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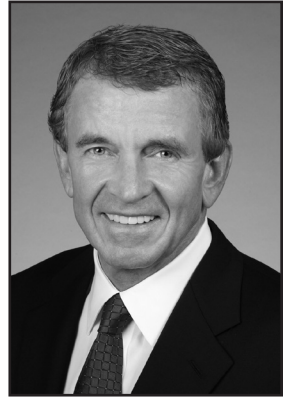
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Dear PGA TOUR members,

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 2016–2017 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 2016–2017 season!

Timothy W. Finchem  
Commissioner  
PGA TOUR

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# SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FOR THE 2016-2017 SEASON

- Elimination of the Top 125 Money List category beginning with the 2017–2018 season.
- Strength of Field Regulation implemented which requires Regular Members (except those Members in the Major Medical Extension and Web.com Tour categories) to play in an event they have not played over the previous four seasons (not including The Masters Tournament, U.S. Open Championship, Open Championship, PGA Championship, THE PLAYERS Championship, World Golf Championships, the FedExCup Playoff events, The Presidents Cup, Ryder Cup, and Olympic Games). Players would be exempt from this regulation if they played in 25 or more events the previous or current season or were Life Members, Veteran Members who are age 45 or older at any point during the current season, or Dual Members of both the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions.
- Modifications were made to the FedExCup Points breakdown.
- Olympic Gold Medal Winner Eligibility added to The Masters Tournament, U.S. Open Championship, Open Championship, PGA Championship, and THE PLAYERS Championship.
- Changes were made to the World Cup eligibility.
- Four additional “unrestricted” sponsor exemptions for Sanderson Farms Championship and Barracuda Championship
- U.S. Presidents Cup Team Points System adjusted to align with the season.
- Addition of two Sponsor Selections to the Sponsor Value Program.
- Inclusion of Amateurs in the primary and secondary cut.

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**2016-2017 PGA TOUR  
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

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# 2016-2017 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-1g 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 10-16    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: 10/7/16, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

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

Key Contact: David Babcock, Tournament Director

**NOTE: The commit deadline for players who become eligible for the event after the 10/7/16 commitment deadline, is 10/10/16, Monday, 5 p.m. EDT**

## **Oct 17-23    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: 9/21/16, Wednesday 5 p.m. EDT

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

Key Contact: Todd Rhinehart

## **Oct 24-30    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: 10/13/16, 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 10/13/16 commit deadline is 10/17/16 Monday, 5 p.m. EDT**

**Oct 24-30 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: 10/21/16, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT

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

Key Contact: Steve Jent, Executive Director

**Oct 31-  
Nov 6 SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN OPEN  
(144 players)**

TPC Summerlin

1700 Village Center Circle

Las Vegas, NV 89134

Club: 702/256-0111

Office: 702/873-1010

Commit Deadline: 10/28/16, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

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

Key Contact: Patrick Lindsey, Tournament Director

**Nov 7-13 OHL CLASSIC AT MAYAKOBA (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: 11/4/16, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament.

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

Key Contact: Joe Mazzeo, Tournament Director

**Nov 14-20 THE RSM CLASSIC (156 players)**

Sea Island Resort (Seaside Course) (host course)

100 Retreat Avenue,

Saint Simons Island, GA 31522

Club: 912/638-5118

Office: 912/634-3266

Commit Deadline: 11/11/16 Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament

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

Key Contact: Scott Reid, Tournament Director

**NOTE: Plantation Course at Sea Island Resort also used.**

**Nov 21-27    WORLD CUP OF GOLF**

Kingston Heath Golf Club  
Kingston Road  
Heatherton, Victoria 3192 Australia  
Club: +61-3-8558-2700    Office: 904/280-4708  
Commit Deadline: 8/11/16, Thursday, 5 p.m. EDST  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Matt Kamienski

**Nov 28-    HERO WORLD CHALLENGE (18 players)**  
**Dec 4**

Albany, New Providence, Bahamas  
Office: 508/285-8333  
Commit Deadline: 9/30/16, Friday, 5 p.m. EDST  
to the tournament office.  
Key Contact: Mike Antolini, Vice President, Championships

**Dec 5-10    FRANKLIN TEMPLETON SHOOTOUT (12 2-man teams)**  
**(Th.-Sat.)**

Tiburon Golf Club at the Ritz Carlton Resort Naples  
2620 Tiburon Drive  
Naples, FL 34109  
Club: 239/593-2200    Office: 239/254-9770  
Commit Deadline: 10/7/16, Friday, 5 p.m. EDST  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Taylor Ives, Tournament Director

**Jan 2-8    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: 12/30/16, Friday, 5 p.m. EST  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Nancy Cross, Executive Director

**Jan 9-15    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: 1/6/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after  
play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Ray Stosik, Executive Director

- Jan 16-22 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: 760/346-8184  
 Commit Deadline: 1/13/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after  
 play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Nick Raffaele, Executive Director  
**NOTE: La Quinta CC and Nicklaus Tournament Course  
 at PGA WEST also used.**
- Jan 23-29 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: 1/20/17, 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 30-  
 Feb 5 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: 1/27/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after  
 play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: John Bridger, Executive Director
- Feb 6-12 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: 2/3/17, 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 13-19 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: 2/10/17, 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 20-26 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: 2/17/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after  
play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Andrew George, Tournament Director

**Feb 27-  
Mar 5 WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-MEXICO  
CHAMPIONSHIP**  
Chapultepec Golf Club  
Conscripto 425, Lomas Hipodromo  
53900 Naucalpan de Juarez  
Mexico City, Mexico  
Club: +52-55-5589-1200  
Commit Deadline: 2/24/17, 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  
2/24/17 commit deadline is 2/27/17, Monday, 5 p.m. EST.)  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Gerald Goodman, Executive Director

**Mar 6-12 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: 3/3/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Tracy West, Tournament Director

- Mar 13-19    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: 3/10/17, 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 20-26    WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS - DELL MATCH PLAY (64 players)**  
 Austin Country Club  
 4408 Long Champ Drive  
 Austin, TX 78746  
 Club: 512/328-0090                      Office: 512/949-5881  
 Commit Deadline: 3/17/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Tom Clark, Executive Director
- Mar 20-26    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: 3/17/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EST, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Sidney Wolf, General Chairman
- Mar 27-  
Apr 2        SHELL HOUSTON OPEN (144 players)**  
 Golf Club Of Houston (Tournament Course)  
 5860 Wilson Road  
 Humble, TX 77396  
 Club: 281/454-6590                      Office: 281/454-7000  
 Commit Deadline: 3/24/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Steve Timms, President & CEO
- Apr 3-9       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 10-16 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: 4/7/17, 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 17-23 VALERO TEXAS OPEN (156 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: 4/14/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament

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

Key Contact: Larson Segerdahl, Tournament Director

**Apr 24-30 ZURICH CLASSIC OF NEW ORLEANS (156 players)**

TPC Louisiana

11001 Lapalco Blvd.

Avondale, LA 70094

Club: 504/436-8721 Office: 504/342-3000

Commit Deadline: 4/21/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament

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

Key Contact: Steve Worthy, Tournament Director

**May 1-7 WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP (156 players)**

Eagle Point Golf Club

8131 Bald Eagle Lane

Wilmington, NC 28411

Club: 910/686-4653 Office: 704/554-8101

Commit Deadline: 4/28/17 Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament

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

Key Contact: Kym Hougham, Executive Director

**May 8-14 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: 5/5/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament

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

Key Contact: Matt Rapp, Senior Vice President and Executive Director

**May 15-21 AT&T BYRON NELSON (156 players)**  
TPC Four Seasons Resort—Las Colinas  
4150 North MacArthur Boulevard  
Irving, TX 75038  
Club: 972/717–2500 Office: 214/943–9700  
Commit Deadline: 5/12/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Jon Drago, Tournament Director

**May 22-28 DEAN & DELUCA INVITATIONAL (120 players)**  
Colonial Country Club  
3735 Country Club Circle  
Fort Worth, TX 76109  
Club: 817/927–4200 Office: 817/927–4280  
Commit Deadline: 5/19/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Michael Tothe, Tournament Director

