

ATTACHMENT A



PGA TOUR OPEN QUALIFIER GUIDELINES

1. PRE-QUALIFIER

The PGA Section is required to conduct a Pre-Qualifier competition. This round should be played on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday of the week preceding the Open Qualifier. However, in the event that there are less than 50 entries at the normal (non-member) entry deadline (refer to Section 4 below), the PGA Section, after having first received approval from Tyler Dennis at PGA TOUR Headquarters, may be allowed to not conduct a Pre-Qualifier. Tyler may be reached at (904) 280-5033 or by email at tylerdennis@pgatourhq.com.

Members of the PGA TOUR and Nationwide Tour, Regular members of the Champions Tour and any player who played in the preceding week's PGA TOUR event are exempt into the Open Qualifier. Additionally, two (2) members of the Local PGA Section in which the Tournament is held will be exempt into the Open Qualifying. The PGA Section is solely responsible for identifying and providing these names prior to the PGA TOUR Members entry deadline (refer to Section 4). These two spots can be determined by the PGA Section through their points list, a separate qualifier, or by other competitive means. These two section players will be responsible for paying the \$400 entry fee.

The lowest scoring 50 players plus any ties for 50th place from the Pre-Qualifier will be the eligible players for the Open Qualifier, except that for the Buick Invitational, FBR Open, Northern Trust Open, The Honda Classic, and PODS Championship, the number of players advancing into Open Qualifying will be the lowest scoring 30 players plus any ties for 30th place.

When more than one pre-qualifying site is used, the split for each site will be announced when the pairings are posted. For events with 50 and ties advancing from one site, two pre-qualifying sites will advance 23 and ties each, and three sites will advance 14 and ties each. For events with 30 and ties advancing from one site, two sites will advance 14 and ties each, and three sites will advance 9 and ties each. If the total number of successful qualifiers is less than 50 or 30 respectively, the number of qualifying positions will be increased equally at each site until at least 50 or 30 applicants advance.

2. PGA TOUR TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL

In addition to the yearly contact from the PGA TOUR office regarding contracts and financial obligations, the PGA TOUR will have a PGA TOUR Tournament Official present at all Open Qualifiers to oversee the Open Qualifier competition. The PGA TOUR Tournament Official assigned to your Open Qualifier will be on site by Sunday prior to the competition. In addition, he will be in contact a few weeks prior to the competition and will want to review these guidelines with you.

3. APPLICATION TO ENTER PRE-QUALIFIER AND OPEN QUALIFIER FORM

The PGA TOUR has provided an Application to Enter Pre-Qualifier and Open Qualifier form, Attachment C, which the PGA Section must use. The form is enclosed and will also be emailed to you as a MS Word file. There are sections that need to be completed by the PGA Section on pages 1 and 3, including the number of spots advancing through the pre-qualifier and into the actual tournament. The first two pages are meant to be

returned by the applicant to the PGA Section and the remaining pages kept for informational purposes. If you use electronic entries in your PGA Section, we ask that the form be posted on the website and that applicants agree to the terms and conditions on it as part of the electronic process.

4. DEADLINE

Deadline for receipt of entries by eligible players (nonmember professional golfers and amateurs with attested handicaps of two (2) or less) shall be 5:00 p.m. (local tournament site time) on the second Friday preceding the Open Qualifier. All players must enter by the applicable deadline, except that members of the PGA TOUR, Nationwide Tour, and Regular Members of the Champions Tour may enter by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the Open Qualifier.

5. PRE-QUALIFYING AND OPEN QUALIFYING SITES

To the extent possible, conditions of the Pre-Qualifier and Open Qualifier site shall be comparable to those of the Tournament site in conditioning, speed of greens, etc. The course should be of a traditional nature, in good condition, and a good test of golf. A course where a player must hit an iron off of a majority of tees or a course that is in poor condition from a maintenance perspective is unacceptable. While the proximity of the course to the Tournament site should be considered, it is more important to play a higher quality course located ninety (90) minutes from the Tournament site than it is to play one of less quality thirty (30) minutes away.

6. FIELD SIZE

The Open Qualifier field size is intended to be a maximum of 78 players including Nationwide Tour, PGA TOUR and Regular members of the Champions Tour; provided, however, that if the number of entries exceeds 78 players because of the number of Nationwide Tour, PGA TOUR and Regular members of the Champions Tour who enter, the field size will be expanded to accommodate those members.

7. GROUPINGS / STARTING TIMES

The groupings and starting times for the Open Qualifier must be approved by the PGA TOUR Tournament Official assigned to your Open Qualifier competition and shall be posted by 3:00 p.m. (local time) on Saturday preceding the competition. Normally the competition will be played in groups of three (3) players, with starting times off both the first and tenth tees, with the first starting time at the earliest reasonable time which provides time for maintenance procedures and the first group forty-five (45) minutes to warm up.

8. QUALIFIER POSITIONS / PLAYOFFS

The number of players advancing is normally four; to the extent possible, playoffs for qualifier positions shall be conducted immediately following the completion of qualifier competition play. It is no longer necessary to identify alternates since a withdrawal by one of the four open qualifiers will have occurred after the noon Monday deadline, resulting in that qualifier being replaced with a player on the PGA TOUR alternate list. In no case will a playoff be decided by any means other than a hole-by-hole sudden death format, even if this means continuing the playoff on the next day.

