



PGA TOUR University presented by Velocity Global

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ELIGIBILITY

Players eligible for PGA TOUR University presented by Velocity Global are NCAA Division-I golfers who complete a minimum of four years in college, or who complete three years and deliver intent and proof of early college graduation.

Eligible players must:

- Exhaust four years of NCAA athletic eligibility, OR four years of college academics (with a minimum of two years of athletics), OR provide proof of college graduation (with a minimum of two years of athletics)
- Meet PGA TOUR minimum age and membership requirements
- Play a minimum of five PGA TOUR University-ranked tournaments during the first year of the Ranking Period (Class of 2022: Week 24/2020 through Week 23/2021)
- Play in a NCAA D-I Regional Championship in the second year of the Ranking Period
- Play in the NCAA D-I National Championship in the second year of the Ranking Period, if they qualify and are selected to compete

PGA TOUR Qualifying Tournaments

All collegiate players will be ineligible for PGA TOUR University (in the current season and subsequent seasons) if they compete in a Qualifying Tournament for Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica or PGA TOUR Canada.

- **Exception:** Players in the current season's Velocity Global Ranking may participate in the PGA TOUR Canada Qualifying Tournament.

Spring Checkpoint

The Spring Checkpoint occurs in April and will be communicated to coaches and players via email. In order to preserve PGA TOUR University eligibility, players may opt out of the current season if he intends on returning to school. PGA TOUR University must be notified, in writing, if a player wishes to opt out and reclassify to the following season's Class. Players who reclassify will be removed from the current year's Velocity Global Ranking.

- Players who finish in the top-15 of the final Velocity Global Ranking earn the benefits associated with his finish. He is NOT eligible for next year's class if he chooses to return to school.
- Players who finish outside the top-15 of the final Velocity Global Ranking are eligible for PGA TOUR University the following season if they choose to return to school.

PERFORMANCE BENEFITS

At the conclusion of stroke play at the 2022 NCAA D-I Men's National Championship, the top-15 players in the Class of 2022 will earn status on the Korn Ferry Tour or a PGA TOUR international tour.

Performance benefits will only be provided to the top-15 players. If a player cannot or chooses not to accept his benefits, players outside the top-15 will not be offered these performance benefits.

- **PGA TOUR University First Team** – Players 1st-5th in the final Velocity Global Ranking
 1. Earn Korn Ferry Tour membership and exempt into all open, full-field events beginning the week following the conclusion of the NCAA Division-I National Championship through the end of the regular season
 2. Exempt into Final Stage of the current year's Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament
 3. Exempt into a PGA TOUR international tour the following year

- **PGA TOUR University Second Team** – Players 6th-15th in the final Velocity Global Ranking
 1. Earn membership on a PGA TOUR international tour and exempt into all open, full-field events beginning the week following the conclusion of the NCAA Division-I National Championship through the end of the current season
 2. Exempt into Second Stage of the current year's Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament

Remaining Amateur

A player named to the PGA TOUR University First or Second Team may remain an amateur and accept his playing benefits, but players do not earn prize money or non-member points when they compete as an amateur.

VELOCITY GLOBAL RANKING

The Velocity Global Ranking is a proprietary system created by the PGA TOUR and designed to identify and rank collegiate players based on winning, competitiveness and season-long performance. In partnership with the World Amateur Golf Ranking® (WAGR®), PGA TOUR University ranks players based on their average performance in counting events.

PGA TOUR University counting events include NCAA Division-I men's golf tournaments (stroke play), official PGA TOUR tournaments and select DP World Tour events. Players earn points equivalent to the number of points awarded by WAGR®, except for the NCAA D-I Men's National Championship and missed cuts at some professional tournaments (see below).

Professional Tournaments

At professional tournaments played after Week 22/2021, Velocity Global Ranking points will be awarded in the following manner.

Category 1: Masters, U.S. Open, The Open Championship and the 2022 Slync.io Dubai Desert Classic

- Players will be awarded full points based on their finish position, as currently determined by WAGR®.
- Players may receive full points at other select professional tournaments, at the discretion of PGA TOUR University and determined before the start of the tournament.

Category 2: All official PGA TOUR events, except those in Category 1

- Players who miss the cut will be awarded a maximum of 8 points. They will earn points based on their finish position, as currently determined by WAGR®, or 8 points, whichever value is smallest.
- Players who make the cut will be awarded full points based on their finish position, as currently determined by WAGR®.
- Players may receive points under this modified structure at other select professional tournaments, at the discretion of PGA TOUR University and determined before the start of the tournament.

NCAA D-I Men’s National Championship

The points distribution for the NCAA D-I Men’s National Championship is based on a Power of 1000. Players in the current season Velocity Global Ranking will receive bonus points if they finish in the top 10 of the final stroke-play leaderboard.

1st – 15 points	6th – 5 points
2nd – 10 points	7th – 4 points
3rd – 8 points	8th – 3 points
4th – 7 points	9th – 2 points
5th – 6 points	10th – 1 point

If players tie at a position, bonus points are distributed evenly between those players. Examples:

- Two-way T3 = players in the current season Velocity Global Ranking receive 7.5 bonus points.
- Four-way T10 = players in the current season Velocity Global Ranking receive .25 bonus points.

Ranking Periods

	Begins	Concludes
Class of 2022	Week 24/2020	May 30, 2022
Class of 2023	Week 23/2021	May 29, 2023
Class of 2024	Week 23/2022	May 27, 2024

Minimum Divisor

The minimum divisor for the Class of 2022 is 18, and it will be applied to players’ records on May 11, 2022. This will allow players the opportunity to reach the minimum, while providing an accurate Ranking throughout the 2021-22 season.

Medical Redshirt

This policy applies to players who are eligible for PGA TOUR University and had a medical redshirt approved during the first year of his Class’ Ranking Period. In such cases, the player’s Ranking Period will include the 52 weeks immediately preceding the start of his Class’ Ranking Period, and all tournaments played during the year of his medical redshirt season will not be part of his PGA TOUR University record.

The Ranking Period for Class of 2022 players coming off a medical redshirt (2020-21) is:

- Week 24/2019 through Week 23/2020, AND
- Week 24/2021 through May 30, 2022

Appeals

In the case of a withdrawal due to medical circumstance, the player can appeal the added Divisor by providing certified documentation to the World Amateur Golf Ranking®. PGA TOUR University will consult with WAGR® before deciding if the appeal applies to the Velocity Global Ranking.

Good Faith

The objective of PGA TOUR University is to identify the best college golfers, and players are expected to compete if the coach puts him in the lineup. If a player is found not acting in good faith (e.g. – choosing not to play in order to protect his position in the Ranking), PGA TOUR University reserves the right to declare him ineligible.

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