**May 29-  
Jun 4 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: 5/26/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Dan Sullivan, Executive Director

**Jun 5-11 FEDEX ST. JUDE CLASSIC (156 players)**  
TPC Southwind  
3325 Club at Southwind  
Memphis, TN 38125  
Club: 901/748–0330 Office: 901/748–0534  
Commit Deadline: 6/2/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Darrell Smith, Tournament Director

**Jun 12-18 U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (156 players)**  
Erin Hills Golf Course  
7169 County Road O  
Erin, WI 53027  
Club: 262/670–8600 Office: 908/234–2300  
Entry deadline: April 26, 2017  
Entry application must be filed at <https://champs.usga.org>  
Key Contact: Mike Davis, Executive Director

- Jun 19-25 TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP (156 players)**  
 TPC River Highlands  
 1 Golf Club Road  
 Cromwell, CT 06416  
 Club: 860/635-5000 Office: 860/502-6800  
 Commit Deadline: 6/16/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDST, or 30 minutes  
 after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Nathan Grube, Tournament Director
- Jun 26-  
Jul 2 QUICKEN LOANS NATIONAL (120 players)**  
 TPC Potomac at Avenal Farm  
 10000 Oaklyn Drive  
 Potomac, MD 20854  
 Club: 301/469-3700 Office: 202/465-3933  
 Commit Deadline: 6/23/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDST, or 30 minutes  
 after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Mike Antolini, Vice President, Championships
- Jul 3-9 THE GREENBRIER CLASSIC (156 players)**  
 The Greenbrier Resort (The Old White TPC)  
 300 W. Main Street  
 White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986  
 Club: 304/536-1110 Office: 304/536-5322  
 Commit Deadline: 6/30/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDST, or 30 minutes  
 after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Habibi Said Mamone, Executive Tournament Director
- Jul 10-16 JOHN DEERE CLASSIC (156 players)**  
 TPC Deere Run  
 3100 Heather Knoll  
 Silvis, IL 61282  
 Club: 309/796-6000 Office: 309/762-4653  
 Commit Deadline: 7/7/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDST, or 30 minutes  
 after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
 Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Key Contact: Clair Peterson, Tournament Director
- Jul 17-23 THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (156 players)**  
 Royal Birkdale Golf Club  
 Waterloo Road  
 Southport, Lancashire, England PR8 2LX  
 Office: 011-44-1704-552020  
 Commitment: Written Entry Only (Entry deadline: June 1, 2017 )  
 Key Contact: TheOpen.com

**Jul 17-23      BARBASOL CHAMPIONSHIP (132 players)**  
Grand National (Lake Course)  
Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail  
3000 Robert Trent Jones Trail  
Opelika, AL 36801  
Club: 334/749-9042                      Office: 205/942-0444  
Commit Deadline: 7/14/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Jonathan Romeo, Tournament Director

**Jul 24-30      RBC CANADIAN OPEN (156 players)**  
Glen Abbey Golf Club  
1333 Dorval Drive  
Oakville, Ontario, Canada, L6M 4G2  
Club: 905/844-1800                      Office: 905/849-9700  
Commit Deadline: 7/21/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Brent McLaughlin, Tournament Director

**Jul 31-      WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-  
Aug 6      BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL**  
Firestone Country Club (South Course)  
452 East Warner Road  
Akron, OH 44319  
Club: 330/644-8441                      Office: 330/644-2299  
Commit Deadline: 7/28/17, 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 7/28/17 commit deadline is 7/31/17, Monday, 5 p.m. EDT.)  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Don Padgett, Executive Director

**Jul 31-      BARRACUDA CHAMPIONSHIP (132 players)  
Aug 6      Montreux Golf and Country Club**  
18077 Bordeaux Drive  
Reno, NV 89511  
Club: 775/849-9496                      Office: 775/322-3900  
Commit Deadline: 7/28/17, 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.**

**Aug 7-13      PGA CHAMPIONSHIP (156 players)**  
Quail Hollow Club  
3700 Gleneagles Lane  
Charlotte, NC 28210  
Club: 704/552-1800                      Office: 704/912-5020  
Commitment: Written Entry Only, Entry Deadline: 7/14/17, Friday  
Key Contact: Jason Mengel, Championship Director

**Aug 14-20      WYNDHAM CHAMPIONSHIP (156 players)**  
Sedgefield Country Club  
3201 Forsythe Drive  
Greensboro, NC 27407  
Club: 336/299-5324                      Office: 336/379-1570  
Commit Deadline: 8/11/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDST, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Mark Brazil, Tournament Director

**Aug 21-27      THE NORTHERN TRUST (125 players)**  
Glen Oaks Golf Club  
175 Post Road  
Old Westbury, NY 11568  
Club: 516/626-2900                      Office: 201/444-5356  
Commit Deadline: 8/18/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDST, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Peter Mele, Executive Director

**Aug 28-  
Sep 4      DELL TECHNOLOGIES CHAMPIONSHIP (100 players)**  
(Fri.-Mon.)      TPC Boston  
405 Arnold Palmer Boulevard  
Norton, MA 02766  
Club: 508/285-3200                      Office: 508/285-8333  
Commit Deadline: 8/25/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDST, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament.  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Rich Brady, Executive Director  
**NOTE: Tournament is scheduled to finish on Monday,  
September 4, 2017(Labor Day).**

- Sep 11-17      BMW CHAMPIONSHIP (70 players)**  
Conway Farms Golf Club  
425 Conway Farms Drive  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
Club: 847/234-6979                      Office: 847/724-4600  
Commit Deadline: 9/8/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDST, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Vince Pellegrino, Senior VP, Tournaments
- Sep 18-24      TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP (30 players)**  
East Lake Golf Club  
2575 Alston Drive  
Atlanta, GA 30317  
Club: 404/373-5722                      Office: 404/378-8687  
Commit Deadline: 9/15/17, Friday, 5 p.m. EDST, or 30 minutes  
after play ends Friday at previous tournament  
Commitment No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Key Contact: Tom Clark, Executive Director
- Sept 25-  
Oct 1          PRESIDENTS CUP**  
Liberty National Golf Club  
100 Caven Point Road  
Jersey City, NJ 07305  
Club: 201/333-4105                      Office: 904/280-4708  
Key Contact: Matt Kamienski



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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

Barbara Potts .....	3319
Kirsten Burgess.....	3306
Katelyn DiCristofano .....	5715
Kathy Mobley .....	3291

2. **WEB.COM TOUR**

Extension

Kathy Mobley .....	3291
Kelli Anderson.....	3460

3. **QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT**

Extension

Karen Rose .....	3471
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# **2016-2017 PGA TOUR PLAYER HANDBOOK**

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# 2016-2017 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 20-23*

TPC Kuala Lumpur

Malaysia

Eligible players for the 78–player field are:

- The top 60 available players from the final 2015–2016 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 17, 2016.
- 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
- Beginning 9:00am Malaysian time on Monday of Tournament Week (October 17, 2016), any withdrawal will be replaced by the next available player from the Asian Tour Order of Merit.

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

*October 27-30*

Sheshan International Golf Club

Shanghai, China

Eligible players are:

1. Winners of the 2016 Masters, THE PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship.
2. Winners of the 2015 WGC–HSBC Champions and 2016 WGC–Mexico Championship, WGC–Dell Match Play and WGC– Bridgestone Invitational.
3. Players ranked within the top 50 of the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, October 10, 2016.
4. Players ranked within the top 30 of the final 2015–2016 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 2016 Race to Dubai Rankings as of Monday, October 17, 2016.
6. The leading 4 available players not otherwise exempt in 1–5 above from the 2016 Asian Tour Order of Merit as of Monday, October 17, 2016. (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 available players not otherwise exempt in 1–5 above from the 2016 Japan Golf Tour Order of Merit as of Monday, October 17, 2016.
8. The leading 2 available players not otherwise exempt in 1–5 above from the final 2015 PGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit.
9. The leading 2 available players not otherwise exempt in 1–5 above from the final 2015 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 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 10, 2016.

