following the cut at full field events, a tape delay telecast will be discussed if play can be started early and completed before impending bad weather. Prior to the final round, the leaders may start on the back nine to provide the network an opportunity to telecast some amount of play by the leaders.
3. After receiving and heavily weighing input from the host organization, title sponsor, host site (general manager and/or golf course superintendent), on-site weather forecaster and television, the PGA TOUR shall make the final decision to play 36 holes on Sunday, extend play to Monday or reduce the tournament to fewer than 72 holes.
4. Once a decision is reached, the players, host organization, title sponsor and television, if applicable, shall be the first informed. Secondly, the PGA TOUR Tournament Director shall communicate the decision to the PGA TOUR's On-Site Media Official who will disseminate the information to the media, and then to the Advance Official at the following week's event who will immediately let the tournament know of the decision.

## **OTHER FACTORS AND ISSUES**

Factors/issues that are considered in making decisions to suspend, postpone or cancel play include the following:

### **Competitions**

1. Weather forecast: The likelihood of weather conditions allowing the golf course to be prepared for play and the competition to be completed.
2. Course conditions: The condition of the golf course must allow the competition to be conducted under the Rules of Golf. The lift, clean and place rule may be put into effect under extreme circumstances.
3. Cancellation of a started round: If some players begin a round under extremely adverse weather conditions, conditions subsequently worsen and further play that day is impossible, the round may be canceled and replayed in its entirety.
4. Tournament format: If the tournament utilizes a multiple course format, the number of rounds needed to have players complete one round on each course will be considered. In pro-am events, amateurs may be asked to discontinue once play resumes in an effort to complete play on schedule.
5. Following week's event: Decisions to extend play to Monday will not be influenced by the following week's scheduled event, even when the next event is a major championship.

### **Host Organization/Title Sponsor**

1. Prize Money: When a tournament is shortened due to inclement weather or other occurrence beyond the reasonable control of PGA TOUR, the host organization will be obligated to pay prize money in accordance with the guidelines contained in Article IV, Section A.9 of the *Tournament Regulations*. At tournaments played on one or two courses, official prize money will be distributed in accordance with the standard purse distribution formula when two or more rounds have been completed. At tournaments played on three or more courses, official prize money will be paid in accordance with the standard purse distribution formula when all players have played each course at least once. If players have not played each of the courses at least once, prize money will be unofficial and will be paid out, when possible, based on the standings through the number of completed rounds. If this is not possible, the purse will be divided equally among all players in the starting field.
2. Financial impact: Tournaments and title sponsors want to avoid having to complete play on Mondays and Tuesdays except in extreme situations. Because

of the additional costs and logistical problems associated with Monday play, host organizations clearly would prefer to shorten an event to 54 holes rather than extend to Monday to complete 72 holes. However, host organizations for the most part support an extension of play to Monday if required to complete 54 holes.

3. Monday Pro-Am: Many tournaments have Monday pro-ams during Tournament Week, in addition to the Official pro-am (normally held on Wednesday) and extending play beyond Sunday could have a negative impact on the following event's Monday pro-am. This pro-am could be moved to Tuesday at the host organization's request. However, another course would be required so that the pro-am does not interfere with normal practice rounds.

### **Television:**

1. Air times: Every effort is made to conclude the tournament within the scheduled air times. In most cases, networks will extend coverage from 6:00 PM EST to 7:00 PM upon request. For obvious reasons, the networks prefer to conclude the event on Sunday by playing 36 holes instead of extending play to Monday. Host organizations are in favor of this as well.
2. Tee times: Tee times may be changed to accommodate television, and a two-tee start may also be utilized after the cut is made. Prior to the final round, the leaders may start on the back nine to provide the networks an opportunity to telecast some amount of play by the leaders.
3. Monday coverage: Networks are given the first option of telecasting play on Monday. In the event the network declines, cable television will telecast the event on Monday or Tuesday.

### **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 ROOMS**

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 overnight and shall not be left in the locker room.

**Players in the starting tournament field who use locker room facilities at the host clubhouse must pay the attendant a minimum of \$50 for service.**

Smoking is not permitted in the player locker room.

## **PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

To help ensure that players competing in PGA TOUR cosponsored tournaments use equipment which 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 PGA 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 2016-2017 Condition of Competition for Groove Specifications.

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 PGA 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, PGA TOUR, at the request of the USGA, collects golf balls and equipment samples on-site at events.

### **OPPOSITE EVENT POLICY**

A PGA TOUR member who qualifies, as of the commitment deadline, for a limited field, no cut, special tournament awarding official money shall not be eligible to participate in an opposite PGA TOUR event should he elect not to play in the limited field, no cut special tournament for which he has qualified.

### **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, if the caddie van is not on site.
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 PGA TOUR Tournament Director.

3. Caddies shall wear smooth, rubber-sole plain-colored shoes preferably tennis or basketball shoes. Permissible colors are limited to white and earth tone 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-toe Crocs are acceptable provided they conform with the colors described above. GOLF SPIKES are prohibited.
4. Caddies must conform to the Player Endorsement Policy.
5. 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 credentials provide clubhouse access as designated by tournament host.
7. 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.
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 that is prohibited for players under the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program.
13. Caddies shall not engage in any conduct that is prohibited under the PGA TOUR Integrity Program.
14. Caddies shall not engage in conduct unbecoming a professional caddie, as determined in the sole discretion of the PGA TOUR.

15. Caddies must carry their player's clubs. Pull carts or the like are not permitted.

Personal information collected from you will be used by PGA TOUR for the purpose of administering the tournaments on the tours operated and/or sanctioned by PGA TOUR and providing you with information relating to products, services, news and promotions of PGA TOUR and affiliates of PGA TOUR. PGA TOUR shall not sell, share or otherwise disclose your personal information of applicants with third parties, other than to third parties engaged by PGA TOUR to fulfill the above purposes or as otherwise consented to by the applicant. To view PGA TOUR's Privacy Policy, visit [www.pgatour.com/company/privacy.html](http://www.pgatour.com/company/privacy.html).

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, disciplinary action may be taken against the player for whom the caddie is providing services.

### **PLAYER/FAMILY DINING POLICY**

Player/family dining areas are provided by tournaments for use by players and their immediate family members only. Active PGA TOUR members may receive credentials with player/family dining access for their spouse/significant other, children, nanny, and up to four immediate family members. Immediate family is defined as parents of either adult, grandparents of either adult and siblings.

To access the player/family dining area, a player's wife or significant other must present her Family Member ID card and immediate family members must present their Family Member ID card.

Tournaments have also been requested to provide, on a space available basis, a player only dining area, which in most cases is the player locker room.

If you wish to entertain a guest, such as an extended family member, friend, agent, instructor or equipment company representative, you should dine in another clubhouse dining area, with appropriate food and beverage charges applying to your guest(s).

Space in the player/family dining area is often limited during peak hours so your cooperation with this policy is greatly appreciated. Smoking is not permitted in player/family dining areas. Players are responsible for their minor children and their conduct in the player/family dining area.

## **PROCEDURES FOR DUALY-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.

PGA TOUR members in the “Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour” category and above who may not be eligible for the PGA TOUR event may commit to both PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour events scheduled for the same week. If a player is in the PGA TOUR event by 3 p.m. Eastern Time on Monday of tournament week, he must play the PGA TOUR event and will be 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 members may commit to both PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions events scheduled for the same week. If a player is in the field of both events, he must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters by 3p.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 PGA TOUR Champions field.

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

A player who is an alternate for the PGA TOUR event and is in the PGA TOUR Champions tournament must notify PGA TOUR Headquarters by 5p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday of tournament week of his intention to play the PGA TOUR Champions event. If he notifies the PGA TOUR that he intends to play the PGA TOUR Champions 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 PGA TOUR Champions 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 3p.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 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.

### **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.

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# **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.

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## **ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM**

All contestants in PGA 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](http://www.drugfreesport.com/rec) or [pgatourlinks.com](http://pgatourlinks.com). Questions regarding the Anti-Doping Program should be directed to Andy Levinson, Senior Vice President, Tournament Administration, at PGA TOUR Headquarters.

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## PGA TOUR ALCOHOL POLICY

Any member found to have violated any of the following provisions relating to the use of alcohol shall be considered to have engaged in conduct unbecoming a professional and shall be subject to a significant penalty:

A. Consuming an alcoholic beverage during any practice round or tournament round (whether a pro-am round or a tournament competition round), on the practice tee or putting green.

B. Moderate, responsible consumption of alcoholic beverages after play or during social functions is permitted. But players should know that alcohol related unprofessional incidents will constitute conduct unbecoming a professional.

C. A PGA TOUR member's responsibility to conduct himself in a professional manner and lend credit to himself and his organization extends beyond the time that the member is engaging in tournament play at the tournament site. Accordingly, the Membership should be aware that, depending on the circumstances, being under the influence of alcohol at any time in a public place, whether at a tournament site or otherwise, may constitute conduct unbecoming a professional.

The Commissioner will conduct such inquiries and investigations as shall be appropriate to determine whether a member has violated the alcohol policy or any interpretations thereof.

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## INTEGRITY PROGRAM

All contestants in PGA TOUR events are subject to the terms and conditions of the PGA TOUR Integrity Program. The Integrity Program among other things prohibits players from betting on professional golf and engaging in other betting-related activities and requires players to complete certain educational requirements, in an effort to maintain integrity and prevent betting-related corruption in PGA TOUR events. The full terms of the Integrity Program may be found at [pgatourlinks.com](http://pgatourlinks.com). Questions regarding the Integrity Program should be directed to Andy Levinson, Senior Vice President, Tournament Administration, at PGA TOUR Headquarters.

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# PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Rule 5.6b states, in part: “The player should play at a prompt pace throughout the round. To encourage and enforce prompt play, the Committee shall set a Pace of Play Policy.” The following Pace of Play Policy, including penalties and fines, for stroke play competitions has been adopted. In the administration of this Pace of Play Policy, 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 hole 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 is starting to fall behind, or is just out of position, the group will receive a warning. Such warning will be given as soon as possible, and given only once during a round. In some circumstances, the Rules Committee may commence timing without having given such a warning, including when a group has already fallen significantly behind and/or is affecting other groups.

Once a group has been warned, the Rules Committee (if available to do so) will monitor the pace of individual players in the group to determine if any players should be timed individually, as opposed to the entire group, in the case the group does not regain its position on the course.

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. Such timing could occur on any hole, including the finishing holes of a round, and as soon as the next hole after a warning has been given.

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 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 \$5,000.

### Third and Subsequent Offenses:

Third and subsequent timings exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (3 or more bad times) - a fine of \$10,000 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 \$25,000.

### Eleventh and Subsequent Offenses:

Eleventh and subsequent occasion of being out of position and timed - a fine of \$5,000 for each offense.

**NOTE 1:** 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.

**NOTE 4:** Upon reaching the tenth occasion of being timed during a season, a player shall immediately be placed within the Category 3 groupings for Rounds 1 and 2 (when applicable) for the remainder of that 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 one 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, a player who exceeds ten occasions of being timed in more than one season may be subject to sanction under the Conduct Unbecoming a Professional regulation, including but not limited to suspension and/or other measures designed to help the player improve his pace of play including mandatory education, changes in groupings category, additional fines or other requirements

### **APPEALS**

Any appeal of a bad time, penalty or fine 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.**

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# POLICY FOR USE OF GOLF CARTS BY DISABLED INSTRUCTORS

PGA 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 worked 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 to obtain 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 member.
- In requesting the use of a cart for an instructor, the PGA TOUR member must indicate the name of the instructor, the nature of the instructor's disability, and if requested by PGA TOUR, provide medical reports or other data indicating the extent and nature of the instructor's disability.
- A request must be made for each individual tournament and must be made no later than 2 weeks prior to that tournament.
- The PGA 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 directed by the Tournament Director and returned to that location.
- No more than 3 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 membership's 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.

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# AUTOGRAPH POLICY

In an effort to provide a more orderly and controlled environment for fans seeking autographs, and at the same time allow players to avoid interruptions and distractions while preparing for and competing in tournaments, the PGA TOUR has established the following guidelines:

1. The autograph policy is in effect for official competitive rounds only. A player may not sign autographs after the start of his round until it is completed, except, at his option, during a suspension of play.
2. An autograph area may be designated by the host tournament, though its use by players is optional.
3. Tournaments are required to enhance the use of the autograph area with marshaling assistance and security for marquee players.

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# 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.

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.

**NOTE: Family members and friends are not permitted inside the ropes on the golf course at any time.** Family members are permitted on the 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 or without a mandatory sponsor function 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. Tournaments using the 9&9 pro-am format may amend this policy and practice restrictions will be posted in the locker room during tournament week.

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. This rule does not apply to tournaments using the 9&9 pro-am format.

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# INTERNET POLICY

The PGA TOUR creates a section within PGATOUR.COM with information about each member.

Each player's site consists of player photos, a biography consisting of data similar to the information found in the Media Guides, statistics, results from the current year's tournaments, a scorecard from the most recent tournament played, and related stories and content.

The PGA TOUR recognizes that in the age of the internet, PGA TOUR members may be launching or re-launching their own web sites to support their fans, their sponsors, and their personal business ventures.

At the written request of a PGA TOUR member, PGATOUR.COM will link to such player's "official player site" from that particular player's page on PGATOUR.COM so long as there is a reciprocal link back to PGATOUR.COM from the "official player site" home page.

Keep in mind that a PGA TOUR member's marketing rights have specific parameters regarding the use of the PGA TOUR name, marks, or logo. These parameters also apply to online usage.

In addition to linking capabilities and the use of TOUR marks, PGATOUR.COM will attempt to assist any member in his online ventures. Please contact the Player Relations Department or the PGATOUR.COM department (Scott Gutterman - x4892) with additional questions.

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# **WEB.COM TOUR EXEMPTION FOR FORMER FULLY EXEMPT PGA TOUR MEMBERS**

In accordance with Article III, Section A 1(i) of the Web.com Tour Regulations, players who were fully exempt PGA TOUR members for at least the preceding five consecutive seasons, or if such player is not fully exempt 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 will be eligible for a Web.com Tour exemption in one of the first two seasons after the player fails to retain fully exempt status on the PGA TOUR provided that he notifies the 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. (A player may not use a Special Medical Extension in accumulating his five season 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.)

Any eligible player may use this exemption only one time in his career.

For additional information, please contact PGA TOUR or Web.com Tour Membership Services.

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# **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 as determined by the final cut the player made (i.e. the primary cut to the low 70 professionals plus ties after 36 holes, or the secondary cut to the low 70 professionals plus ties). 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 (excluding World Golf Championship events) without a cut or an alternate list, such as the Tournament of Champions or BMW Championship, 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.

Further, any professional who has qualified for an official money World Golf Championship event without a cut or an alternate list but who is unable to begin play due to an illness, injury or serious personal emergency is not entitled to any share of the prize money. Instead, he shall be permitted to designate last place, unofficial money for a charity of his choice.

FedExCup points are distributed to players earning official money. Only players who are regular members of the PGA TOUR or become regular members during the season (as defined by PGA TOUR tournament regulations) will be listed on the "FedExCup Points List." Special Temporary Members and non-members who earn FedExCup points will not appear on the "FedExCup Points List," but will be tracked on a "Non-Member FedExCup Points List".

Points will be awarded at official money PGA TOUR FedExCup events, as defined by the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations.

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).

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# MOBILE AND ELECTRONIC 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 for calls, data services and capturing content. 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.
- Other electronic devices (rangefinders, launch monitors, video cameras for instruction, heart monitors, pedometers, electronic watches with health monitoring sensors, 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 a mobile device in designated practice areas only. Players are prohibited from using a mobile device for calls on the golf course during any official pro-am round. Players may use a mobile device for data services and capturing content in designated practice areas and on the golf course.
- 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. On designated practice areas only data services and capturing content area allowed if done in a courteous and silent manner.
- Mobile and other electronic devices are prohibited for all purposes 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.
- Rule 4.3a(4) of the Rules of Golf states, in part: "Not Allowed: The use of equipment to listen to music or other audio to eliminate distractions or to help with swing tempo, or to view video showing play of a player during the competition that helps the player in choosing a club, making a stroke, or deciding how to play the round". Penalty for first breach is the General Penalty, for second breach penalty is Disqualification.

**NOTE:** The use of mobile devices by players for capturing and distributing social media content must comply with the PGA TOUR Official Policy for Players Posting/Streaming to Social Media On Site at Events.

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## **GUIDELINES FOR PLAYERS' USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AT EVENTS**

All contestants in PGA TOUR events are subject to the terms and conditions of the PGA TOUR Official Policy for Players Posting/Streaming to Social Media On Site at Events. The full terms of the Policy may be found at [pgatourlinks.com](http://pgatourlinks.com).

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## **PLAYER ENDORSEMENT POLICY**

All sponsorships, endorsements, name and likeness arrangements and promotional activities (collectively, "sponsorships") of members, whether during or outside PGA TOUR competitions, are subject to this policy. 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 that may reflect adversely upon the image and reputation of the PGA TOUR, cast the PGA TOUR in an unfavorable light, insult or offend the community or any group within the community or be viewed as hateful, abusive, obscene or divisive, as reasonably determined by the PGA TOUR, are prohibited. Further, the following addresses categories of special concern:

*Season-Long Points Competition Sponsor FedEx.* In recognition of the unique standing of FedEx as the sole sponsor of a season-long points competition on the PGA TOUR, so long as FedEx is the season-long sponsor of the PGA TOUR, no sponsorships are allowed by FedEx competitors United Parcel Services ("UPS") or DHL Express ("DHL") that involve displaying the name, logo or any product likeness of either company on a player's apparel, headwear, golf bag or golf equipment. Such provision shall apply during PGA TOUR co-sponsored, sponsored and sanctioned events to members only. Players with existing sponsorship agreements as of January 1, 2017 with either UPS or DHL will be allowed to continue or extend such relationship but may not expand

upon the contractual branding or endorsement obligations in such relationships.

