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2018 SAS CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT QUALIFYING APPLICATION

**Event Qualifier**

To be held at **WILSON COUNTRY CLUB** in WILSON, NC on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRY FOR EVENT QUALIFIER: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018 at 5:00 PM local time**

**Event Pre-Qualifier**

To be held at **WILSON COUNTRY CLUB** in WILSON, NC on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018**

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRY FOR EVENT PRE-QUALIFIER: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 at 5:00 PM local time**

**REGISTRATION IS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [WWW.CAROLINAS.PGA.COM](http://WWW.CAROLINAS.PGA.COM)**  
**PHONE & PAPER ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

**Eligible for The Event Qualifier:**

- PGA TOUR Champions /PGA TOUR/ Web.com Tour Veteran Member
- Winners of PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions or Web.com Tournaments
- Winners on the European Tour or European Sr. Tour Exempt from Pre-Qualifier
- Finished within top-75 on 2017 PGA Champions Official Money List
- Players who have earned \$1,000,000 or more on PGA TOUR Champions
- Players who Pre-Q and EQ for an Event in the same week will be exempt for the rest of the year
- Finished within top 30 & ties from 2017 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament

**Applicant for the Event Pre-Qualifier:**

- PGA TOUR Champions Associate Member
- PGA of America Member or Apprentice
- Foreign Professional
- Other Professional
- Amateur

If Amateur Applicant for Pre-Qualifier, registration may require submission of handicap index information.

**NOTE:** Players who enter must be prepared to provide conclusive proof of age as deemed acceptable to the PGA TOUR Champions (e.g., certified copy of birth certificate) with this application. PGA Section shall be responsible for verifying that Pre-Qualifier entrants are age 50 or more.

	Respective Fees
Exempt for Event Qualifier:	\$100
Pre-Qualifier - Current Associate Member of the PGA TOUR Champions or PGA of America Member (Players successful in qualifying for the Event Qualifier shall not be subject to an additional entry fee)	\$150
Pre-Qualifier - Professional or Amateur: (Players successful in qualifying for the Event Qualifier shall not be subject to an additional entry fee)	\$200
An <b>additional</b> \$20.00 insurance fee is required from non-members of the PGA of America.	\$20

TELEVISION, RADIO, MOTION PICTURE, PHOTOGRAPHIC, ELECTRONIC, INTERNET AND SIMILAR RIGHTS/DECLARATIONS:

The undersigned hereby grants and assigns to PGA TOUR, Inc., without limitation, the undersigned's individual television, radio, motion picture, photographic, electronic, internet "Interactive Applications" (as defined below) and all other media rights with respect to the undersigned's participation in the qualifying tournament or any portion thereof (i.e., at all times on-site during Tournament week and during any Tournament-related activities), or any other footage of the undersigned that may be captured by PGA TOUR Entertainment or its contractors with the undersigned's permission, with the understanding that PGA TOUR's use thereof shall be limited to the following: (1) advertising, promoting or publicizing the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR charitable initiatives, tournaments or any broadcasts thereof; (2) live broadcasts during tournaments, (3) broadcasts or exhibitions on a recorded basis as part of a program or motion picture of tournaments or year-end summaries of sports award programs or any news of sports news programs; provided, that in no case shall the rights granted hereunder be used in any program or motion picture designed for instructional purposes without the express written consent of the player(s) involved; and (4) live or taped non-exclusive updates. "Interactive Applications" shall mean the presentation in any medium in a way that permits the viewer to interact with or manipulate the presentation or access other relevant information during the presentation. The undersigned agrees to refrain from any action which will interfere with PGA TOUR's ownership of the rights hereunder granted and assigned to PGA TOUR or with any authorized use thereof. The undersigned also agrees to abide by and be governed by the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations currently in effect (and, if a member of PGA TOUR, attest that a copy thereof has been furnished to me) and by the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association, subject to any modifications thereof approved by PGA TOUR.

By submission of this entry, I agree to the following:

- I agree to the regulations on Exhibit A included herewith and I agree that my entry is subject to rejection at any time.
- I agree that certain risks are inherent to the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks.
- I agree that the responsibility of insuring this application is received by the Section by no later than the applicable entry deadline as set forth on Exhibit A is mine alone and that this application will be automatically rejected if it is received by the Section after such date and time.
- I agree that the risk of delay lies solely with me and the Section has no liability with respect to any such delay and the consequences there from, including rejection of this entry.
- I agree that the responsibility of confirming the Section has received this application is mine alone.
- I agree that the application must be completely executed before I will be entered in the Tournament.