**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 player from the Race to Dubai Rankings as of Monday, October 17, 2016.
- (iii) The next highest ranked player from the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, October 10, 2016.
- (iv) The next highest ranked player from the final 2015–2016 FedExCup Points List.

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

#### Alternate Policy:

Any withdrawal from categories 3–9 will be replaced by the next eligible and available 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 27-30*

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 2016 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour
  - Eight “unrestricted”

## **OHL CLASSIC AT MAYAKOBA**

*November 10-13*

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 24-27*

Kingston Heath Golf Club

Heatherton, Victoria, Australia

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

- Top 28 available countries from the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, August 1, 2016. The top available player, who is a national (as defined in the International Federation of PGA Tours Nationality Policy) of the top 28 available countries, must commit to the event by Thursday, August 11, 2016. The defending champion of the previous World Cup will automatically qualify from his country and will be allowed to select his partner.
- These 28 players will select a player of their choosing from the same country (in accordance with the Nationality Policy), provided such player is playing in events on a tour recognized by the Official World Golf Ranking system, within the top 500 on the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, August 1, 2016 or Monday, August 22, 2016, 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 player to select his partner is August 26, 2016, Friday 5 p.m. EDT.

**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.

## **HERO WORLD CHALLENGE**

*December 1-4*

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 26, 2016. (TOUR Championship)
- Two sponsor exemptions, restricted to players ranked among the top 50 on the Official World Golf Ranking as of September 26, 2016, 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 26, 2016.

**NOTE:** The commitment deadline for all participants is Friday, 5 p.m. EDT, September 30, 2016 to the tournament office: Stacy Stark–Bloch, 949–725–3003 or [ss Stark@tigerwoodsfoundation.org](mailto:ss Stark@tigerwoodsfoundation.org).

## **FRANKLIN TEMPLETON SHOOTOUT**

*December 8-10 (Saturday finish)*

(Pro–ams Tuesday and Wednesday, December 6–7)

Tiburon Golf Club

Naples, FL

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

- The 2015 winning team, playing as a team.
- The top five available players from the 2016 FedExCup Points List through the TOUR Championship.
- The top eight available players from the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List through the 2016 TOUR Championship.
- Nine sponsor exemptions.
- If necessary to complete the field, additional sponsor exemptions.

The tournament shall assign players in teams.

**NOTE:** Commitment deadline is 5 p.m. EDT on Friday, October 7, 2016.

## **TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**

*January 5-8*

Kapalua Resort (Plantation Course)

Kapalua, Maui, HI

Eligible players are:

- Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments in 2016 calendar year, whose victories are considered official.
- Winner of the 2016 FedExCup

## **SONY OPEN IN HAWAII**

*January 12-15*

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 China, India, Brazil, Mexico, Russia or other emerging markets.

## **CAREERBUILDER CHALLENGE**

*January 19-22*

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 from 2012 to 2016.
  - Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
  - Winners of official money World Golf Championship events in the last three seasons (2014–2016). WGC–HSBC Champions winners in seasons 2015–2017.
  - Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard and the Memorial Tournament in the last three seasons beginning with the 2015 winners.
  - The leader from the final FedExCup Points List in each of the last five seasons (2012–2016).
  - The leader from the final Official PGA TOUR Money List in each of the last five seasons (2012–2016). NOTE: This exemption will be eliminated beginning with the 2016–17 Money Leader.
- NOTE: This exemption will be eliminated beginning with the 2016–2017 Money Leader.
- Playing members of the last-named U.S. Ryder Cup team (2016).
  - Current PGA TOUR members who were playing members from the last named European Ryder Cup team (2016), U.S. and International Presidents Cup teams (2015).
  - PGA TOUR members who use an exemption for 2016–2017 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 seasons (2007–2016).
  - 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 2016 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 2016 FedExCup Points List.
  - If necessary to complete the field, those PGA TOUR members among the top 125 finishers on the 2016 Official PGA TOUR Money List thru the Wyndham Championship, in order of their position on such list.
- NOTE:** This category will be eliminated after the 2016–2017 season.
- If necessary to complete the field, PGA TOUR members from the 2016–2017 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

*February 2-5*

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 2016 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 9-12*

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 seasons (2012–2016).
- 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 seasons (2012–2016).

**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**

*March 2-5*

Chapultepec Golf Club  
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 20, 2017.
- The top 50 players, including any players tied for 50th place, from the Official World Golf Ranking as of February 27, 2017.
- The top 30 players from the final 2016 FedExCup Points List.
- The top 10 players from the FedExCup Points List as of February 27, 2017.
- The top 20 players from the final 2016 European Tour Order of Merit.
- The top 10 players from the European Tour Order of Merit as of February 20, 2017.
- The top 2 players from the final 2016 Japan Golf Tour Order of Merit, not otherwise exempt.
- The top 2 players from the final 2016 Australasian Tour Order of Merit, not otherwise exempt.
- The top 2 players from the 2016 Sunshine Tour Order of Merit through the 2016 Alfred Dunhill Championship, not otherwise exempt.
- The top 2 players from the final 2016 Asian Tour Order of Merit, not otherwise exempt.
- The highest ranked available player from Mexico from the Official World Golf Ranking as of February 20, 2017, if not otherwise eligible.

## **ARNOLD PALMER INVITATIONAL Presented by Mastercard**

*March 16-19*

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 seasons (2012–2016).
- Winners of Masters Tournament, THE PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship in the last five seasons (2012–2016).
- Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the WGC–Dell Match Play in 2015 and 2016.
- Winners of the WGC–Mexico Championship in the last three seasons (2015–2017).
- Winners of the WGC–Bridgestone Invitational in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the WGC–HSBC Champions in the last three seasons (2014–2016)
- Winners of the Memorial Tournament in the last three seasons beginning with the 2015 winner.
- 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 (2016).
- Current PGA TOUR members who were playing members of the last named European Ryder Cup team (2016) and the U.S. and International Presidents Cup teams (2015).
- The winner of the 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship, if still an amateur player.
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking through the WGC–Mexico Championship.
- Life members of the PGA TOUR.
- 18 sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
  - Two from among the 2016 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 2016 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 2016 FedExCup Points List.
- The top 70 players from the 2016–2017 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 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through the WGC–Mexico

Championship, in order of their positions on such list.

- In recognition of his remarkable career achievements, indelible contributions to golf and his role as host of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, a lifetime exemption for Arnold Palmer. (Such exemption will be an addition to the field.)

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

*March 22-26*

*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 13, 2017).

**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 13, 2017).
- 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 13, 2017).

## **PUERTO RICO OPEN**

*March 23-26*

*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 2016 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour.
  - Eight "unrestricted".

## **SHELL HOUSTON OPEN**

*March 30-April 2*

*Golf Club Of Houston (Tournament Course)*

*Humble, 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 Shell Houston Open (i.e. through the WGC–Mexico Championship).

## **MASTERS TOURNAMENT**

*April 6-9*

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 (2012–2016).
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship in the last three years (2014 to 2016).
- Gold Medal Winner of the Men's Golf Competition at the 2016 Olympic Games. (This is a one (1) year exemption).
- Winner and runner-up of the 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship, if still an amateur player.
- Winner of the 2016 British Amateur Championship, if still an amateur player.
- Winner of the 2016 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship, if still an amateur player.
- Winner of the 2016 Asia-Pacific Amateur Champion, if still an amateur player.
- Winner of the 2017 Latin America Amateur Championship, if still an amateur player.
- The top 12 finishers and ties from the 2016 Masters Tournament.
- The top 4 finishers and ties from the 2016 U.S. Open.
- The top 4 finishers and ties from the 2016 The Open Championship.
- The top 4 finishers and ties from the 2016 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.
- Those players who qualified for the 2016 TOUR Championship.
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking as of December 31, 2016.
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking through completion of the WGC–Dell Match Play/Puerto Rico Open.
- The Masters Tournament Committee, at its discretion, also invites international players not otherwise qualified.

## **RBC HERITAGE**

*April 13-16*

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 seasons (2012–2016).
- 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 2015–

2016 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 seasons (2012–2016).