*Tobacco / Marijuana.* No sponsorships of any sort are permitted by companies selling tobacco products (including, starting March 1, 2019, cigars and tobacco smoked in pipes), smokeless tobacco products (including e-cigarettes and vaping products) and marijuana products (recreational and medicinal). However, a player may make appearances for any such company as long as the appearances are private and not promoted or covered publicly. Players with existing sponsorships by companies selling cigars and tobacco smoked in pipes as of March 1, 2019 will be allowed to continue or extend such sponsorships after such date but may not expand such sponsorships after such date.

*Alcohol.* A player may have a sponsorship by a beer, wine, distilled spirit or other alcohol company, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- Any ads and other promotions (using a player's name or likeness) for any alcohol company 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").
- A player may not display more than one name, brand, logo or other mark or identifier of any alcohol company on the player's apparel, headwear, golf bag and golf equipment in the aggregate at any time.
- No visual representation of any alcohol product (e.g., liquor bottle, etc.) may appear on a player's headwear, apparel, golf bag or golf equipment.

*Gambling and Casinos.* A player may have sponsorships by casinos and other legal gambling companies, except for a sponsorship in the United States by a company whose primary purpose is sports betting, as reasonably determined by the PGA TOUR. For example, a player may have a worldwide sponsorship by MGM Resorts or Caesars, or a sponsorship outside the United States by Bet365, but not a sponsorship in the United States by Bet365 (to illustrate, a player could have an agreement for Bet365 to use his name and likeness in an ad for its sportsbook that runs in Asia, as long as it does not run in the United States and there is no promotion or activation in the United States). Sponsorships by gambling companies are further subject to the following terms and conditions:

- All sponsorships by gambling companies require the prior approval of the PGA TOUR. All sponsorships must be submitted to the PGA TOUR Competitions department in advance for review and approval.
- The gambling company must be in compliance with all applicable gambling laws.

- Daily fantasy companies (e.g., DraftKings and FanDuel) are treated as “gambling companies” for purposes of this policy, but not companies “whose primary purpose is sports betting.” Accordingly, DraftKings and FanDuel are treated for purposes of this policy like MGM Resorts and Caesars, not Bet365 and William Hill.
- On a worldwide basis, a player may display on the player’s apparel, headwear, golf bag or golf equipment any name, brand, logo or other identifier of a gambling company, excluding a gambling company whose primary purpose is sports betting, as reasonably determined by the PGA TOUR. For example, a player may display “MGM Resorts,” “MGM Casinos,” “playMGM” (the brand of MGM’s mobile betting app), “Foxwoods Resort & Casino,” “FanDuel,” or “FanDuel Sportsbook,” but not “William Hill” or “Bet365” (inside or outside the United States).
- No visual representation of any gambling-related product (e.g., cards or dice) may appear on a player’s headwear, apparel, golf bag or golf equipment.
- A player may not display on the player’s apparel, headwear, golf bag or golf equipment more than one gambling-related identifier in the aggregate at any time.
- A player may publicly appear and otherwise be used in ads and other promotions for sports betting and daily fantasy generally, excluding ads and other promotions in the United States if the company’s primary purpose is sports betting, as reasonably determined by the PGA TOUR. Further, the player may promote daily fantasy golf but may not promote betting on golf anywhere in the world. For example, a player may appear in a worldwide ad for MGM Resorts encouraging consumers to download the MGM mobile betting app, or a worldwide ad for DraftKings encouraging consumers to play daily fantasy golf, but not an ad to bet specifically on golf (and not an ad in the United States for Bet365). Further, the ad or promotion must include a responsible gambling or social responsibility message (e.g., “Please remember to bet responsibly”).
- A player may not have a sponsorship in the United States by a company whose primary purpose is sports betting, as reasonably determined by the PGA TOUR. However, a player may make appearances in the United States for any such company as long as the appearances are private and not promoted or covered publicly.
- A player may not enter into any sponsorship or other agreement that provides compensation to the player based on any sports betting activity (e.g., a player

may not receive a revenue share based on the “handle” or revenues from sports betting).

- A sponsorship may not have a term that extends past December 31, 2021 (unless otherwise approved by the PGA TOUR in its sole discretion).

*Logo / Mark Size, Location and Quantity.* All names, brands, logos and other marks and identifiers (“marks”) on a player’s apparel, headwear, golf bag and golf equipment must be in good taste as to content, size, location and quantity, as reasonably determined by the PGA TOUR. Further, all marks must satisfy the following specific terms and conditions:

- A mark (other than a mark on a golf bag) may not exceed three by five inches (3”x5”).
- Marks on upper torso apparel (including shirts, sweaters, outerwear and upper torso underwear, but excluding, for clarity, belts and headwear) may appear only at the following seven locations: right and left breast, right and left sleeve, right and left collar, and the yoke of the back (i.e., just below the collar). Only one mark may appear at each such location (i.e., seven logos total are permitted for upper torso apparel).
- Marks on belts may appear only on the buckle or front buckle area. Only one mark may appear on a belt.
- Marks on lower torso apparel (including pants and outerwear, but excluding, for clarity, belts and footwear) may appear only at the following locations: the right or left back pocket area (but not both back pocket areas) and below the right or left knee (but not below both knees). Only one mark may appear at each such location (i.e., two logos total are permitted for lower torso apparel).
- The location of marks is otherwise not restricted, but all marks must satisfy the good taste requirement set forth above.

*Golf Outings.* Golf outings for all companies are subject to the conflicting events terms set forth in Section A-2 of Article V.

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# GUIDELINES FOR PAYMENTS TO PLAYERS

Any payments, other than official prize money and prize money paid for official tournament proams, made

**by:** a host organization, title or presenting sponsor, or any person or entity acting on their behalf (collectively, “Tournament Sponsors”)

**to:** a player eligible to participate in the applicable tournament

**for:** any event or activity conducted from Monday of tournament week through the day following the conclusion of the competition (the “Tournament Period”), or in general proximity to the Tournament Period

must be approved in writing by PGA TOUR no less than 45 days in advance of the applicable event.

TOUR will not approve payments it deems to (i) be designed to solicit a player’s appearance in the tournament or (ii) give the appearance or perception that it is designed to solicit a player’s appearance in the tournament.

Tournament Sponsors will be required to inform TOUR of all such player arrangements and all specifics of such arrangements, including player compensation, and will provide TOUR a copy of all applicable contracts.

Players not following these guidelines or accepting (directly or through an agent) payments from a Tournament Sponsor not in accordance with these guidelines, will be subject to disciplinary action, which could include a minimum fine equal to the amount of compensation received and suspension from tournament play.

These guidelines are issued as an interpretation of the *Tournament Regulations* relating to appearance fees and, as such, all Tournament Sponsors will be required to adhere to the guidelines as they would *Tournament Regulations* in accordance with their Tournament Agreement and/or Title Sponsor Agreement.

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# 2018-2019 FEDEXCUP POINTS AND BONUS STRUCTURE

The FedExCup Points System shall be set forth annually by the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

## FEDEXCUP POINTS STRUCTURE

### **Basic Outline**

The FedExCup is a season-long competition in which players accumulate points in each eligible FedExCup Points Event. At the end of the season, the winning player will be crowned the “PGA TOUR FedExCup Champion”.

### **Season**

The PGA TOUR’s 2018-2019 FedExCup competition runs from the 2018 Safeway Open through the 2019 Wyndham Championship in Greensboro and concludes with the 2018-2019 FedExCup Playoffs, which will consist of THE NORTHERN TRUST, BMW Championship and TOUR Championship.

### **FedExCup Points Distribution**

- Official PGA TOUR events each award 500 FedExCup points to first place.
- THE PLAYERS Championship, The Masters Tournament, PGA Championship, U.S. Open Championship and The Open Championship will award 600 FedExCup points to first place.
- Each of the four World Golf Championships events will award 550 FedExCup points to first place.
- Additional events played during the FedExCup competition (those played the same week as a Major or World Golf Championships) will award 300 FedExCup points to first place.

FedExCup Points are awarded by finish position as defined in the point distribution tables. Limited field events during the FedExCup competition will not redistribute the points for places that do not play. For example, if the 2019 Sentry Tournament of Champions has a field of 30 players, the points awarded will be based on the points that would be awarded to each individual position in a full-field event from positions 1 to 30. This will result in the points that would have otherwise been awarded from positions 31-70 in a regular event not being awarded in the tournament.

Another example is the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play, a 64-player field. In this limited-field event, points for positions 65 and beyond would not be awarded.

## Point Distribution by Finish Position

The table below shows the specific number of points awarded to each position in each of the four main types of FedExCup events.

### FedExCup Point Distributions

Position	PGA TOUR Events	World Golf Championships	Masters, PLAYERS, US Open, Open Champ. & PGA Champ.	Additional Events
1	500	550	600	300
2	300	315	330	165
3	190	200	210	105
4	135	140	150	80
5	110	115	120	65
6	100	105	110	60
7	90	95	100	55
8	85	89	94	50
9	80	83	88	45
10	75	78	82	40
11	70	73	77	37.5
12	65	69	72	35.0
13	60	65	68	32.5
14	57	62	64	31.0
15	55	59	61	30.5
16	53	57	59	30.0
17	51	55	57	29.5
18	49	53	55	29.0
19	47	52	53	28.5
20	45	51	51	28.0
21	43	48.73	48.73	26.76
22	41	46.47	46.47	25.51
23	39	44.2	44.2	24.27
24	37	41.93	41.93	23.02
25	35.5	40.23	40.23	22.09
26	34	38.53	38.53	21.16
27	32.5	36.83	36.83	20.22

Position	PGA TOUR Events	World Golf Championships	Masters, PLAYERS, US Open, Open Champ. & PGA Champ.	
				Additional Events
28	31	35.13	35.13	19.29
29	29.5	33.43	33.43	18.36
30	28	31.73	31.73	17.42
31	26.5	30.03	30.03	16.49
32	25	28.33	28.33	15.56
33	23.5	26.63	26.63	14.62
34	22	24.93	24.93	13.69
35	21	23.8	23.8	13.07
36	20	22.67	22.67	12.44
37	19	21.53	21.53	11.82
38	18	20.4	20.4	11.2
39	17	19.27	19.27	10.58
40	16	18.13	18.13	9.96
41	15	17	17	9.33
42	14	15.87	15.87	8.71
43	13	14.73	14.73	8.09
44	12	13.6	13.6	7.47
45	11	12.47	12.47	6.84
46	10.5	11.9	11.9	6.53
47	10	11.33	11.33	6.22
48	9.5	10.77	10.77	5.91
49	9	10.2	10.2	5.6
50	8.5	9.63	9.63	5.29
51	8	9.07	9.07	4.98
52	7.5	8.5	8.5	4.67
53	7	7.93	7.93	4.36
54	6.5	7.37	7.37	4.04
55	6	6.8	6.8	3.73
56	5.8	6.57	6.57	3.61
57	5.6	6.35	6.35	3.48
58	5.4	6.12	6.12	3.36
59	5.2	5.89	5.89	3.24

Position	PGA TOUR Events	World Golf Championships	Masters, PLAYERS, US Open, Open Champ. & PGA Champ.	Additional Events
60	5	5.67	5.67	3.11
61	4.8	5.44	5.44	2.99
62	4.6	5.21	5.21	2.86
63	4.4	4.99	4.99	2.74
64	4.2	4.76	4.76	2.61
65	4	4.53	4.53	2.49
66	3.8	4.31	4.31	2.36
67	3.6	4.08	4.08	2.24
68	3.4	3.85	3.85	2.12
69	3.2	3.63	3.63	1.99
70	3	3.4	3.4	1.87
71	2.9	3.29	3.29	1.8
72	2.8	3.17	3.17	1.74
73	2.7	3.06	3.06	1.68
74	2.6	2.95	2.95	1.62
75	2.5	2.83	2.83	1.56
76	2.4	2.72	2.72	1.49
77	2.3	2.61	2.61	1.43
78	2.2	2.49	2.49	1.37
79	2.1	2.38	2.38	1.31
80	2	2.27	2.27	1.24
81	1.9	2.15	2.15	1.18
82	1.8	2.04	2.04	1.12
83	1.7	1.93	1.93	1.06
84	1.6	1.81	1.81	1
85	1.5	1.7	1.7	0.93

Note: Positions 71-85 are shown to represent possible ties for 70th position.

Ties – Points will be distributed to those in tying positions using the same method currently used to distribute prize money when there is a tie. That is, the total points for each tying position will be averaged and that average will be distributed to each player in the tying position.

## FedExCup Playoffs

At the conclusion of the season, the top 125 players in points plus ties will be eligible to play in the FedExCup Playoffs. At that point, each player will carry all points earned through the FedExCup competition through the first two playoff events. The first two events of the FedExCup Playoffs will award 2,000 points to the player finishing first with remaining points distributed as shown below.

### FedExCup Playoffs Points Distribution First Two Events

Position	Points Awarded	Position	Points Awarded
1	2,000	44	48
2	1,200	45	44
3	760	46	42
4	540	47	40
5	440	48	38
6	400	49	36
7	360	50	34
8	340	51	32
9	320	52	30
10	300	53	28
11	280	54	26
12	260	55	24
13	240	56	23.2
14	228	57	22.4
15	220	58	21.6
16	212	59	20.8
17	204	60	20
18	196	61	19.2
19	188	62	18.4
20	180	63	17.6
21	172	64	16.8
22	164	65	16
23	156	66	15.2
24	148	67	14.4
25	142	68	13.6
26	136	69	12.8
27	130	70	12

Position	Points Awarded	Position	Points Awarded
28	124	71	11.6
29	118	72	11.2
30	112	73	10.8
31	106	74	10.4
32	100	75	10
33	94	76	9.6
34	88	77	9.2
35	84	78	8.8
36	80	79	8.4
37	76	80	8
38	72	81	7.6
39	68	82	7.2
40	64	83	6.8
41	60	84	6.4
42	56	85	6
43	52		

The top 125 players from the FedExCup competition, after the Wyndham Championship, will be eligible to play in the first playoff event. In the event that one of those players is unable or chooses not to play, the field will be shortened and no alternates will be added.

The FedExCup Playoffs will feature a progressive cut through the first two events to determine the final 30 players who qualify for the TOUR Championship. THE NORTHERN TRUST opens the FedExCup Playoffs with 125 players and ties, followed by the BMW Championship with 70 players and ties.

The top 30 players and ties earning points through the BMW Championship will be eligible to play in the TOUR Championship. In the event any of the 30 eligible players is unable or chooses not to play in the TOUR Championship, alternates will not be added to fill the field.

## TOUR Championship Starting FedExCup Strokes

At the conclusion of the BMW Championship, the top 30 players and ties in the FedExCup Points standings will be eligible for the TOUR Championship and will be awarded starting strokes for Round 1 based on their position. The starting strokes awarded at the TOUR Championship are shown in the table below. The TOUR Championship will be played as a 72-hole stroke play event from the starting stroke positions. The player with the lowest stroke total including starting strokes in the TOUR Championship will be named winner of the FedExCup and will be awarded an official PGA TOUR victory.

In the event there are tied players at any position going into the TOUR Championship, tied players will be awarded the same number of starting strokes for Round 1. For example, if two players are tied for second position in the points standings going into the TOUR Championship, both players would receive -8 starting strokes and the player in fourth position would receive -6 starting strokes. -7 starting strokes would not be awarded. Any professionals that are qualified for the TOUR Championship but are unable to participate will not be awarded starting strokes for Round 1 and starting stroke positions for the remaining players will not be reallocated. For example, if the player in position two is unable to participate, -8 starting strokes would not be awarded, and the player in third position would be awarded -7 starting strokes.

## TOUR Championship Starting FedExCup Strokes

Position	TOUR Championship Round 1 Starting FedExCup Strokes
1	-10
2	-8
3	-7
4	-6
5	-5
6-10	-4
11-15	-3
16-20	-2
21-25	-1
26-30	Even

In the event of a tie for first place following the TOUR Championship, the FedExCup winner will be decided in a sudden-death playoff immediately following completion of competition. The sudden-death playoff will follow the same format that would be used in the event of a tie for first place at a PGA TOUR cosponsored stroke play tournament.

In the event of a tie for positions below first place following the TOUR Championship, the FedExCup bonus distribution will be allocated using the same method currently used to distribute prize money when there is a tie. That is, the total money for each tying position will be averaged and that average will be distributed to each player in the tying position.

Any professional that is qualified for the TOUR Championship but unable to participate and/or any professional who is disqualified or withdraws for any reason will finish in last position for the TOUR Championship.

### **Other Notes**

FedExCup points are distributed to players earning official money. Only players who are Regular Members of the PGA TOUR or become Regular Members during the season (as defined by PGA TOUR tournament regulations) will be listed on the “FedExCup Points List.” Special Temporary Members and Non-Members who earn FedExCup points will not appear on the “FedExCup Points List,” but will be tracked on a Non-Member FedExCup Points List. Amateurs will not be eligible to earn FedExCup points. For example, if an amateur finishes 3rd at an event and a regular PGA TOUR member finishes 4th, the PGA TOUR member will receive 4th place points – third place points will not be awarded at all.

