

## Open Qualifying Procedures & Information Sheet



**Tournament:** The Greenbrier Classic  
**PGA Section:** Tri-State Section PGA  
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### Open Qualifying

**Date:** Monday, June 29, 2015 **Course:** The Resort at Glade Springs – (Cobb Course)  
**Address:** 255 Resort Drive, Daniels, W.V. 25832 **Phone:** (304) 763-2050

### Pre-Qualifying

**I. Date:** Thursday, June 25, 2015 **Course:** The Resort at Glade Springs – (Cobb Course)  
**Address:** 255 Resort Drive, Daniels, W.V. 25832 **Phone:** (304) 763-2050

**Entry Deadline:** 2014-2015 season PGA TOUR, 2015 Web.com Tour and 2015 Champions Tour Regular members, Local PGA Section exemptions (3), Former PGA TOUR Members from 2012-2014, players making a cut on the PGA TOUR in 2014-2015 season, and players in the PGA TOUR event immediately preceding the Open Qualifier, and players in the top 100 on the World Rankings as of the non-member entry deadline-(6-16-15). 5:00 p.m. local time on the Friday preceding the Open Qualifying Round.

All others: 5:00 p.m. local time on the second Friday preceding the Open Qualifying Round

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#### Format

**Pre-Qualifying:** 18-hole stroke play competition. All amateur and professional applicants must pre-qualify except: 2014-2015 PGA TOUR members; current Web.com Tour members, current Champions Tour regular members, three (3) exemptions from the local PGA Section, Former PGA TOUR Members from 2012-2014, players making a cut on the PGA TOUR in 2014-15 season, players in the top 100 on the World Golf Rankings as of the non-member entry deadline and players in the PGA TOUR event immediately preceding the Open Qualifier. The number of Pre-Qualifiers that will advance to the Monday Open Qualifying Competition will be **40 and ties**; when more than one pre-qualifying site is used, the split for each site will be announced when the pairings are posted. When multiple sites are used, if the total number of successful qualifiers is less than 65, the number of qualifying positions will be increased equally at each site until at least \_ applicants advance. In the event that the pre-qualifying entries number 50 or less at the non-member entry deadline, the pre-qualifying will be held and the percentage of players advancing to the Open Qualifying will be 75% of the Pre-Qualifying field and any ties at this score.

**Open Qualifying:** An 18-hole stroke play event with the **Low Four (4) Qualifiers** advancing to the **2015 Greenbrier Classic**. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position, there will be a hole-by-hole sudden death playoff immediately following play.

#### Entry Deadline

2014-2015 PGA TOUR, current Web.com Tour and current Champions Tour Regular Members, local PGA Section exemptions (3), Former PGA TOUR Members from 2012-2014, players making a cut on the PGA TOUR in 2014-2015 season, players in the top 100 on the World Golf Rankings as of the non-member entry deadline and players in the PGA TOUR event immediately preceding the Open Qualifying Round.

**Qualifier:** 5:00 p.m. local time on the Friday preceding the Open Qualifying Round. (Friday June 26, 2015)

**All Others:** 5:00 p.m. local time on the second Friday preceding the Open Qualifying Round.

No phone entries will be accepted. Faxes and online entries will not be accepted. Online entries ONLY! NO EXCEPTIONS!

### Entry Fees

Pre-Qualifying for other Professionals and Amateurs:	\$200.00
Successful Pre-Qualifying Professionals and Amateurs an additional:	\$250.00
Successful Pre-Qualifying members of PGA TOUR Canada and PGA TOUR Latinoamerica, and PGA TOUR China an additional	\$100.00
Current Web.com Tour members and 2014 Champions Tour Regular members:	\$100.00
2014-2015 PGA TOUR members:	\$ 0.00
PGA Section Exemptions (3 players maximum), Former PGA TOUR Members 2012-2014, players making a cut on the PGA TOUR in 2014-2015 season, players in the top 100 on the World Golf Rankings as of the non-member entry deadline and players in the PGA TOUR event immediately preceding the Open Qualifier:	\$450.00

Entry fee into qualifier will be accepted by either a debit card or credit card. Personal checks will only be accepted from members of: the PGA of America; the PGA TOUR; the Web.com Tour; or regular members of the Champions Tour. The additional \$250 entry fee for successful Pre-Qualifiers (\$100 for PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latinoamerica and PGA TOUR China members) must be paid prior to the player's starting time in the Monday Open Qualifying.

Entry fee includes: green fee; range usage on the competition day(s) and, for the successful qualifiers, the entry fee to the tournament proper.

### Eligibility

Professionals and Amateurs with a handicap index when applied to the qualifying course slope will generate a handicap of two (2) or less. The PGA TOUR reserves the right to verify the handicap index of amateurs and to refuse anyone not meeting the requirements.

### Starting Times

Starting times will be available after 3:00 pm on the Saturday preceding the Open Qualifying competition at: The Section office; the host facilities; or on the web at the address listed above.

### Withdrawals & Tournament Alternates

Applicants must withdraw prior to the entry deadline to be eligible for an entry fee refund. Contestants who withdraw during the round may be subject to disciplinary action.

