



PGA

SENIOR PROFESSIONAL
SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

2023 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" 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 2023 Senior PGA Professional Championship scheduled to be played October 26-29, 2023, at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL. An additional \$50 entry fee will be required to enter the Senior PGA Professional Championship and a separate eligibility deadline must also be met. For players advancing into the 2023 Senior PGA Professional Championship, entry information will be emailed mid-August or after your respective (qualifying) Section Senior PGA Professional Championship.

All members who wish to play in the 2023 Senior PGA Professional Championship, and/or the 2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (both of which have an eligibility deadline that must be met), must first enter their respective 2023 Section Senior PGA Professional Championship (unless exemption status applies).

Providing all eligibility requirements are met and maintained, exemptions for the 2023 Senior PGA Professional Championship are as follows:

- Former Champions through 2019 have a lifetime exemption. Former Champions beginning in 2020 forward are exempt into the national Championship until he/she reaches the age of 70 or for a minimum of 10 years from such victory, whichever is the later;
- Top eight (8) finishers plus ties from the 2022 Senior PGA Professional Championship;
- 2022 PGA Professional, Senior PGA Professional and Women's PGA Professional Players of the Year;
- Former PGA Professional Champions turning 50 during the current year, prior to the first round of the National Championship;
- Top 2 finishers in the 2023 PGA Winter Championship's Senior Stroke Play "A" Championship (not already eligible);
- 2023 PGA Professional Champion;
- PGA Professionals making the "cut" at the 2023 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

Exempt players have the option, but are not required, to play in their Section Senior PGA Professional Championship 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 2023 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 employed and in good standing (in one of the following classifications) as of the first round of their 2023 Section Senior PGA Professional Championship. PGA of America membership records must reflect this status on the date of the first round (unless special exception criteria are met).

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

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

- Must not have played in more than eight (8) combined Adams Pro Tour (ATP), Asian Tour, Dakotas Tour, Epson Tour (formerly the Symetra Tour-LPGA), European Challenge Tour, European Senior Tour, European Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, JPGA Tour, Korn Ferry Tour (formerly web.com TOUR), Ladies European Tour (LET), LPGA Tour, Mackenzie TOUR-Canada, PGA Australia Tours, PGA New Zealand Tours, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR-China, PGA TOUR LatinoAmerica, The Safari Tour and The Sunshine Tour tournaments **during the twelve-month period prior to the respective Section's 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.

****NOTICE for 2024 the number of "Professional Tours" that a PGA Member may participate in, and still remain eligible to compete in PGA Member Championships, will be reduced from eight (8) to four (4). This 4-tournament rule will be applied to all Championships & Player of the Year eligibility beginning in 2024 (EXCEPTION: The current year's PGA Professional Champion will still be allowed a maximum number of eight (8) tournaments, applicable only for the year they won). (Board Approval - June 2022)**

- Participants must also be a minimum of 50 years of age on October 26, 2023, the first round of the 2023 Senior PGA Professional Championship.

PGA of America 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, Reserve, A-3, Retired Member (RM), Life Member Century (LMC) or Honorary (HM).

TO ENTER YOUR SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

To enter the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship, please contact your Section directly or enter through your Section's on-line entry website. 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 within 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.

Please notify your Section directly if you need to withdraw from the 2023 Section Senior PGA Professional Championship.

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 2023 Senior PGA Professional Championship which is scheduled to be played October 26-29, 2023, at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL, you agree to the following:

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 their Section's 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 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 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 Section Senior PGA Professional Championship. The player shall promptly notify the PGA of America if they are approached by a third party 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.

POLICIES

Although potentially competing from separate 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 2023 Senior PGA Professional Championship presented by Cadillac.

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 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, and/or for an alternate position, 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.

ADDITIONAL PLAYING OPPORTUNITIES

It is anticipated that the following additional playing opportunities may be available to those who play well in the Championship, however these benefits may be subject to change at any time.

Players 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 European Tour, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry TOUR or the USGA. Prior to starting at the Section level, women must declare if they will be playing from the forward tees.

The 2023 Senior PGA Professional CHAMPION

- The Senior PGA Professional Champion is exempt into Senior PGA Professional Championships, until he/she reaches 70 years of age or for a minimum of ten (10) years after victory, whichever is the later, provided eligibility requirements are met and maintained.
- The Senior PGA Professional Champion is exempt into the 2024 PGA Professional Championship, provided all eligibility requirements are met.

Top 5 Finishers playing from the back tees in the 2023 Senior PGA Professional Championship will be exempted into the 2023 PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying School Final Stage, November 2023, provided an entry is submitted prior to the entry deadline.

Top 8 Finishers plus ties in the 2023 Senior PGA Professional Championship will be exempted into the 2024 Senior PGA Professional Championship.

Top 35 Finishers* playing from the back tees in the 2023 Senior PGA Professional Championship will earn a spot in the 2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, scheduled to be played May 2024, at Harbor Shores in Benton Harbor, MI.

Players with a current exemption into the 2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship will be included in the top 35 count. **NOTE: It is a condition of the competition during the 2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship that all contestants must walk, and that the condition of competition regarding grooves and punch marks will be in effect.*

NOTE: A player forfeits the additional benefits earned through the 2023 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 immediate twelve (12) month period prior to the specific tournament deadline.