9. TRADITIONAL SPIKES
Facilities hosting Open Qualifiers may not prohibit the use of traditional metal spikes for the Pre-Qualifier and Open Qualifier. Players may be required to use softspikes during practice rounds.
10. GOLF CARTS / CADDIES / PULL CARTS
Golf Carts are not permitted. Players and caddies shall walk at all times, except when permitted by the Rules Committee to ride. Players are not required to have a caddie. Players and caddies may either carry the clubs or use a manual or electric pull cart.
11. APPEARANCE / CONDUCT
Players: While on the host facility property, players shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Blue jeans, shorts, cutoffs, T-shirts or shirts with no collar shall not be worn.

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

A player or caddie conducting himself in a manner unbecoming a professional, or found to be using or selling illegal substances, or using alcohol in an abusive manner could result in the removal of the player from the competition for conduct unbecoming a professional.
12. EVACUATION PLAN
An evacuation plan is required for the Pre-Qualifier & Open Qualifier competitions in the event inclement weather or other emergency necessitates a prompt evacuation of the golf course.
13. SCORECARDS
Scorecards must be for the course being played and need to include the competitor's name, date, starting hole (i.e., #1 and #10), the yardage and par for each hole and a place for both the competitor and marker to sign. Ideally, the Section will create its own scorecard for the competition as opposed using the normal card for the course.
14. RULES OF PLAY
The Rules of the USGA govern play, as modified by the PGA TOUR. An allotment of PGA TOUR Local Rules and Conditions of Competition ("**Hard Cards**") will be provided to the Section by TOUR. In addition, and under the guidance of the PGA TOUR Tournament Official, a Notice to Competitors that conforms to the Rules of Golf will be provided to the competitors by the Section.
15. PACE OF PLAY
The PGA TOUR Pace of Play Policy will be in effect for the Open Qualifier. Sections will be required, under the guidance of the PGA TOUR Tournament Official, to create a Pace of Play Time Chart.

16. OFFICIALS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS

The host PGA Section is required to coordinate the starters, scoring officials and scoreboard operator and to provide at least four on-course rules officials at each qualifier course. We expect that one or more of these be certified by PGA/USGA examination to the level of USGA or PGA of America guidelines.

17. COURSE CONDITIONS

Generally, there should be no change in the usual maintenance program of the course. However, all putting greens must be mowed the morning of the Open Qualifier. Fairways and tees must be cut within the preceding day and bunkers should be smoothed prior to play. The PGA TOUR requests that the course generally be firm and fast and not overly wet on the competition day. If possible, divots in landing areas and on tees should be filled and dew on fairways, tees and putting green collars should be removed.

18. COURSE MARKING

The marking of the course is the Section's responsibility, though the PGA TOUR Tournament Official will review the course markings prior to competition. The course should be marked prior to the Pre-Qualifier if necessary. Please contact the facility and develop an action plan for marking the course. The use of 1" x 2" x 24" stakes for water hazards and 1" x 2" x 30" or 36" stakes for out-of-bounds is preferred. The Section shall ensure that there is enough red, yellow and white marking paint to mark the course, as well as some green marking paint, enough paint guns and a stake mallet. Out-of-bounds must be defined and marked with white stakes and all water hazards must be identified with stakes and defined by painted lines. The marking of any ground under repair will be coordinated by the PGA TOUR Tournament Official.

19. HOLE / TEE MARKER LOCATIONS

Hole Locations: The PGA TOUR Tournament Official will coordinate the location of the hole on each green for the Open Qualifier.

Tee Markers: All competitors in the field are required to play from the same tee markers, including females. Therefore only one set of markers is needed on each hole. Please make arrangements to have all other tee markers removed from the competition course prior to the first starting time. The PGA TOUR Tournament Official will coordinate positioning of the tee markers.

20. SCOREBOARD / SCORING AREA

An Official Scoreboard with a minimum of nine and eighteen hole scores and a summary is required for the Open Qualifier. A scoring area(s) for players to sign and return their scorecard is required. The area should be in close proximity to the finishing green(s) and needs to be large enough to allow all players in a grouping to be seated comfortably.

21. VOLUNTEERS / TENTS

Please coordinate with the host facility the recruitment of volunteers if necessary and the construction of starting and finishing tents.

22. FAXING OF RESULTS

At the conclusion of the Monday Open Qualifier competition, the Section shall provide the PGA TOUR Tournament Official a results report. This report will include the four

qualifiers' full names as they would want them to appear, their hometown and state, social security number and their score for the Open Qualifier. In addition, the Section will fax full field results to PGA TOUR Headquarters at 904/273-3377, Attention: Karen Rose.

23. REDUCTION/CANCELLATION/FORCE MAJEURE GUIDELINES

Any reduction or cancellation in the respective qualifying competition shall be in accordance with Reduction/Cancellation Guidelines as found in the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations. In the event that the competition is canceled without any player having been able to play, all entry fees will be refunded. In the event the competition is canceled after play has begun, all entry fees will be refunded, minus a \$25 administrative charge per player.

The term "Force Majeure" shall mean acts of God, earthquakes, blizzards, tornadoes, hurricanes, fire, flood, malicious mischief, insurrection, riots, labor disturbances, public enemy, war, landslides, explosions, epidemics, compliance with any order, ruling, injunction or decree by any court, tribunal or judicial authority of competent jurisdiction and any other similar circumstances beyond the reasonable control of PGA TOUR. Section acknowledges and agrees that PGA TOUR shall have the right to cancel or reschedule the Tournament as a result of a Force Majeure event. In such event, PGA TOUR shall not be responsible to reimburse any expenses.

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

In situations involving adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence or condition, our first priority is the completion of the qualifying competition. Every effort will be made to achieve this objective by the end of the scheduled competition day.

In the event the qualifying competition cannot be completed by the end of the last scheduled competitive day, play will be extended one additional day.

If the completion of the qualifying competition is impossible by the end of one additional day, the next priority will be the completion of the competition by the end of one additional day.