Tournament alternates who gain access to the tournament via the PGA TOUR alternate list will be notified (if possible) prior to the close of the competition. Until the Open Qualifying competition has closed and the scores have been approved by the PGA TOUR official in charge, any player gaining access to the tournament via the PGA TOUR alternate list will be removed from the Open Qualifying competition, even if that player has completed his round.

### Practice Rounds

Practice rounds must be arranged with host facilities. Practice round fees are at the discretion of the host facilities.

### Rules of Golf

Play shall be governed in accordance with the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association, as modified by the PGA TOUR Local Rules and Conditions of Competition card and supplemented by the Notice to Competitors. Questions or disputes (including equipment rulings) shall be settled by the on-site Rules Committee appointed by the PGA TOUR, whose decision shall be final.

### Groove Specifications

Open Qualifying contestants **MUST** use equipment which conforms to the Condition of Competition for Groove Specifications as implemented in the PGA TOUR, Champions Tour and Web.com Tour Local Rules and Conditions of Competition (Hard Card). This condition shall **NOT** apply to Pre-Qualifying. The complete specifications for grooves in elite competitions along with a public database listing conformity of many clubs can be found at [USGA.org](http://USGA.org) (click on Equipment > Conforming Lists > Informational Club Database) or by contacting the USGA Equipment Standards Department at (908) 234-2300. Players should confirm that their equipment conforms to the new specifications well in advance of the competition and should be aware that conforming equipment must be used in Open Qualifying, even if a player is successful in pre-qualifying with non-conforming grooves.

If, before the competition, a player has doubt as to the conformity of a club, PGA Section officials will attempt to determine the status of the club(s), but play will not be delayed in doing so. There will be no on-site field testing for groove conformity at Open Qualifying. If the club(s) in question is not listed on the public databases listing conformity of clubs, the club shall not be used in the competition.

In the event that it is discovered that a player's club(s) do not conform after the close of the competition, the provisions of Rule 34 of the Rules of Golf shall apply.

### Pace of Play

The PGA TOUR Pace of Play Policy will be in effect for the Open Qualifier, except the fine structure shall not apply. Sections will be required, under the guidance of the PGA TOUR Tournament Official, to create a Pace of Play Time Chart.

### Spike Policy

The use of traditional metal spikes is permitted during the Competition. Soft spikes may be required during practice rounds at the discretion of the host facilities.

### Transportation

Players and Caddies shall walk at all times during qualifying rounds, except when permitted to ride by the Rules Committee. Players are not required to have a caddie; they may carry their clubs or use a manual or motorized pull cart. Players are permitted to ride during a Pre-Qualifying round.

Anyone seeking a golf cart due to a disability defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the PGA TOUR Competition Department at (904) 285-3700 to obtain information on procedures for submitting such requests. All such requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not qualify as a "disability" under the ADA will not be granted.

### Appearance

Players: While on the host facility property on the day(s) of competition, players shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Blue jeans, shorts, cutoffs, T-shirts or shirts with no collar shall not be worn.

Caddies: While on the host facility property on the day(s) of competition, caddies may wear either long pants or tailored solid colored knee length shorts or skorts. Blue jeans, cutoffs, T-shirts or shirts with no collar shall not be worn. Smooth rubber sole shoes are required. Sandals, open toe shoes, and golf shoes with traditional metal or soft spikes are prohibited.

Players and Caddies shall conform to the host facility's appearance policies while onsite during any practice round.

### Conduct

While on host facility property during qualifying rounds; players and caddies shall conduct themselves in a professional manner. PGA TOUR reserves the right to remove a player from the qualifying competition for; non competitiveness; conduct unbecoming a professional by the player; conduct unbecoming a professional by the players' caddie.

### Reduction or Cancellation

Any reduction or cancellation in the respective qualifying competition shall be in accordance with Reduction/Cancellation Guidelines as found in the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations. In the event that the competition is canceled without any player having been able to play, all entry fees will be refunded. In the event the competition is canceled after play has begun, all entry fees will be refunded, minus a \$25 administrative charge per player.

If in the judgment of the on-site PGA TOUR Rules Official or designee, whose decision shall be final, conditions render commencement or continuation of tournament play inadvisable, play shall be postponed until such time as the PGA TOUR Rules Official or designee determines that such weather conditions or other occurrences or conditions have improved sufficiently for play to commence or resume.

In situations involving adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence or condition, our first priority is the completion of the qualifying competition. Every effort will be made to achieve this objective by the end of the scheduled competition day.

In the event the qualifying competition cannot be completed by the end of the scheduled competitive day, play will be extended. Every effort will be made to complete the qualifying competition as soon as possible. The Open Qualifying competition will not continue beyond the end of the day immediately preceding the first scheduled tournament round of the competition. In the event one or more of the 18-hole Open Qualifying contestants cannot be identified, those qualifying spots will be filled by the next available players on the PGA TOUR Alternate List.

PGA TOUR Reserves the right to change the format, venue(s), qualifying spots and other criteria as presently contemplated.