



## 2026 QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT | PROCEDURES & INFORMATION

Applications will only be accepted through the online application platform. Each applicant may only compete at one site.

Alabama	March 16-20	RTJ Highland Oaks	Dothan, AL	(334) 712-2820
Florida	March 16-20	Country Club of Ocala	Ocala, FL	(352) 237-6644
California 1	March 23-27	The Golf Club at Terra Lago (North)	Palm Springs, CA	(760) 775-2000
Texas	March 23-27	Sweetwater Country Club	Sugarland, TX	(281) 980-4100
California 2	Mar. 30 – Apr. 3	Soboba Springs Golf Course	San Jacinto, CA	(951) 654-4300

### Qualifying Competition Sites

The first scheduled day of the qualifying competition will be the official practice round, followed by four (4) rounds of the qualifying competition. Play may be extended beyond the final scheduled day (i.e., beyond Friday).

### Eligibility

Professionals or any Amateurs with a handicap index, which when applied to a qualifying course rating, will generate a course handicap of zero (0.0) or less. PGA TOUR, Inc. (together with PGA TOUR Enterprises, LLC and their subsidiaries collectively, "PGA TOUR") reserves the right to verify the handicap index of amateurs and to refuse anyone not meeting the requirements.

In accordance with PGA TOUR Americas Tournament Regulations, a player must be 18 years of age or older to be eligible for membership. A player under the age of 18 may enter a PGA TOUR Americas Qualifying Tournament, provided the player turns 18 on or before the first scheduled round of the final (official money) PGA TOUR Americas tournament during the 2026 season. If a player under the age of 18 qualifies for PGA TOUR Americas, the player would not become eligible for PGA TOUR Americas membership until their 18th birthday.

In accordance with PGA TOUR University Regulations, all collegiate players will be ineligible for PGA TOUR University (in the current season and subsequent seasons) if such player competes in a Qualifying Tournament for PGA TOUR or PGA TOUR Americas.

**Note:** The PGA TOUR has determined that any player who engages in an Unauthorized Tournament is ineligible to compete in any event sanctioned by the PGA TOUR for a period of one year from the final round of competition of the Unauthorized Tournament in which he participated. Once any period of ineligibility has ended, a nonmember may participate in PGA TOUR events and any qualifying events such as PGA TOUR Q-School.

### Entry Fees

#### **Member Fees: \$2,250 USD**

*Member applicants include Members in good standing with the Korn Ferry Tour, and/or PGA TOUR Americas for the 2026 season.*

#### **Non-Member Fees: \$2,750 USD**

Entry fee includes green fee, range usage on the practice and competition days, TOUR yardage book, as well as liability insurance coverage, covering liability which may arise as a result of the applicant's presence at a qualifying competition site. Use of a 'Visa Debit' card is not recommended.

### **Entry Availability, Deadline & Application Selection**

The online application process will be available beginning Monday, January 12th at 10:00am (EST) for all applicants. Only online entries will be accepted. The entry deadline is Friday, February 6th at 5:00pm (EST). After the entry deadline, PGA TOUR Americas will accept applications based on availability.

Notification of site assignments will be determined no later than **Wednesday, February 11th** and be accompanied by additional site specific information.

Note: Incomplete applications, or those not completed through the online application platform, will not be accepted. The entry fee must be paid in full in order for an application to be completed.

### **Format**

A 72-hole stroke play competition with the low 25 qualifiers and any player tied for 25<sup>th</sup> place earning eligibility status for the 2026 PGA TOUR Americas season. Finishers 1-8 will be exempt on PGA TOUR Americas through the second reshuffle (approximately 10 events). In the event of a tie for eighth position, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff immediately following play.

Finishers 9-25 and any player tied for 25<sup>th</sup> place will receive conditional status for the 2026 PGA TOUR Americas season. Finishers 9-25 will be subject to the reshuffles which will occur after the completion of the 6th, 10th, and 12th events. See the note below for additional information.

**Note:** Access to PGA TOUR Americas cosponsored tournaments is initially determined by a player's finish position at PGA TOUR Americas Q-School and is subject to change as a result of periodic reorder (a "reshuffle"), which benefits those players who perform best. Players who earn conditional status for the 2026 season (Finishers 9-25 and ties position) may have limited access to PGA TOUR Americas tournaments.

