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SENIOR PROFESSIONAL
— CHAMPIONSHIP —
SECTION

ENTRY INFORMATION

REFER TO THE SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP DATES, DEADLINE DATES, SITES & ENTRY FEES DOCUMENT FOR YOUR SECTION'S SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Every applicant (except exempt applicants) must go through a two-stage process as follows to compete in the Senior PGA Professional Championship:

1. Enter and compete in your Section Senior PGA Professional Championship. See "Section Championship Dates, Deadline Dates, Sites & Entry Fees" for your Section's specific information.
2. A pre-determined number of top finishers from each Section, plus exempt players, will then advance to the 2018 Senior PGA Professional Championship supported by Golf Advisor and John Deere to be played October 25-28, 2018 at PGA Golf Club, Port St. Lucie, Florida. An additional \$50 entry fee will be required to enter the Senior PGA Professional Championship and a separate eligibility deadline must also be met.

All members who wish to play in the 2018 Senior PGA Professional Championship supported by Golf Advisor and John Deere, and/or the 2019 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, must first enter their respective 2018 Section Senior PGA Professional Championship (unless exemption status applies).

Providing all eligibility requirements are met and maintained, exemptions are as follows:

- All Champions of the Senior PGA Professional Championship
- Top eight (8) finishers plus ties from the 2017 Senior PGA Professional Championship
- Former PGA Professional Champions turning 50 during the current year, prior to the first round of the National Championship
- 2017 Senior PGA Professional Player of the Year
- 2017 PGA Professional Player of the Year, provided he/she is 50 years old
- PGA Professionals making the "cut" at the 2018 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
- 2018 PGA Professional Championship (if eligibility is met and maintained)

Exempt players have the option, but are not required, to play in their Section qualifier provided entries are made prior to the deadline and eligibility is met.

If they choose to enter, and provided they originally entered their Section Senior Championship, each Section Senior Champion has an automatic playing spot in the 2018 Senior PGA Professional Championship supported by Golf Advisor and John Deere. Champions determined after their Section's entry deadline may **not** submit a late entry for this event.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is limited to PGA members who meet all of the following criteria.

1. Must be eligibly employed, in good standing and classified in one of the following active membership classifications or have **Life Member status in one of the following classifications (LM, LMA, LMM or LMMA)**, at the time of entry and their Section's entry deadline date. The PGA of America Headquarters records must reflect this status at time of entry and on Section's entry deadline date.

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*MP Master Professional	A-13 General Managers/Directors of Club Operations
A-1 Head Professional at a PGA recognized golf course	A-14 Directors of Instruction at a PGA recognized facility
A-2 Head Professional at a PGA recognized golf range	A-15 Retail
A-4 Golf Directors at a PGA recognized golf course	A-16 Golf Course Architect/Builder
*A-5 Past PGA Presidents	A-17 Golf Course Superintendents
A-6 Self-employed teaching professionals	A-18 Golf Media
A-7 Director of Golf or Head Professional at a PGA recognized golf facility under construction	A-19 Golf Manufacturer Management
A-8 Assistant Professional	A-20 Golf Manufacturer Sales Representatives
A-9 Executives or managers of golf properties	A-21 Tournament Director
A-10 Golf Clinicians	A-22 Rules Official
A-11 Employees of Golf Associations	A-23 Golf Club Fitting/Golf Club Repair
A-12 College Golf Coaches	A-24 PGA members primarily employed within the golf industry who are not eligible for another Active classification

*Must be eligibly employed in one of the above mentioned active membership classifications or classified in one of the following Life Member classifications (LM, LMA, LMM or LMMA).

- Must not have played in more than ten (10) combined Adams Pro Tour (APT), Asian Tour, Australia/New Zealand Tour, Dakotas Tour, European Challenge Tour, European Senior Tour, European Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, JPGA Tour, Ladies European Tour (LET), Symetra Tour (LPGA), LPGA Tour, Mackenzie TOUR – Canada, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR – China, PGA TOUR – LatinoAmerica, SwingThought Tour, The Safari Tour, The Sunshine Tour, web.com TOUR tournaments. The U. S. Open, U. S. Senior Open, U. S. Women’s Open, PGA Championship, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and KPMG Women’s PGA Championship are not included in the 10-tournament count.
- Participants must also be a minimum of 50 years of age on October 25, 2018, the first round of the 2018 Senior PGA Professional Championship supported by Golf Advisor and John Deere.

