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INFORMATION

PGA WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

PGA Golf Club | Port St. Lucie, Fla.

HISTORY

The PGA Winter Championships (formerly the PGA Winter Tournament Program) began in 1954 at PGA National Golf Club in Dunedin, Florida, to provide additional playing opportunities for PGA Professionals. The Stroke Play Championship and the Quarter Century Championship were played the first year. The Senior-Junior Team Championship was added in 1959, and the Match Play Championship was part of the program from 1964-2016. In 1985, the PGA Seniors' Championship (now KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship) was separated from the Winter Tournament Program following the 1980 founding of the Senior PGA Tour (now PGA Tour Champions). A new senior age-group competition was created for PGA Members. This event became the Senior Stroke Play Championship. In 2017, the PGA proudly began the Four-Ball Stableford Team Championship.

All PGA of America Members in good standing, Associates and LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals and Associates are eligible to compete in the PGA Winter Championships under the following guidelines and provided they meet the eligibility requirements found in the Information and Policy Section of this handbook.

The **Quarter Century Championship** is for those who have been PGA of America Members for at least 25 years. This is a 36-hole stroke-play championship. In addition, a **Half-Century** Champion's plaque will be awarded to the lowest 36-hole score of those Members that have obtained 50 years of membership on or before the first Championship round.

The **Senior Stroke Play Championship** is for PGA Professionals who are at least 50 years of age. This is a 54-hole stroke-play championship.

In the **Senior-Junior Team Championship**, the senior member must be at least 50 years of age on or before the first Championship round, and the junior member must be 49 years of age or younger on or before the first Championship round. This event is a pick-your-own partner event. This is a 72-hole four ball stroke-play championship.

The **Four-Ball Stableford Team Championship** is a pick-your-own partner event. Although all participants will compete for the same purse, there will be 4 sets of tees, junior men, senior men, junior women and senior women. Teams may be formed with any combination of players. Teams compete in a 54-hole competition.

Women's Stroke Play Championship is a 54-hole stroke-play championship that allows both women members, women associates and LPGA Teaching and Club Professional members to compete.

The **Stroke Play Championship** is a 54-hole stroke-play championship.

The PGA Winter Championship sites: at PGA National in Dunedin through 1962; at Port St. Lucie CC, Port St. Lucie, Fla., in 1963; at PGA National GC (BallenIsles CC of JDM), Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., from 1964 through 1973; at Port St. Lucie CC again in 1974; at Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Fla., from 1975 through 1981; and at the "new" PGA National GC (now PGA National Resort & Spa) in Palm Beach Gardens from 1982 through 1999. Beginning in 2000, the Championships have all been conducted at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie.

Beginning in 2006, the PGA Winter Tournament Program was renamed the PGA Winter Championships.#



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2018 PGA WINTER CHAMPIONSHIPS SUMMARY

Championship	Champion(s)	Score	Course(s)
Quarter Century Championship Groups A-3 (Ages: Under 50-64)	Fran Marrello	72-69-141	Wanamaker
Quarter Century Championship Groups 4-9 (Ages: 65-94)	James Mason	66-67-133	Ryder
Half-Century	Nunzio Ciampi	79-71-150	Ryder
Senior Stroke Play Championship Groups 1 & 2 (Ages: 50-59)	Mark Mielke	72-71-143	Ryder
Senior Stroke Play Championship Groups 3-9 (Ages: 60-94)	James Mason	67-68-135	Wanamaker
Senior-Junior Team Championship	Darrell Kestner & Sean Quinlivan	66-69-66-68-269	Wanamaker/Ryder/Dye Final Round - Ryder
Four-Ball Stableford Team Championship	Mark Brown & Joshua Rackley	15-16-13-+44	Wanamaker & Dye Final Round - Wanamaker
Women's Stroke Play Championship	Lisa Grimes	67-70-76-213	Wanamaker & Ryder Final Round - Ryder
Stroke Play Championship	Frank Esposito, Jr.	68-72-68-208	Wanamaker & Ryder Final Rounds - Wanamaker



