



ASSISTANT  
PGA PROFESSIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIP

SECTION

**2024**  
**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 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship.

1. Enter and compete in your National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 2024 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship to be played November 14-17, 2024, at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida. An additional \$50 entry fee will be required to enter the 2024 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship and a separate eligibility deadline must also be met. For players advancing into the 2024 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship, entry information will be emailed beginning in early September or after your respective (qualifying) Section Assistant PGA Professional Championship.

All members/associates who wish to play in the 2024 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship must first enter their respective 2024 Section Assistant PGA Professional Championship (unless exemption status applies).

Provided all eligibility requirements are met, exemptions for the 2024 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship are as follows:

- Top four (4) finishers plus ties from the 2023 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship
- Members of the 2024 PGA Cup Team (provided they are an A-8)
- Members of the 2024 Women's PGA Cup Team (provided they are an A-8)

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

## ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is limited to **Class A-8** PGA of America Members and **Class B-8** PGA of America Associates, who have completed Level 1 of the PGM Program, who meet the following criteria:

1. Must be eligibly employed and in good standing as of the first round of their Section Assistant 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).
2. The member has played in more than **\*\*\*four (4) combined** All Pro Tour (APT), Women's All Pro Tour (beginning Jan. 1, 2024), Advocates Professional Golf Association Tour (APGA) (beginning Jan. 1, 2024), Asian Tour, Dakotas Tour, DP World Tour, Epson Tour (LPGA), European Challenge Tour, European Legends Tour, GPro Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, JPGA Tour, Korn Ferry Tour, Ladies European Tour (LET), LPGA Tour, Outlaw Tour beginning Jan. 1, 2024), PGA TOUR Americas (Formerly MacKenzie Tour and PGA Tour Latin America), PGA Australia Tours, PGA New Zealand Tours, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, 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 **\*\*\*4-tournament** count;

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PGA of America reserves the right to determine whether any player is so employed and to reject any player who does not meet these requirements. A PGA member/associate will not be eligible to participate if:

- a) the PGA of America Member/Associate is serving a suspension from membership;
- b) the PGA of America Member/Associate is suspended from tournament participation for National tournaments;
- c) the PGA of America Member/Associate is classified as anything other than A-8 or B-8.
- d) the PGA of America Associate has not passed Level 1 of the PGM Program.

## **TO ENTER YOUR SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP**

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To enter your Section Assistant PGA Professional Championship, 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**

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The PGA Board of Directors has determined that the allocation of the number of players advancing from each National Car Rental Section Assistant PGA Professional Championship to the National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship will be based on the average number of eligible 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.

Notify your Section directly if you need to withdraw from the Section Assistant PGA Professional Championship.

## **PRIZE MONEY**

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Each participating Section will receive \$2,000 to supplement their purse and an additional \$41,000 will be distributed by using a formula based on the average number of eligible players (using actual number of eligible players starting their Championship) over the last five (5) years.

## **METHOD OF PLAY**

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The National Car Rental Section Assistant 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.

If your Section PGA Professional Championship should be "rained-out", the following "rain-out" procedure will apply:

1. Try to complete 36 holes in the two days scheduled.
2. If everyone in the field does not complete at least 18 holes, the entire Championship should be canceled, and all 36 holes should be rescheduled at a later date.
3. If it is impossible to reschedule, 18 holes will be allowed to stand and will therefore constitute the official Championship.

## **CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

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As a condition to participating in the 2024 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship which is scheduled to be played November 14-17, 2024, at PGA Golf Club, you agree to the following:

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 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant PGA Professional Championship with any other player.

A player may not bet or wager on any aspect of the National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship is subject to pre-qualifying unless the player is among those who are exempt from pre-qualifying.

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## **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 2024 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship.

## **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 National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant 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 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 National Car Rental Section Assistant PGA Professional 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.

**The 2024 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional CHAMPION** will be exempted into the 2025 PGA Professional Championship, provided they are an A-8 as of the FINAL ROUND of the 2024 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional Championship and all eligibility requirements are met and maintained.

**Top 4 finishers plus ties in the 2024 National Car Rental Assistant PGA Professional CHAMPIONSHIP** will be exempted into the 2025 Assistant PGA Professional Championship, provided all eligibility requirements are met and maintained.

NOTE: A player forfeits the additional benefits earned through the Assistant 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, on the entry deadline and must not have played in more than four\*\*\* (4) combined "Professional Tour" events in the immediate twelve (12) month period prior to the specific tournament deadline.

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