- Winners of the Masters Tournament in the last five seasons (2013–2017).
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship in the last five seasons (2012–2016).
- Winners of The Open Championship in the last five seasons (2012–2016).
- Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the WGC–Dell Match Play in the last three seasons (2015–2017).
- Winners of the WGC–Mexico Championship in the last three seasons (2015–2017).
- Winners of the WGC–Bridgestone Invitational in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the WGC–HSBC Champions in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard and the Memorial Tournament in the last three season beginning with the 2015 winners.
- Winner of the 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship, if still an amateur player.
- The leader from the final FedExCup Points List in each of the last five seasons (2012–2016).
- The leader from the final Official PGA TOUR Money List in each of the last five seasons (2012–2016). NOTE: This exemption will be eliminated beginning with the 2016–2017 Money Leader.
- Playing members of the last–named U.S. Ryder Cup team (2016).
- Current PGA TOUR members who were playing members from the last–named European Ryder Cup team (2016) and the U.S. and International Presidents Cup teams (2015).
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking through completion of the WGC–Dell Match Play/Puerto Rico Open.
- Eight sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
  - Two from among the current season’s PGA TOUR membership.
  - Two from among the 2016 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 2016–2017 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 2015–2016 FedExCup Points List.
- Those PGA TOUR members among the top 125 finishers on the 2015–2016 Official PGA TOUR Money List thru the Wyndham Championship.
- NOTE:** This category will be eliminated after the 2016–2017 season.
- 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 2015–2016 FedExCup Points List.

- PGA TOUR members from the current Tournament Winners category.
- The 20 players who are leading on the 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through the Shell Houston Open.
- Five players not otherwise eligible who are leading on the 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through the Shell Houston Open.
- If necessary to complete a field of 132 players, PGA TOUR members from the 2016–2017 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.

## **THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP**

*May 11-14*

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.
- Gold Medal Winner of the Men's Golf Competition at the 2016 Olympic Games. (This is a one (1) year exemption).
- The top 125 players from the 2015–2016 FedExCup Points List.
- Winners of the Masters Tournament in the last five seasons (2013–2017).
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship in the last five seasons (2012–2016).
- Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the WGC–Dell Match Play and WGC–Mexico Championship in the last three seasons (2015–2017).
- Winners of the WGC–Bridgestone Invitational in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the WGC–HSBC Champions in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking through the Zurich Classic.
- The top 10 players from the 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through the Zurich Classic.
- Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard and the Memorial Tournament in the last three seasons beginning with the 2015 winners.
- The winner of the previous year's Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.
- The leading money winner from the 2016 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 2016 Web.com Tour Finals.
- If necessary to complete a field of 144 players, PGA TOUR members from the 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List below 10th position through the Zurich Classic, in order of their positions on such list.

## DEAN & DELUCA INVITATIONAL

*May 25-28*

Colonial Country Club

Ft. Worth, TX

Eligible players in the 120-player field are:

- Winners of the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational prior to 2000, winners of the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational in the last five seasons (2012–2016), 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 DEAN & DELUCA Invitational 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 seasons (2013 to 2017).
- Winners of the U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship in the last five seasons (2012–2016).
- Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the WGC–Dell Match Play and WGC–Mexico Championship in the last three seasons (2015–2017).
- Winners of the WGC–Bridgestone Invitational in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the WGC–HSBC Champions in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard and the Memorial Tournament in the last three seasons beginning with the 2015 winners.
- Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, whose victories are considered official, since the previous season's DEAN & DELUCA Invitational.
- Playing members of the last-named U.S. Ryder Cup team (2016).
- Current PGA TOUR members who were playing members from the last-named European Ryder Cup team (2016) and the U.S. and International Presidents Cup teams (2015).
- Two players selected by the current and former winners of the DEAN & DELUCA Invitational.
- The top 15 finishers and ties (including PGA TOUR nonmembers) from the 2016 DEAN & DELUCA Invitational.
- 12 sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
  - Two from among the 2016 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 2015–2016 FedExCup Points List.
- Members in the Top 125–Nonmembers category whose points on the Non–WGC FedExCup Point 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 2015–2016 FedExCup Points List.
- The top 80 players from the 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through THE PLAYERS Championship.



- If necessary to complete a field of 120 players, those players below 80th position from the 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through THE PLAYERS Championship, in order of their positions on such list.

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

*June 1-4*

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 seasons (2012–2016)
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship and Masters Tournament in the last five seasons (2013 to 2017).
- Winners of the U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship in the last five seasons (2012–2016).
- Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the WGC– Dell Match Play and WGC–Mexico Championship in the last three seasons (2015–2017).
- Winners of the WGC–Bridgestone Invitational in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the WGC–HSBC Champions in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winner of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard in the last three seasons beginning with the 2015 winner.
- 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 (2016).
- Playing members of the last–named U.S. and International Presidents Cup teams (2015). 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 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship. (Note: Such player may turn professional and still be eligible for the exemption.)
- Winner of the 2016 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 2016 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 AT&T Byron Nelson
- The top 70 players from the 2015–2016 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 2015–2016 FedExCup Points List.

- The top 70 players from the 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through the completion of the AT&T Byron Nelson.
- The Division I College Player of the Year from 2016 (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 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through the AT&T Byron Nelson and the 2015–2016 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).

## U.S. OPEN

*June 15-18*

*(Practice Rounds June 12-14)*

Erin Hills Golf Course

Erin, WI

## ENTRY DEADLINE: April 26, 2017

Entries are open to professional golfers and amateurs with handicaps not more than 1.4 strokes 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 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

Players exempt from both qualifying stages are:

- Winners of the U.S. Open in the last 10 years (2007–2016).
- Winner and runner-up of the 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship, if still amateurs.
- Winner of the 2016 British Amateur Championship, if still an amateur.
- Winner of the 2016 Mark H. McCormack Medal (Men's World Amateur Golf Rankings), if still an amateur.
- Winners of the Masters Tournament in the last five years (2013–2017).
- Winners of The Open Championship and PGA Championship in the last five years (2012–2016).
- Winner of the 2016 U.S. Senior Open.
- Winner of THE PLAYERS Championship in the last three years (2015–2017).
- Winner of the 2017 European Tour BMW PGA Championship.
- Gold Medal Winner of the Men's Golf Competition at the 2016 Olympic Games.

(This is a one (1) year exemption.)

- The top 10 finishers and ties from the 2016 U.S. Open Championship.
- Those players qualifying for the season-ending 2016 TOUR Championship.
- The top 60 players from the Official World Golf Ranking as of May 22, 2017.
- The top 60 players from the Official World Golf Ranking as of June 12, 2017.
- Special exemptions selected by the USGA.

## **QUICKEN LOANS NATIONAL**

*June 29-July 2*

TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm  
Potomac, MD

Eligible players in the 120-player field are:

- Winners of the Quicken Loans National in the last five seasons (2012–2016).
- Winners of Masters Tournament (2013–2017), THE PLAYERS Championship (2013–2017), U.S. Open (2013–2017), The Open Championship (2012–2016) and PGA Championship (2012–2016) in the last five seasons.
- Winners of the TOUR Championship in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the WGC– Dell Match Play and WGC–Mexico Championship in the last three seasons (2015–2017).
- Winners of the WGC–Bridgestone Invitational in the last three seasons (2014–2016).
- Winners of the WGC–HSBC Champions in the last three seasons (2014–2016)
- Winners of the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard and the Memorial Tournament in the last three seasons beginning with the 2015 winners.
- Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, whose victories are considered official, in the twelve months preceding the tournament.
- Winner of the previous year's U.S. Amateur (2016). (Note: Such player may turn professional and still be eligible for the exemption.)
- Current PGA TOUR members who were playing members of the last named U.S. and European Ryder Cup teams (2016) and the U.S. and International Presidents Cup teams (2015).
- The top 125 players from the 2015–2016 FedExCup Points List.
- The top 10 players from the 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through the U.S. Open
- 8 sponsor exemptions, restricted as follows:
  - Two from among the 2016 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour.
  - Two from among the current season's PGA TOUR membership.
  - Four "unrestricted".
- If necessary to complete a field of 120 players, those players below 10th position from the 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through the U.S. Open in order of their positions on such list.