Points will be awarded at official PGA TOUR FedExCup events where official money is earned. Please refer to Article IV, Section A.6 of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations for the definition of Official Money. For purposes of the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations, the TOUR Championship will be considered an official money event even though prize money is not distributed. FedExCup bonus money will be deemed not to be official money and will not be included on the Official PGA TOUR Money 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).

All FedExCup point totals will be calculated and rounded to three decimals. As noted earlier, in the event that there is a tie to three decimal places, at one of the progressive cut levels during the FedExCup Playoffs, the tied players will be added to the field.

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# FEDEXCUP BONUS STRUCTURE

## Cash and Deferred Compensation

### Wyndham Rewards Top 10

At the conclusion of the Regular Season, bonus money will be distributed to the top 10 players on the FedExCup Points List as shown below.

Position	Amount
1	\$2,000,000
2	\$1,500,000
3	\$1,200,000
4	\$1,100,000
5	\$1,000,000
6	\$850,000
7	\$700,000
8	\$600,000
9	\$550,000
10	\$500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>

# FEDEXCUP BONUS STRUCTURE

## Cash and Deferred Compensation

At the conclusion of the FedExCup, bonus money will be distributed as follows:

### Bonus Distribution

Place	Cash	Deferred	Total	Place	Deferred
1	\$14,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$15,000,000	31	200,000
2	4,000,000	1,000,000	\$5,000,000	32	195,000
3	3,000,000	1,000,000	\$4,000,000	33	190,000
4	2,200,000	800,000	\$3,000,000	34	186,000
5	1,900,000	600,000	\$2,500,000	35	183,000
6	1,500,000	400,000	\$1,900,000	36	181,000
7	900,000	400,000	\$1,300,000	37	179,000
8	700,000	400,000	\$1,100,000	38	177,000
9	550,000	400,000	\$950,000	39	175,000
10	430,000	400,000	\$830,000	40	173,000
11	350,000	400,000	\$750,000	41	171,000
12	325,000	380,000	\$705,000	42	169,000
13	300,000	360,000	\$660,000	43	168,000
14	280,000	340,000	\$620,000	44	167,000
15	270,000	325,000	\$595,000	45	166,000
16	260,000	310,000	\$570,000	46	165,000
17	255,000	295,000	\$550,000	47	164,000
18	250,000	285,000	\$535,000	48	163,000
19	245,000	275,000	\$520,000	49	162,000
20	240,000	265,000	\$505,000	50	161,000
21	235,000	255,000	\$490,000	51	160,000
22	230,000	248,000	\$478,000	52	159,000
23	225,000	241,000	\$466,000	53	158,000
24	220,000	236,000	\$456,000	54	157,000
25	215,000	230,000	\$445,000	55	156,000
26	210,000	225,000	\$435,000	56	155,000
27	205,000	220,000	\$425,000	57	154,000
28	200,000	215,000	\$415,000	58	153,000
29	195,000	210,000	\$405,000	59	152,000
30	190,000	205,000	\$395,000	60	151,000
				61-65	150,000
				66-70	140,000
				71-85	110,000
				86-100	105,000
				101-125	101,000
				126-150	70,000
				Total Cash	\$34,080,000
				Total	\$25,920,000
				Deferred	
				Grand Total	\$60,000,000

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## CHECK CASHING POLICY

PGA TOUR members may cash personal checks, or checks which bear their name, up to \$2,000 with the Finance Office. Checks in excess of \$2,000 must be approved by an authorized PGA TOUR official (Rules Official, Operations Staff or Media Official).

Any person, including caddies, seeking to cash a player's check in excess of \$2,000 or a check of any amount not embossed with the members name, must obtain approval from an authorized PGA TOUR official and present photo identification.

A tournament may choose to cash checks for others, but PGA TOUR assumes responsibility only for its members and for checks approved by an authorized PGA TOUR official.

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## SPECIAL AWARDS

### PGA TOUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

#### /JACK NICKLAUS AWARD

The Player Advisory Council and the Player Directors annually nominate a list of players for the PGA TOUR Player of the Year. PGA TOUR members who have played in at least 15 official money tournaments during the season vote on this award. The player who receives the most votes will receive the Jack Nicklaus Award as the PGA TOUR Player of the Year.

### PGA TOUR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

The Player Advisory Council and the Player Directors nominate annually a list of first-season PGA TOUR members for the PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year. A player's rookie season ("Rookie Year") is defined as the season in which he becomes a PGA TOUR member (including Special Temporary Members) and plays in 10 or more events as a member or finishes in the Top 125 on the Official FedExCup Points List or qualifies as a Top 125 Non-member, whichever occurs first.

Further, for purposes of this definition, a new member (including Special Temporary Members) shall not be eligible to be a rookie if he has previously played in more than seven (7) Official PGA TOUR Money events as a professional in any prior season.

PGA TOUR members who have played in at least 15 official money tournaments vote on this award. The Ryder Cup, Presidents Cup and Olympic Games count as one of the 15.

## **PGA TOUR COURAGE AWARD**

Presented to a player who, through courage and perseverance, has overcome extraordinary adversity (such as personal tragedy or a debilitating injury or illness) to make a significant and meaningful contribution to the game of golf. The recipient of the Award will be selected by the Commissioner and the Player Directors. In their discretion, the Commissioner and the Player Directors may determine that circumstances do not warrant the selection of an award recipient in a given year.

## **STATISTICS AWARDS/BYRON NELSON AWARD**

The PGA TOUR keeps individual player statistics during all PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments awarding official prize money, except for The Open Championship and WGC- Dell Match Play. The leader of each of the 10 statistical categories receives a medal at the end of the season. The player having the lowest adjusted scoring average will be awarded the Byron Nelson Award (minimum of 50 rounds required).

## **ARNOLD PALMER AWARD**

The Arnold Palmer Award is presented to the leader of the Official PGA TOUR Money List at the conclusion of the last tournament of the season awarding official prize money.

## **VARDON TROPHY**

The Vardon Trophy is awarded annually to the touring professional with the lowest adjusted scoring average. It is based on a minimum of 60 official rounds in events cosponsored or approved by the PGA TOUR, with no incomplete rounds (i.e., stipulated rounds as defined by the Rules of Golf, as approved by the USGA and the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland). The adjusted score is computed from the average score of the field at each tournament. As a result, a player's adjusted score may be higher or lower than his actual score. For example, a player shoots 70 each day at a tournament, while the field average is 73. His 280 total would then be adjusted to 268, since he actually played 12 shots better than the field did at the tournament. Any player with an incomplete round is ineligible to win the Vardon Trophy.

## **PGA TOUR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

This award is given to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the PGA TOUR over an extended period, through their performance on the golf course as well as by their actions off the golf course in serving as ambassadors of the game. The PGA TOUR Policy Board will select the person who receives this award.

## **PAYNE STEWART AWARD**

This award will be presented annually to a PGA TOUR player who shares:

- Payne Stewart's respect for the traditions of the game
- His commitment to uphold the game's heritage of charitable support
- His professional and meticulous presentation of himself and the integrity of the sport.

Award nominees and the winner will be selected by the Commissioner's Office, in consultation with a panel composed of the current chairman of the Player Advisory Council, one of the TOUR's independent directors, the president of the USGA, the president of the PGA of America, the current President of the PGA TOUR Tournaments Association and past winners of the Payne Stewart Award.

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# **2018-2019 PGA TOUR TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

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# PGA TOUR TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

These *Tournament Regulations* shall govern the operation and administration of cosponsored and coordinated PGA TOUR tournaments.

These *Regulations* may be amended or repealed from time to time as provided in Article IX, Section H of these *Regulations*.

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 host organizations, the public or the players, may waive or suspend the application of any one or more of these *Regulations*.

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

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\* PGA TOUR is the trade name of PGA TOUR, Inc., a Maryland nonprofit corporation (formerly Tournament Players Association, Inc.)

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# I. DEFINITIONS

- A. “PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR)” tournament means any tournament for which the eligible players are as described in Article III, Section A of these *Regulations* .
- B. A “cosponsored” tournament 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 a tournament shall be as set forth in the Tournament Agreement for such tournament.
- C. An “approved” tournament is a golf competition endorsed by PGA TOUR but for which PGA TOUR has no contract with the tournament’s sponsor (Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, The Open Championship, PGA Championship, The Presidents Cup, Ryder Cup and Olympic Games).
- D. An “open tournament ” is a cosponsored tournament for which all players eligible under these *Regulations* may apply to enter.
- E. An “invitation tournament” is a cosponsored tournament whose participants are invited by the cosponsor in accordance with categories set forth in the Tournament Agreement with PGA TOUR.
- F. A “coordinated” tournament is a PGA TOUR–sanctioned tournament for which a Tournament Agreement exists, but for which (due to field size, time of season or other such special circumstance) the purse is not considered official money, and for which a conflicting event release is not required.
- G. “Exempt” (e.g., an “exempt player”) means automatically eligible to compete in particular tournaments without any additional (i.e., tournament-by-tournament) qualifying, subject to the availability of space in the field and to these *Regulations*.

H. The “Official PGA TOUR Money List” is the list of PGA TOUR members ranked according to the amount of official money (see Article IV, Section B-6 of these *Regulations*) 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 these *Regulations*) during the course of the applicable time period will be included on the “Official PGA TOUR Money List.” A player who ceases to be a member of the PGA TOUR during the applicable time period shall be removed from 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.

I. The “Official PGA TOUR Career 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 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.

J. The “Official Web.com Tour Points List” is the list of players ranked according to the amount of official points, as determined in accordance with the Web.com Tour *Tournament Regulations*, each has won in Web.com Tour cosponsored tournaments in the applicable time period.

K. 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 these 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 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 FedExCup 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.

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## **II. TOURNAMENT AGREEMENT**

All PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments shall be conducted pursuant to a written contract between PGA TOUR and the tournament 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.

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### III. ELIGIBILITY FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY

#### A. PGA TOUR

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 tournaments shall be PGA TOUR members (including temporary 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 cosponsored tournaments:

- a. **Special Exemptions**

- (1) Winners of PGA Championship or U.S. Open prior to 1970 or in the last five seasons and the current season.

**NOTE:** Winners of PGA Championship or U.S. Open prior to 1970 must have made at least one cut in a cosponsored or approved tournament within the five seasons preceding the tournament such member has entered in order to retain a normal spot in the starting field of such open cosponsored tournament. If such member has not made at least one such cut, the member shall be added to the field in any of the open tournaments in each season until the season immediately following the season in which the member last made a cut in a cosponsored or approved tournament.

- (2) Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship in the last five seasons and the current season.
  - (3) Winners of the Masters Tournament in the last five seasons and the current season.
  - (4) Winners of The Open Championship in the last five seasons and the current season.
  - (5) Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three seasons.
  - (6) Winners of official money World Golf Championship events in the last three seasons and the current season
  - (7) Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard and the Memorial Tournament in the last three seasons and the current season.

- (8) The leader from the final FedExCup Points List in each of the last five seasons.
- (9) The leader from the final Official PGA TOUR Money List from 2013/14-2015/16.
- (10) Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, whose victories are considered official, in the last two seasons and the current season.

**NOTE:** Winners are exempt for two seasons following the end of the season in which they win, except that:

- (a) Winners of two cosponsored or approved tournaments in a season are exempt for three seasons following the end of the season in which they win their tournaments;
- (b) Winners of three tournaments in a season are exempt for four seasons; and
- (c) Winners of four or more tournaments in a season are exempt for five seasons.

**NOTE:** A player who earns a multiple season exemption for winning the FedExCup beginning with the 2018-2019 season, the Masters, THE PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open, The Open Championship, PGA Championship, TOUR Championship, an official money World Golf Championship event, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, the Memorial Tournament or two or more cosponsored tournaments in a season shall have his multiple season tournament winner exemption extended by one season for each official victory in the subsequent season(s), but in no case shall it be extended beyond five seasons from the current season.

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

- (11) Players on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List or with a minimum of 300 career cuts made, as follows:

- (a) The top 50 members on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceding the first FedExCup Playoffs event (Wyndham Championship) may elect to use a one-time, one-season special exemption for the next season, subject to the conditions set forth below and provided such a member has not previously used a 300 career cuts made exemption as outlined in (b) below or one or more seasons of Official PGA TOUR Career Money List exemptions, except as provided for in (c) below.
- (b) PGA TOUR Members who have accumulated 300 or more PGA TOUR career cuts made following the conclusion of the event immediately preceding the first FedExCup Playoffs event (Wyndham Championship) and have participated in 15 or more PGA TOUR events in the previous season or have participated in less than 15 events and otherwise qualify for a Medical/Family Crisis/Mandatory Obligation Extension may elect to use a one-time, one-season special exemption for the next season, subject to the conditions set forth below and provided such member has not previously used a Top-50 Career Money List exemption as provided for in (a) above.

Players utilizing a 300 career cuts made exemption will be placed in the last position within of the Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour Category as provided in Section A-1g of this Article III (“Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour”) and ahead of players under a Major Medical/Family Crisis/Mandatory Obligation Extension who were eligible for tournaments as provided in Section A1-g of this Article III (“Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour”). Players will be ranked based on total number of PGA TOUR career cuts. If two or more members are tied based on the number of PGA TOUR career cuts, the member who is highest on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List shall be first eligible.

- (c) The top 25 members on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceding the first FedExCup Playoffs event (Wyndham Championship) may elect to use this special one-time, one-season exemption for the next season, subject to the conditions set forth below and provided that the member may be eligible for both seasons of this exemption only if he: (i) is among the top 25 on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List at the

time of his first season of such exemption, and remains among the top 50 on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List at the end of the FedExCup Season preceding the second season of such exemption; or (ii) accepts the first such exemption as one of the top 50 members on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List as provided in (a) above, and then is among the top 25 on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List as of the end of the FedExCup Season preceding the second season for which he requests such exemption.

- (d) Members intending to use the eligibility in this subsection in a season must so inform the Commissioner in writing within 10 days after the conclusion of the previous FedExCup Regular Season (August 14, 2019).
- (e) A member playing under the exemption provided in Subsection (a), (b) or (c) above, who experiences an injury or other medical disability sufficiently serious to prevent such member from competing in PGA TOUR tournaments for the remainder of such season, shall be entitled to play under the applicable exemption as provided in Subsection (a), (b) or (c) above in the following season, subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - (i) The Commissioner, in his discretion and after review of such medical reports and examinations as he deems appropriate, determines that the applicable member has suffered an injury or medical disability sufficiently serious to prevent such member from competing in PGA TOUR tournaments for the remainder of the season;
  - (ii) Such member has competed in five or fewer PGA TOUR tournaments in such season (Note: If a member has competed in more than five PGA TOUR tournaments in such season, he may be entitled to a special medical extension in accordance with Section A-1d of Article III of the *Tournament Regulations*);
  - (iii) Such member may not compete in PGA TOUR tournaments for the remainder of such season, with the exception of a maximum of five unofficial money tournaments and/or Web.com Tour tournaments for which such member is otherwise eligible;

- (iv) Such member has not previously had his eligibility under subsection (a), (b) or (c) above extended to a subsequent season as a result of the same injury or medical disability.
  - (v) No more than one full season shall have passed between the time such member has experienced such injury or other medical disability and the time such member resumes play under subsection (a), (b) or (c) above, unless, in the case of severe injury to a member, the Commissioner, in the exercise of his discretion, determines to permit a member to have additional recuperation time.
- (12) On invitation of the tournament sponsor, a maximum of eight players (which may include amateurs with USGA handicaps of zero strokes or less), provided that:
- (a) If the tournament field is such that not all of the Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour (see Section A-1g of this Article III) can otherwise be accommodated, then the sponsor shall utilize not less than two of its sponsor exemptions for such Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour. For the purposes of sponsor invitation, players utilizing a 300 career cuts made exemption shall not be eligible for exemptions for such Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour.
  - (b) Not less than two of such sponsor exemptions shall be PGA TOUR members not otherwise exempt for the tournament.
  - (c) Players shall be eligible for sponsor exemptions as follows:
    - (i) PGA TOUR members — unlimited number of sponsor exemptions; and A-1d other players — such number of sponsor exemptions as are extended, provided that such number shall not exceed the provisions set forth in the NOTE at the conclusion of Section A-1a (17) of this Article III.

**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.

**NOTE:** At unofficial money tournaments only, the sponsor may utilize “unrestricted” sponsor exemptions on any member or

nonmember, regardless of his commitment status.

- (13) Two foreign players designated by the Commissioner.

**NOTE:** Foreign players wishing to apply for this exemption category must notify the Commissioner's office in writing not later than 30 days prior to the event in question.

**NOTE:** PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Web.com Tour, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, PGA TOUR Canada, and PGA TOUR China members are not eligible for such an exemption.

- (14) The current PGA National Professional Champion for a maximum of six open tournaments (three must be from open tournaments held opposite The Open Championship and the World Golf Championships if available), in addition to any sponsor exemptions. This exemption does not apply to open, limited-field events.
- (15) Either the current winner of the PGA Section Championship, the current PGA Section Player of the Year, or a PGA Section Member who wins a qualifying event for the applicable tournament that is conducted by the PGA Section in which the PGA TOUR tournament is played, as determined by the Section.
- (16) The top four finishers at open qualifying held in accordance with applicable PGA TOUR policies and procedures. Such open qualifying shall normally be held on Monday of the tournament week, and shall be open to all amateurs with USGA handicaps of two strokes or less and to all professional golfers, with no limit as to the number of attempts to qualify.

