



# PGA

## PROFESSIONAL

— CHAMPIONSHIP —

SECTION

# 2020

## 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 PGA Professional Championship:

1. Enter and compete in your Section PGA Professional Championship. See "Section Championship Dates, Deadline Dates, Sites & Entry Fees" document 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 2021 PGA Professional Championship scheduled to be played April 25-28, 2021, (Sunday through Wednesday) at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida. An additional \$100 entry fee will be required to enter the 2021 PGA Professional Championship and a separate eligibility deadline must also be met.

All members who wish to play in the 2021 PGA Professional Championship, and/or the 2021 PGA Championship (both of which will have an eligibility deadline that must be met) must first enter their respective 2020 Section PGA Professional Championship (unless exemption status applies).

Provided all eligibility requirements are met and maintained, exemptions for the 2021 PGA Professional Championship are as follows:

- Former Champions through 1996 have a lifetime exemption. Former Champions beginning in 1997 forward are exempt into the national Championship until he/she reaches the age of 60 or for a minimum of 10 years from such victory, whichever is the later.
- Top 20 plus ties in the 2020 PGA Professional Championship.
- 2020 Assistant PGA Professional Champion.
- 2020 Senior PGA Professional Champion.
- 2020 PGA Professional Player of the Year.
- 2020 Senior PGA Professional Player of the Year.
- 2020 Women's PGA Professional Player of the Year.
- PGA Professionals making the cut in the 2020 PGA Championship.
- Top 2 finishers in the 2021 PGA Winter Championship's Stroke Play Championship (not already exempt).

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

## ELIGIBILITY

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

1. Must be eligibly employed and in good standing at the time of entry and their Section's entry deadline date (unless special exception criteria met). The PGA of America headquarters' records must reflect this status at time of entry and Section's entry deadline date (unless special exception criteria met).



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*MP	Master Professional	A-14	Director of Instruction at a PGA Recognized Facility
A-1	Head Professional at a PGA Recognized Golf Course	A-15	Ownership or Management of a Retail Golf Facility
A-2	Head Professional at a PGA Recognized Golf Range	A-16	Golf Course Architect
A-4	Director of Golf at PGA Recognized Golf Facilities	A-17	Golf Course Superintendent
*A-5	Past Presidents of the Association	A-18	Golf Media
A-6	Golf Instructor at a PGA Recognized Facility	A-19	Golf Manufacturer Management
A-7	Head Professional at a PGA Recognized Facility Under Construction	A-20	Golf Manufacturer Sales Representative
A-8	Assistant Golf Professional at a PGA Recognized Facility	A-21	Tournament Coordinator/Director for Organizations, Businesses or Associations
A-9	Employed in Professional Positions in Management, Development, Ownership Operation and/or Financing of Facilities	A-22	Rules Official
A-10	Golf Clinician	A-23	Club Fitting/Club Repair
A-11	Golf Administrator	A-24	Employed within the golf industry and not eligible for another Active classification
A-12	College or University Golf Coach	LMA	Life Member Active
A-13	General Manager	LMMA	Life Member Master Professional Active

\*Must be eligibly employed in one of the above mentioned active membership classifications to be eligible.

- Must not have played in more than eight (8) combined Adams Pro Tour (APT), Asian 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 Australia Tours, PGA New Zealand Tours, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR China, PGA TOUR LatinoAmerica, SwingThought Tour, The Safari Tour, The Sunshine Tour and Korn Ferry Tour tournaments within twelve-month period prior to each Section deadline. 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 8-tournament count.

PGA Tournament Corporation, Inc., reserves the right to determine whether 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, LM, LMM, LMC, RM, Reserve (formerly Inactive), A-3, or Honorary.

## TO ENTER YOUR SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

To enter your Section PGA Professional Championship, each player may enter online at [www.PGA.org](http://www.PGA.org) or call **800.474.2776**. Entries will be accepted beginning April 2, 2020.

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.

- PGA membership number.
- Name, city and state (as you wish it to appear on starting times, scoreboard, etc.)
- Corporation information (if applicable). If prize money is to be paid to a corporation, you must provide the corporation's name and its federal identification number.



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4. Number of (must not have played in more than eight (8) combined) Adams Pro Tour (APT), Asian 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 Australia Tours, PGA New Zealand Tours, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR China, PGA TOUR LatinoAmerica, SwingThought Tour, The Safari Tour, The Sunshine Tour and Korn Ferry Tour tournaments within twelve-month period prior to each Section deadline. 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 8-tournament count.