### **Field Size & Site Assignment**

The field size at each site will be approximately 156 players. All 2026 members of PGA TOUR Americas and Korn Ferry Tour will receive priority in site assignment by order of the time and date stamped on their completed application prior to the above deadline. Non-Members will be assigned by date and time received of their completed application and are subject to the same entry period. The PGA TOUR Americas reserves the right to balance the field size at qualifying sites by assigning any applicant, including members of the aforementioned tours whose applications are received prior to the entry deadline, to other sites as deemed necessary.

**PGA TOUR Americas reserves the right to increase the starting field size of any site, determined by the Chief Referee, in his discretion.**

**Site assignments, once distributed, are considered final.**

### **Alternates**

Should each of the sites reach the maximum number of players, additional applicants will be assigned as an alternate to their highest-ranked (i.e., first) site preference. Similar to site assignments, alternates will be assigned by date and time received on the completed application. PGA TOUR Americas reserves the right to balance the field size at qualifying sites by assigning any alternate to another site as deemed necessary, regardless of preference. **An alternate list will only be applicable if all sites reach maximum field sizes.**

If and when a spot becomes available at any of the sites, it will be offered to the next alternate. If an alternate chooses not to accept a spot, he will retain his spot on the alternates list and the next- available alternate will be contacted and so on, until the spot is filled. Any alternate withdrawing from a qualifying competition site alternate list will receive a full refund at the time of their withdrawal or once that qualifying site has been contested. If an alternate is not offered a spot (i.e., due to an insufficient number of withdrawals) they would also receive a full refund.

Once a site has exhausted its alternate list, the next highest-assigned alternate at the next qualifying site will be eligible for any available playing opportunity. The 'next qualifying site' is deemed to be either the next qualifying site to be played after the one in question, or the first qualifying site in the schedule if no qualifying tournaments have been contested at that time.

**Note:** Alternates wishing to wait on-site at qualifying competition location may do so at their discretion. If, beginning during the official practice round/registration date (i.e., the date preceding the first round of official competition) through the last starting time of the first round of the competition, a player withdraws or does not show for his starting time, an on-site alternate will be eligible to compete. The procedure for using alternates in this manner will use the ranking for alternates as outlined below, but only apply to those on-site.

### **Starting Times**

Starting times will be available two days preceding the Qualifying competition at the qualifying site or online at [www.qualifying.pgatourhq.com](http://www.qualifying.pgatourhq.com)

### **Withdrawals & Refunds of Accepted Applicants**

Applicants who are placed in qualifying competition fields may withdraw but will remain subject to the following processing fees. Should the applicant withdraw from their respective field prior to the dates listed below at or before 11:59 PM (EST), they will be assessed a processing fee of \$350 USD. Should the applicant withdraw from their respective field after the dates listed below, they will be assessed a processing fee of \$650 USD. Applicants must withdraw by contacting PGA TOUR Americas in writing via email ([americasqualifyingtournament@pgatourhq.com](mailto:americasqualifyingtournament@pgatourhq.com)).

WITHDRAWAL FEES	<u>2026 Members (Korn Ferry Tour &amp; PGA TOUR Americas):</u>	
	Prior to Wednesday, February 11th:	\$0 USD
	On or after Wednesday, February 11th:	\$650 USD
	<u>Non-Members</u>	
	Prior to Wednesday, February 11th:	\$350 USD
	On or after Wednesday, February 11th:	\$650 USD

**Any applicant that withdraws for any reason will not be able to re-enter the qualifying tournament.**

### **Practice Rounds**

There will be one scheduled Practice Round day before each Qualifying Tournament (i.e., the first date listed in the 'Qualifying Competition Sites' section above). Additional practice round availability and the cost associated are at the discretion of the host facilities. Practice rounds on the official practice days will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis (no tee/starting times will be accepted). To practice outside of the official practice day at your assigned site, please call the host venue and book a tee time, but only once you have been assigned to that site and site-specific information has been distributed.

### **Rules of Golf**

Play shall be governed in accordance with the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association as modified by the PGA TOUR Americas Local Rules and Terms of Competition card and supplemented by the Notice to Players at each qualifying competition site.

Distance-measuring devices are permitted for use during the Qualifying Competition. If during a qualifying competition round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a. See Rule 4.3a of the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023, for more information.

Groove and Punch Mark Specifications, Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect, but is modified as the exception to G-2 does not apply.

Pace of Play will be in accordance with the PGA TOUR Americas Pace of Play Policy except that the fine structure will not apply.