**NOTE:** 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 entry deadline, which currently is 5 p.m. local time the Friday before open qualifying.

**NOTE:** The entry fee for non-members in open qualifying shall be \$450. The entry fee for PGA TOUR members in open qualifying shall be \$0. The entry fee for PGA TOUR Champions (Regular Members only) and Web.com Tour members in open qualifying shall be \$100.

- (17) For the particular tournaments won, previous winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored tournaments with the same tournament sponsor, except for team tournaments, as follows:

- (a) Winners prior to July 28, 1970: unlimited exemptions for such tournaments.

**NOTE:** Winners prior to July 28, 1970 must have made at least one cut in a cosponsored or approved tournament within the five seasons preceding the tournament for which such member is exempt and has entered in order to retain a normal spot in the starting field of such tournament. If such member has not made at least one such cut, the member shall be added to the field of such tournament in each season until the season immediately following the season in which the member last made a cut in a cosponsored or approved tournament.

- (b) Winners after January 1, 2000: Five seasons of such exemptions for such tournaments, computed from the time of winning.

**NOTE:** A player who is not a member of PGA TOUR shall be eligible to play in not more than twelve cosponsored or approved tournaments per season (which shall include THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, The Open Championship, PGA Championship and official money World Golf Championship events but shall exclude any of the following events which he played via a “special invitation”: THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship) through such special exemptions as sponsor exemptions and foreign exemptions (up to a combined maximum of seven), top-10 finishers in previous tournament, meeting invitational criteria to invitational tournaments or official-money World Golf Championship events, sectional qualifying, or any combination thereof.

A player who is not a member of PGA TOUR shall be eligible to play in any tournament in which he qualifies to play through open qualifying, or in accordance with Section A-1q of this Article III (finishers beyond 150th place of the prior season’s FedExCup Points List), without regard to such twelve-tournament limitation. Attempting to qualify for a tournament through open qualifying does not count as “playing in a tournament” for purposes of this section.

- (18) Life Members (as defined in Section A-4, Article IX). To be eligible under this category, such Life Members must maintain a scoring average no greater than three strokes above the field average for the rounds of golf

in which they have played during each season. Should any such member's scoring average exceed three strokes above the field average, such member shall lose such exempt position for the following season, and shall be placed in the highest eligibility category for which such player otherwise qualifies. If more than one full season has elapsed since a Life Member last played in a PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournament, such member shall not be eligible hereunder, and shall be placed in the next highest eligibility category for which that member qualifies for the next season. Should such member subsequently maintain the scoring average as required herein, such Life Member shall regain eligibility under this category for the following season.

b. **Top 125 from FedExCup Points List**

If not otherwise exempt under Section A.1.a. of this Article III ("Special Exemptions"), the top 125 finishers on the previous season's FedExCup Points List in order of their positions on the list.

c. **Top 125-Nonmembers**

If not otherwise exempt under Section A.1.a to Section A.1.d of this Article III, those nonmembers and Special Temporary Members in the previous season whose points on the Non-Member FedExCup Points List for the previous season equals or exceeds the amount of FedExCup points earned by the player finishing in 125th position on the previous season's FedExCup Points List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceding the first FedEx Cup Playoff event (Wyndham Championship); provided, however, that points earned by a nonmember or Special Temporary Member in an official money World Golf Championship event will be deemed not to be official points and will not be included on the FedExCup Points List and further provided that such player joined the PGA TOUR in accordance with Section A.1.e of Article IX of these Regulations (i.e. within 10 days after the conclusion of the previous FedExCup Season (August 14, 2019). If more than one player is included in this category, players with the greater amount of combined points shall have priority access to tournaments.

d. **Major Medical/Family Crisis/Mandatory Obligation Extension**

(1) A member who meets the requirements in (1)(a)(i), (1)(a)(ii) or (1)(a)(iii) and (1)(b) below shall be entitled to the Major Medical/Family Crisis/Mandatory Obligation Extension for which he qualifies in accordance with Section A-1d(2) of this Article III, and shall be exempted into PGA TOUR tournaments prior to those players meeting the requirements of Section A-1e of this Article III; provided, however, if such member, at the time of his injury, the occurrence of the family crisis or mandatory obligation was eligible for tournaments as provided in Section A-1g of this

Article III (the “Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour” category), then such player’s eligibility will be as provided in Section A-1g of this Article III. Such member will be placed in the last position within the Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour category. Further, if such member finished as one of the 25 finishers below 125th place on the FedExCup Points List category in the season such player experienced such injury, family crisis, or mandatory obligation then such player’s eligibility priority shall be as provided in Section A-1k of this Article III (i.e., after the 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the FedExCup Points List):

- (a)(i) In the discretion of the Commissioner after the review of such medical reports and examinations as the Commissioner deems appropriate, a member has experienced an injury or other medical disability sufficiently serious to prevent such member from competing on a regular basis in PGA TOUR tournaments for a minimum of four months from the date of the injury or other medical disability, (NOTE: if a member’s injury is considered initially as not serious enough to prevent such member from competing for a minimum of four 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
  
- (a)(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 tournaments for a minimum of four months from the date of the spouse or child’s medical condition or other disability, (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 four 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
  
- (a)(iii) In the discretion of the Commissioner after a review of all information the Commissioner deems appropriate, an unavoidable circumstance, including but not limited to mandatory military service or religious obligation, prevents the member from competing in PGA TOUR tournaments for a minimum period of four months from the date of the beginning of the member’s mandatory obligation.

- (b) Either (i) was a fully exempt player in an eligibility category through and including the Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour category in the season such player experienced an event described in paragraph (1)(a)(i), (1)(a)(ii) or (1)(a)(iii) above (the “Extension Event”) (without regard to the number of seasons such player has been a member); or (ii)(A) has maintained an average finish position in the top 100 on the FedExCup Points List for the last five full previous seasons, if such member has played the PGA TOUR for five or more full seasons, or who has an average finish position in the top 100 on the FedExCup Points List for all the full seasons in which such member has played the PGA TOUR, if less than five full seasons, but not less than three, and (ii)(B) in the season such player experienced the Extension Event was not lower than the 25th finisher beyond 125th place in the FedExCup Points List category.

**NOTE:** Eligibility priority among members who qualify for a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension shall be determined based upon the member’s average finish positions on the FedExCup Points List for the last five full previous seasons, if such member has played the PGA TOUR for five or more full seasons, or for each full season such member has played the PGA TOUR if less than five full seasons.

- (2) A member meeting the criteria set forth in Section A-1d(1) of this Article III shall be permitted to play in PGA TOUR tournaments as set forth below, provided that such member notifies the Commissioner in writing that he desires to take advantage of the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension no later than 30 days following the occurrence of the Extension Event which forms the basis of the request for the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension.
  - (a) A member who qualifies for a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension and during the season in which the Extension Event occurred was a fully exempt player in an eligibility category through and including the Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour category shall be entitled to play in the number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (the “Available Tournaments”) that equal (i) the greater of the average number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments played by the member in the three seasons preceding the season in which the Extension Event occurred (or if

the player has been a member for fewer than three seasons, the average number of events he has played in the season(s) he was a member), or the average number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments played by the Top 125 categories during the previous season; minus (ii) the number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in which such member played in the season in which the Extension Event occurred (the “Tournaments Played”); provided, however, that the number of Available Tournaments in the season following the season that the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension was granted shall in no event exceed the number of official money tournaments for which such member is eligible remaining in the current season after the date of the Extension Event. (In the event of a player receiving Mandatory Obligation Extension during a multi-year exemption, the player would receive the total number of events available to him during his final year of eligibility.)

- (b) A player who qualifies for a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension and during the season in which the Extension Event occurred was in the 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the FedExCup Points List category shall be entitled to play in the number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (the “Available Tournaments”) that equal the average number played by the 25 finishers beyond 125th place category during the previous season; minus the number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in which such member played in the season the Extension Event occurred (the “Tournaments Played”); provided, however, that the number of Available Tournaments shall not exceed the number of official money tournaments for which such member is eligible remaining in the current season after the date of the Extension Event.

Thereafter, if the amount of points earned by such member in the Available Tournaments, when combined with the amount of points earned by such member in the Tournaments Played, equals or exceeds the amount of points earned by the member finishing in 125th place on the FedExCup Points List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceding the first FedExCup Playoffs event (Wyndham Championship) for the preceding season; such member shall be entitled to a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension for

the remainder of the current season. Players whose combined FedExCup points equal or exceed 125th place on the FedExCup Points List for the preceding season shall have the same eligibility with respect to Invitation Tournaments as members within the Top 125 FedExCup Points List category for the preceding season.

If the amount of points earned by such member in the Available Tournaments, when combined with the amount of points earned by such member in the Tournaments Played, equals or exceeds the amount of points earned by the member who finished in 125th place on the FedExCup Points List for the preceding season following the conclusion of the event immediately preceding the first FedExCup Playoffs event (Wyndham Championship); such member shall be placed in the first position within the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension category for the remainder of the current season; without regard to the priority order in effect from the beginning of the season; provided, however, if more than one member does so, as between or among said members, priority shall be established by the relative priority among said affected members as of the beginning of the season.

In the event that the amount of points earned by such member in the Available Tournaments, when combined with the amount of points earned by such member in the Tournaments Played, equals or exceeds the amount of points earned by the member who finished last in the 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the FedExCup Points List for the preceding season, such member shall retain the Major Medical/ Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension but shall be placed at the end of the 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the FedExCup Points List category.

If such amount of points does not equal or exceed the amount of points earned by the member who finished last in the 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the FedExCup Points List for the preceding season, such member shall not be entitled to any further Major Medical /Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension and shall be placed in his next highest eligibility category if applicable; however, in the event that the amount of points earned by such member in the tournaments played equals or exceeds the amount of points earned by the member who finished last in the 50 finishers beyond

150th place on the FedExCup Points List for the preceding season, such member shall be eligible for PGA TOUR tournaments pursuant to Article A-1q (“50 finishers beyond 150th place on FedExCup Points List”) of this Article III, and for Web.com Tour tournaments as described in Article III, Section A-1(p) (“50 finishers beyond 150th place on the FedExCup Points List”) of the *Web.com Tour Tournament Regulations*.

- (c) For the purposes of this Section A-1d, “Available Tournaments” shall include all tournaments in which a member plays while in the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension category, whether or not such member shall have gained access to a particular tournament pursuant to this Section A-1d, or any other eligibility category set forth in Section A-1 of this Article III.
- (3) A member shall be entitled to use a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension only once in his career for the same Extension Event.
- (4) A member shall not be entitled to a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension if one or more full seasons shall have passed between the time of the Extension Event and the time such member again is able to resume play, unless, in the case of severe injury to a member or a severe family crisis, 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, an extension beyond three seasons may be granted.

Furthermore, if during the season in which a member is playing under a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension such member determines that additional time is necessary and the Commissioner, in the exercise of his discretion, determines to permit a member to have additional time, such member would be entitled to play in PGA TOUR events under his Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension in the subsequent season; provided that, in no case shall the total number of events to which such member is entitled access in the subsequent season exceed such member’s Available Events in the season in which the Commissioner grants the additional time less the number of events actually played by such member during such season. Additional time will not be extended beyond the subsequent season.

Further, if at the time a member is able to resume play under his Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension there is an insufficient number of events remaining in the season for such member to play in all of his Available Events, the Commissioner, in the exercise of his discretion, may permit such member to complete his Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension in the subsequent season; provided that, in no case shall the total number of events to which such member is entitled access in the subsequent season exceed such member's Available Events in the season in which the Commissioner grants the extension less the number of events actually played by such member during such season. Additional time will not be extended beyond the subsequent season.

- (5) After the time that a member applies for a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension and prior to beginning play in official money tournaments under the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension in the next season, such member, if otherwise exempt, shall be permitted to play in a maximum of five unofficial money tournaments, PGA TOUR Champions tournaments, Web.com Tour tournaments and/or other Federation Tours (PGA European Tour, Japan Golf Tour, PGA TOUR of Southern Africa, PGA TOUR of Australasia, Asian Tour) tournaments for which such member is otherwise eligible. If, prior to beginning play in official money tournaments under the Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension in the next season, such member plays in any official money tournaments or in more than five such unofficial money tournaments, PGA TOUR Champions tournaments, (excluding major tournaments), Web.com Tour tournaments, and/or other Federation Tours tournaments the number of his Available Tournaments shall be reduced by one for each such official money tournament, or unofficial money tournament, PGA TOUR Champions (excluding major tournaments), tournament, Web.com Tour tournament, or other Federation Tours tournament in excess of five in which he plays. Once a player resumes a normal playing schedule on the PGA TOUR, the number of his Available Tournaments shall be reduced by one for each Web.com Tour, PGA TOUR Champions (excluding major tournaments), or other Federation Tours tournament he plays when eligible for the PGA TOUR event the same week.

PGA TOUR Champions Major tournaments referenced above: Tradition, Senior PGA Championship, U.S. Senior Open Championship, SENIOR PLAYERS Championship and Senior Open Championship.

**NOTE:** All fully exempt members who are injured during the period of their exemption and are unable to fulfill the 15-tournament requirement

for retention of Voting Membership, and who would otherwise qualify for a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension, or a Minor Medical extension will be considered to have played 15 events for purposes of retaining their Voting Member status and for purposes of FedExCup Player Bonus Plan distributions. However, under the terms of the Player Retirement Plan, unless a player is a Veteran Member, credits cannot be awarded to a participant in any season in which he plays fewer than 15 tournaments. (Veteran Members may be eligible for credits if they play 5 or more tournaments.) Such members shall retain an exempt position in the highest eligibility category for which they qualify.

e. **Leading Money Winner, Leading Finals Money Winner and Three-Time Winners from Web.com Tour**

The leading money winner from the previous season's Top 25 Web.com Tour 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; leading money winner from the previous season's Web.com Tour Finals Money List; and those players, if any, from the previous season who won three Web.com Tour events awarding official victory status, in chronological order of their third win.

**NOTE:** The official money list will convert to a points list for the 2019 Web.com Tour season.

f. **Top 10 from Previous Tournament**

If not otherwise exempt under Section A-1a of this Article III ("Special Exemptions"), the top 10 finishing professionals and those tied for 10th place from each tournament awarding official victory status (excluding World Golf Championship events) into the next open tournament awarding official victory status. Any professional not able to gain entry into the next open tournament awarding official victory status due to a full field shall be exempt pursuant to this Section A-1f 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. Any professional finishing in the top 10 or tied for 10th in the last tournament awarding official victory status (excluding World Golf Championship events) in any season shall be exempt into the first open tournament in the subsequent season awarding official victory status and in which there is sufficient space in the field, unless otherwise exempt into such open tournament. Such professionals shall gain access to such tournament in priority order, based upon their total scores in the tournament in which they have finished in the top 10.

In cases of total-score ties, the priority order will be established by matching round scores, beginning with the final round of the tournament in which the players finished in the top 10 and working backward.

In the event of such an occurrence at a multi-course tournament in which all the players may not have played the same courses in the same order, any ties that still exist after matching final-round scores (on the same course) shall be broken by matching hole scores in the final round, starting with the 18th hole and working backward.

Should there be top 10 finishers from multiple tournaments, the top 10 finishers from the first event played will be exempt first in priority order followed by the top 10 finishers from the next event played and so forth, with each tournament's top 10 finishers ranked per above.

**NOTE:** Any professional finishing in the top 10 or tied for 10th not otherwise exempt, shall follow the commitment procedures as prescribed in Section A-2 of Article IV.

g. **Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour**

Finishers 2-25 from the previous season's 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 top 25 players on the Web.com Tour Finals Money List at the conclusion of the Finals who are not already exempt. The leading money winner from the Web.com Tour Finals Money List, if different than 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, will be in category e above. The players from each list will be ranked, in alternating order, beginning with the second place finisher from the Web.com Tour Top 25 Regular Season and Finals Combined Money List (followed by the second place finisher from the Web.com Tour Finals Money List, third place finisher from the Web.com Tour Top 25 Regular Season and Finals Combined Money List, etc.).

**NOTE:** Players finishing in the top 25 and ties on the Web.com Tour Finals Money List who are under the age of 18, amateurs, and players that do not become members are included in the top 25 and ties. Players finishing in the top 25 and ties that finished in the top 25 on the Web.com Tour money list, are not included in the top 25 and ties on the Web.com Tour Finals Money List.

**NOTE:** The official money list will convert to a points list for the 2019 Web.com Tour season.

In addition, the position of those members included in this category shall be periodically reordered based upon each member's position on the current season's FedExCup Points List at that time. In 2018-19, such periodic reordering shall take place after the conclusion of The RSM Classic and Genesis Open. Thereafter the reorder will occur on the Mondays of the Masters, the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and The Open Championship.

**h. Players Winning Three Web.com Tour Events in the Current Season**

Those players who win three Web.com Tour events awarding official victory status in the current season, in chronological order of their third win.

**i. Minor Medical Extension**

(1) A member who meets the requirements in Section (1)(a) and (1)(b) of Section A-1d of Article III [except that the injury or other medical disability experienced by such member does not require a cessation of competition by such member for a minimum of four (4) months] shall be eligible to apply to the Commissioner for a Minor Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension, provided however, in order to be eligible to apply for a Minor Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension pursuant to Section A.1.d(1)(a)(ii) (i.e., the Family Crisis basis) a member must be prevented from competing on a regular basis in PGA TOUR tournaments for a minimum of two (2) months.