Section entry fee is \$110 (although Sections may set additional fees to add to the purse or to cover expenses related to playing in 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 PGA Professional Championship to the 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**. 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.

Applicants who have transferred into a new Section PRIOR to their (former) Section's entry deadline, and their new Section's Championship has already taken place, the former Section must make a "special exception" and allow them to compete, even if membership records do not reflect that they are a member in good standing (in that specific Section) on the date of the former Section's deadline.

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 to their respective Section. A \$25 administration fee will be withheld for any withdrawal **prior** to the entry deadline. Any amount collected above \$60 can be refunded by the Section at their discretion.

## PRIZE MONEY

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Total prize money in each Section PGA Professional Championship will be a minimum of \$10,000.

## METHOD OF PLAY

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The Section 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

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As a condition to participating in the 2021 PGA Professional Championship which is scheduled to be held at April 25-28, 2021, at PGA Golf Club, Port St. Lucie, Florida, you agree to the following.

Entries must be received by the Section's entry deadline which is established and set forth in this entry information. There shall be no waivers of entry deadlines unless approved by the PGA of America in its sole discretion. This entry is subject to acceptance by PGA of America Corporation, Inc., and the player agrees that in the event of acceptance, it may be rejected or revoked at any time thereafter.



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As playing in events is a privilege, any tournament entrant whose employment status is in question, must be declared eligible employed at the time of entry and as of the entry deadline date to be eligible to participate. The Board of Control shall render decisions and have final adjudication on any appeal related to playing privileges. Competitors who are found to be ineligible employed subsequent to the start of the event (i.e., ineligible employment not adjudicated prior to the entry date of the event), shall be declared ineligible to advance to any further Championship or event, if applicable, and any prize money earned in the event shall be retained by the Section until the final determination of employment status is rendered.

A player's participation in the Section PGA Professional Championship is subject to the terms herein, all Rules, Regulations, provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of The PGA of America and other conditions applicable to the Section PGA Professional Championship, as well as to the terms and conditions of the agreement between PGA Tournament Corporation, Inc., or with agreements made with other parties with respect to same, inclusive of, but not limited to, anti-doping policies. In addition, the following conditions apply.

A player unconditionally and irrevocably grants and assigns to the PGA of America, without limitation, the right to use their name, image, voice and likeness in television, radio, motion picture, photographic, internet, social media, electronic and all other media, whether now in existence or hereafter created, in connection with their participation in the Section PGA Professional Championship and/or other events conducted in conjunction/connection with the Championship. For the avoidance of doubt, this grant of rights shall authorize The PGA of America, any of its affiliates, subsidiaries, and assigns, to make any and all use of the player's name, image, voice and likeness in connection with: (1) advertising, promoting or publicizing the Section PGA Professional Championship, any television or electronic broadcasts or radio broadcasts of the Championship, any subsequent Championships, The PGA of America, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, or any events sponsored or cosponsored by The PGA of America and the game of golf in general and/or the players; (2) live or recorded telecasts, television programs, radio broadcasts, internet broadcasts, or other electronic transmissions or programming during golf tournaments; (3) broadcasts or exhibitions on a recorded basis as part of a program, motion picture, electronic transmission programming or video recording of the Section PGA Professional Championship, or year-end summaries of sports award programs or any news or sports news programs; provided that in no case shall the rights granted herein be used in any program, motion picture or video recording designed for instructional purposes with the express consent of the player(s) involved; (4) live or taped non-exclusive updates in any form of media; and (5) commemorative coins, official lithographs, commemorative yearbooks, portraits, paintings, posters, or other materials commemorating a player; participation in the Section PGA Professional Championship. A player 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. A player acknowledges and agrees it is their intent to provide the rights outlined herein and to intentionally forego any rights to review and/or approve any recording or transmission.

In the event, a player or any person or entity with a player, record and/or otherwise capture, via any device and/or manually, whether at the site of the Section PGA Professional Championship or remotely, any data, content, images, video or statistics, in any form, related to and/or resulting from a player's participation in the Section PGA Professional Championship ("player data") the player hereby agrees to not use such player data for any commercial purpose, as such is defined by The PGA of America, without first obtaining the approval of The PGA of America, such approval at The PGA of America's sole discretion.

A player will not share any part of the prize money they may win in the Section PGA Professional Championship with any other player.

