

# Terms of the Competition

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## The PGA Open Series

### Overall Prize Fund - £140,000 (£20,000 per Open Series Tournament)

#### 1. Conditions of Play

- (i) The Open Series will comprise of one 36 hole stroke play event in each of the 7 GB&I Regions, with 18 holes being played each day.
- (ii) Each stroke play event will have a maximum field of 156 competitors unless daylight hours dictate that the field requires reducing accordingly.
- (iii) There will be no cut for the second round, unless in exceptional, preauthorised circumstances should the host venue require reduced 2<sup>nd</sup> day numbers to facilitate reduced access to the course to enable it to accommodate the Open Series event. This scenario will be addressed in the individual terms of competition for the specific event.
- (iv) In the event of a tie for first place, there will be a "hole-by-hole" play-off to determine the winner. The play-off holes are to be decided by the Tournament Director and will be published at each event. All players involved in the play-off, other than the Champion, will share second place.
- (v) Play shall be in accordance with PGA Tournament Regulations, the Rules of Golf as published by R&A Rules Ltd, PGA Local Rules and Terms of the Competition and the additional Local Rules of the host venue as approved by the Tournament Director.
- (vi) Each host region shall receive 80 spots into the field to be allocated to host region Members across exemptions 3a) – 3d) below.

#### 2. Eligibility for Entry

The Championship is open to the following:

- (i) All core PGA Members (Excluding class I and PCDM)
- (ii) Registered Assistant PGA Professionals.
- (iii) AGMS students who are registered as an Assistant PGA Professional.
- (iv) Tournament Assistants.

#### Exception

- (i) Assistants with grade T4(P) and AGMS(G) that have completed their playing requirements are not eligible to enter.

#### 3. Exemptions

Assuming eligibility under Clause 2 is met, entries will be accepted sequentially from the following categories until the field is full.

- a) The top 25 entrants and ties from the host region 2021 Order of Merit, up to a limit of 30<sup>th</sup> place.
- b) Players 1 – 5 from each of the other 2021 Regional Orders of Merit and the WPGA Order of Merit.
- c) Winners of the 2021 PGA Professional, Assistants, Senior and Women's PGA Championships, the English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh PGA Championships and the PGA Play-Offs.
- d) The balance up to 80 host region players (see 1(v) above), allocated by date and time of entry.
- e) Entrants from outside of the host region by date and time of entry.

#### 4. Entry Fee (£GBP) and Closing Date

The entry fee for each event will be £100 (€120 for PGA in Ireland Open Series). The closing date for entries will be three weeks before round one of each event.

Information for Competitors and the draw shall be published two weeks prior to round one of each event.

**Note:** All entries and payments are to be processed on-line through PGA Members Players Club Accounts (BlueGolf). Access is through the PGA Members section of [www.pga.info](http://www.pga.info).

#### 5. Withdrawal and Reserve Policy

##### Regional Stroke Play Events

Up to two days prior to round 1, each withdrawal from exemption category 3a) will be replaced by a player from the same exemption category until all reserves are exhausted within that category. After this point, the reserve list will revert to any remaining entrants within 3d) followed by 3e).

Up to two days prior to round 1, any host region players withdrawing from exemption categories 3b) – c) will be replaced by a host region player from 3d) until all reserves are exhausted within that category. After this point, the reserve list will revert to any remaining entrants within 3e).

Up to two days prior to round 1, any withdrawals from 3d) and 3e) will be replaced by the next entrant from the corresponding exemption category.

Within 2 days of round 1, any withdrawals will be replaced by entrants from the host region within category 3d) followed by 3e).

#### 6. Open Series Events

PGA Region	Tournament Title	Venue	Date
PGA in England & Wales (North)	Manchester Open	Worsley Park GC	3-4 May 2022
PGA in England (Midlands)	Midland Open	Oakmere Park GC	26-27 May 2022
PGA in Scotland	Northern Open	Portlethen GC	31 May–1 June 2022
PGA in England & Wales (South West)	South West Open	The Bristol GC	27-28 June 2022
PGA in England (South)	PGA Surrey Open	Cuddington GC	4-5 July 2022
PGA in England (East)	East Anglian Open	Ingrebourne Links	2-3 August 2022
PGA in Ireland	The Carlow Midlands Open	Carlow GC	30-31 August 2022

## 7. Open Series Stroke Play Prize Fund Breakdown (£GBP)

1. £3,200.00	11. £450.00	21. £270.00	31. £130.00
2. £2,000.00	12. £400.00	22. £260.00	32. £130.00
3. £1,500.00	13. £380.00	23. £250.00	33. £130.00
4. £1,200.00	14. £360.00	24. £240.00	34. £130.00
5. £1,000.00	15. £345.00	25. £230.00	35. £130.00
6. £900.00	16. £330.00	26. £220.00	36. £130.00
7. £800.00	17. £315.00	27. £210.00	37. £130.00
8. £700.00	18. £300.00	28. £200.00	38. £130.00
9. £600.00	19. £290.00	29. £190.00	39. £130.00
10. £500.00	20. £280.00	30. £180.00	40. £130.00

### Bonus Prize Fund

The following players who return the lowest aggregate score shall be awarded an additional £150 (€180). In the case of a tie for the lowest aggregate score the winner will be determined by card play-off over the lowest last 18, 9, 6, 3, 1 holes and, if still tied, Matchplay from the first hole of the last round.

- i. The leading PGA Member from the Host Region
- ii. The leading PGA Assistant
- iii. The leading Senior PGA Member (aged 50 years or over at the time of the first round)
- iv. The leading WPGA Member

Total Prize Fund = £20,000.00 (€24,000.00)

**Note 1:** Non-UK taxpayers (including the Republic of Ireland) are subject to withholding tax on all prize money won above the UK personal tax allowance threshold (income tax year 2022/23 - £12,570).

**Note 2:** To receive prize money, competitors must complete all rounds entered. All prize money is subject to 6% levy.

**Note 3:** The PGA in Ireland Open Series prize fund will be paid in Euros using an exchange rate of 1.20 to the breakdown illustrated above.

## 8. PGA Rights

The PGA reserves the right to amend the terms of the competition.