

103rd SUTER WARD GROUP AT MORGAN STANLEY WISCONSIN STATE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

PRINTABLE TOURNAMENT DETAILS & POLICIES



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72 Hole Championship

Each player will play 18 holes on Monday and 18 holes on Tuesday. The field will then be cut to the low 60 scores & ties and the final 36 holes will take place on Wednesday.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: QUALIFIERS #1 & 2 - Friday, June 30 at 11:59 PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: EXEMPT ENTRIES & QUALIFIERS #3-7 - Friday, July 7 at 11:59 PM

Enter online at wisconsin.pga.com under the Tournaments section / State Opens sub-heading.

State Open Field Size – 156 Players

Qualifying Sites 1 thru 7 – 84 Players Maximum

PRESENTED BY

The Suter Ward Group
at Morgan Stanley

SUPPORTED BY



ELIGIBILITY

The Suter Ward Group at Morgan Stanley Wisconsin State Open will accept entries from:

- 1) All exempt players regardless of age.
- 2) Amateur and professional golfers who have attained the age of fourteen (14) as of the date of their qualifying round and meet one of the eligibility guidelines below.

The tournament committee has the ability to make an exception to the age rule if an individual has demonstrated a high level of skill and has a track record of competing in similar type competitions.

ELIGIBILITY – Player must fit into one of the six residency categories

- 1) Legal Resident of Wisconsin.
- 2) Wisconsin Section PGA Member, Associate or Pre-Qualifier/Qualifier Eligible approved tournament player.
- 3) Golf Professional working as such on a full-time basis within the state of Wisconsin.
- 4) Graduate of a high school or postsecondary school within the boundaries of the state of Wisconsin.
- 5) Presently enrolled at a postsecondary school within the boundaries of the state of Wisconsin. Includes incoming freshmen.
- 6) An individual working on a full-time basis in the golf business and residing in the state of Wisconsin for a minimum of three months during the calendar year. Under this clause the individual must be employed and residing in the State during the dates of the tournament.

Also take note of the following in regard to eligibility,

- Players may be required to provide documentation to prove eligibility. This could include a tax return, driver's license, utility bills, diploma, paystub or housing lease.
- Players having just moved to the state must have resided in the state since June 1 of the calendar year of the championship. However, the State Open tournament committee reserves the right to make exceptions on a case by case basis for PGA members and associates that move to the state after June 1.

QUALIFYING ENTRY FEE STRUCTURE

Amateur - \$140	Awaiting Amateur Reinstatement - \$140
PGA Affiliated Professional - \$140	Unaffiliated Professional - \$210

Qualifying fee includes golf, golf car and range. The onsite fee that used to be collected on the day of is now included in the qualifying entry fee.

All championship qualifiers will subsequently pay the Wisconsin PGA \$85 as an amateur, \$110 as a PGA affiliated professional, or \$190 as an unaffiliated professional to complete the entry fee upon qualifying. The remaining balance will be due after the qualifier has been completed. Players will receive an email requesting that they complete payment.

EXEMPT PLAYER ENTRY FEE STRUCTURE

Amateur - \$200	Awaiting Amateur Reinstatement - \$200
PGA Affiliated Professional - \$225	Unaffiliated Professional - \$375

Entry fee includes golf, golf car and range.

QUALIFYING SITES

Qualifier #1	Tuesday, July 11	Morningstar GC - Waukesha
Qualifier #2	Friday, July 14	Brown County GC - Hobart
Qualifier #3	Friday, July 21	La Crosse CC - Onalaska
Qualifier #4	Monday, July 24	Whistling Straits (Irish) - Sheboygan
Qualifier #5	Wednesday, July 26	The Legend at Brandybrook - Wales
Qualifier #6	Wednesday, July 26	Lake Arrowhead GC (Lakes) - Nekoosa
Qualifier #7	Friday, July 28	Nakoma GC

Players may participate in only one of the seven qualifying sites.