(2) The maximum number of tournaments in which a member shall be eligible to participate under the category of Minor Medical Extension shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Section A-1d(2)(a) or Section A-1d(2)(b) of Article III, as applicable to the specific member. However, actual access shall be on a space-available basis, and there shall be no carry-over of access into any subsequent season. Relative priority between or among members playing under a Minor Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension shall be determined in the same manner as priority between or among members playing under a Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension

(3) A member playing under the category of Minor Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension shall have priority to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1g of Article III (i.e., following Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour).

(4) A member gaining access to tournaments pursuant to the Minor Medical/ Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension, who earns an amount of points in his Available Tournaments [as such term is defined in Section A-1d(2) of Article III] which when combined with the amount of points earned by such member in his Tournaments Played [as such term is defined in Section

A-1d(2) of Article III] equals or exceeds the amount of points earned by the member finishing in 125th place or 150th place or 200th place on the FedExCup Points List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceding the first FedExCup Playoffs event (Wyndham Championship) for the preceding season shall be entitled to eligibility and priority to play in tournaments in accordance with the provisions of Section A-1(d)(2) of Article III [i.e., Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension].

j. **25 Finishers beyond 125th Place on FedExCup Points List**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, those PGA TOUR members within the next 25 positions after the top 125 points leaders on the previous season's FedExCup Points List, in order of their positions on such list.

In addition, the position of those members included in this category and those members in the Nonexempt, Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension Holders category, shall be periodically reordered based upon each member's position on the current season's FedExCup Points List at that time. In 2018-19, such periodic reordering shall take place after the conclusion of The RSM Classic and Genesis Open. Thereafter the reorder will occur on the Mondays of the Masters, the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and The Open Championship.

k. **Nonexempt, Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension Holders**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, members who have qualified for a Medical/Family Crisis/Mandatory Obligation Extension pursuant to Section A-1d(1)(b)(ii) of this Article III.

l. **Past Champions, Team Tournament Winners, and Veteran Members not within the top 150 on FedExCup Points List**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, Past Champion Members (as defined in Section A.1.m of this Article III), Team Tournament Winners (as defined in Section A.1.o of this Article III) and Veteran Members (as defined in Section A.1.p of this Article III) not within the top 150 on the previous season's FedExCup Points List, in order of their combined official PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour earnings in the previous season.

In addition, the position of those members included in this category and those members in the Past Champions, Special Temporary Members, Team Tournament Winners, and Veteran Members categories, shall be periodically reordered based upon each member's position on the current season's FedExCup Points List (or in the case of a Special Temporary Member, the amount of official points earned) at that time. In 2018-2019, such peri-

odic reordering shall take place after the conclusion of The RSM Classic and Genesis Open. Thereafter the reorder will occur on the Mondays of the Masters, the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide and The Open Championship.

m. **Past Champions**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, Past Champion Members, in order of the total number of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments won, excluding team or other tournaments not awarding official victory status. If two or more members are tied based on the number of tournaments won, the member who is highest on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List shall be eligible.

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

- Played in the Web.com Tour or PGA TOUR Champions Annual Qualifying Tournament or Web.com Tour Finals in the current season or within the previous two seasons, or,
- Made a cut on the PGA TOUR or Web.com Tour during the current season or within the last two seasons, 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.

n. **Special Temporary Members**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, members who meet the conditions set in Section A-2b of this Article III and have paid annual dues to PGA TOUR, in order in which such members qualified for this membership.

o. **Team Tournament Winners**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, winners of cosponsored team tournaments, in order of the total number of team tournaments won. If two or more members are tied based on the number of such tournaments won, the member who is highest on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List shall be eligible.

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

- Played in the PGA TOUR or PGA TOUR Champions Annual Qualifying Tournament or Web.com Tour Finals in the current season or within the previous two seasons, or,

- Made a cut on the PGA TOUR or Web.com Tour during the current season or within the last two seasons, 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.

p. **Veteran Members**

If not otherwise eligible and if needed to fill the field, Veteran Members (members who have made a minimum of 150 cuts in tournaments awarding official money during their careers), in 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 Annual Qualifying Tournament or Web.com Tour Finals in the current season or within the previous two seasons, or,
- Made a cut on the PGA TOUR or Web.com Tour during the current season or within the last two seasons, 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.

q. **50 Finishers beyond 150th place on FedExCup Points List**

If not otherwise eligible and 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) in tournaments played opposite PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, the next 50 players on the previous season's FedExCup Points List following those members referred to in Section A-1k of this Article III, in order of their positions on such list. To be eligible for play in the category, a player must commit to the event in accordance with Article IV, Section A.2 of these Regulations.

2. **QUALIFYING**

a. **Web.com Tour Finals**

Players may gain PGA TOUR Regular Membership and playing eligibility for the subsequent season (see Section A-1e & g of this Article III) by finishing among the top 25 and ties from the final Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Points List or the top 25 and ties on the Official Web.com Tour Finals Points List, if not already exempt, as stated below.

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 final Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Points List earn their PGA TOUR cards, but their final positioning for the following PGA TOUR season is determined via their combined points earned on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Points List and points earned during the Web.com Tour Finals. All other eligible players start the Finals with 0 points on the Official Web.com Tour Finals Points List.
- The top 25 players on the Official Web.com Tour Finals Points List at the conclusion of the Finals who do not already have an exempt card will also earn a PGA TOUR Card. Final positioning for the following PGA TOUR season is determined via points earned during the Web.com Tour Finals
- The leading points winner from the Top 25 Web.com Tour Regular Season players using combined points earned on the Web.com Tour Regular Season Points List and points earned in the Web.com Tour Finals, and the leading points winner from Official Web.com Tour Finals Points List at the conclusion of the Finals (should they be different players) are exempt from reshuffle the following year via eligibility category A.1e (Leading Points Winner, Leading Finals Points Winner and Three-Time Winners from Web.com Tour) and are also awarded an exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship via special eligibility criteria for that event.
- The remaining players from each list will be ranked, in alternating order, beginning with the second place finisher from the Web.com Tour Top 25 Regular Season and Finals Combined Points List (followed by the second place finisher from the Web.com Tour Finals Points List, third place finisher from the Web.com Tour Top 25 Regular Season and Finals Combined Points List, etc.).

**NOTE:** Any player who is #1 to #25 on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Points List as of the final regular season event who earns enough points 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 Points 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 Points 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 Points 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 Points 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 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 category A.1c (Top-125 Non-Members) and higher 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 Tour Tournament Regulations.

**Ties:** In the event of a tie for the first position from the Top 25 Regular Season players using combined points earned on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Points List and points 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 points 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 Points List at the conclusion of the Finals events, no playoff will be conducted and those players tied for the leading Points 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 Points List or the Official Web.com Tour Finals Points 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 hole and working backwards. In the event that multiple players from the top-25 of the Web.com Tour Regular Season Points 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 Points 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 sponsors 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 standings from the Official Web.com Tour Finals Points 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. Players selected for the Finals Pro-Ams, either by system or sponsor exemption, are required to play.

**NOTE:** Should a player who has earned an exemption into Web.com Tour Finals as described in the preceding paragraphs present bona fide evidence of an injury or other medical disability sufficiently serious to prevent such player from playing in Web.com Tour Finals in that respective year, he shall be exempt to Web.com Tour Finals in the subsequent calendar year. A player who begins play at Web.com Tour Finals and subsequently withdraws due to injury or other reason prior to completion of Web.com Tour Finals shall not be permitted to utilize the exemp-

tion in the following year's Web.com Tour Finals.

A member eligible for tournaments as provided in Section A-1d (i.e. Major Medical Extension) Section A-1i (i.e. Minor Medical Extension) and Section A-1k (Non exempt, Major Medical Extension) of this Article III, whose FedExCup Points earned in his Available Tournaments, when combined with the amount of FedExCup Points earned in his Tournaments Played, equals or exceeds the amount of FedExCup Points earned by the member who finished last in the 50 finishers beyond 150th place on the FedExCup Points List for the preceding season shall be exempt into Web.com Tour Finals in that season provided that the points earned in his Tournaments Played was less than the 200th finisher on the FedExCup Points List in the season of his injury and provided he has not utilized the medical provisions into the Web.com Tour Finals as a result of the same injury/family crisis/mandatory obligation.

### **Medical Provisions**

A PGA TOUR member who presents bona fide evidence of any injury or other medical disability that prevented him from playing in one or more PGA TOUR tournaments and who meets the following criteria shall be exempt into Web.com Tour Finals:

- (1) Not more than one Web.com Tour Finals has passed since such member has been prevented from playing in PGA TOUR events due to such injury or other medical disability; provided however that if a player's injury is sufficiently serious enough that it prevents him from playing in one or more Web.com Tour Finals, he shall be considered to have satisfied this condition.
- (2) Such member has not played in 15 or more PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the season in which such injury or other medical disability occurred; and
- (3) Such member has had an average finish position in the top 150 on the FedExCup Points List for the last three seasons if such member has been a member of PGA TOUR for three seasons or more, or if such member has been a member of PGA TOUR for less than three seasons, has averaged 150th or better on the FedExCup Points List for those seasons such member has been a member of PGA TOUR.

### **b. Nonmember Qualifying**

Subject to the age requirement provision described in the note following Section A.1.a (10) of Article III, if a nonmember of the PGA TOUR who is a professional wins a PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournament then he shall be eligible to compete in PGA TOUR tournaments as provided in Section A-1a(10) of this

Article III, provided that he joins the PGA TOUR as a Regular Member within 60 days after his victory. If he fails to do so, he forfeits the right to join the PGA TOUR either as a Regular or Special Temporary Member for the duration of that season. If a nonmember of the PGA TOUR who is an amateur wins a cosponsored or approved tournament, then he shall be eligible to compete in PGA TOUR events as provided in Section A.1a(10) of this Article III as an amateur or he may join the PGA TOUR as a regular member at anytime during the season in which the win occurred. Thereafter, such nonmember shall be entitled to join the PGA TOUR at the end of any season, provided he has at least one season remaining in his exempt period and joins within 10 days after the conclusion of the FedExCup Season. Further, upon joining, he shall be entitled to the remaining portion of such multi-season exemption.

Subject to the provisions concerning notification to PGA TOUR as set forth below in this Section A-2b, if a nonmember of the PGA TOUR earns an amount of points when combined with points earned in official money World Golf Championship events in the prior season (collectively, “combined points”), that equals or exceeds the amount of points earned by the player finishing in the 125th position on the previous season’s FedExCup Points List (e.g., through sponsor exemptions, foreign player exemptions, open qualifying, sectional qualifying, etc.), then he shall be eligible to compete in PGA TOUR tournaments for the following season, as provided in Section A-1c of this Article III (“Top 125 Nonmember”), provided that he joins the PGA TOUR as a Regular Member within 10 days after the conclusion of the FedExCup Season.

If, during the course of a PGA TOUR season, a nonmember of PGA TOUR wins an amount of points (e.g., by playing in PGA TOUR tournaments through sponsor exemptions, foreign player exemptions, open qualifying, sectional qualifying, etc.), when combined with points earned in official money World Golf Championship events (collectively “combined points”), equal to or greater than the amount won in the preceding season by the 150th finisher on the FedExCup Points List, as determined in accordance with Section A of Article III, then such player will become eligible to become a Special Temporary Member of PGA TOUR for the remainder of the season, provided that he joins PGA TOUR in such category within 60 days after becoming eligible. Upon payment of annual dues to PGA TOUR, such member shall be eligible for an unlimited number of sponsor exemptions for the remainder of the season.

## **B. OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

In any PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournaments, eligibility of a player to participate also shall be conditioned on the following:

### **1. One New Event Played Per Season Requirement**

During the current PGA TOUR season, any Regular Member of the PGA

TOUR (as defined in Article IX, Section A.1.a. through e.) is required to play in at least one tournament he has not played in previously during any of the preceding four (4) seasons.

Tournaments eligible to fulfill such Regular Member's obligation under this regulation shall include all official money, co-sponsored and approved tournaments but shall not include The Masters Tournament, U.S. Open Championship, The Open Championship, PGA Championship, THE PLAYERS Championship, World Golf Championships, the FedExCup Playoff Events, The Presidents Cup, Ryder Cup, Olympic Games, and any first-year official money event.

Any Regular Member of the PGA TOUR (as defined in Article IX, Section A.1.a. through e.) who meets any of the following criteria shall be exempt from the provisions of this Regulation in the current season:

- a. Played in 25 or more official money, co-sponsored or approved tournaments in the previous or current season.
- b. Life Members (as defined in Article IX, Section A.4.)
- c. Veteran Members (as defined in Article IX, Section A.8.) who are age 45 or older at any point during the current season
- d. Dual Members of both the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions. Furthermore, a player who has been granted an eligibility extension pursuant to Article III, Section A.1.e. will not be subject to the requirements of this regulation in the season of the extension event.

Any player subject to this regulation that fails to meet the obligations set forth herein shall be subject to a Major Penalty under Article VII, Section D.3. (Discipline, Penalties and Appeals).

Notwithstanding the above, the Commissioner, upon application by a member subject to this regulation and for a serious medical condition or other extraordinary circumstances that the Commissioner, at his discretion, determines to be a valid reason for not meeting this requirement, may excuse a player from the regulation.

**NOTE:** Regular Members (as defined in Article IX, Section A.1.f. through h.) shall be exempt from the provisions of this Regulation in the current season.

## 2. **Entry Form and Fee**

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

3. **PGA TOUR Dues; Limited Dues; Amateur Administrative Fees**

Every professional player who applies to enter a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament shall be a fully paid member of PGA TOUR or, if not a member, shall pay \$50 (or such other amount as the PGA TOUR Policy Board may set from time to time) as dues for limited PGA TOUR membership for the duration of the tournament. Any amateur who applies to enter a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament shall pay the same amount (\$50 or such other amount set by the PGA TOUR Policy Board) as an administrative fee.

4. **Insurance**

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

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## IV. CONDUCT OF TOURNAMENTS

The management and conduct of all PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments, pro-ams and other golf events sanctioned by PGA TOUR shall be under the direction of PGA TOUR. Such tournaments, pro-ams or events shall be played in accordance with these *Regulations* and the tournament agreements applicable thereto.

### A. MATTERS RELATING TO PLAY

#### 1. Starting Fields

##### a. Open Tournaments

The starting field in PGA TOUR cosponsored open 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 number of players in the starting field of an open tournament shall be 156, provided that the Tournament Director may reduce the starting field to 144 players or such other lesser number as he determines in his discretion to be required by the circumstances (e.g., due to available daylight). In addition, the Tournament Director, in his discretion, may increase the starting field above the levels indicated in this Section A if necessary, in order to include in the starting field those members listed in Section A-1b of Article III (top 125 from FedExCup Points List).

##### b. Invitation Tournaments

PGA TOUR also may cosponsor or approve invitation tournaments. The starting field in such a tournament shall be that number specified in the tournament agreement. The tournament agreement for an invitation tournament also shall list the categories of players to be invited. All players within such categories who are “Eligible Players” under Section A-1 of Article III may apply to enter such tournaments.

##### c. Special or Coordinated Tournaments

PGA TOUR may sanction special or coordinated tournaments that may combine any or all of the aspect of open, invitation and pro-am tournaments. Players eligible to participate in such tournaments shall meet the requirements of Article III of these *Regulations*. The conduct of special or coordinated tournaments shall be in accordance with tournament agreements entered into with respect thereto and with these *Regulations*.

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

## 2. **Commitments and Personal Registration**

Eligible players wishing to participate in a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament must commit in advance to PGA TOUR, either by 800-number telephone service to PGA TOUR Headquarters during business hours Monday through Friday (i.e. – 9 am to 5 pm Jacksonville, FL time), except for legal holidays, or by committing electronically via the player website.

While advance commitments may be made at any time, the deadline for all players to commit to PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournaments shall be 5 p.m. Eastern Time via the manners described in the preceding paragraph, or one-half hour after the conclusion of play to an onsite PGA TOUR Media Official, whichever is later, on the Friday immediately preceding the tournament applied for; provided, however, that the winner of a tournament held in the immediately preceding week or any professional finishing in the top 10 or tied for 10th place, not otherwise exempt, (see Section A-1f of Article III) in the tournament held in the immediately preceding week may commit to an onsite PGA TOUR Media Official within one-half hour after the conclusion of such immediately preceding tournament. Further, provided that a player who wins a Web.com Tour tournament in the immediately preceding week and becomes eligible for PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournaments pursuant to Article III, Section A-1h (i.e., players winning three Web.com Tour events in the current season) as a result may commit to the following week's PGA TOUR event to an on-site Web.com Tour Media Official within one-half hour after the conclusion of such immediately preceding Web.com Tour tournament.

**NOTE:** At tournaments with starting field sizes of 144 players or less, the sponsor shall have the option of inviting Past Champions (Article III, Section A.1.m), regardless of a provisional commitment being made, if there are no alternates for the event. With respect to those tournaments played opposite PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, finishers from beyond 150th on the prior season's FedExCup Points List as provided in Section A-1q of Article III may fill such tournament fields to 144 players.

**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.

**NOTE:** At unofficial tournaments only, the sponsor may utilize "unrestricted" sponsor exemptions on any member or nonmember, regardless of his commitment status.

A player, including alternates who are eligible to practice on the tournament course, must register personally at the tournament site prior to any pro-am round or practice at the tournament course. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action. Furthermore, a player failing to register prior to his first official tournament round shall be ineligible to participate in the tournament unless satisfactory evidence of mitigating circumstance has been provided to the on-site Tournament Director.