PGA Tournament Corporation, Inc., reserves the right to determine whether or not any player meets eligibility and to reject any player who does not meet these requirements.

The PGA member will not be eligible to participate if:

- the member is serving a suspension from membership;
- the member is suspended from tournament participation for National tournaments; or
- the member is classified as Class F, Reserve (formerly Inactive), A-3, Retired Member, Life Member Century or Honorary.

TO ENTER

To enter the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship, each player may enter at www.PGA.org or call **1-800-474-2776**. Entries will be accepted beginning May 16, 2018.

If you enter by telephone, please ask for a confirmation number or if you enter online, please print your confirmation. A confirmation will be emailed to the current address in your membership file.

Confirmation # _____

American Express, MasterCard, or Visa will be accepted for payment. Please be prepared to provide the following information when entering:

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1. PGA membership number.
2. Name, city and state (as you wish it to appear on starting times, scoreboard, etc.).
3. Corporation information (if applicable). If prize money is to be paid to a corporation, you must provide the name of the corporation and its federal identification number.
4. Number of (must not have played in more than ten (10) combined) Adams Pro Tour (APT), Asian Tour, Australia/New Zealand Tour, Dakotas Tour, European Challenge Tour, European Senior Tour, European Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, JPGA Tour, Ladies European Tour (LET), Symetra Tour (LPGA), LPGA Tour, Mackenzie TOUR – Canada, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR – China, PGA TOUR – LatinoAmerica, SwingThought Tour, The Safari Tour, The Sunshine Tour, web.com TOUR tournaments. The U. S. Open, U. S. Senior Open, U. S. Women’s Open, PGA Championship, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and KPMG Women’s PGA Championship are not included in the 10-tournament count.

Section entry fee is \$140 (although Sections may set additional fees to add to the purse or to cover expenses related to playing the Championship). See “Section Championship Dates, Deadline Dates, Sites & Entry Fees” for your Section’s specific information.

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The PGA Board of Directors has determined that the allocation of the number of players advancing from each Section Senior PGA Professional Championship to the Senior PGA Professional Championship will be based on the average number of players over the last five (5) years (using actual number of eligible players starting their Championship).

All Applicants must compete in the Section in which they are affiliated on their Section’s entry deadline date, unless they have transferred to a new Section.

Applicants who have transferred into a new Section after their Section’s entry deadline have the option of competing in their original Section or in their new Section, but **not** in both. In order to compete in their new Section, they must inform their new Section of their intention at least seven (7) days prior to that Section’s event.

A “no refund” policy is in effect. Please notify your Section directly if you need to withdraw after their deadline. After the entry deadline, no money will be refunded from PGA Headquarters and anyone requesting a refund after that time will be referred back to their respective Section. A \$25 administration fee will be withheld for any withdrawal **prior** to the entry deadline. Any amount collected above \$140 can be refunded by the Section at their discretion.

PRIZE MONEY

Each Section will determine the prize money amount for this event, and the Section will distribute all prize money accordingly.

METHOD OF PLAY

The Section Senior PGA Professional Championship is a stroke play event with a minimum of 36 holes. In the event of a tie for the last advancing place or an alternate’s place, there should be a play-off as determined by the Section.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

This application is subject to acceptance by PGA Tournament Corporation, Inc., in its sole discretion. Applicant agrees that in the event of acceptance of this application, the application and Applicant’s participation in the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship may be rejected or revoked at any time thereafter for violation of eligibility criteria or any conditions of entry.

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Both the application and Applicant's participation in the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship (all stages) are subject to all Rules, Regulations, provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws of the Professional Golfers' Association of America, applicable eligibility criteria and/or other conditions applicable to the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship, as well as to the terms and conditions of any contract which PGA Tournament Corporation, Inc. may have made with other parties with respect to same, inclusive of, but not limited to, anti-doping policies.