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SCHEDULE

Day/Date	Event	Location/Course
Thursday January 3 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Registration Begins	Championship Office PGA Golf Club Administration Building
Wednesday & Thursday January 9-10	Quarter Century Championship Half Century Championship	<u>Groups A-3</u> Ryder <u>Groups 4-9</u> Wanamaker
Sunday - Tuesday January 13-15	Senior Stroke Play Championship	<u>Groups 1 & 2</u> Wanamaker <u>Groups 3-9</u> Ryder
Monday-Thursday January 28-31	Senior-Junior Team Championship	Wanamaker, Ryder & Dye Final Round - Wanamaker
Sunday - Tuesday February 3-5	Four-Ball Stableford Team Championship	Wanamaker & Dye Final Round - Dye
Sunday - Tuesday February 10-12	Women's Stroke Play Championship	Wanamaker & Ryder Final Round - Wanamaker
Sunday - Tuesday February 10-12	Stroke Play Championship	Wanamaker & Ryder Final Round - Ryder

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The PGA CHAMPIONSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Day prior to the start of a Championship - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Championship rounds - 1 hour prior to the first starting time to 1 hour after the completion of play.

The office will be closed on January 5, 6, 11, 19, 20, 26 and February 8.



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STARTING TIME INFORMATION

Listed below are the APPROXIMATE dates starting times will be available. The times will be posted at www.pgatournaments.com and the PGA Winter Championships office. Starting times will be available after 7:00 p.m.

Day/Date	Event	Approximate Day/Date Starting Times Posted
Wednesday & Thursday January 9-10	Quarter Century Championship	Friday January 4
Sunday - Tuesday January 13-15	Senior Stroke Play Championship	Friday January 11
Monday-Thursday January 28-31	Senior-Junior Team Championship	Friday January 25
Sunday - Tuesday February 3-5	Four-Ball Stableford Team Championship	Friday February 1
Sunday - Tuesday February 10-12	Women's Stroke Play Championship	Friday February 8
Sunday - Tuesday February 10-12	Stroke Play Championship	Friday February 8



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INFORMATION AND POLICIES

ARRIVAL ON TIME AT TEE

Just a reminder - PGA Officials will not call players to the tee. It is the player's responsibility to be in place and ready to start at his/her assigned time. **The official time is located on the starting tees only.**

CELLULAR/MOBILE DEVICES POLICY

All cellular devices, or any similar cellular telecommunications equipment, must be turned to silent and/or on vibrate at all times. Talking or texting with a cellular device during a championship round is prohibited and subject to the "Player Conduct and Discipline" fining policy guidelines.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

All clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that became effective beginning January 1, 2010.

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 PGA Winter Championships may be rejected or revoked at any time thereafter for violation of eligibility criteria or any conditions of entry.

Both the application and Applicant's participation in the PGA Winter Championships are subject to all Rules, Regulations, provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of The Professional Golfers' Association of America and other conditions applicable to the PGA Winter Championships, 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.

As a condition of entry for participation in the PGA Winter Championships, 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 PGA Winter Championships and any other event conducted in conjunction with the PGA Winter Championships; 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 which depict the Applicant as a participant in the PGA Winter Championships or any other phase or portion thereof and any other event conducted in conjunction with the PGA Winter Championships 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 PGA Winter Championships 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 PGA Winter Championships, 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.



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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, pictures, photographs, or images.

As a condition of entry, all players expressly release and discharge the PGA of America, its affiliates, officers, directors, employees, members, sponsors and the host site from and against any claims for injuries sustained incidental to participating in the event. Players agree that they choose to participate in the event at their own risk and players 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 PGA Winter Championships with any other contestant.

DRESS CODE

All PGA contestants are required to present a neat appearance, appropriate to a major professional golf championship. Male players may wear shorts during practice rounds; however, slacks must be worn during Championship rounds when on club property. Shorts must be hemmed, not more than 2" above the knee, and professional looking in appearance. Female players may wear slacks, walking shorts, skorts or golf skirts/dresses on club property. All attire must be hemmed appropriately for a Major professional golf Championship.

Shoes with traditional metal spikes are prohibited for all PGA Member Championships. Penalty for breach of this condition is DISQUALIFICATION.

ELIGIBILITY (Member, Associate, LPGA Teaching and Club Professional)

All **Members** of the Association are eligible (except Class A-3, Honorary Members, Inactive, Retired Members (RM), Life Member Century (LMC), Class F Members, and/or suspended Members) - provided they have not 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 LatinoAmerica, SwingThought Tour, The Safari Tour, The Sunshine Tour and web.com TOUR tournaments between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. The U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, U.S. Women's Open, PGA Championship and KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and KPMG Women's PGA Championship are not included in the 10-tournament count.

