

Terms of the Competition

PGA FOURBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

Foxhills, Golf Resort & Spa (Bernard Hunt), Surrey

Tuesday 20th - Thursday 22nd August 2024

Prize Money - £35,000

2023 Champions – James Walker (Oaks Golf Club) & Nicholas Poppleton (Pete Cowen Golf Academy)

1. Conditions of Play

- (i) The Championship will be a 54 hole Fourball stroke play tournament with 18 holes to be played each day.
- (ii) Each team shall consist of two eligible players (see Section 2 for eligibility criteria). Each player must remain eligible for the duration of the Championship.
- (iii) The Championship will have a field of 72 teams comprising of 70 teams from the Regional Qualifiers and 2 exempt teams (see Section 3).
- (iv) The field will play one round on each of the first two days, after which the leading 24 teams (and those who tie for 24th place) will go forward to the final round.
- (v) In the event of a tie for first place in the Championship there will be a hole-by-hole play-off to determine the winner. These holes are to be decided by the Tournament Director, and will be published at the Championship. All players, other than the Champions, involved in the play-off will share second place.
- (vi) All stages of the Tournament will be run in accordance with the PGA Tournament Regulations, Rules of Golf of R&A Rules Ltd, the PGA Local Rules and Terms of Competition and the Local Rules of the host venue, as approved by the Tournament Director.
- (vii) The host Region is The PGA in England (South).
- (viii) A minimum of three qualifying places in the Championship are guaranteed for each Regional Qualifying Round. The remainder of the qualifying places in the Championship will be divided between the Regional Qualifying Rounds and will be calculated as a percentage of the total entries. This will be done after entries close on Friday 21st June and will be published at each Regional Qualifier prior to the commencement of play. Teams not exempt under the categories listed under Section 3 will be required to play in Regional Qualifying Round (courses listed under Section 5).
- (ix) There will be an 18-hole qualifying event held in each of the seven PGA Regions. At each Regional Qualifying Round, in the event of a tie for the last qualifying place, qualifiers will be decided by card count back over the last 9, 6, 3, 1 holes and, if still tied, Match Play from hole 1 onwards. Alternates will also be decided by card count back over the last 9, 6, 3, 1 holes and, if still tied, Match Play from hole 1 onwards.
- (x) With the exception of two exempt teams, as listed under Section 3, all teams are required to pre-qualify in their own regions. In the case of a team consisting of two players from different regions they may choose which of the two regional qualifiers they will play in. Overseas players may select any Regional Qualifier to play in.

Exception:

From **Friday 7th June**, teams can choose to pre-qualify in any region, regardless of reason, provided there is space in the field. Any requests to play outside of either team member's own region before this date will only be considered in exceptional circumstances. Any request of this type must be made in writing to the Tournament Director (entries@pga.org.uk) at the PGA National Tournament Department before the close of entries and must contain details of their request.

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 registered as Assistant PGA Professionals.
- (iv) Tournament Assistants.

Exceptions:

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

3. Exemptions

The following are exempt from Regional Pre-Qualifying assuming they meet the eligibility criteria under Section 2:

- (i) The 2023 PGA Fourball Champions (when entered as a team).
- (ii) A PGA Professional from the Host Club (and their nominated partner).

Under the above exemptions, the following members are exempt from pre-qualifying:

James Walker & Nicholas Poppleton (when entered as a team).

A nominated PGA Professional from Foxhills Golf Resort & Spa and their nominated partner.

4. Entry Fee (£GBP) and Closing Date

The entry fee is **£60** per team and an additional **£30** will be payable on successfully qualifying to the final. The entry fee for those exempt from pre-qualifying is **£90** per team. The closing date for entries will be **Friday 21st June**. Late entries may be accepted after the closing date on payment of **double** the entry fee.

Note: All entries and payments for the Regional Qualifiers are to be processed on-line through PGA Players Club Accounts (BlueGolf). Access is through the PGA Members section of www.pga.info. Upon successfully pre-qualifying, the team will automatically be entered into the Championship Final and gives consent for The PGA to process the remainder (£30) of the entry fee.

5. Regional Qualifying Courses

PGA Region	Date of Qualifier	Venue
PGA in England (North)	Friday 5 th July	Hurlston Hall
PGA in Scotland	Monday 8 th July	Falkirk Tryst
PGA in England (Midlands)	Wednesday 10 th July	The Astbury
PGA in Ireland	Wednesday 17 th July	Headfort
PGA in England (South)	Monday 5 th August	Leatherhead
PGA in England (East)	Monday 22 nd July	Crews Hill
PGA in England (West)	Thursday 8 th August	Mendip Spring

Note: No presentation will be held on the day of the Regional Qualifying Round.

6. Withdrawal and Reserve Policy

(i) Withdrawals prior to a Regional Qualifying Round

If a member of a team has to withdraw prior to a regional qualifying round the player may be replaced by another eligible player. The replacement PGA Professional cannot be a PGA Professional who has already participated in a regional qualifying round.

(ii) Withdrawals after a Regional Qualifying Round has been held

If a member of a team which has qualified for the Championship Final has to withdraw, the whole team has to withdraw and no replacement can be made.

Prior to the Championship week, each regional withdrawal will be replaced by a team from the same regional qualifying round until all reserves are exhausted. After this point, the reserve list will revert to the host region.

After 12pm on Sunday 18th August, the regional reserve lists will be void and the official reserve list will be made up of the host region only. For the sake of clarity, the host region is The PGA in England (South).

7. Championship Prize Fund per Team (£GBP)

1. £5,500.00	7. £1,500.00	13. £950.00	19. £650.00
2. £3,700.00	8. £1,400.00	14. £900.00	20. £600.00
3. £2,750.00	9. £1,300.00	15. £850.00	21. £575.00
4. £2,000.00	10. £1,200.00	16. £800.00	22. £550.00
5. £1,800.00	11. £1,100.00	17. £750.00	23. £525.00
6. £1,650.00	12. £1,000.00	18. £700.00	24. £500.00

Prize Fund:
£33,250.00

Reserve for ties:
£1,750.00

Total:
£35,000.00

If the number of teams qualifying for the final 18 holes exceeds 24, additional prize money will be added to provide for those finishing in 25th place and onwards. The prize money for 25th place will be £475 and the prize money will reduce by £25 for each subsequent place. Non-UK taxpayers (including the Irish Republic) may be subject to withholding tax on prize money won above the UK personal tax allowance threshold (income tax year 2024/25 £12,570 subject to change each income tax year thereafter).

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

8. Venue

Foxhills Country Club – Golf Club & Resort
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9. PGA Rights

The PGA reserves the right to change or amend the Terms of the Competition.