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SENIOR 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 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 2020 Senior PGA Professional Championship scheduled to be played October 15-18, 2020, at PGA Golf Club in 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 2020 Senior PGA Professional Championship, and/or the 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (both of which have an eligibility deadline that must be met), must first enter their respective 2020 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 2019 Senior PGA Professional Championship.
- Former PGA Professional Champions turning 50 during the current year, prior to the first round of the National Championship.
- 2019 Senior PGA Professional Player of the Year.
- 2019 PGA Professional Player of the Year provided he/she is 50 years old.
- Top 35 finishers from the 2019 Senior PGA Professional Championship (one-time only exemptions due to the cancellation of the 2020 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship).
- 2020 PGA Professional Champion (if eligibility is met and maintained).
- Top two finishers (not already exempt) from the 2020 Senior Stroke Play Championships (PGA Winter Championships).

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 2020 Senior PGA Professional Championship. 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 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 as of the Section entry deadline (unless special exception criteria met). The PGA of America Headquarters records must reflect this status at time of entry and on the Section entry deadline (unless special exception criteria met).



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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 eligible in one of the above-mentioned active membership classifications or must be eligible for the following Life Member classifications (LM, LMA, LMM or LMMMA).

- 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.

Participants must also be a minimum of 50 years of age on October 15, 2020, the first round of the 2020 Senior PGA Professional Championship.

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. A PGA member will not be eligible to participate if:

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 YOUR SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

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 April 22, 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 # _____



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

1. PGA membership number.
Name, city and state (as you wish it to appear on starting times, scoreboard, etc.).
2. 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.
3. Number of (must not have played in more than eight (8) combined) 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 \$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.

SECTION INFORMATION

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. 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 \$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

As a condition to participating in the 2020 Senior PGA Professional Championship which is scheduled to be played October 15-18, 2020, at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida, you agree to the following.



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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.

As playing in events is a privilege, any tournament entrant whose employment status is in question, must be declared eligibly 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 ineligibly 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 Senior 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 Senior 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 Senior 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 Senior 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 co-sponsored 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 Senior 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 Senior 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 Senior 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 Senior 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 Senior PGA Professional Championship with any other player.

A player may not bet or wager on any aspect of the Section Senior 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 Senior 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



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Section Senior 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 Senior PGA Professional Championship.

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 Senior 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.

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 (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.

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

The **condition of competition regarding grooves and punch marks is in effect for ALL stages of the 2020 Senior PGA Professional Championship.**

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 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 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 the PGA Rules Committee, 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 2020 Senior PGA Professional Championship, 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 about Wednesday, August 12, when entries begin for the National Championship. Entry deadline is set for Wednesday, September 23, 2020.

- The supporting sponsors for the 2020 Championship are Golf Channel and John Deere.
- The 2020 Senior PGA Professional Championship will be played at PGA Golf Club (Wanamaker and Ryder courses). Scheduled dates of the Championship are October 15-18 (Thursday – Sunday) with practice rounds available October 13-14 (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 12, 2020.
- National Championship entry deadline is Wednesday, September 23, 2020.
- On-site registration (required) will be held on October 13-14, 2020.

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

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 2020 Senior PGA Professional Championship will qualify for the 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, scheduled to be played May 2021, at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Players with a current exemption into the 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship will be included in the top 35 count. NOTE: It is a condition of the competition during the 2021 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 2020 Senior PGA Professional Championship presently exempted into the 2021 Senior PGA Professional Championship.

NOTE: A player forfeits the additional benefits earned through the 2019 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 eight (8) "regulated" tournaments in the twelve (12) month period ending in October 2020.

The Top 5 finishers in the 2020 Senior PGA Professional Championship will be exempted into the **2020** Champions Tour National Finals held in November 2020, provided they enter prior to the entry deadline.



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