3. **Groupings**

In PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments groupings shall be drawn in groups of three players. Following a reduction of field, groupings shall be drawn in pairs, or as otherwise determined by the Tournament Director due to existing circumstances (e.g., lack of daylight). Groupings of players for the first two rounds shall be drawn in the following categories as approved by the Tournament Director:

**Category 1:**

- PGA TOUR members eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Sections A-1a(1) through (7) and Sections A-1a(10) of Article III (Tournament Winners).
- Nonmember tournament winners that, if they were a PGA TOUR member, would be eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Sections A-1a(1) through (7) and Section A-1a(10) of Article III.
- PGA TOUR Life Members, as defined in Section A-4 of Article IX.
- The top 25 on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List through the end of the preceding season.
- Players within the top 20 positions on the current FedExCup Points List, starting with the event following the Masters.
- Players (including nonmembers) within the top 20 positions on the current Official World Golf Ranking.
- One player, on a weekly basis, not otherwise eligible for this category.

**Category 1A:**

- Tournament winners whose victories were considered official that no longer qualify for grouping category 1 and who played in 5 or more PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved events or 10 or more combined PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Web.com Tour cosponsored events in the current or prior season (qualifying rounds do not constitute “play” in such tournaments for purposes of this section).
- Former winners of THE PLAYERS Championship, Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship who no longer qualify for grouping category 1.

**Category 2:**

- PGA TOUR members eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Sections A-1b (Top 125 FedExCup), and A-1c (Top 125-Nonmembers) of Article III .
- Players with 50 or more career cuts made in official money PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments and who played in 5

or more PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved events or 10 or more combined PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Web.com Tour cosponsored events in the current or prior season (qualifying rounds do not constitute “play” in such tournaments for purposes of this section).

- Players (including nonmembers) within the top 21-50 positions on the current Official World Golf Ranking.

**Category 3:**

- All others.

**NOTE:** PGA TOUR members eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1d of Article III, (Major Medical Extension) shall retain the grouping category they were assigned when they were injured.

During the draw when the number of players in a grouping category is not sufficient the necessary number of players will move up as follows:

Category 1A to category 1:

- In order on the previous season’s FedExCup Points List.

Category 3 to category 2:

- The leading money winner from the previous season’s Top 25 Web.com Tour 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.
- The leading money winner on the previous season’s Web.com Tour Finals Money List.
- In order on the current season’s FedExCup Points List.

During the season, players in category 3 will be eligible to move to category 2 as follows:

- Players within the top 60 on the current seasons’s FedExCup Points List through the Farmers Insurance Open, and Special Temporary Members whose points equal or exceed 60th place on the FedExCup Points List through the Farmers Insurance Open.
- Players within the top 100 on the current season’s FedExCup Points List through the Masters Tournament, and Special Temporary Members whose official points equal or exceed 100th place on the FedExCup Points List through the Masters Tournament.
- Players within the top 125 on the current season’s FedExCup Points List through the U.S. Open, and Special Temporary Members whose official points equal or exceed 125th place on the FedExCup Points List through the U.S. Open.

4. **Starting Times**

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

5. **Reduction of Fields (Cuts)**

Unless otherwise provided in the tournament agreement or unless otherwise determined by the Tournament Director in his discretion (e.g., due to weather), the starting field shall be reduced to the 70 players (including amateurs) having the lowest scores at the conclusion of 36 holes of tournament play, including any players tied for 70th place, provided however that should such a cut include more than 78 players (including amateurs), the field shall be reduced again to the 70 players (including amateurs) having the lowest scores at the conclusion of 54 holes of tournament play, including any players tied for 70th place. In the event of any such reduction (cut), professionals eliminated who otherwise would have played in the final 18 holes shall receive their appropriate share of the official prize money in accordance with their respective positions. A second reduction will not be applied to any events in the FedExCup Playoffs or the Zurich Classic of New Orleans team format.

If circumstances exist which preclude players from being grouped for the final round based on 54-hole scores (such as when the final round begins before the third round ends, in an effort to conclude the final round by the scheduled finish time), the second reduction of the field will not occur.

In the event of a postponement or cancellation of any of the first three rounds, the Tournament Director in his discretion may schedule the final 36 holes to be played in one day. If he schedules the final 36 holes in one day, he will reduce (cut) the field to the score which has the closest number of players (including amateurs) to the 60th position. Should there be an equal number at different scores at equal intervals above and below 60th position, the higher score shall be used. In the event of any such reduction (cut), professionals eliminated who otherwise would have played in the final 36 holes shall receive their appropriate share of the prize money in accordance with their respective positions.

Once a reduction of field has been made after 36 or 54 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 (i.e. Top 10, becomes part of the eligible field, etc.)

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 who withdraws or is disqualified prior to starting will be replaced by the highest ranking alternate on the PGA TOUR alternate list, except that in a tournament awarding official money a player who withdraws and is one of the four sponsor exemptions not pursuant to Section A1a(12)(a) and (b) of Article III may be replaced, at the discretion of the sponsor, by another sponsor exemption, 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, is a nonmember, or is a member of the PGA TOUR Champions who would normally not have committed to that particular PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) tournament. Furthermore, in a tournament awarding unofficial money, any player who withdraws and is an “unrestricted” sponsor exemption may be replaced at the discretion of the sponsor, regardless of his commitment status.

Once a reduction of field has been made after 36 or 54 holes and the next round groupings have been posted by the Rules Committee, no withdrawal or disqualification will affect the calculation of the cut line.

**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 PGA 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 who is not available to replace the withdrawal is disqualified from that tournament.**

**7. Professional-Amateur Competitions/Tournament Sponsor Functions**

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

A tournament hosting a pro-am with four amateurs may request to utilize an alternate format whereby one professional plays the first nine holes and a second

professional plays the second nine holes (9&9 format). Professionals will have the option to request 18 holes (up until the commitment deadline) until all the first nine-hole positions are filled.

**NOTE:** The tournament also may request an unsanctioned pro-am be played on the tournament course on Monday. Schedules and formats for play of such pro-ams shall be subject to the written approval of the Commissioner or his designee no less than 45 days prior to the date, 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 pro-ams.

Amateur players shall be selected or approved by the tournament. Amateurs shall have up-to-date handicaps computed under the USGA handicap system. They shall use their full handicaps or 21 strokes, whichever is lower, except that a plus handicap shall be changed to zero. An amateur contestant in a PGA TOUR event, playing in the Pro-Am as an amateur, may play from the professional teeing ground.

At the option of the tournament, a second celebrity professional may occupy a spot normally held by an amateur with such second celebrity professional to play in the Pro-Am with his full handicap; provided, however, at least one amateur must be on each team. Host Organization agrees that any celebrity golf professional who competes in a PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions or Web.com Tour official event as a professional shall be unable to participate in a Pro-Am event as an amateur for a period of one year from the player's participation in the cosponsored TOUR official event. Such a professional player shall, however, remain eligible to participate as the professional in a Pro-Am group, if he is also a participant in the professional Competition. PGA of America Members may play from the same teeing ground as amateurs, however, their handicaps would be 0 and their scores cannot be counted in the Pro-Am team score.

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

The field of amateurs shall be divided equally according to handicap into the same number of handicap classes as there are to be amateurs in each team. One amateur from each such handicap class will be drawn for each team. The draw will be blind, except that (i) the host organization may assign not more than one "celebrity" to a team, in which case the other amateurs in that team shall be drawn from the other handicap classes, and (ii) PGA TOUR may authorize in writing exceptions for a pro-am with only one amateur on each team.

A commitment to enter a tournament is also a commitment to play in a related pro-am at the tournament course or participate in a tournament sponsor func-

tion. The failure of a professional player to participate in a pro-am or tournament sponsor function after a commitment by such player to do so shall cause him to become ineligible for the tournament, unless the player is excused from the pro-am by the Commissioner or his designee or the on-site Tournament Director after registering on-site and presenting evidence of an injury or other disability which requires medical attention. Further, at the discretion of the Commissioner or his designee, a player may be excused from the pro-am or tournament sponsor function due to a serious personal emergency, such as the funeral or serious illness of a family member or close personal friend, or other extenuating circumstances. In determining whether a player is excused due to extenuating circumstances, the Commissioner or his designee will consider all factors, including the player's level of effort to satisfy his pro-am obligation. In the case of a player being excused due to a serious personal emergency or other extenuating circumstance such member may be excused without having registered on-site. Further, upon being excused from the pro-am or tournament sponsor function, the player is not permitted to practice at the tournament site the day of the pro-am. A player who is excused from the pro-am or tournament sponsor function for any reason will be required to perform a substitute tournament function and may be subject to disciplinary action for unbecoming conduct depending on the circumstances of his excused absence. A player who is late for his pro-am starting time may be required to complete play with his group if practical and perform an additional tournament sponsor function. In addition, the player may be subject to disciplinary action for conduct unbecoming a professional golfer, which could include a fine or suspension from tournament play. Repeated refusal by a professional player to participate in pro-ams or tournament sponsor functions shall be considered conduct unbecoming of a professional golfer subject to disciplinary action by PGA TOUR.

Each professional player in any pro-am shall have executed the official entry form for the host organization's tournament. At least 80 percent of the professional players shall be PGA TOUR members chosen from the previous season's FedExCup Points List to a floor of 125 (FedExCup playoff events shall use the current FedExCup Points List through the previous week), and will be eligible in the order of their standings on such list. The host organization shall have the right to choose the remaining professional players, including any spots remaining from the 80 percent above that were below 125 on the previous season's FedExCup Points List without regard to the previous season's FedExCup Points List/current FedExCup Points List. Tournaments utilizing the "9&9" format shall have at least 90 percent of the professional tee times chosen from the previous season's FedExCup Points List to a floor of 150 and, thereafter, chosen from the current season's FedExCup points list as of two weeks prior to tournament week, and will be eligible in the order of their standings on such list. The host organization shall have the right to choose the remaining professional players. Players will be eligible in order of their standings on such lists until the first nine-hole positions are filled, thereafter, professionals will be assigned by taking the first player assigned to the second nine holes and pairing them with the highest ranked player assigned to the first nine holes (i.e. #1 and #48 together, #2 and #49 together, etc.). When Hall of Fame eligible members and Life Members, who are cur-

rently active players, are in the Pro-Am as a result of their positions on the previous or current season's FedExCup Points List or being a sponsor selection, they will be assigned their preference first, in order of the previous season's FedExCup Points List. Following the assignment of Hall of Fame eligible members and Life Members, the host organization, upon mutual agreement by the player, may assign the Defending Champion a Pro-Am time prior to assigning other players to the pro-am as detailed above. A player may not decline a sponsor's exemption to play in the pro-am.

A total of 20 players shall perform a mandatory tournament sponsor function. The list will be determined by the next 18 highest ranked players in the field, as determined by their positions on the previous season's FedExCup Points List/current FedExCup Points List. Additionally, the host organization may have the option to select up to two (2) player exemptions to participate in a mandatory tournament sponsor function. Players eligible to be selected are those outside the pro-am and alternate lists. A player may not decline the sponsor's selection to participate, however, a player can only be selected a maximum of four (4) times. If the host organization chooses not to select such players, the next two (2) players in order of previous season's FedExCup Points List/current FedExCup Points List, will be added to the list. Consistent with the mandatory tournament sponsor function program, if a sponsor's selection withdraws after assignments are made, they will not be replaced. The host organization shall notify the PGA TOUR of the planned tournament sponsor functions, which shall be subject to the approval of the PGA TOUR. The PGA TOUR shall assign sponsor's exemptions to these functions first followed by the remainder of the list in order at their discretion.

**NOTE:** Pro-am alternates are PGA TOUR members entered in the tournament who are not among those assigned a starting time in the Pro-Am, and are listed in order of their position on the previous season's FedExCup Points List/current FedExCup Points List, (6 for FedExCup playoff events, CIMB Classic, and THE CJ CUP; 16 for the 9&9 format; 12 for 9&9 format at tournaments with a field of 120 or less and at multi-course Pro-Ams, and 10 for all others) preceding the 20 total players who must perform a mandatory tournament sponsor function. A professional who withdraws or is excused from the pro-am prior to 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the pro-am shall be replaced by the highest ranked pro-am alternate, except that a professional who is in the pro-am as a sponsor's exemption may be replaced by another sponsor's exemption. If the host organization elects not to choose another professional, the highest ranked pro-am alternate shall replace the withdrawal.

A professional, including sponsor's exemptions for the pro-am, who withdraws or is excused from the pro-am after 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the pro-am shall be replaced by the highest ranked alternate from the applicable morning or afternoon pro-am alternate list. For the purpose of replacing a professional withdrawing after 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the pro-am, the first six applicable pro-am alternates (12 for the 9&9 format) as of 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preced-

ing the pro-am shall be designated for replacement of late pro-am withdrawals. Pro-am alternates one, three and five (one, three, five, seven, nine and 11 for the 9&9 format; at multi-course pro-ams, alternates one, three, five at host course and two, four, six at secondary course) shall be designated for the morning and shall be available to play should a player with a morning pro-am starting time withdraw. The designated morning pro-am alternate's responsibility concludes when all players in the morning have started play. Pro-am alternates two, four and six (two, four, six, eight, ten and 12 for the 9&9 format; at multi-course pro-ams alternates seven, nine, 11 at host course and eight, ten and 12 at secondary course) shall be designated for the afternoon and shall be available to play should a player with an afternoon pro-am starting time withdraw. The designated afternoon pro-am alternate's responsibility concludes when all players in the afternoon have started play. Should any of these six/12 designated pro-am alternates be unable to replace the applicable withdrawal, he shall become ineligible for the tournament, unless the player has registered on-site and is excused from the Pro-am by the Commissioner, his designee or the PGA TOUR Tournament Director after presenting evidence of an injury or other disability which requires medical attention. Further, at the discretion of the Office of the Commissioner, a player may be excused from the pro-am or tournament sponsor function due to a serious personal emergency, such as the funeral or serious illness of a family member or close personal friend. In the case of emergency, such member may be excused without having registered on site. Further, upon being excused from the pro-am or tournament sponsor function, the player is not permitted to practice at the tournament site the day of the pro-am. It is the players' responsibility to know his position on the pro-am alternate list as of 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the Pro-am.

If a pro-am afternoon starting time withdrawal occurs and the next applicable pro-am alternate is a morning designated player, that player shall have the option to replace the afternoon pro-am withdrawal, provided he has informed the Rules Committee of his desire to play by 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the pro-am.

Pro-am alternates seven and below (13 and below for the 9&9 format), as of 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the pro-am, will not become ineligible for the tournament if unable to replace the applicable pro-am withdrawal.

The tournament host organization, subject to mutual agreement of the player, may shift up to five players from the pro-am into an alternative sponsor function, subject to the review and approval of the PGA TOUR. The tournament host organization must submit the names of the players to be shifted from the pro-am and the list of alternative sponsor functions no less than 30 days in advance of the tournament.

Similarly, the top 30 players on the previous season's FedExCup Points List, subject to mutual agreement of the host organization as well as review and approval of

the PGA TOUR, may elect to perform an alternative sponsor function in lieu of playing in the official pro-am up to two times per year, provided the player submits his request no less than 30 days in advance of the tournament. No more than three players may make such an election for any one tournament, with priority assigned in order of their position on the previous season's FedExCup Points List. At the discretion of the Commissioner or his designee, the number of top 30 players choosing to perform an alternative sponsor function at a particular tournament in lieu of playing in the official pro-am may be extended beyond three players.

Notwithstanding any other provision in these Regulations, a professional who is not in the starting field of a tournament is ineligible to compete in the pro-am at the tournament site unless expressly approved in writing by the Commissioner or his designee. In any pro-am, the number of teams shall be limited to 52 professional players or 104 professional players if using the 9&9 format and two, three or four amateur partners, except that pro-ams using shotgun starts shall be limited to 54 such teams.

**NOTE:** Eight amateur places in each pro-am will be reserved for use by PGA TOUR.

The prize monies specified in the tournament agreement shall be paid directly to a junior golf initiative on a weekly basis. The junior golf organization to receive the donation would be identified by the local Tournament Organization and would be required to have 501(c)3 status. The money would be donated from the PGA TOUR Player Prize Fund. Players would not be required to report the winnings as earnings. In the event no 501(c)3 organization promoting junior golf could be identified or the tournament is held outside the United States, money would be donated to the National First Tee program.

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 tournament render 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 as noted in previous paragraph. At the option of the tournament, the pro-am may be conducted using the scramble 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.

At the option of the tournament, the pro-am may be conducted using the scramble 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.

8. **Best Efforts; Withdrawals**

In making a commitment to participate in a PGA TOUR cosponsored, coordinated or approved tournament, 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, such as the funeral or serious illness of a family member or close personal friend. 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. For withdrawals related to injury or illness, a player's letter must include additional documentation from a medical professional substantiating the nature of the ailment and the prescribed treatment.

**NOTE:** Fatigue will not be considered a valid reason for withdrawing.

- 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 PGA TOUR Tournament Director or a PGA TOUR Rules Official 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 PGA TOUR Tournament Director or a Rules Official and returning a signed score card.

A player who breaches the provisions in Section A-8 of this Article IV shall be subject to a fine or suspension from play, or both, in PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments.

9. **Suspensions, 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 renders commencement or continuation of tournament play inadvisable, play shall be suspended or 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 suspension or postponement shall extend the tournament beyond the Monday following the scheduled conclusion of the tournament, except that in the event of a suspension during a final round being played on Monday when at least half of that round's starting field has completed play, the final round will be completed on Tuesday, but no later.