**Note: Event Qualifying contestants MUST use equipment which conforms to the Condition of Competition for Groove Specifications (see below). This condition shall NOT apply to Pre-Qualifying.**



**Exhibit A** – Event Qualifying Procedures & Information Sheet

*Pages 3 - 5 to be kept by the applicant*

**Tournament:** SAS Championship  
**PGA Section:** Carolinas PGA Section  
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***Procedures & Information:***

**General:** Each Event Qualifier (and Pre-Qualifier as described below) will be conducted for all open, full-field tournaments by the respective local PGA of America Section and managed by the PGA TOUR Champions. The Rules of the USGA govern play, as modified by the PGA Champions. An allotment of Champions Tour Local Rules and Conditions of Competition (“Hard Cards”) will be available to competitors on-site. All decisions of the Rules Committee are final.

**Event Qualifier Eligibility:** The Event Qualifier will be limited to professional players aged 50+ in the following categories:

1. Tournament Winners of PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions or Web.com – official victories and players eligible under the PGA TOUR Team Tournament Winner Category.
2. PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Web.com Tour Veteran Members are defined as players who have made 150 combined cuts in PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour official money events, and who have participated in the previous year’s Web.com and/or PGA Champions National Qualifying Tournament.
3. Those players finishing in top - 75<sup>th</sup> position on the 2017 PGA Champions Official Money List.
4. Player who have earned \$1,000,000 or more on the PGA TOUR Champions
5. Players who have Pre-Qualified and Event Qualified for an event in the same week will be exempt into the Event Qualifier for the remainder of the year.

- 6.. Winners on the European Tour or European Sr. Tour will be exempt from Pre-Qualifier
7. Finished within top 30 & ties from 2017 PGA TOUR Champions National Qualifying Tournament

Each Event Qualifier will be conducted at 18 holes of stroke play. A maximum of the **low four (4) scorers** from the Event Qualifier will gain entry into the Official Tournament in accordance with applicable PGA TOUR Champions policies and procedures. There will be no alternates from the Event Qualifier. A Sudden-Death playoff will commence immediately following play in the event of ties to determine the qualifying positions. The number of Event Qualifier spots available (if less than (4) (four) will be posted prior to the commencement of play of the Event Qualifier.

Note 1: Top Ten Advance Category: If not otherwise exempt into the field at the commitment deadline, a maximum of one player finishing in 10th place or tied for 10th place in the immediately preceding event will advance into the next PGA TOUR Champions, full-field cosponsored event, reducing Event Qualifying spots by one (1).

Note 2: Should any combination of players added to the field from Section A.1 (e) (Major Medical), section A.1(k) (Tournament Winners), section A.1 (k) (All-Time Victories), and/or section A.1 (m) (World Golf Hall of Fame Members) of the PGA TOUR Champions Tournament Regulations cause the tournament field to exceed 81 players, an Event Qualifying spot, then a restricted sponsor exemption, will be reduced in alternating order.

Note 3: In the event that tournaments are scheduled in successive weeks, any player who played in the preceding week's PGA TOUR Champions event shall be eligible for the Event Qualifier on the Monday or Tuesday immediately following.

**Entries:** Deadline for receipt of entries by eligible players for the Event Qualifier shall be 5:00p.m. (local tournament site time) on the Friday preceding the Event Qualifier. All players must enter by the applicable deadline. No phone entries will be accepted. Faxes and on-line entries can be accepted at the discretion the respective Section. **REGISTRATION IS ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [WWW.CAROLINAS.PGA.COM](http://WWW.CAROLINAS.PGA.COM)**  
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**Pre-Qualifier:** A Pre-Qualifier will precede all Event Qualifiers (likely played the week prior to the Event). The Pre-Qualifier shall be open to all amateurs and professionals aged 50+ on the day of the Pre-Qualifier and will be conducted at 18 holes of stroke play competition. Field size shall be limited to 144 players. All entries will be prioritized on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Should the number of entries received on a respective day cause the field limit to be exceeded, the field will be completed and alternates placed via blind draw by the Section. Deadline and format for receipt of entries for the Pre-Qualifier shall be set forth by the respective Section but shall be no less than two days prior to the date of the Pre-Qualifier.