## **THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

*July 20-23*

Royal Birkdale Golf Club  
Southport, Lancashire, England

## ENTRY DEADLINES:

All Entries: June 1, 2017

### NOTE: Eligibility subject to change

Players exempt from all qualifying:

- The top 10 finishers and ties from the 2016 Open Championship.
- Former winners of the The Open Championship who are aged 60 or under on July 23, 2017.
- Winners of The Open Championship in the last ten years (2007–2016).
- The top 50 players from the Official World Golf Ranking as of May 29, 2017.
- The top 30 players from the final 2016 Race to Dubai.
- Winners of the BMW Championship in the last three years (2015–2017).
- The top 5 European Tour members and ties, not otherwise exempt, in the top 20 of the Race to Dubai on completion of the 2017 BMW International Open.
- The leading four players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 10 and ties from each of the 2017 Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open and a 2017 European Tour event to be determined.
- The leading player, not otherwise exempt, in the top 5 and ties from 2017 European Tour event to be determined.
- Winners of the U.S. Open in the last five years (2013–2017).
- Winners of the Masters in the last five years (2013–2017).
- Winners of the PGA Championship in the last five years (2012–2016).
- Winners of THE PLAYERS Championship in the last three years (2015–2017).
- The top 30 players from the 2016 TOUR Championship.
- The top five players and ties, not otherwise exempt, from among the top 20 players on the 2016–17 FedExCup Points List through completion of the 2017 Travelers Championship.
- The leading four players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 12 and ties from each of the 2017 Quicken Loans National and 2017 Greenbriar Classic. The leading player, not otherwise exempt, in the top 5 and ties from the 2017 John Deere Classic.
- The leading three players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 10 from the 2017 Joburg Open.
- The leading three players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 10 from the 2016 Emirates Australian Open.
- Playing members of the 2016 Ryder Cup teams.
- Winner of the 2016 Japan Open.
- The leading player from the 2016 Asian Tour Official Money List.
- The leading player from the 2016 Australasian Tour Official Money List.
- The top two players from the 2016 Japan Golf Tour Official Money List.
- The leading player from the 2016 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 2017 Japan Golf Tour official events through the Japan Tour Championship.
- Winner of the 2016 Senior Open Championship.
- Winner of the 2017 British Amateur, if still an amateur.
- Winner of the 2016 U.S. Amateur, if still an amateur.
- Winner of the 2016 International European Amateur Championship, if still an amateur.

- The 2016 Mark H. McCormack Medal (Men's World Amateur Golf Ranking) winner, if still an amateur.
- The leading four players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 12 from an Asian Tour event to be determined.
- The leading four players, not otherwise exempt, in the top 12 and ties from the 2017 Mizuno Open.
- Gold Medal Winner of the Men's Golf Competition at the 2016 Olympic Games. (This is a one (1) year exemption.)

## **BARBASOL CHAMPIONSHIP**

*July 20-23*

Grand National (Lake Course)

Auburn / Opelika, AL

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 2016 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour
  - Eight “unrestricted”

## **RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

*July 27-30*

Glen Abbey Golf Club

Oakville, 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 2016 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour.
  - 16 “unrestricted”.

## **WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL**

*August 3-6*

Firestone Country Club (South Course)

Akron, OH

Eligible players are:

- Playing members of the 2016 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 24, 2017 (i.e. through completion of the The Open Championship/Barbasol Championship).
- The top 50 players, including any tied for 50th place, from the Official World Golf Ranking as of Monday, July 31, 2017 (i.e. through completion of the RBC

Canadian Open).

- Tournament winners, whose victories are considered official, of tournaments from the Federation Tours since the prior season's WGC–Bridgestone Invitational with an Official World Golf Ranking Strength of Field Rating of 115 points or more.
- The winner of the following tournament from each of the following Tours:
  - Japan Golf Tour: Japan Golf Tour Championship (2017) and Bridgestone Open (2016)
  - Australasian Tour: Australian PGA Championship (2016)
  - Southern Africa Tour: Dimension Data Pro–Am (2017)
  - Asian Tour: TBD

## **BARRACUDA CHAMPIONSHIP**

*August 3-6*

Montreux 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 2016 Top Finishers of the Web.com Tour
  - Eight “unrestricted”

Modified Stableford Format will be used.

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

## **PGA CHAMPIONSHIP**

*August 10-13*

Quail Hollow Club

Charlotte, NC

**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 Tournament, U.S. Open and The Open Championship in the last five years (2013–2017).
- Winner of the 2017 PGA Seniors' Championship.
- The top 15 finishers and ties from the 2016 PGA Championship.

- The top 20 finishers from the 2017 PGA Professional Championship.
- The top 70 players who have earned the most official PGA TOUR prize money, from the 2016 RBC Canadian Open through the 2017 RBC Canadian Open.
- Playing members of the last-named U.S. and European Ryder Cup teams (2016), provided they remain within the top 100 on the Official World Golf Ranking as of July 14, 2017.
- Winners of PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournaments, whose victories are considered official, since the previous year's PGA Championship.
- Gold Medal Winner of the Men's Golf Competition at the 2016 Olympic Games. (This is a one (1) year exemption.)
- 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 2016 RBC Canadian Open through the 2017 RBC Canadian Open in order of their positions on such list.

## **THE NORTHERN TRUST**

*August 24-27*

Glen Oaks Golf Club

Old Westbury, NY

Eligible players are:

- The top 125 players plus ties from the 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through the Wyndham Championship.

## **DELL TECHNOLOGIES CHAMPIONSHIP**

*September 1-4 (Monday finish)*

TPC Boston

Norton, MA

Eligible players are:

- The top 100 players plus ties from the 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through THE NORTHERN TRUST.

## **BMW CHAMPIONSHIP**

*September 14-17*

Conway Farms Golf Club

Lake Forest, IL

Eligible players are:

- The top 70 players plus ties from the 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through the Dell Technologies Championship.

## **TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

*September 21-24*

East Lake Golf Club

Atlanta, GA

Eligible players are:

- The top 30 players plus ties from the 2016–2017 FedExCup Points List through the BMW Championship.

## **THE PRESIDENTS CUP**

*September 26–October 1*

Liberty National Golf Club

Jersey City, NJ

### United States Team

- The top ten U.S. PGA TOUR members who have earned the most FedExCup points from September 14, 2015 through September 4, 2017, weighted as follows:
  - 2015 BMW Championship through 2016 Deutsche Bank Championship: 1 FedExCup point = 1 point
  - 2016 BMW Championship through 2017 Dell Technologies Championship: 1 FedExCup point = 2 points
- Two Captain's selections, to be named on September 6, 2017.

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

### International Team

- The top ten international players (excluding those eligible for the European Ryder Cup team) from the Official World Golf Ranking as of September 4, 2017.
- Two Captain's selections, to be named on September 6, 2017.

## **RYDER CUP**

*Criteria for 2018 teams (subject to change)*

### United States Team

- The top eight U.S. players who have earned the most official PGA TOUR money from January 1, 2017, through 2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST, weighted as follows:
  - \$1,000 = 1 point for 2017 majors (Masters, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship)
  - \$2,000 = 1 point for 2017 PLAYERS Championship, WGC–Mexico Championship, WGC–Dell Match Play, WGC–Bridgestone Invitational, and WGC–HSBC Championship.
  - \$1,000 = 2 points for 2018 majors (Masters, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and PGA Championship)
  - \$1,000 = 1 point for official events from 2018 Tournament of Champions through 2018 THE NORTHERN TRUST (excluding majors, events played opposite majors and events played opposite World Golf Championship events).
- Four Captain's selections—three named after BMW Championship and one named after the TOUR Championship.

### European Team

- The top four European Tour members on The Ryder Cup European Points List on



- a date to be named.
- The top five European Tour members, not otherwise qualified, from The Ryder Cup World Points List on a date to be named.
- Three Captains' selections named the week of a date to be named.