Additional information and any questions pertaining to the Rules of Golf or the qualifying competition itself should be directed to the PGA TOUR Americas Rules Committee. In addition, questions, or disputes (including equipment rulings) shall be settled by the on-site Rules Committee appointed by the PGA TOUR Americas, whose decision shall be final.

#### **Spike Policy**

The use of traditional metal spikes is permitted during the Qualifying Competition. Soft spikes may be required during practice rounds at the discretion of the host facilities.

#### **Caddies / Carts**

Players and Caddies shall walk at all times during the Qualifying Competition (including the official practice round), except when permitted to ride by the Rules Committee. Players are not required to have a caddie; they may carry their clubs or use a manual or motorized pull cart.

Anyone seeking a golf cart due to a disability defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or other applicable law should contact the PGA TOUR Competition Department at (904) 285-3700 to obtain information on procedures for submitting such requests. All such requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not qualify as a "disability" under the ADA or other applicable law will not be granted.

#### **Appearance**

**Players:** While on the host facility property, players shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Blue jeans, cutoffs, T-shirts or shirts with no collar shall not be worn. Shorts are permitted only during the official practice round and the days prior; players will be required to wear long pants on official competition days (this also includes when using practice facilities on-site).

**Caddies:** While on the host facility property, caddies may wear either long pants or tailored solid colored knee length shorts or skirts. Blue jeans, cutoffs, T-shirts or shirts with no collar shall not be worn. Smooth rubber sole shoes are required. Sandals, open toe shoes, and golf shoes with traditional metal or soft spikes are prohibited.

#### **Conduct**

While on host facility property during qualifying rounds; players and caddies shall conduct themselves in a professional manner. PGA TOUR reserves the right to remove a player from the qualifying competition for; non-competitiveness; conduct unbecoming a professional by the player; conduct unbecoming a professional by the player's caddie.

#### **Non-Competitive Performance**

The PGA TOUR Americas reserves the right to remove an applicant from the competition if an applicant returns a noncompetitive score after any round of the PGA TOUR Americas Qualifying Tournament. Non-competitive performance may also result in imposition of eligibility constraints from future qualifying competitions. Refunds will not be granted for any player removed from the competition for returning a non-competitive score.

#### **Postponement or Cancellation**

If in the judgment of the on-site PGA TOUR Official or designee, whose decision shall be final, conditions render commencement or continuation of tournament play inadvisable, play shall be postponed until such time as the PGA TOUR Official or designee determines that such weather conditions or other occurrences or conditions have improved sufficiently for play to commence or resume.

In the event four rounds of PGA TOUR Americas Qualifying Tournament cannot be completed by the end of the last scheduled competitive day, the next priority will be the completion of three rounds by the end of the last scheduled competitive day. In the event two rounds of PGA TOUR Americas Qualifying Tournament cannot be completed by the end of the last scheduled competitive day, play may be extended beyond the last scheduled competitive day only enough to complete the required number of rounds to become "official". A round at an "official" PGA TOUR Americas Qualifying Tournament will not be started if it cannot be completed by the end of the last scheduled competitive day. A round of an "official PGA TOUR Americas Qualifying Tournament that is not completed by the end of the last scheduled competitive day will be canceled and the results through the last completed round shall stand, unless at least half the field has completed the round, in which case, play should be temporarily suspended and completed when conditions permit. No completion should extend past one additional day. In no

situation would play resume in order to have at least half the field complete play so that play may be extended to an additional day.

The PGA TOUR reserves the right to change the format, venue(s), field size, qualifying spots, and other criteria as presently contemplated.

### **Travel**

As stated above, the Reduction or Cancellation policies set forth in the PGA TOUR Americas Tournament Regulations allows for an additional day of competition in order complete play. Historically, at least once per year, the final round and playoff have been completed on the fifth day. Please plan travel accordingly.

### **Visas and Passports**

**IF NEEDED**, it is recommended that you start the process of obtaining a Visa or an up-to-date passport prior to playing in your Qualifying Site.

### **Membership**

The following players are eligible for PGA TOUR Americas membership, unless the PGA TOUR, in its sole discretion, elects not to award a membership based on other factors. Contestants who are under the age of 18; an amateur; or do not become members will be included to determine the following categories as described in the PGA TOUR Americas Tournament Regulations.