Participation in all stages of the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship is subject to all Rules, Regulations, and provisions of the Constitution, Bylaws, Regulations and applicable Section Senior PGA Professional Championship eligibility criteria and other conditions of entry applicable to the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship. In addition, the following conditions apply.

As a condition of entry for participation in the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship, the Applicant consents to the recording and/or transmission of his/her voice and image to being filmed, videotaped, photographed or televised in connection with participation in the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship and any other event conducted in conjunction with the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship; waives, releases and assigns his/her private rights to the production, reproduction, publication and dissemination of any recordings, transmissions, video recordings, portraits, posters, motion pictures, photographs, images and electronic transmissions, in any format and by any forms of media, throughout the world, whether now in existence or hereinafter created, which depict the Applicant as a participant in the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship or any other phase or portion thereof and any other event conducted in conjunction with the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship to the Professional Golfers' Association of America, any of its affiliates, subsidiaries, or assigns for all use in connection with:

- i) advertising, promoting, or publicizing the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship, or Senior PGA Professional Championship, or any broadcasts thereof;
- ii) radio broadcasts or "live" or "delayed" telecasts or television programs, Internet or other electronic transmissions;
- iii) broadcasts or exhibitions on a recorded basis as part of a program, motion picture or video recording of the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship, or year-end summaries of sports award programs or any news or sports news programs in any form of media;
- iv) live or taped non-exclusive updated; and
- v) official lithographs, commemorative yearbooks, portraits, paintings, posters and the like.

Applicant agrees to refrain from any action, which will interfere with the orderly recording, production, reproduction, publication and dissemination of such recordings, transmissions, films, tapes, electronic transmissions, pictures, photographs, or images.

As a condition of entry, all players expressly release and discharge the PGA of America, PGA Tournament Corporation, Inc., its affiliates and subsidiaries, officers, directors, employees, members, sponsors, respective PGA Section and host site from and against any claims for injuries sustained in any way attributable to or incidental to participating in the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship, and acknowledges that they expressly assume the risks and dangers incidental to participation in the event, inclusive of, but not limited to, injuries caused by errant golf shots, injuries sustained attributable to weather conditions, or injuries attributable to the golf course or host site's premises. Players agree that they choose to participate in the event at their own risk and will assume the risk of injury in association with participating in the event.

Applicant agrees that Applicant will not share in any part of the prize money, which Applicant may win in the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship, with any other contestant.

It is also understood that Applicant's participation in the Senior PGA Professional Championship is subject to pre-qualifying unless he/she is among those who are exempt from qualifying.

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POLICIES

Entry fees must be received by the entry deadline, which is established and set forth herein.

There shall be no waivers of entry deadlines unless approved by the PGA of America Officers acting in the best interest of the game of golf, sponsors, hosts/sites, the public and/or the players.

There will be no entry refunds after the closing date for entries.

Although competing from separate tees (men from the men's tees and women from the women's tees), men and women professionals shall compete for the same purse. For example, the man or woman professional with the lowest score shall win first place money.

Women participating from the women's tees shall not be eligible to earn playing privileges in the Senior PGA Championship and tournaments co-sponsored or approved by the PGA TOUR, the Champions TOUR, or the web.com TOUR. Prior to starting at the Section level, a woman must declare from which tees she will be playing.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

GROOVES AND PUNCH MARK CONDITIONS: The PGA of America has adopted the conditions of competition for grooves and/or punch marks for its three major Member Championships, i.e., PGA Professional Championship, Senior PGA Professional Championship and Assistant PGA Professional Championship.

All players' clubs must conform to the grooves and punch mark conditions of the competition at both the Section and National level of the competition.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: A player or his/her caddie may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is two (2) strokes for first offense and for subsequent offense – **disqualification**.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

The conditions governing play and purse distribution will be determined by the PGA of America and distributed by the appropriate PGA Section. The Section Senior PGA Professional Championship will be subject to the overall supervision of the Section.