Associates who have completed Level 1 in the Professional Golf Management Program (PGM) and are in good standing are welcome to enter the PGA Winter Championships. All associate entries will be prioritized (waitlisted) by the date and time they register for each event with the PGA of America; associates will not be automatically entered into the event field, with the exception of women associates, registering for the Women's Stroke Play Championship. After the entry deadline for PGA members, associates will be entered into the event to fill the field, based upon availability and their priority. If a PGA Member waitlist exists at the entry deadline, the member waitlist will have 1st priority. For Team competitions, priority will be given to those teams that consist of 2 PGA members only. PGA member/associate teams and/or 2 associates forming a team will be waitlisted and will be entered into the event to fill the field, based upon availability and their priority.



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LPGA Teaching and Club Professional Members may register to participate in the Women’s Stroke Play Championship. **Women PGA Associates** in good standing and registered in the Associate Program will be allowed to bypass the previously discussed waitlist process and will be entered into the Women’s Stroke Play Championship field immediately.

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

Any player earning exempt (only) playing privileges on the PGA, Champions, LPGA, Futures or web.com TOURS, and has participated in an event that the player gained entry in solely through their exempt (only) playing privileges, will be INELIGIBLE to play in the PGA Winter Championships. For clarification, any player who has gained exempt status for these tours will be eligible to participate in the PGA Winter Championships until the exemption has actually been used to play in respective “TOUR” event. Women Associates, in good standing, and registered in the Associate Program will be allowed to enter the Women’s Stroke Play Championship only. To compete in the PGA Quarter Century Championship, one must be a member of the Quarter Century Club on or before the first day of competition.

ENTRY FEES

Quarter Century Championship	
Entry Fee	\$210
Senior Stroke Play Championship	
Entry Fee	\$265
Senior-Junior Team Championship	
Entry Fee	\$620 team/\$310 each player
Four-Ball Stableford Team Championship	
Entry Fee	\$520 team/\$260 each player
Women’s Stroke Play Championship	
Entry Fee	\$290
Stroke Play Championship	
Entry Fee	\$285

FOUR-BALL STABLEFORD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The Four-Ball Stableford Team Championship is a pick-your-own partner event. Although everyone will be competing for the same purse, there will be 4 sets of tees, junior men, senior men, junior women and senior women. Two person teams may be formed with any combination. Unlike traditional scoring methods, where the aim is to have the lowest score, the objective in the Four-Ball Stableford Team Championship is to have the highest score. Points are awarded in relation to a fixed score (PAR) on each hole as follows: 2 or more over the fixed score -3 points, 1 over the fixed score -1 point, fixed score (par) 0 points, 1 under the fixed score +2 points, 2 under the fixed score +5 points, 3 under the fixed score +8 points. The winner is the team who scores the highest number of points. The Championship will be contested on both the Wanamaker and Dye Courses. Teams compete in a 54-hole competition and after 36 holes; one round on each course, the field will be reduced to the **low 40 teams** and ties for the final round. The field is limited to 104 teams.



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GROUPS AND STARTING TIMES PROCEDURE

First-round groups are by random draw. Starting times will be posted at www.pgatournaments.com and the PGA Winter Championships office. In addition, starting times for subsequent rounds will be texted to players who provide a cell phone number at registration.

One Tee Start: Regrouped by score with the highest scores off first, down to leaders in last group.

Two Tee Start: The “Reverse Horseshoe” grouping system is used for these events. This means the leaders go off last on the front nine. The first time off #1 tee and #10 tee are middle scores, with the highest scores being last on the back nine. This affords players with the same scores to compete during a similar time period.

Just a reminder - PGA Officials will not call players to the starting tees. It is the player's responsibility to be in place and ready to play at his/her assigned time.

PLAYER CONDUCT and DISCIPLINE

Any participant deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a professional while participating in a PGA of America championships or in activities related thereto (e.g. practice rounds, hospitality events, etc.) shall be subject to fine, suspension and/or permanent disbarment from championship play as provided in this policy. A fine of \$100 shall be levied for the first offense. A fine of \$150 shall be levied for the second offense, and a prohibition from participating in PGA of America events for one year shall be levied for the third offense. Any Participant that is found guilty of more than three offenses for conduct unbecoming a professional charge may, at the sole discretion of the PGA of America, be permanently prohibited from participating in PGA of America championships and also may be subject to PGA of America Code of Ethics charges as provided in the PGA of America Constitution and Bylaws. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the PGA of America reserves the right to pursue Code of Ethics charges against any PGA Member/Associate for conduct charges related to the conduct of any Participant at PGA of America golf championships and related events at the sole discretion of the PGA of America.