- A. Players finishing in positions 1-8 from each Q-School site gaining access to PGA TOUR Americas tournaments pursuant Article III, Section A.1 (d) of the PGA TOUR Americas Tournament Regulations are subject to the second (2nd) reorder of the 2026 season.
- B. Players finishing in the next positions to twenty-fifth and any ties for twenty-fifth position (i.e. 9-25 & ties) earn conditional status for the 2026 season.

Additional membership information, the ability to commit to events and more is available to successful qualifiers who take out membership upon payment of their dues. All information is provided online through the PGA TOUR CENTRAL membership portal.

The chart below shows conditional membership priority rankings.

#81 PGA TOUR Americas  
#9 – California 2  
#9 – Texas  
#9 – Alabama  
#9 – California 1  
#9 – Florida  
#82 PGA TOUR Americas  
#10 – California 2  
#10 – Texas  
#10 – Alabama  
#10 – California 1  
#10 - Florida  
#83 PGA TOUR Americas  
etc...

Ties will be broken at each site for the purpose of ranking on the 2026 eligibility list by matching final round scores. Ties remaining after the match of final round scores will be broken by matching individual hole scores in descending order, beginning with the 18th hole of the final round.

**NOTE:** Players can turn professional at any point in the season, however, must notify TOUR officials regarding this. Amateurs are not able to take out membership or access any of the non-competitive benefits. Also, amateurs are unable to earn points or money in the 2026 season.

### **Member Information**

At the conclusion of each qualifying competition, players who are eligible for membership will receive an email regarding member benefits, and other pertaining information.

### **Performance Benefits**

A player winning three times in the same season on the PGA TOUR Americas would receive immediate access to the Korn Ferry Tour in a category immediately following PGA TOUR Members Not Exempt for the Current Event. In the subsequent season, if a three-time winner is not also the leader on the PGA TOUR Americas Points List, he would be placed last in the category of leading Points List winners of the International Tours and following the winner of the PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament.

#### *2027 Korn Ferry Tour Membership*

- Any PGA TOUR Americas member who wins three events in the same season becomes immediately eligible for Korn Ferry Tour membership in the current year and is exempt from reshuffle the following year.
- The Points Leader from the PGA TOUR Americas Fortinet Cup Points List earns an exempt card (not subject to reshuffle) on the following season's Korn Ferry Tour.
- Finishers 2-10 from the PGA TOUR Americas receive an "exempt" Korn Ferry Tour card (subject to 3<sup>rd</sup> reshuffle)

#### *2026 PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament*

##### First Stage:

- All PGA TOUR Americas Members will be exempt into the first stage of the PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament

##### Second Stage:

- Finishers 11-25 on the Final PGA TOUR Americas Fortinet Cup Points List are exempt into the Second Stage of the PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament.

##### Final Stage:

- Finishers 1 through 10 from the PGA TOUR Americas Fortinet Cup Points List are exempt into the Final Stage of PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournament.

The top 60 players on the 2026 PGA TOUR Americas Points List will be exempt for the 2027 PGA TOUR Americas season, *subject to reorder*.

### **Terms & Conditions**

**TELEVISION, RADIO, MOTION PICTURE, PHOTOGRAPHIC, ELECTRONIC, INTERNET AND SIMILAR RIGHTS/DECLARATIONS:** By accepting these terms, I hereby grant and assign to PGA TOUR, without limitation, my individual television, radio, motion picture, photographic, electronic, internet "Interactive Applications" (as defined below) and all other media rights with respect to my participation in the qualifying tournament or any portion thereof (i.e., at all times on-site during Tournament week and during any Tournament-related activities), or any other footage of me that may be captured by PGA TOUR or its contractors with my permission, with the understanding that PGA TOUR's (including its affiliates' and licensees') use thereof shall be limited to the following: (1) advertising, promoting or publicizing the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Americas, PGA TOUR charitable initiatives, tournaments or any broadcasts thereof; (2) live broadcasts during tournaments, (3) broadcasts or exhibitions on a recorded basis as part of a program or motion picture of tournaments or year-end summaries of sports award programs or any news of sports news programs; provided, that in no case shall the rights granted hereunder be used in any program or motion picture designed for instructional purposes without the express written consent of the player(s) involved; (4) live or taped nonexclusive updates; and (5) any other live or recorded telecast, transmission, reproduction or photography of the Tournament in any and all media now known or hereafter developed. "Interactive Applications" shall mean the presentation in any medium in a way that permits the viewer to interact with or manipulate the presentation or access other relevant information during the presentation. I understand that use of social media during the Tournament is permitted to the extent provided in the PGA TOUR Official Policy for Players Posting/Streaming to social media On Site at Events, as may be amended by PGA TOUR ("Social Media Guidelines") and agree to comply with the Social Media Guidelines. I agree to refrain from any action which will interfere with PGA TOUR's ownership of the rights hereunder granted and assigned to PGA TOUR or with any authorized use thereof.