Proper golfing attire must be worn at all times during play and the Section Tournament Director may prohibit play by those who do not conform to dress standards by the Section.

Any player who shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a golf professional while participating in the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship or activities related thereto (i.e., practice rounds, hospitality events, etc.), or who otherwise violates the Code of Ethics of the PGA shall be subject to fine or suspension from tournament play.

The Section Tournament Director shall be authorized to impose penalties consisting of a fine of \$100 for the first offense, a fine of \$150 for the second offense, and suspension from tournament play for the third offense for any of the following violations:

- Club throwing/club breaking
- Damage to course equipment or property
- Abuse, oral (profanity) or otherwise, directed at rules officials, other competitors, spectators, sponsors, championship staff, volunteers, or others
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or marijuana use (unless pre-approved as a treatment for a medical condition) during practice rounds and/or championship rounds
- Any other conduct deemed by the Tournament Director to be unbecoming a PGA Golf Professional

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In the event of a tie for first place at the end of the Championship, there will be a play-off as determined by the Section Tournament Committee.

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For those players advancing into the 2018 Senior PGA Professional Championship supported by Golf Advisor and John Deere, entry information will be emailed to you after your (qualifying) Section Senior PGA Professional Championship. This information will also be available on-line at www.pgatournaments.com on or before Wednesday, August 22, when entries begin for the National Championship. Entry deadline is set for Wednesday, October 3, 2018.

- The supporting sponsors for the 2018 Championship are Golf Advisor and John Deere.
- The 2018 Senior PGA Professional Championship will be played at PGA Golf Club (Wanamaker and Ryder courses). Dates of the Championship are October 25-28 (Thursday – Sunday) with practice rounds available October 23 and 24 (Tuesday and Wednesday). The first cut will be made after 36 holes of play to the low 90 players plus ties. The second cut will be made after 54 holes of play to the low 70 players plus ties. The final two rounds will be played on the Wanamaker course.
- National Championship entries will begin on Wednesday, August 22, 2018.
- National Championship entry deadline is Wednesday, October 3, 2018.
- On-site registration (required) will be held on October 23-24, 2018.

Only exempt players and players qualifying through their Section Senior Championship will be allowed to enter the National Championship.

The condition of competition regarding grooves and punch marks will be in effect for ALL stages of the 2018 Senior PGA Professional Championship supported by Golf Advisor and John Deere.

ADDITIONAL PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES

It is anticipated that the following potential benefits would be available to those who play well from the back tees. All of the following benefits may be subject to change at any time.

The Top 35 finishers in the 2018 Senior PGA Professional Championship supported by Golf Advisor and John Deere will qualify for the 2019 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship*, scheduled to be played at Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, New York. May 23-26, 2019.

**Players with a current exemption into the 2019 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship will be included in the top 35 count. NOTE: It is a condition of the competition during the 2019 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship that all contestants must walk, and that the condition of competition regarding grooves and punch marks will be in effect.*

The Top 8 finishers plus ties in the 2018 Senior PGA Professional Championship supported by Golf Advisor and John Deere will be exempted into the 2019 Senior PGA Professional Championship.

NOTE: A player forfeits the additional benefits earned through the 2018 Senior PGA Professional Championship performance if he/she fails to meet all of the eligibility criteria listed here: must be classified and eligibly employed as MP, A-1, A-2, A-4, A-5, A-6, A-7, A-8, A-9, A-10, A-11, A-12, A-13, A-14, A-15, A-16, A-17, A-18, A-19, A-20, A-21, A-22, A-23, A-24 or have a following Life Member status (LM, LMA, LMM, or LMMA) on the entry deadline of the specific tournaments listed. Players must not have played in more than ten (10) "regulated" tournaments in the twelve (12) month period ending in October 2019.

The Top 5 finishers in the 2018 Senior PGA Professional Championship supported by Golf Advisor and John Deere will be exempted into the **2018** Champions Tour National Finals held in November 2018, provided they enter prior to the entry deadline.

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