## **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 TBD date in 2020 will be eligible, except that there will be no more than four players from any one country eligible within the top-15.
- The balance of the field will be selected in order from 16th place onwards on the official world golf rankings as of TBD date in 2020, up to a maximum of 2 players per country for those countries not already having more than 2 players within the top-15.
- A provision has been included for the host country, Japan, which will guarantee that at least one Japanese golfer will compete in the Games if not otherwise eligible, based on position within the official world golf rankings.
- Another provision has also been included that each of the five continents of the Olympic Movement (Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania) will be guaranteed at least one athlete in the event, if not otherwise eligible, based on position within the respective official world golf rankings.
- These provisions will not increase the field size beyond 60 athletes in the competition.

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

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

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

**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 of the PGA TOUR, PGA of America, LPGA, Golf Course Superintendents Association, the Golf Course Builders Association of America, Club Managers Association of America and the American Society of Golf Course Architects and their immediate family (wife, children and parents). Family members must accompany the player in person to obtain these credentials.

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# 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 professionals to 60. If an equal number of professionals 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 professionals 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' clothing 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 shall not enter the clubhouse unless properly credentialed, except when they are immediate family and accompanied by the player.
7. When accompanied by his player, a caddie may enter the locker room at the end of the player's week (i.e. after 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 which is prohibited for players under the PGA TOUR Anti-Doping Program.
13. Caddies shall not engage in conduct unbecoming a professional caddie, as determined in the sole discretion of the PGA TOUR.

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

A caddie who does not comply with these Caddie Regulations will be subject to losing the privilege to caddie on the PGA TOUR. Also, for any violation of these regulations, 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. Immediate family is defined as the wife and children of the player, and parents of either adult. If a player is single, in addition to his parents, he may request from the PGA TOUR an additional Family Member Identification card for his significant other (i.e. girlfriend).

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:

<i>Tees:</i>	Firm, closely-mown, level and adequately-sized (to the extent possible), in order to provide flexibility.
<i>Fairways:</i>	Firm and closely-mown, varying in width according to course and year-long variety.
<i>Greens:</i>	Closely mown with firmness and speed varying for contours, grass-type and conditions, and predicted weather.
<i>Rough:</i>	Varying in length and penalty according to course and year-long variety.
<i>Bunkers:</i>	Treated as hazards, but prepared each day in a timely manner with well-defined margins.
<i>Maintenance &amp; Irrigation:</i>	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, Vice President, Tournament Administration and Anti-Doping, at PGA TOUR Headquarters.

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## PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Rule 6-7 states, in part: “The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish.” The following pace of play guidelines, penalties and fines, for stroke play competitions have been adopted. In the administration of these pace of play guidelines, a member of the Rules Committee shall not tolerate abuse, oral or otherwise, by a player. Such abuse may constitute conduct unbecoming a professional.

### **DEFINITION OF “OUT OF POSITION”**

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the time allotted to play, as detailed on the applicable course’s Pace of Play Chart.

Any subsequent group will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they (a) exceed the allotted time to play and (b) reach a par-3 hole that is open and free of play, reach a par-4 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 or an individual out of position will be timed, all players in the group, or the specific individual, will be informed they are being timed.

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

**NOTE:** A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke, and an extra 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for:

- (a) the first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole;
- (b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole;
- (c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole;
- (d) the first player to play around the putting green;
- (e) the first player to play on the putting green.

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

### **PENALTIES DURING ROUND**

First Offense:

One (1) timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (1 bad time)  
– no penalty.

Second Offense:

One more timing (total of two) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (2 bad times) – a one (1) stroke penalty.

Third Offense:

One more timing (total of three) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (3 bad times) – a two (2) stroke penalty.

Fourth Offense:

One more timing (total of four) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (4 bad times) – disqualification.

**NOTE:** Any timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke (bad time) will be carried over throughout the round.

### **FINES CUMULATIVE DURING 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 \$20,000.

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.

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

## APPEALS

Any appeal of a 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.

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.

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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, BMW Championship or the TOUR 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. As a courtesy to fellow competitors, players must step away from the hitting line on the range when using a mobile device and keep the device in the “vibrate” or “silent ring” mode. All others are prohibited from using mobile devices in designated practice areas or on the golf course, unless used in a specially–designated mobile device calling area.
- Other electronic devices (rangefinders, launch monitors, video cameras for instruction, heart monitors, pedometers, electronic watches 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 on the golf course during any official pro–am round. All others are prohibited from using mobile devices in designated practice areas or on the golf course, unless used in a specially–designated mobile device calling area.
- Other electronic devices, as defined above, may be used in designated practice areas but are prohibited on the golf course unless approved by the Rules Committee.

## **During Official Competition**

- Mobile devices are strictly prohibited in all designated practice areas and on the golf course during official competition rounds unless used in a specially–designated mobile device calling center.
  - Electronic devices are prohibited on the golf course for use by players and caddies unless approved by the Rules Committee. In addition to being considered conduct unbecoming a professional, the use of such devices (or accessing certain types of data from such devices) may also be a violation of the Rules of Golf.
  - Under Decision 14–3/17 of the Rules of Golf, the use of an artificial device to listen to music or a broadcast, whether or not through headphones, while making a stroke or for a prolonged period of time during a stipulated round is a breach of Rule 14–3 and subject to disqualification.
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# GUIDELINES FOR PLAYERS' USE OF STREAMING APPLICATIONS

1. Streaming Applications (i.e., Periscope and Meerkat) may only be used on-site at PGA TOUR tournaments on Monday, Tuesday and/or Wednesday.
2. Players may stream video from practice areas (i.e., driving range, putting green, etc.) and/or from the course during practice rounds.
3. Players may not stream video during competition rounds, including without limitation, Pro-Ams.
4. Players (themselves or through third parties) are prohibited from using the Streaming Applications for commercial purposes.
5. Players may only stream video to and through their “normal” platform (e.g., their existing Twitter account).
6. Finally, as is the case with all media captured at, and/or emanating from, the site of a PGA TOUR tournament, PGA TOUR, Inc. shall own all video streamed using the Streaming Applications.

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# PLAYER ENDORSEMENT POLICY

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

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

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

*Distilled Spirits.* A player may enter into a name and/or likeness agreement with a distilled spirit company. The ads or promotions (name or likeness) must include a social responsibility message and cannot include a direct call to action (e.g., “Call 1-800-555-5555 or visit us at [www.xyz.com](http://www.xyz.com)” or “Drink XYZ Distilled Spirit.”) Further, use of a player’s likeness on primary (e.g. bottle label) or secondary (i.e. box or wrapping) distilled spirit packaging is not permitted. A player may not display a distilled spirit name, logo or product likeness on his apparel, headwear, golf bag or golf equipment. Sponsorships with legitimate apparel businesses owned or operated by distilled spirits companies are permitted, subject to the following limitations:

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

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

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

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

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



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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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# 2016–2017 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 2016–2017 FedExCup competition runs from the 2016 Safeway Open through the 2017 Wyndham Championship in Greensboro and concludes with the 2016–2017 FedExCup Playoffs, which will consist of THE NORTHERN TRUST, Dell Technologies Championship, BMW Championship and TOUR Championship.

### **FedExCup Points Distribution**

- Official PGA TOUR events each award 500 FedExCup points to first place.
- The Masters Tournament, THE PLAYERS Championship, US Open Championship, The Open Championship and the PGA 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.

Limited field events during the FedExCup competition will not redistribute the points for places that do not play. Those points are not awarded to the field and the total points distributed will be slightly less than the total points as defined above. For example, if the 2017 Hyundai 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 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.

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

Position	PGA TOUR Events	World Golf Championships	Masters, PLAYERS, US Open, Open Champ. & PGA Champ.	Additional Events
27	32.5	36.83	36.83	20.22
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

Position	PGA TOUR Events	World Golf Championships	Masters, PLAYERS, US Open, Open Champ. & PGA Champ.	Additional Events
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
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 three playoff events. The first three 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 Three 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

## FedExCup Playoffs Points Distribution First Three Events (cont.)

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
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 three 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 Dell Technologies Championship with 100 players and ties and the BMW Championship with 70 players and ties.