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 72 holes 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 official rounds have been completed or, in the case of a tournament played over three or more courses, if players have completed at least one official round on each course. The tournament will be considered “official” for purposes of determining official wins if at least three official rounds have been completed or, in the case of a tournament played over four or more courses, if players have completed at least one official round on each course.

If less than one official round of the tournament is completed as the result of any cancellation, the host organization shall not be required to pay any prize money and shall refund any dues paid for limited PGA TOUR memberships by nonmember entrants. In an open tournament, the host organization shall refund all entry fees paid; in an invitational tournament, the host organization shall not be required to pay a service fee to PGA TOUR.

If, however, at least one official round is completed, the host organization shall pay the full amount of any service fee payable to PGA TOUR under the tournament agreement, and 50 percent of the purse. If at least two official rounds are completed, the host organization shall pay the full amount of the service fee payable to PGA TOUR and 100 percent of the purse.

## **B. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The following general provisions relating to the conduct of tournaments apply to PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments.

### **1. Entry Forms**

All entry forms for cosponsored and coordinated 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 PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated 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 the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR golf tournaments 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 (i) 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 are authorized by PGA TOUR; (ii) abide by these *Regulations*, including any amendments thereto as may be adopted from time to time; and (iii) abide by the USGA Rules of Golf, subject to any modifications thereof approved by PGA TOUR.

A professional who has incorporated may enter cosponsored and coordinated tournaments 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 professional (and/or members of his immediate family). The professional 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 professionals who enter such tournaments 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 the Tournament Director 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 PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated 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. At the discretion of the Commissioner, a multiple-hole playoff format based on aggregate score may be implemented.

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 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 PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments, including the proceeds received from the sale of television rights allocated by PGA TOUR to such 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 such PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments as the PGA TOUR Policy Board may designate, provided that at least two official rounds have been completed or, in the case of a tournament played over three or more courses, if players have completed at least one official round on each course, and provided that official money shall not be awarded in any pro-am (but official money will be awarded in a tournament for individuals even if held concurrently with a pro-am). The breakdown of official money will be determined from time to time by the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

**NOTE:** For purposes of determining official money standings, money won by a nonmember shall count the same as money won by a PGA TOUR member, provided that the nonmember satisfied the requirements of Section A-2b of Article III, except that prize money earned by a nonmember or Special Temporary Member in official money World Golf Championships events will be deemed not to be official money and will not be included on the Official PGA TOUR Money List.

**NOTE:** The TOUR Championship will be considered an Official money event even though prize money is not distributed. FedExCup bonus money will be deemed not to be official money and will not be included on the Official PGA TOUR Money List.

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## V. CONFLICTING EVENTS; MEDIA AND MARKETING RIGHTS

### A. CONFLICTING EVENTS

#### 1. **Obligations of PGA TOUR**

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

#### 2. **Obligations of PGA TOUR Members**

To contribute to the success of a PGA TOUR tournament or event and to permit PGA TOUR to fulfill its contractual obligations concerning representative fields, no PGA TOUR member shall participate in any other golf tournament or event on a date when a PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) cosponsored tournament or event for which such member is exempt is scheduled, except for the following tournaments or events:

- a. A tournament or event for which a member obtains an advance written release for his participation from the Commissioner (See "Guidelines for Conflicting Event Release" set forth below);

**Note:** No conflicting event releases will be approved for tournaments held in North America.

- b. A tournament or event cosponsored or approved by and held in the territory of the PGA section with which the PGA TOUR member is affiliated or where he is then employed, provided that he is eligible for such sectional tournament under the constitution of the PGA;
- c. The PGA National Professional Championship, and PGA winter tournaments for professionals;

- d. Golf tournaments on the “home circuit” of a foreign player who is a PGA TOUR member.

**NOTE:** “Home circuit” is defined as the recognized professional golf tournament circuit which plays all or some portion of its schedule in the country of which the player is a citizen. Such foreign PGA TOUR member shall be eligible for this “home circuit” exception to provisions of these *Regulations* with regard to conflicting tournaments provided he has played, or committed to play, in a minimum of 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (as defined in paragraph C of Article I) in the season, or in the case of a Regular Member or Life Member (as defined in Section A.1 and 4 of this Article IX) who is age 45 or more and has made 150 cuts or more in tournaments awarding official prize money in his career, in a minimum of 12 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the season. (See Section D-2 of Article IX, Membership Reinstatement Provisions.) In addition, a player who has played regularly on a recognized professional golf tournament circuit (i.e., meets membership requirements) for the past five seasons regardless of citizenship may designate this circuit as his “home circuit,” provided he plays in a minimum of 20 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the season, or in the case of a Regular Member or Life Member (as defined in Section A.1 and 4 of this Article IX) who is age 45 or more and has made 150 cuts or more in tournaments awarding official prize money in his career, in a minimum of 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the season.

For purposes of the *Tournament Regulations*, the following professional golf tournament circuits, and the geographical area covered by each, are recognized as “home circuits”:

<b><u>Home Circuit</u></b>	<b><u>Geographical Region</u></b>
PGA European Tour	Countries within the continent of Europe plus Morocco and Tunisia
PGA Tour of Southern Africa	Countries within the continent of Africa
Japan Golf Tour	Japan
PGA Tour of Australasia	Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Myanma, Vietnam,

Guam, China, Hong Kong, Korea,  
Taiwan, India and Pakistan

Asian Tour

Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia,  
Thailand, Philippines, Myanma,  
Vietnam, Guam, Taiwan, India,  
and Pakistan

Any events sanctioned or cosanctioned by any of the above professional golf tours which are not within the geographical area listed for such professional golf tour shall not be considered events within the “home circuit” of a foreign player claiming such professional golf tour as his “home circuit.”

Furthermore, the Commissioner, in the exercise of his discretion, may recognize additional “home circuits” and determine their geographical area.

- e. Masters Tournament, U.S. Open, The Open Championship or PGA Championship;
- f. Ryder Cup, The Presidents Cup or Olympic Games;
- g. World Cup, provided that the dates have been approved in advance by PGA TOUR;
- h. PGA TOUR Champions cosponsored or approved tournaments; and
- i. Web.com Tour tournaments, but only for those PGA TOUR members who gain eligibility to Web.com Tour tournaments as a result of being Life Members of PGA TOUR (Section A-4 of Article IX), Past Champion Members of PGA TOUR (Section A-5 of Article IX), Special Temporary Members of PGA TOUR (Section A-6 of Article IX), Team Tournament Winners (Section A-7 of Article IX), Veteran Members of PGA TOUR (Section A-8 of Article IX), or any other member of PGA TOUR who is an alternate for a PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) cosponsored tournament but who elects to play in a Web.com Tour tournament opposite such PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) cosponsored tournament.

In addition, in any week when a PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Web.com Tour, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, PGA TOUR Canada, or PGA TOUR China cosponsored tournament is scheduled, no PGA 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, Web.com Tour, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica,

PGA TOUR Canada, or PGA TOUR China tournament without the prior approval of the Commissioner. Nothing in the foregoing shall preclude PGA 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 other electronic portrayal of play and without public gallery.

**3. Guidelines for Conflicting Event Release**

- a. Each Regular Member of PGA TOUR ordinarily shall be eligible for three releases per season based on participation in 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments and, in addition, shall be eligible for one release for every five cosponsored or approved tournaments (as defined in paragraph C of Article I) in which he participates above 15 tournaments.
- b. Notwithstanding the above, the Commissioner may deny any particular release request if he determines that such a release would cause PGA TOUR to be in violation of a contractual commitment to a tournament sponsor, or would otherwise significantly and unreasonably harm PGA TOUR and such sponsors. Also, the Commissioner shall be entitled, but not obligated, to grant additional releases when he determines that to do so would not unreasonably harm PGA TOUR or the sponsor involved.
- c. In making the factual determinations contemplated in the preceding paragraph, the Commissioner shall consider, but shall not be limited to, the following factors:
  - (1) The overall makeup of the field from which the member seeks to be released;
  - (2) The member’s standing on the current and previous season’s FedExCup Points List;
  - (3) The number of tournaments that the member has played in, or committed to play in, for the current season;
  - (4) The member’s record of participation in the tournament from which he seeks to be released.
- d. The Commissioner will consider conditional releases under the following circumstances:
  - (1) If the member has not played in the tournament for which he seeks to be released for an extended period of time, such release may

be conditional upon his participation in the tournament the following season.

- (2) After five releases have been granted for the same tournament, subsequent releases may be conditional upon the member playing in the tournament the next season.
- (3) If a member has committed to the tournament and is subsequently granted a release, such a member may be required to play in the tournament the following season.

All requests for conflicting event releases and/or television releases must be submitted no less than 45 days in advance of the first official round of competition of the tournaments for which such releases are requested. The Commissioner normally shall make decisions on release requests not later than 30 days in advance.

**Note:** No conflicting event releases will be approved for events held in North America.

## **B. MEDIA AND MARKETING RIGHTS**

### **1. Media Rights**

- a. The television, radio, motion picture and all other media rights of all players participating in PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments, pro-ams or any other golf event conducted in conjunction with PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments (e.g., clinics, long-drive contests), 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.
- b. No PGA TOUR member shall participate in any live or recorded television golf program without the prior written approval of the Commissioner, except that this requirement shall not apply to PGA TOUR cosponsored, coordinated or approved tournaments, wholly instructional programs\* or personal appearances on interview or guest shows. "Television golf program" for purposes of this section means any golf contest, exhibition or play that is shown in the United States on any form of television or other electronic medium. Members participating in any tournament or program covered by this rule that may be shown in the United States (e.g., a foreign tournament not PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated) may be required by the

Commissioner, as a condition of appearance, to obtain in advance binding written assurances from the sponsor, promoter, television producer and/or other parties involved that the event or program will not be shown in the United States or will be shown only on such conditions as are approved by the Commissioner.

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- ★ While wholly instructional programs have been exempted from the scope of this rule by the PGA TOUR Policy Board, any PGA TOUR member participating in such a program is nonetheless required to obtain an agreement from the producer of the program or other appropriate party that the program will not be shown at the same time as any scheduled broadcast (e.g., major network, cable network, syndication) of a PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournament.
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## 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 PGA 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 PGA TOUR without the advance written approval of such member.
  - c. Similarly, no individual PGA TOUR member, tournament sponsor or other person or entity is authorized to make any commercial use of the PGA TOUR name, marks or logo without the advance written approval of PGA TOUR.
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# VI. CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

Players participating in PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournaments 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, 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 and/or the Fair Way Manual or Tournament Courtesy Vehicle Agreement may be subject to a fine, suspension from play in PGA TOUR cosponsored and coordinated tournaments, 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 PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournament, including any pro-am played in connection therewith, except as may be specifically authorized by the PGA TOUR Policy Board prior to the tournament.

Conversely, neither players nor other individuals acting on such players' behalf shall offer anything of value to a PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated event in return for an invitation to the tournament as described in Section A-1a(11) of Article III (i.e., a sponsor exemption.)

Neither a player nor other individuals acting on player's behalf shall promise or guarantee such player's appearance in any PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated event conditioned upon the grant of a sponsor's exemption to a different player.

**C. INTEGRITY PROGRAM**

All players shall comply with PGA TOUR Integrity Program as amended from time to time, which prohibits betting on professional golf and other betting-related activities, among other things.

**D. FINANCIAL INTEREST BY A PLAYER IN ANOTHER PLAYER; GAMBLING; DOPING**

A player shall not have any financial interest, either direct or indirect, in the performance or the winnings of another player in any event cosponsored, coordinated, approved or otherwise sanctioned by the PGA TOUR, 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 seasons. Further, a player shall not do any of the following:

1. Gamble or play cards on the premises where a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament is being played.
2. Associate or having 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.

**E. PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC ATTACKS**

The favorable public reputation of PGA TOUR, its players and its tournaments are valuable assets and create tangible benefits for all PGA TOUR members. Accordingly, it is an obligation of membership to refrain from making comments that unreasonably attack or disparage others, including, but not limited to tournaments, sponsors, fellow members/players and/or PGA TOUR. Speech that could be reasonably viewed as hateful, abusive, obscene and/or divisive is expressly prohibited. Responsible expressions of legitimate disagreement with PGA TOUR policies are not prohibited. However, public comments that a member knows, or should reasonably know, will harm the reputation or financial best interest of PGA TOUR, a fellow member/player, a tournament sponsor or a charity are expressly covered by this section. Any violation of this section shall be considered conduct unbecoming a professional.

**F. WORTHLESS CHECKS**

If any player issues a worthless (dishonored) check in payment of entry fees or otherwise in connection with a PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournament, he shall be fined and disciplined 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 season.

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

**G. USGA RULES OF GOLF**

Play in all PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf, as modified by PGA TOUR. A copy of such modifications, including Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for PGA TOUR, and a Notice to Competitors (Players), which shall describe any special Local Rules and Conditions, will be made available to players prior to their starting times.

**H. 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).

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.

**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 judgment 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 or without a mandatory sponsor function pursuant to Article IV, Section 7 (Pro-Am/Tournament Sponsor Functions) 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. Tournaments using the (9&9 pro-am format may amend this policy and practice restrictions will be posted in the locker room during tournament week. 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 rule doesn't apply to tournaments using the 9&9 pro-am format.

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 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 of 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 PGA TOUR alternate list or other eligible players as determined by the on-stic PGA TOUR Tournament Director. Qualified players and the first 10 alternates on the PGA TOUR alternate list or other eligible players shall not practice with ineligible players.

**I. CADDIES AND GOLF CARTS**

Players in cosponsored and coordinated tournaments shall not use automotive transportation. Caddies must be employed for all practice, qualifying, pro-am and tournament rounds. Amateurs may use golf carts during pro-ams when approved in advance by the PGA TOUR Tournament Director.

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 PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament shall so indicate at the time they commit to participate in such tournament, and shall be responsible for the conduct and behavior of such caddies at such tournaments, and the conformance of such caddies to these *Regulations*.

**J. LOCKER ROOM FEES**

Players in the starting field of the tournament who use locker room facilities at the host clubhouse shall pay a minimum fee of \$50 to the locker room attendant for such service.

**K. 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.

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## VII. DISCIPLINE, PENALTIES & APPEALS

Each PGA TOUR member, by participating in cosponsored, coordinated or approved golf tournaments, acknowledges the right and authority of the PGA TOUR Policy Board, the Commissioner and the Appeals Committee to (i) fine and suspend the member from tournament play, and/or (ii) fine and permanently bar the member from play in PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournaments for violation of the *Tournament Regulations*.

Any such participating member, 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 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, notwithstanding such 30-day period, until such fine is paid the member will be ineligible for competition.

### A. NOTIFICATION OF DISCIPLINARY INQUIRY

Except for penalties under the USGA Rules of Golf (including Slow Play, Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for PGA TOUR) and for minor penalties, any members subject to disciplinary action or penalties defined as intermediate or major penalties shall first be notified of such proposed action in writing. Such notice may be presented to the member by the Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR or his designee, 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 member 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 member, the Commissioner shall notify the member 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 member shall have the

right of appeal as set forth in Section E of this Article VII.

**B. USGA RULES OF GOLF**

Any member who, while participating in any PGA TOUR cosponsored, coordinated or approved tournament, breaches the USGA Rules of Golf, Local Rules and Conditions of Competition for the PGA TOUR, Local Rules or Conditions in effect for the conduct of such tournament shall be subject to the penalties provided in such Rules or Conditions, as well as any other penalties determined by the PGA TOUR Policy Board. The decision of the PGA TOUR Rules Committee for the competition with respect of such breach(es) shall be final and conclusive.

**C. CONDUCT UNBECOMING A PROFESSIONAL**

Any member who shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a professional golfer while participating in a PGA TOUR cosponsored, approved or coordinated tournament, 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 PGA TOUR has for any reason been placed on probation for an infraction of any rule of PGA TOUR, then and in that event, if at any time during the probation period that member shall violate any rule of PGA TOUR, irrespective of whether that violation carries with it a penalty designated minor, intermediate or major as described under Sections D-1, D-2 and D-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 member shall be notified orally, if possible, and in writing signed by the PGA TOUR Tournament Director or the Commissioner or the Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR or his designee (in the case of an intermediate penalty). In the case of minor penalties, notification may be by the Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR or his designee. Such written notifications shall specify the precise charges or violations. To the extent practicable, such written notifications shall be given within seven days following such violation.

Any written notification required by this section to be given to a member shall be hand-delivered or sent to him via registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of the member as shown in the records of PGA TOUR, provided that delivery to a member'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 \$10,000. A minor penalty may be imposed by the Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR or his designee.

### 2. **Intermediate Penalties**

An intermediate penalty is a fine of between \$10,001 and \$20,000 and/or suspension from play for not more than three 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, PGA TOUR or his designee.

### 3. **Major Penalties**

A major penalty is a fine in excess of \$20,000, suspension from tournament play for more than three tournaments and/or permanent disbarment from play in 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, PGA TOUR or his designee. Such appeal may be written or oral, and may include defenses or mitigating circumstances, including written statements of witnesses. Such appeal shall be received by the Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR, or his designee no later than 14 days after the date of the written notification of imposition of the penalty. The Chief of Operations, PGA TOUR or his designee shall render his decision on 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 of the date of notification of an intermediate or major penalty, the member 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 member in writing of his response, specifying the reason therefor. No member 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. The Appeals Committee shall prescribe its own rules of procedure.

A member 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 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.

4. **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. All other violations of the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program shall be subject to the disciplinary and appeals terms and processes set forth in the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program Manual.