Winter Championship information

- 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
- Improper golf car etiquette (i.e., parking off path at tee or green, three in a golf car, or not returning golf car to golf car area)
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages during championship rounds
- NOT USING the restroom facilities provided on the course
- Talking or texting with a cellular device during a championship round is prohibited.
- Any other conduct deemed by the Tournament Director to be unbecoming a Golf Professional

PRACTICE ROUNDS & PRACTICE FACILITY

Practice rounds are available on a limited basis. Please contact the PGA Golf Club at 800.800.4653 for a starting time.



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The PGA Center for Golf Learning and Performance will be open for PGA Winter Championship participants' practice purposes following their rounds. To gain access to the Learning Center, all participants must have a 2019 PGA Winter Championship money clip (available at player registration).

PRIZE MONEY INFORMATION AND PRIZE CHECK DISTRIBUTION

To receive prize money, you must complete each round of championship play and turn in a scorecard for each round.

Prize checks will be mailed to your permanent address as listed in your membership file. If you prefer, you may set up direct deposit into the bank account of your choice. Please go to www.pgatournaments.com to download your direct deposit form and instructions (forms will also be available at the PGA Winter Championships office). The direct deposit form must be completed and received, along with a copy of a voided check, ten (10) days prior to your first Championship.

REFUND POLICY

Each player is responsible to notify the PGA Winter Championships office if he/she is unable to compete before the start of a championship round in the PGA Winter Championships. The following refund policy has been established for the 2018 PGA Winter Championships.

- **Withdraw before entry deadline**
Entry fee, minus a \$25 administration fee will be refunded for each event.
- **Withdraw after entry deadline**
NO REFUND

SEPARATE TEES - OVERALL CHAMPION (QUARTER CENTURY CHAMPIONSHIPS) & SENIOR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS)

Although competing from separate tees (Age Groups 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75-79; 80-84; 85 and older), all players are competing for the Overall Champion plaque for the respective course.

SEPARATE TEES/SAME PURSE POLICY

Although competing from separate tees (men from men's tees and women from 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.

SENIOR-JUNIOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Each team will play one round on the Wanamaker Course, one round on the Ryder Course and one round on the Dye Course. The cut will be made after round 3 to the low 40 teams and ties. The final round will be played on the Ryder Course.

STARTING TEES/SCORING AREA

For the purposes of applying Rules 5.3a (When to Start Round) and 3.3b (2) (Player's Responsibility: Certifying Hole Scores and Returning Scorecard), a blue stake and/or ropes and blue lines shall define the teeing area and the scoring area. A player is considered to be "on the tee" when he or she is within the blue lined/staked area. A scorecard is considered returned to the Committee when the player has first left the scoring area as defined by the scoring tent, blue lines/stakes.



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AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION RULES & POLICIES

A breach of the following Automotive Golf Car Rules may subject a player to a penalty under the applicable Rule in the USGA Rules of Golf:

- A golf car is part of the player's equipment. When one golf car is shared by two players, the golf car and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of the player whose ball is involved except that, when the golf car is being moved by one of the players, the golf car and everything in it are deemed to be the equipment of that player.

The Tournament Director is 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 the championship play for the third offense for any of the following violations:

- A player's clubs must be transported on a golf car. **Only players will be allowed** to ride in the golf car.
- Only two golf cars will be allowed per group.
- Golf cars should not be taken from the car staging area until both players have arrived and are ready to play.
- Spectator cars are not allowed. Only official golf cars authorized by the PGA Winter Championships Director will be allowed on the course.
- Golf cars must not be driven up to the sides of greens and/or tees. Golf cars should be driven on the car paths as much as possible and across the fairway at a 90° angle. **When so restricted, cars must remain on paths at all times.**
- It is imperative that all players return their cars to the car staging area immediately upon completion of their round. Do not leave them at the various courses or their respective practice areas or parking lot.



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