The top 30 players 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. Points from the missing positions will not be awarded.

**TOUR Championship Reseed**

At the conclusion of the BMW Championship, the top 30 players in the FedExCup Points standings will be eligible for the TOUR Championship and will be reseeded based on their position. The reseeded points and the points awarded at the TOUR Championship are shown in the table below. Following the TOUR Championship, the total points each player earns based on his finish at the TOUR Championship will be added to his reseeded points, and the player with the highest point total will be named winner of the FedExCup.

In the event of a tie in FedExCup points following the TOUR Championship, the 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 the TOUR Championship.

**TOUR Championship Points Distribution**

Position	TOUR Championship Reseed Points	TOUR Championship Points Distribution	Position	TOUR Championship Reseed Points	TOUR Championship Points Distribution
1	2,000	2,000	16	293	212
2	1,800	1,200	17	272	204
3	1,520	760	18	251	196
4	1,296	540	19	231	188
5	1,280	440	20	219	180
6	1,120	400	21	206	172
7	960	360	22	194	164
8	800	340	23	182	156
9	640	320	24	170	148
10	480	300	25	161	142
11	384	280	26	151	136
12	368	260	27	142	130
13	352	240	28	133	124
14	336	228	29	124	118
15	314	220	30	115	112



**FEDEXCUP BONUS STRUCTURE**

Cash and Deferred Compensation

At the conclusion of the FedExCup, bonus money will be distributed as shown below.

Place	Cash	Deferred	Total	Place	Deferred
1	\$9,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$10,000,000	31	\$165,000
2	2,500,000	500,000	3,000,000	32	155,000
3	1,550,000	450,000	2,000,000	33	150,000
4	1,150,000	350,000	1,500,000	34	145,000
5	650,000	350,000	1,000,000	35	142,000
6	500,000	300,000	800,000	36	140,000
7	400,000	300,000	700,000	37	138,000
8	300,000	300,000	600,000	38	137,000
9	250,000	300,000	550,000	39	136,000
10	200,000	300,000	500,000	40	135,000
11		300,000	300,000	41	134,000
12		290,000	290,000	42	133,000
13		280,000	280,000	43	132,000
14		270,000	270,000	44	131,000
15		250,000	250,000	45	130,000
16		245,000	245,000	46	129,000
17		240,000	240,000	47	128,000
18		235,000	235,000	48	127,000
19		230,000	230,000	49	126,000
20		225,000	225,000	50	125,000
21		220,000	220,000	51	120,000
22		215,000	215,000	52	115,000
23		210,000	210,000	53	114,000
24		205,000	205,000	54	113,000
25		200,000	200,000	55-70	110,000
26		195,000	195,000	71-80	80,000
27		190,000	190,000	81-100	75,000
28		185,000	185,000	101-125	70,000
29		180,000	180,000	126-150	32,000
30		175,000	175,000		
				Total Cash	\$16,500,000
				Total Deferred	\$18,500,000
				Grand Total	\$35,000,000

## 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. For example, the 2005 Northern Trust Open, which was shortened to 36 holes, is listed as an unofficial victory but awarded official money. This event would award FedExCup points.

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 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. In the event there is a tie for 30th position going into the TOUR Championship, reseed points will decrease in eight point intervals for each player that is tied and those points would be divided equally between the tied players. For example, two players tied for 30th position in the points standings going into the TOUR Championship would take 30th place points (115), and theoretical 31st place points (107), add them and divide by two. This would yield 111 reseed points for each player.

At the TOUR Championship, tied players for every position will have their reseed points split in the same way. For example, if two players tie for 2nd place in the standings going into TOUR Championship, 2nd place (1,800) and 3rd place (1,520) will be added and divided by two, yielding 1,660 reseed points for each player.

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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 member's 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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# **2016-2017 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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## 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 Money List” is the list of players ranked according to the amount of official money, 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 Nonmembers 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 and the current season.
  - (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, beginning with the 2015 winners.

- (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 in each of the last five seasons.  
**NOTE:** This exemption will be eliminated beginning with the 2016–2017 Money Lender.
- (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 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, as follows:

- (a) The top 50 members on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceeding 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 one or more seasons of Official PGA TOUR Career Money List exemptions, except as provided for in (b) below.
- (b) The top 25 members on the Official PGA TOUR Career Money List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceeding 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.
- (c) 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 Season (August 30, 2017).
- (d) A member playing under the exemption provided in Subsection (a) or (b) 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) or (b) 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-1e 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) or (b) 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) or (b) 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-1h 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.
  - (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 (ii) 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 July 28, 1970 and prior to January 1, 2000: 10 seasons of exemptions for such tournaments, computed from the time of winning.

- (c) 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-1r of this Article III (finishers beyond 150th place of the prior season's FedEx Cup 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 from Official PGA TOUR Money List**

If not otherwise exempt under Section A-1a or A-1b of this Article III those PGA TOUR members within the top 125 money leaders on the previous season's Official PGA TOUR Money List following the conclusion of the event immediately proceeding the first FedExCup Playoffs event (Wyndham Championship) in order of their positions on the list; provided, however, that prize money earned by a nonmember or Special Temporary Member in an official money World Golf Championship event will be deemed not to be offi-

cial money and will not be included on the Official PGA TOUR Money List.  
**NOTE:** This category will be eliminated after the 2016–2017 season.

d. **Top 125-Nonmembers**

If not otherwise exempt under Section A.1.a to Section A.1.c 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, or whose official money for the previous season and money earned in official money World Golf Championship events in the prior season (collectively "combined money") equals or exceeds the amount of official money earned by the player finishing in 125th position on the previous season's Official PGA TOUR Money List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceding the first FedExCup Playoffs event (Wyndham Championship); provided, however, that points or 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 points or money and will not be included on the FedExCup Points List or Official PGA TOUR Money 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 (September 2, 2016)). If more than one player is included in this category, players with the greater amount of combined money shall have priority access to tournaments.

**NOTE:** The official money portion of this exemption will be eliminated after the 2016–2017 season.

e. **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–1e(2) of this Article III, and shall be exempted into PGA TOUR tournaments prior to those players meeting the requirements of Section A–1f 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–1h 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–1h 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-1 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-1e(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 or official money earned by such member in the Available Tournaments, when combined with the amount of points or official money earned by such member in the Tournaments Played, equals or exceeds the amount of points or official money earned by the member finishing in 125th place on the FedExCup Points List or Official PGA TOUR Money List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceeding 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 preceeding 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.

**NOTE:** The official money portion of this exemption will be eliminated after the 2016–2017 season.

If the amount of points or official money earned by such member in the Available Tournaments, when combined with the amount of points or official money earned by such member in the Tournaments Played, equals or exceeds the amount of points or official money earned by the member who finished in 125th place on the FedExCup Points List or Official PGA TOUR Money List for the preceding season following the conclusion of the event immediately preceeding 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 and shall be exempt into Web.com Tour Finals in that season.

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-1r (“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-1e, “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-1e, 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, 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 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, or other Federation Tours tournament he plays when eligible for the PGA TOUR event the same week.

**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, 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 tourna-

ments. (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.

f. **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.

g. **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-1g 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.

h. **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 f 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.

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 2016–17, 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 PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open and The Open Championship.

i. **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.

j. **Minor Medical Extension**

- (1) A member who meets the requirements in Section (1)(a) and (1)(b) of Section A–1e 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.e(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-1e(2)(a) or Section A-1e(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-1h 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-1e(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-1e(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 or 125th place on the Official PGA TOUR Money List, shall be entitled to eligibility and priority to play in tournaments in accordance with the provisions of Section A-1(e)(2) of Article III [i.e., Major Medical/Family Crisis/ Mandatory Obligation Extension].

**NOTE:** The official money portion of this exemption will be eliminated after the 2016-2017 season.

k. **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 2016–17, 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 PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open and The Open Championship.

l. **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–1e(1)(b)(ii) of this Article III.

m. **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.n of this Article III), Team Tournament Winners (as defined in Section A.1.p of this Article III) and Veteran Members (as defined in Section A.1.q 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 2016–2017, 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 PLAYERS Championship, U.S. Open and The Open Championship.

n. **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.