5. **Integrity Program**

The provisions of this Article shall not be applicable to violations of the PGA TOUR Integrity Program. Such violations shall be subject to the disciplinary and appeals terms and processes set forth in the PGA TOUR Integrity Program Manual.

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## **VIII. RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOURNAMENTS**

A. **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

The Commissioner may, at his option, require the host organization of any cosponsored or coordinated tournament to furnish evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner of the tournament's financial responsibility, either (i) by posting a bond in an amount equal to the sum of the prize monies for such event plus \$10,000 to cover the entry fees or the service fee payable to PGA TOUR, guaranteeing such performance, or (ii) by providing some other form of financial guarantee or arrangement assuring the tournament's performance of its financial obligations under the tournament agreement.

B. **NO GAMBLING**

Neither the host organization of any cosponsored or coordinated tournament 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 tournaments without liability to the tournament, and any PGA TOUR member may withdraw from participation therein without liability to the tournament and without penalty under these *Regulations* or other PGA TOUR rules.

C. **SALE ON GROUNDS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OTHER**

## **THAN WINE OR BEER**

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

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## **IX. MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

This article defines PGA 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 reserves 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 apply to become Members of the PGA TOUR:

#### **1. Regular Members**

- a. Players with special exemptions as defined in Section A-1a(1)-(11) and (18) of Article III
- b. The top 125 finishers on the FedExCup Points List in a season, provided they apply for membership within the time specified by PGA TOUR.
- c. Any nonmember of PGA TOUR who wins a PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournament provided he applies for membership within the time specified by PGA TOUR.
- d. Any nonmember of PGA TOUR whose points on the Non-Member FedExCup Points List for the previous season equals or exceeds the amount of FedExCup points earned by the player finishing in 125th position on the previous season's FedExCup Points List following the conclusion of the Event immediately preceding the first FedExCup Playoffs event, provided he applies for membership within the time speci-

fied by PGA TOUR.

- e. Any members who qualify for the Major Medical Extension as provided in Section A-1d of Article III, for so long as such member is entitled to the Major Medical Extension.
- f. The top 25 finishers on the previous year's Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List and top 25 finishers from the Web.com Tour Finals, provided they apply for membership within the time specified by PGA TOUR.
- g. Any player who wins three Web.com Tour tournaments in the current season, provided he applies for membership within the time specified by PGA TOUR.

2. **Associate Regular Members**

- a. The 25 finishers beyond 125th place on the FedExCup Points List in a season may apply to become Associate Regular Members for the next succeeding season, provided they declare in writing to PGA TOUR within 30 days after the last scheduled day of the final tournament awarding official prize money whether he desires to become a PGA TOUR member for the following season, or he shall forfeit his ability to become a PGA TOUR member for such season based upon his position on the FedExCup Points List.
- b. Such members shall be able to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1j of Article III.
- c. Such members shall be subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these *Regulations*.

3. **Minor Medical Extension Members**

- a. Any members who qualify for the Minor Medical Extension as provided in Section A-1i of Article III, for so long as such member is entitled to the Minor Medical Extension.
- b. Such members shall be subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these *Regulations*.

4. **Life Members**

PGA TOUR Regular Members who meet the following criteria will automatically become Life Members:

- a. Eligibility  
A member must have:
  - (1) Minimum 15 seasons active tournament participation.
  - (2) Won at least 20 cosponsored or approved tournaments in his career.

- b. Benefits and Obligations  
A Life Member shall be:
  - (1) Exempt from the obligation to pay annual dues.
  - (2) Eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1a(18) of Article III.
  - (3) Subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these *Regulations*.

5. **Past Champion Members**

- a. Eligibility:  
A former tournament winner of a PGA TOUR (or, before 1969, PGA) cosponsored or approved tournament.
- b. Benefits and Obligations:  
A Past Champion Member shall be:
  - (1) Eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1m of Article III.
  - (2) Subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these *Regulations*.

6. **Special Temporary Members**

- A Special Temporary Member shall be:
- a. Eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1n of Article III.
  - b. Subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these *Regulations*.

7. **Team Tournament Winners**

- A Team Tournament Winner shall be:
- a. Eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1p of Article III.
  - b. Subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these *Regulations*.

8. **Veteran Members**

- A Veteran Member shall be:
- a. Eligible to participate in tournaments to the extent provided in Section A-1p of Article III.
  - b. Subject to all applicable requirements and obligations of these *Regulations*.

9. **Temporary Members**

- Any nonmember of PGA TOUR (except an amateur) who qualifies to participate in a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament or event shall be required to become a temporary member of PGA TOUR for the

duration of such tournament.

## B. **VOTING MEMBERSHIP**

### 1. **Eligibility**

A nonvoting member can become a voting member by (i) playing in at least 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (as defined in paragraph C of Article I) in a season (qualifying rounds do not constitute “play” in such tournaments for purposes of this section); and (ii) attending at least one player meeting designated by PGA TOUR (a “mandatory meeting”) or performing a substitute educational requirement established by the PGA TOUR Policy Board, including, without limitation, attending a makeup meeting or video presentation (an “educational requirement”) in the season in which he first plays 15 events; and (iii) in the case of members playing their first full PGA TOUR season, having attended the New Member Orientation meeting (normally held at the conclusion of the Web.com Tour Finals).

**NOTE:** Members playing their first full PGA TOUR season who are unable to attend the New Member Orientation meeting due to a serious personal emergency or, any such members gaining membership other than through the Web.com Tour or Web.com Tour Finals may perform a substitute educational requirement established by the PGA TOUR Policy Board, including, without limitation, attending a makeup meeting or video presentation.

**NOTE:** For the purpose of the player retirement plan, a nonvoting member who becomes a voting member as a result of fulfilling the conditions set forth in this Section B-1 of Article IX shall be entitled to begin accumulating retirement plan credits in the season following the season in which such nonvoting member first becomes a voting member.

### 2. **Retention of Voting Membership; Reinstatement**

A voting member shall play in at least 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (as defined in paragraph C of Article I), or any combination thereof equal to at least 15 PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) cosponsored or approved tournaments, excluding qualifying rounds in each season; and shall further attend at least one mandatory meeting or perform an educational requirement. If he fails to do so, he shall cease to be a voting member.

Notwithstanding the above, any member who was a voting member at the time he became unable to play in PGA TOUR tournaments due to injury or medical disability and thereafter resumes play under the Major Medical Extension as provided in Section A-1d of Article III, or Minor Medical Extension as provided in Section A-1i of Article III, shall retain his voting membership while playing under such category, provided that while playing under such category such player attends at least one mandatory meeting or

performs one educational requirement.

A former voting member who plays in at least 15 PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) cosponsored or approved tournaments in a season, and attends at least one mandatory meeting or performs an educational requirement in such season, shall automatically be reinstated to Voting Membership retroactive to the beginning of such season in which he plays in a least 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments and attends such mandatory meeting or performs such educational requirement.

3. **Special Privileges of Voting Members**

Besides their exclusive rights to vote for Player Directors of the PGA TOUR Policy Board (see Section G of this Article IX), only voting members shall be eligible to participate in the PGA TOUR Deferred Compensation Player Retirement Plan (the “Cuts” plan) unless the member has achieved Veteran Member status pursuant to Section A.1.q of Article III.

C. **DUES AND FEES**

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

A nonvoting member who becomes a Voting Member shall pay any differences between the initiation fee paid by him when he becomes a (nonvoting) member and the initiation fee required of a Voting Member as of the time he becomes eligible therefor.

A voting member who loses voting status shall not be required to pay an additional fee if he is reinstated to voting membership.

D. **TERMINATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. **Termination**

A player shall cease to be a member of the PGA 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 for membership under Section A of this Article IX; or
- d. If in the judgment of the PGA TOUR Policy Board he commits a serious breach of these *Tournament Regulations*, the USGA Rules of Golf, the

- PGA Code of Ethics or conducts himself in a manner unbecoming a professional golfer; or
- e. If he loses his eligibility for membership under the terms of the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping or PGA TOUR Integrity Program.

## 2. **Reinstatement**

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

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these *Regulations*, any PGA TOUR member who (i) resigns from membership or purposely allows his membership to lapse by nonpayment of dues and thereafter participates in a conflicting event (as defined herein), or (ii) in the case of a Regular Member or Life Member (as defined in Section A.1 and 4 of this Article IX) takes advantage of the provisions of Section A-2d of Article V ("home circuit exception") to the conflicting event rule for foreign members and thereafter fails to honor his commitment to play in at least 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments (as defined in paragraph C of Article I), or in the case of a Regular Member or Life Member (as defined in Section A.1 and 4 of this Article IX) who is age 45 or more and has made 150 cuts or more in tournaments awarding official prize money in his career, in a minimum of 12 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in the season, shall lose his PGA TOUR membership as of the conclusion of the season in which he fails to play such 15 events (or 12 events as the case may be) and shall not be eligible to apply for reinstatement to PGA TOUR membership for one season.

Notwithstanding the above, the Commissioner, upon application by a foreign member and for medical reasons or other extraordinary circumstances that the Commissioner, at his discretion, determines to be a valid reason for not playing in at least 15 PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, may reduce the 15- minimum (or 12-minimum as the case may be) tournament requirement.

Any PGA TOUR member who resigns from membership while playing under a multi-season exemption (see Section A.1.a.(1)-(9) of Article III) and thereafter notifies PGA TOUR that he desires to rejoin as a member after having fulfilled the one (1) season waiting period, as applicable, referred to above in

this Section D.2, shall be entitled to rejoin the TOUR at the beginning of any season remaining in his exempt period, and shall be entitled to the remaining portion of such multi-season exemption (with such remaining portion of the multi-season exemption determined as if such member had not resigned).

## E. **MEETINGS OF PLAYER MEMBERS**

### 1. **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of the members of PGA TOUR shall be held 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 regular, Life, Past Champion and all voting members of PGA TOUR.

### 2. **Special Meetings**

Special meetings of members of the PGA TOUR shall 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 voting members of PGA 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 is practicable, meetings shall be scheduled at a place and time convenient to the members, preferably at the site of and within two days of the commencement of a PGA TOUR cosponsored tournament.
- 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 or 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 for which it has been 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 of the members if the time and place of such adjourned meeting are announced at the 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 the members of a majority of all the voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, a majority of the voting members present or, if no voting 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 voting member present at meetings of members shall be entitled to one vote in person on all matters with respect to which voting members may vote. All matters voted upon by the voting members at any meeting of the members except the election or removal of a Player Director, as provided in Section G of this Article IX, shall be decided by the vote of a majority of the voting members present.
- e. Nothing herein shall preclude the scheduling by PGA TOUR of additional informal player meetings.

## **F. PGA TOUR POLICY BOARD**

### **1. Members**

The members of the PGA TOUR Policy Board (Board of Directors of PGA TOUR, Inc.) shall consist of four Player Directors, one officer of the PGA of America (“PGA Director”) and four public figures with a demonstrated interest in the game of golf (“Independent Directors”).

### **2. Rules and Procedures**

The rules and procedures governing the meetings and other actions of the PGA TOUR Policy Board shall be as prescribed herein and in the corporate Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of PGA TOUR, Inc.

## **G. PLAYER ADVISORY COUNCIL AND PLAYER DIRECTORS**

### **1. Player Advisory Council**

- a. Eight members of PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) shall be elected annually to serve on a PGA TOUR Player Advisory Council (the “Council”) by voting members and fully exempt members of the PGA TOUR. 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 (g) of these regulations (i.e. through and including the Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour category). The purpose of the Council is to advise and consult with the PGA TOUR Policy Board and Commissioner on matters affecting PGA TOUR (Regular TOUR) members.
- b. The members of the Council will be elected as follows:

- (1) Not later than ten days following the completion of the last official money event in each calendar year, the Commissioner shall mail to all eligible members a list of members of PGA TOUR finishing within

the top 125 on the FedExCup Points List, Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour and players eligible for tournament play pursuant to Sections A.1.a(1) through (11), A.1.a(18), A.1.b, A.1.c, A.1.d and A.1.i of Article III of these Regulations.

The list shall be arranged in seven groups of 25, in order of the FedExCup Points List followed by the Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour. Players eligible for tournament play pursuant to Sections A.1.a(1) through (11), A.1.a(18), A.1.b, A.1.c A.1.d and A.1.i of Article III of these Regulations and not already listed will then be evenly distributed among these seven groups. Each eligible PGA TOUR member may vote for one player in each group of 25 who is not a Player Director of the PGA TOUR Policy Board.

- (2) Ballots shall be returned to the office of an outside auditor no later than 30 days following the date on which they are mailed to eligible members. The member who receives the greatest number of votes in each group of 25 shall be deemed elected. In addition, the player remaining with the highest number of votes from any of the seven categories will be elected as an at-large member of the Council.

The results of the election shall be announced as soon as practicable unless a tie vote in any group of 25 makes a runoff necessary, in which case the Commissioner shall promptly conduct a mail vote of all eligible members to resolve the tie and announce the results when voting is completed.

- (3) Upon completion of the election as provided above, the current Player Directors shall select eight additional members to serve on the Council. Thereafter, the current Player Directors shall nominate at least two and not more than three of the elected and appointed members of the Council to serve as Chairman. Every third year, beginning in 1992, the Player Directors shall nominate at least three and no more than five of the elected and appointed members of the Council for the purpose of serving as Co-Chairmen. Any member of the Council so selected by the current Player Directors shall be an actual voting member of PGA TOUR at the time such member is selected.
- (4) After the Player Directors have made their nominations for Chairman or Co-Chairmen of the Council as provided in Section 3 above, the Commissioner shall mail to all voting members of PGA TOUR the nominees for Chairman of the Council. Each such voting member of PGA TOUR may vote for one of the nominees for Chairman. Every

third year, as referred to in Section 3, each voting member may vote for two of the nominees to serve as Co-Chairmen.

- (5) Ballots shall be returned to the office of an outside auditor no later than thirty (30) days after mailing by the Commissioner. The nominee for Chairman who receives the greatest number of votes shall be the Chairman, and the nominee who receives the second-greatest number of votes shall be the Vice-Chairman.

In those years when Co-Chairmen are to be elected, the two nominees who receive the most votes will share the position of Chairman. In those years, the Vice-Chairman shall be that member who receives the third- greatest number of votes. The results of the election shall be announced as soon as practicable unless a tie vote makes a run-off necessary, in which case the Commissioner shall promptly conduct a mail vote to resolve the tie and announce the results when the voting is completed.

- c. The Chairman (or Co-Chairmen in those years when there are Co-Chairmen) or, in his or their absence, the Vice-Chairman of the Council 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 PGA TOUR, whichever first occurs. A vacancy occurring during the year (other than a vacancy in the office of Chairman) will be filled by a vote of the Council for players in the category of FedExCup points of the retiring member. Members of the Council may be reelected from year to year.

## 2. **Term of Chairman and Player Directors**

- a. A Chairman or the Co-Chairman of the Council shall hold office until December 31 of the year of his or their election. Thereafter, the Chairman, and every third year each Co-Chairman, will automatically become a Player Director and will hold such office for a period of three years and until his successor is elected and qualified or until his earlier resignation or removal.
- b. Whenever the office of Chairman of the Council becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, disqualification, removal or otherwise, or if the Chairman ceases to be a voting member of PGA TOUR, the Vice-Chairman of the Council (if then a voting member of PGA TOUR) shall assume the office of Chairman and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor. If the Vice-Chairman of the Council is unable or unwilling to accept the office of Chairman, or is not then a voting

member of PGA TOUR, the Player Directors then serving on the PGA TOUR Policy Board shall elect the Chairman from among those individuals then serving on the Council who are then voting members of PGA TOUR. The individual so selected shall serve the unexpired term of his predecessor. In such case, the new Chairman of the Council shall become a Player Director upon the expiration of his term as Chairman of the Council as provided in Section G-2a of this Article IX.

3. **Vacancies and Removal of Player Directors**

- a. Whenever the office of any Player Director becomes vacant by reason of death, resignation, disqualification, removal or otherwise, or if such Player Director ceases to be a voting member of PGA TOUR, the remaining Player Directors shall elect a successor who shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.
- b. Any Player Director may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by the vote of two-thirds of all the voting members of PGA TOUR at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

H. **AMENDMENTS**

These *Tournament Regulations* may be amended or repealed at any meeting of the PGA TOUR Policy Board by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board, provided that at least three of such majority shall be Player Directors, provided, further, that if any member of the Board, including a Player Director, upon advice of PGA TOUR counsel or otherwise, abstains from participating in any vote to adopt, amend, or repeal any provision of these *Tournament Regulations* because of an actual or potential conflict of interest, the Board nonetheless may adopt, amend or repeal such provision by a vote of a majority of the disinterested directors, even if (i) such majority is comprised of no Player Directors, and/or (ii) the disinterested directors constitute less than a majority of the Board, and provided further that if any Player Directors do not vote on such change, such majority shall include at least 75 percent of the Player Directors voting thereon. The voting members of PGA TOUR shall have the power to reverse or repeal any such amendment pertaining to tournament matters by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the voting members.

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## **X. COSTS & 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.

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# PGA TOUR POLICY BOARD MEMBERS

## **Player Directors**

Charley Hoffman (2017-2019)

Davis Love III (2016-2018)

Kevin Streelman (2017-2019)

Johnson Wagner (2018-2020)

Jordan Speith (2019-2021)

## **Independent Directors**

John B. McCoy, Chairman

Victor J. Ganzi

Edward Herlihy

Mary Meeker

Randall L. Stephenson

## **PGA Director**

Suzy Whaley, President, PGA of America

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