A maximum of the low six (6) scorers from the Pre-Qualifier will gain entry into the Event Qualifier. (Note: At the host Section's discretion, one of the six spots may be allocated amongst its Section membership). There shall be no alternates from the Pre-Qualifier. Should one of the low six (6) scores from the Pre-Qualifier not be able to participate in the Event Qualifier, he will not be replaced with an alternate from the Pre-Qualifier. The number of Pre-Qualifier spots available (whether 5 or 6) from each respective competition will be posted prior to the commencement of play of the Pre-Qualifier.

**Amateur Access:** The Event Qualifier is open to professionals only, age 50 and over. Amateurs are permitted to enter and compete in the Pre-Qualifier and maintain his/her amateur status. However, should an amateur competing in the Pre-Qualifier successfully qualify for the Event Qualifier, amateur status will be forfeited prior to entering the Event Qualifier. Amateurs who become professional specifically to enter the Event Qualifier and are not successful in qualifying may apply to the USGA for reinstatement of amateur status.

**Proof of Age:** Players who enter either the Pre-Qualifier or Event Qualifier must be prepared to provide conclusive proof of age as deemed acceptable to the PGA TOUR Champions (e.g., certified copy of birth certificate) with the application. The PGA Section shall be responsible for verifying that entrants for the Pre-Qualifier are age 50 and over.

**Entry Fees (non-refundable):**

**\$100** – All players entering the Event Qualifier  
(Successful Qualifiers and those who gain access to the Tournament as an alternate, provided they played in the Event Qualifier, will not be subject to an additional entry fee into the Official Tournament.)

**\$150** – Players entering the Pre-Qualifier who are current Associate Members of the PGA TOUR Champions or PGA Member or Apprentice.  
(Players successful in qualifying for the Event Qualifier shall not be subject to an additional entry fee)

**\$200** – All other players entering the Pre-Qualifier (Players successful in qualifying for the Event Qualifier shall not be subject to an additional entry fee)

**Note:** An additional \$20.00 insurance fee is required from those players who are not members of the PGA of America.

**Performance Guidelines:** If a player fails to perform at a reasonable competitive level, the PGA TOUR Champions reserves the right to remove said player from the competition, or deny future entries, without any refund of entry fee. An excessive number of "no card" tournaments by a player may result in future entries being denied.

**Groove Specifications:** Event Qualifying contestants **MUST** use equipment which conforms to the Condition of Competition for Groove Specifications as implemented in the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions 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 Event 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 Event Qualifying. If the club (s) in question is not listed on the public database 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.

**Motorized Transportation (Golf Carts):** In keeping with current PGA TOUR Champions Policy at its Official Tournaments, **players are permitted to use golf carts during the Event Qualifier and Pre-Qualifier**, unless conditions dictate otherwise by PGA TOUR Champions Staff on-site. Players are not required to have a caddie but have the option to have one should they elect. A player may also walk and carry his clubs or use a manual or electric pull cart.

**Tee Times:** Groupings and tee times will be established after the close of the respective Entry Deadlines and should be available by calling the Qualifying Event site(s) no more than one day prior to the respective events.

**Appearance / Conduct:**

Players: While on the host facility property, players shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and grooming. Clothing worn by players shall be consistent with acceptable golf fashion. Blue jeans, shorts and/or cutoffs and T-shirts are considered inappropriate.

Caddies: While on the host facility property, caddies may wear either long pants or tailored solid colored knee length shorts or skorts. Blue jeans, cutoffs and T-shirts or shirts with no collar shall not be worn. Smooth rubber sole shoes are required. 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.

A player or caddie conducting himself in a manner unbecoming a professional could result in the removal from the competition and/or disciplinary action from PGA TOUR Champions. The conduct of his caddie is the responsibility of each player.

PGA TOUR Champions Tournament Regulations prohibit the use of cellular phones during competition.

**Reduction/Cancellation Guidelines:** Any reduction or cancellation in the respective Qualifying events shall be in accordance with Reduction/Cancellation Guidelines as found in the PGA TOUR Champions Player Handbook and Tournament Regulations. In the event the Event Qualifier and/or Pre-Qualifier is canceled without any player having been able to play, all entry fees and insurance will be refunded. In the event the Event Qualifier and/or Pre-Qualifier is canceled after play has begun, all entry fees will be refunded, minus the \$20 insurance fee, if any, and a \$25 administrative charge. PGA TOUR Champions reserves the right to change the format, venue(s), qualifying spots and other criteria as presently contemplated.

For further information, please call PGA TOUR Champions Headquarters at (904) 285-3700.