**o. 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.

**p. 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.

q. **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.

r. **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.comTour Finals**

Players may gain PGA TOUR Regular Membership and playing eligibility for the subsequent season (see Section A-1f & h of this Article III) by finishing among the top 25 and ties from the final Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List or the top 25 and ties on the Official Web.com Tour Finals Money 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 Money List earn their PGA TOUR cards, but their final positioning for the following PGA TOUR season is determined via their combined money earned on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List and money earned during the Web.com Tour Finals. All other eligible players start the Finals with \$0 on the Official Web.com Tour Finals Money List.
- The top 25 players on the Official Web.com Tour Finals Money 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 money earned during the Web.com Tour Finals
- The leading money winner from the Top 25 Web.com Tour Regular Season players using combined money earned on the Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List and money earned in the Web.com Tour Finals, and the leading money winner from Official Web.com Tour Finals Money List at the conclusion of the Finals (should they be different players) are exempt from reshuffle the following year via eligibility category A.1f (Leading Money Winner, Leading Finals Money 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 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:** Any player who is #1 to #25 on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List as of the final regular season event who earns enough money solely as a result of his play in the Web.com Tour Finals events such that he would have been #1 on the Web.com Tour Finals Money List shall be placed in the #1 position on that list and shall be entitled to the benefits of that position. In such case, such player's other position on the #1 to #25 Regular Season and Finals Combined Money List shall be skipped and the ordering of players shall continue as identified above. In such case, the leading 25 players from the Official Web.com Tour Finals Money List will still earn their PGA TOUR card.

### **Eligibility:**

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

- The top-75 players (including any ties) on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List through the conclusion of the Web.com Tour event immediately preceding the first Finals event.
- Players #126 – #200 on the PGA TOUR's Official FedExCup Points List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceding the first FedExCup Playoffs event (Wyndham Championship).
- Non-members, who would have earned if they were members, enough FedExCup points from their performance in 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.1d (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 money earned on the Official Web.com Tour Regular Season Money List and money earned in the Web.com Tour Finals at the conclusion of the Finals events, no playoff will be conducted and those players tied for the leading money winner position will receive exempt status for the following season.

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

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

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

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

A member eligible for tournaments as provided in Section A-1e (i.e. Major Medical Extension) Section A-1j (i.e. Minor Medical Extension) and Section A-1l (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 25 finishers beyond 125th 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 150th finisher on the FedExCup Points List in the season of his injury.

### **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 (9) of Article III, if a nonmember of the PGA TOUR who is a professional wins a PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved tournament (except for a team tournament), then he shall be eligible to compete in PGA TOUR tournaments as provided in Section A-1a(9) of this Article III, or, in the case of a nonmember winning a team tournament, he shall be eligible to compete in PGA TOUR tournaments as provided in Section A-1p 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(9) 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 or official money, when combined with points or money earned in official money World Golf Championship events in the prior season (collectively, “combined points”, or “combined money”), that equals or exceeds the amount of points or official money earned by the player finishing in the 125th position on the previous season’s FedExCup Points List or Official PGA TOUR Money 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–1d 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, Open Championship, PGA Championship, THE PLAYERS Championship, World Golf Championships, the FedExCup Playoff Events, The Presidents Cup, Ryder Cup, and Olympic Games.

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 \$1,00,000 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-1c of Article III (top 125 on the Official PGA TOUR Money 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.

#### 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-1g 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-1i (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.n), 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-1r 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 (6) and Sections A–1a(9) 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 (6) and Section A–1a(9) 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), A–1c (Top 125 money) and A–1d (Top 125–Nonmembers) of Article III .  
**NOTE:** The official money portion of this category will be eliminated after the 2016–2017 season.
- 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–1e 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.

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 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(11)(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.

**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 function. 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. When Hall of Fame eligible members and Life Members, who are currently active players, are in the Pro-Am as a result of their positions on the previous 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) players 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 and CIMB Classic, 10 for all others) preceeding 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 as of 12 noon (local time at the tournament site) the day preceding the pro-am shall be designated for replacement of late pro-am withdrawals. Pro-am alternates one, three and five 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 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 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, 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 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(2)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.

**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 team tournament or a 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.

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

A player shall not have any financial interest, either direct or indirect, in the performance or the 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. A player shall not do any of the following:

1. Fail to give his best efforts in competition.
2. Gamble or play cards on the premises where a PGA TOUR cosponsored or coordinated tournament is being played.
3. Associate with or have dealings with persons whose activities, including gambling, might reflect adversely upon the integrity of the game of golf.
4. Bet money or anything of value on a golf tournament or similar event, whether or not the player is in such competition.
5. Offer or give a bribe, gift, payment, reward or anything of value to any player with the intention of influencing his efforts in a competition.
6. Solicit, agree to accept or accept a bribe, gift, payment, reward or anything of value offered or given with the intention of influencing the player’s efforts in a competition.
7. Fail to report promptly to the Commissioner any known or suspected offer, bribe, gift, payment, reward or anything of value, or any agreement or acceptance or bet described in the foregoing.
8. 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.

**D. MEDIA COMMENTS, PUBLIC ATTACKS**

The favorable public reputation of PGA TOUR 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 comments to the news media that unreasonably attack or disparage tournaments, sponsors, fellow members, players or PGA TOUR. 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 interests of a tournament sponsor or charity are expressly covered by this section. Any violation of this section shall be considered conduct unbecoming a professional.

**E. WORTHLESS CHECKS**

If any player issues a worthless (dishonored) check in payment of entry fees or otherwise in connection with a 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.

**F. 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.

**G. PRACTICING**

Only contestants, their caddies, instructors, managers, media, golf equipment manufacturers (when invited by contestants), tournament representatives and PGA TOUR staff are permitted onto any area designated for practice (e.g. range, practice putting greens, chipping or pitching greens, bunkers and the tournament golf course during practice rounds).

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. 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.

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-stie 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.

#### **H. 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*.

**I. 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.

**J. APPEARANCE OF PLAYERS**

Players shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Clothing worn by players shall be consistent with currently accepted golf fashion. The Tournament Director shall interpret this regulation, subject to the approval of the Commissioner.

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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.

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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. The top 125 finishers on the Official PGA TOUR Money List following the conclusion of the event immediately preceeding the first FedExCup Playoffs event in a season, provided they apply for membership within the time specified by PGA TOUR.

**NOTE:** This membership eligibility will be eliminated after the 2016–2017 season.

- d. 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.
- e. 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, or whose official money won in PGA TOUR cosponsored or approved events, when combined with money earned in official money World Golf Championship events in the prior season (collectively “combined money”), equals or exceeds the amount of official money earned by the player finishing in 125th position on the Official PGA TOUR Money List following the conclusion of the Event immediately preceeding the first FedExCup Playoffs event, provided he applies for membership within the time specified by PGA TOUR.

**NOTE:** The official money portion of this membership eligibility will be eliminated after the 2016–2017 season.

- f. Any members who qualify for the Major Medical Extension as provided in Section A–1e of Article III, for so long as such member is entitled to the Major Medical Extension.
- g. 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.
- h. 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–1k 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–1j 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-1n 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-1o 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-1q 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-1e of Article III, or Minor Medical Extension as provided in Section A-1j 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.

## 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 (h) 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, A.1.e and A.1.j 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, A.1.e and A.1.j 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**

Jason Bohn (2015–2017)  
Charley Hoffman (2017–2019)  
Davis Love III (2016–2018)  
Kevin Streelman (2017–2019)  
Bo Van Pelt (2014–2016)  
Mark Wilson (2014–2016)

**Independent Directors**

Victor J. Ganzi, Chairman  
G. Kennedy Thompson  
John B. McCoy  
Randall L. Stephenson

**PGA Director**

Derek Sprague, President, PGA of America

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Tournament Players Clubs (Tee Times) .....	888/877–9201
PGA of America .....	561/624–8400
USGA.....	908/234–2300
LPGA .....	386/274–6200

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