**PRIVACY POLICY:** Personal information collected from applicants will be used by PGA TOUR for the purpose of administering the tournaments on the tours operated and/or sanctioned by PGA TOUR, providing membership benefits, and providing applicants with information relating to membership, products, services, news and promotions of PGA TOUR and affiliates of PGA TOUR, as set forth in the PGA TOUR Americas Player Handbook & Tournament Regulations. Administration of the tournaments specifically includes, but is not limited to, administration of the PGA TOUR's Integrity Program which entails PGA TOUR sharing your personal information with gaming regulators, sports betting operators, third party vendors who monitor gaming activity and related parties for compliance with applicable gaming laws and integrity purposes. PGA TOUR shall not sell, share or otherwise disclose 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.

**DRUG TESTING:** I understand that drug testing may be conducted on players pursuant to the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program ("the Program"). As a member of the PGA TOUR, I consent to and agree to be bound by all requirements of the Program specifically including but not limited to my agreement: blood and/or urine sample, as specified by PGA TOUR, to any testing agency authorized by the PGA TOUR at any time or place without advance notice; that refusal to provide the type of sample required by PGA TOUR, if requested, will constitute an anti-doping rule violation; that any sample collected shall become the property of the PGA TOUR; that the PGA TOUR may disseminate information pertaining to me relevant to the Program, as permitted by the Program; and that the Results Management provisions of the Program shall provide the sole and exclusive method for resolving any dispute related to the Anti-Doping Program

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

**CONDUCT:** The applicant understands and agrees to the following:

- **The applicant shall conduct themselves in a professional manner.**
- **Conduct unbecoming of a professional or noncompetitive performance in previous PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR Americas, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica and PGA TOUR Canada events or any stage of the PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR Americas, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica or PGA TOUR Canada Q-Schools may be a basis for the rejection of an Application To Enter and/or removal of the applicant from the competition.**
- **The consumption of alcoholic beverages on the competition course or designated practice areas and/or using or selling illegal substances are deemed conduct unbecoming of a professional.**
- **The applicant shall be responsible for the conduct of their caddie. A caddie conducting themselves in an unbecoming manner may be basis for the removal of the applicant from the competition.**
- **PGA TOUR, in its sole discretion, shall determine what is deemed unbecoming conduct.**

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

- I agree to the regulations on '2026 PGATA Qualifying Tournament - Procedures & Information' included herewith and I agree that my entry is subject to rejection at any time.
- I agree that certain risks are inherent to the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks.
- I agree that the responsibility of ensuring this application is received by PGA TOUR Americas by no later than the applicable entry deadline as set forth on '2025 PGATA Qualifying Tournament - Procedures & Information' is mine alone and that this application will be automatically rejected if it is received by PGA TOUR Americas after such date and time.
- I agree that the risk of delay lies solely with me and that the PGA TOUR Americas has no liability with respect to any such delay and the consequences there from, including rejection of this entry.
- I agree that the application must be completely executed before I will be entered in the Tournament.
- I agree that all charges associated with this application made to either my personal credit card or a third-party credit card are my responsibility and that should these charges be rejected, disputed or otherwise remain unpaid, my membership privileges in PGA TOUR Americas may be forfeited. Notwithstanding the foregoing, PGA TOUR Americas reserves the right to deduct any rejected, disputed or otherwise unpaid charges from any prize money owed to me.

I also agree to abide by and be governed by the PGA TOUR Americas Tournament Regulations currently in effect (and, if a member of PGA TOUR, attest that a copy thereof has been furnished to me). Further, I agree to be bound by the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association, subject to any modifications thereof approved by PGA TOUR.

I hereby represent that I have obtained personal liability insurance from the insurer covering liability which may arise from my participation in the Tournament in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000 USD for each occurrence, with PGA TOUR named as coinsured in such policy.