A player may not bet or wager on any aspect of the Section PGA Professional Championship (or engage in any other gambling activities on the premises of the Championship), nor may they provide any information concerning any player and/or the Section PGA Professional Championship to a party that the player knows, or has reason to believe, will use or is likely to use the information in connection with gambling on the Section PGA Professional Championship. The player shall promptly notify the PGA of America if they are approached by a third part requesting or providing information that the player knows, or has reason to believe, will be used in connection with gambling on the Section PGA Professional Championship.



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A player assumes all risk and danger incidental to participation in the event (both to the player and to third parties as a consequence of a player's actions) and releases The PGA of America, PGA Tournament Corporation, Inc., their affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, employees, members, sponsors and the host site from all liabilities from such cause.

It is also understood that a player's participation in the PGA Professional Championship is subject to pre-qualifying unless the player is among those who are exempt from pre-qualifying.

Except where otherwise noted, time of entry deadline shall mean Section Local Time.

At the 2021 PGA Professional Championship, players must employ a caddie for all Championship rounds and shall walk during a round.

## POLICIES

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

There shall be no waivers of entry deadlines unless approved by the PGA 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 (women from the forward 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.

The **condition of competition regarding grooves and punch marks is in effect for ALL stages of the 2021 PGA Professional Championship** presented by Club Car and OMEGA.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

Proper golfing attire must always be worn during play. The Tournament Director may prohibit play by those who do not conform to dress standards of the Section.

Any player who shall be deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a Golf Professional while participating in the Section PGA Professional Championship or activities related thereto (i.e., practice rounds, hospitality events, etc.), or who otherwise is deemed to violate the Code of Ethics of the PGA shall be subject to fine and/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 to be unbecoming a PGA Golf Professional

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.

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



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## ADDITIONAL PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES

It is anticipated that the following additional playing opportunities may be available to those who play well in this event from the back tees and women who play well in this event from the forward tees. All of the following benefits are subject to change at any time.

Women participating from the forward tees shall not be eligible to earn playing privileges in the PGA Championship and tournaments co-sponsored or approved by the European Tour, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions or the Korn Ferry TOUR. Prior to starting at the Section level, women must declare which tees they will be playing.

### The 2021 PGA Professional Champion:

- The PGA Professional Champion is exempt into PGA Professional Championships, until he/she reaches 60 years of age or for a minimum of ten (10) years after victory, whichever is the later, provided eligibility requirements are met and maintained.
- Subject to confirmation and approval of the PGA TOUR and to the availability of spots in particular tournament fields as determined by the PGA TOUR, the current PGA Professional Champion is exempt for a maximum of six (6) open tournaments, beginning after the PGA TOUR Championship in the fall of the current year through the first Fed-Ex Cup event the following year, in addition to any sponsor exemptions. Three (3) of these must be open tournaments held opposite to World Golf Championships and the Open Championship.
- The PGA Professional Champion is exempt from Local Qualifying (only) for the 2021 U.S. Open, provided an entry is filed by the stated deadline.
- The PGA Professional Champion is exempt into the 2021 Senior PGA Professional Championship, provided all eligibility requirements are met.

### Top 5 Finishers in the 2021 PGA Professional Championship:

- The top five (5) finishers, including ties, to a floor of 10<sup>th</sup> position, at the most recent PGA Professional Championship will be exempted to the Second Qualifying Stage of the Korn Ferry TOUR, provided an entry is filed by the stated deadline.

### Top 10 Finishers in the 2021 PGA Professional Championship:

- The top ten (10) finishers, including ties in the PGA Professional Championship will be exempted into Final Qualifying for the 2022 (British) Open Championship provided an entry is filed by the deadline.

### Top 20 Finishers in the 2021 PGA Professional Championship:

- The top twenty (20) finishers in the PGA Professional Championship will earn an exemption into this year's PGA Championship.\*
- The top twenty (20) finishers in the PGA Professional Championship will earn points toward the next PGA Cup Team\*

### Top 20 Finishers plus ties in the 2021 PGA Professional Championship:

- The top twenty (20) finishers plus ties will be exempt into the 2022 PGA Professional Championship, if all eligibility requirements are met and maintained.

### All Participants in the PGA Professional Championship:

- All participants who play in the 2021 PGA Professional Championship are exempted into the First Qualifying Stage of the Korn Ferry TOUR, provided an entry is filed by the stated deadline.

\*NOTE: A player forfeits the additional benefits earned through the PGA Professional Championship 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, have Life Member Active or Life Member Master Professional Active status on the entry deadline and must not have played in more than eight (8) combined tournaments in the immediate twelve (12) month period prior to the specific tournament deadline.



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