However, In addition - A last chance qualifier will also be conducted. It will take place on Monday, August 7 at Watertown CC. It will be open to all players, including anyone that already tried to qualify. Registration will open Saturday, July 29 and close on Wednesday, August 2. Last chance qualifier entry fees will be \$150 (Am, PGA, Awaiting Am Reinstatement) and \$220 (Unaffiliated Professional)

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. **ALTERNATES:** Rotation system posted at qualifying site and on State Open webpage.
2. **CELL PHONE & MUSIC POLICY:** The following acts will be a violation of the cell phone and music policy that has been put in place under the event's Code of Conduct. a) The playing of music during the round b) The ringing, vibrating or production of sound effects from a cell phone c) Talking on a cell phone.
3. **CONDUCT UNBECOMING OF A PLAYER - PRACTICE ROUNDS AND TOURNAMENT PROPER:**
Any conduct that shows disrespect for the tournament committee, tournament regulations, or the traditional etiquette of golf, shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action and could result in disqualification.
4. **DRESS CODE:** By signing your entry form, you agree to conform to the PGA Dress Code. "Proper golfing attire must be worn at all times during the tournament proper rounds. The Tournament Chairperson or duly appointed staff may prohibit play by those who do not conform to dress standards as established by the Wisconsin PGA."

Male Contestants: Proper attire may consist of Bermuda shorts or dress trousers, and a golf shirt. The wearing of jeans, cargo shorts, athletic shorts, cut off shorts, tank tops, tee shirts or anything of that nature WILL NOT be permitted.

Female Contestants: Proper attire may consist of golf shorts, skorts or dress trousers, and a golf shirt. The wearing of jeans, cargo shorts, athletic shorts, cut off shorts, tank tops, tee shirts or anything of that nature WILL NOT be permitted.

All Caddies: Proper attire may consist of Bermuda shorts or dress trousers, and a golf shirt. The wearing of jeans, cargo shorts, athletic shorts, cut off shorts, tank tops, tee shirts or anything of that nature WILL NOT be permitted.
5. **ELECTRONIC SCORING:** Official scoring will be done via the Wisconsin PGA app. Each player will electronically score for a fellow competitor on their phone. Scoring codes will be sent out on the morning of the event. Paper scorecards will be provided as an additional way to track your own score. At the conclusion of the round each group should report to the scoring table to confirm their scores with a WPGA staff member.
6. **FORFEITURE OF AMATEUR STATUS:** An amateur may declare themselves a golf professional and play as such provided they sign a letter of intent and pay the additional entry fee PRIOR to beginning play in the tournament proper.
7. **GOLF CARS, WALKING AND CADDIES:**
 - Contestants may ride in a golf car or walk. Caddies, push carts (with or without a caddie) and carrying your own bag is allowed.
 - Golf car fees are included in the entry fee.
 - Golf cars will be set up for two riders per car. Maximum two golf cars per group.
 - **Only Players are allowed to ride in the golf cars, no spectators or caddies (Includes spectator carts).** Penalty for breach of this rule can be found in the Code of Conduct policy online.
 - If a player has extenuating circumstances and requires a single golf car, they may request one by emailing Chris Hoel at choel@pgahq.com. Requests must be received at least a week in advance of the event and the player will be required to pay an additional rental fee, which could include the full cost to bring in an extra golf car.
 - At the discretion of the host facility a limited number of spectator carts for disabled / handicapped individuals may be allowed. Please inquire with the course for availability and cost.
8. **NO METAL SPIKES:** All WPGA affiliated events are non-metal spike tournaments.
9. **PRACTICE ROUND INFORMATION:** Rates and availability will be posted to the Wisconsin PGA website.
10. **RAIN:** The State Open Committee will decide the procedure of play in the event of a rain delay or other circumstances during the event.
11. **REFUNDS:** If a player (exempt or qualifier) withdraws before their assigned registration deadline, a \$20 processing fee will be assessed by the Wisconsin PGA. No refunds will be given for players attempting to qualify after the registration deadline for the qualifier they are registered for. Exempt players withdrawing in between July 8 and August 1 will be given a refund of half their entry fee.
12. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Qualifiers #1, 2 – Friday, June 30 at 11:59 PM. Exempt Entries or Qualifiers #3 thru 7 – Friday, July 7 at 11:59 PM. Online registration at wisconsin.pga.com will be accepted with an American

Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover card. To register for a qualifier select one of the "Qualifying Sites", if you are exempt select the event titled "The Suter Ward Group at Morgan Stanley Wisconsin State Open"

13. **REJECTED ENTRIES:** The Wisconsin PGA reserves the right to reject any entry due to non-competitive past performances.
14. **SLOW PLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED:** Penalties will be assessed if necessary.
15. **TEE TIMES:** Will be posted on wisconsin.pga.com and emailed out to all players.
16. **DISCLAIMER:** The disclaimer and release of liability must be agreed to or the entry will not be accepted. By registering online at wisconsin.pga.com you agree to accept the disclaimer.

DISCLAIMER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS WILL BE GIVEN UP. READ CAREFULLY AND COMPLETELY

"I recognize there are inherent risks of physical injury and death (such as being struck by errant golf balls, slipping due to the use of shoes without metal spikes, tripping on unforeseen obstacles, being struck by lightning) in the event in which I plan to participate and that I must use caution to protect myself." Accordingly, I agree to release, discharge and covenant not to sue the Wisconsin State Open, any of the qualifying host sites, SentryWorld, or the Wisconsin Section of the Professional Golfers Association of America from or for any injury, causes of action or damages of any type that I may suffer or that may accrue to me or my estate arising out of or in connection with the event in which I will participate. However, I do not release, discharge or covenant not to sue for any claim or injury to the extent it is caused by the reckless conduct or intentional wrongdoing of any party otherwise released above.

I also give the Wisconsin Section, PGA permission to use any photography or video taken during the playing of the event, to be used for promotional or event related purposes.

"In view of the ongoing issues, uncertainty and risks arising from the Corona or Covid Virus and its variants all members/associates and participants should understand the WPGA, our sponsors and our host facilities are committed to strict compliance with all applicable government orders and, in addition, to adhering to the best health and safety practices as we understand them. However, all members/associates and participants should understand and acknowledge that available information concerning best health and safety practices is uncertain, imperfect and is subject to change as our health officials acquire new or different information regarding the Corona or Covid Virus and its variants, and following best practices as we understand them, as laymen, cannot provide any assurance that members/associates and participants will not be infected or affected by the Corona or Covid Virus and its variants as a result of participation in a WPGA event. All procedures and policies set forth in conducting WPGA events shall be subject to change based on any future orders issued by any government authority with jurisdiction and any publicly available health recommendations or guidelines. At each WPGA event it is a requirement that all members/associates and participants shall adhere to all applicable government orders and follow all publicly available health recommendations or guidelines. The WPGA, our sponsors and our host facilities will monitor compliance. Failure to comply with applicable government orders and publicly available health recommendations and guidelines can result in disqualification."

"The WPGA is attempting to provide events to accommodate the desires of professionals and amateurs to engage in beneficial outdoor recreation. However, the WPGA, our sponsors, and our host facilities cannot and DO NOT provide any assurance that such events will be free of risk, including risks associated with the Corona or Covid Virus and its variants. Each member/associate and participant must make their own personal determination regarding the risks and benefits of participating in any WPGA event. By participating in a WPGA event, each member/associate and participant understands and agrees that the WPGA, our sponsors and our host facilities provide no promise or assurances regarding the health or safety of those participating in or conducting the event. The WPGA, our sponsors and our host facilities disclaim any responsibility or liability for health impacts, personal injury, liability, costs or damages to members/associates and participants in the event. By participating in a WPGA event each member/associate and participant agrees to hold the WPGA, our sponsors and our host facilities harmless from any health impacts, personal injury, liability, costs or damages incurred as a consequence of participating in the event, including health impacts, personal injury, liability, costs or damages arising or resulting from the Corona or Covid virus or similar virus."

I have read this agreement thoroughly and understand it. I enter into this agreement voluntarily. If I do not electronically agree to these terms but wish to participate in the event, I agree to bargain for different terms and will propose such terms to the event before participating. Such additional terms will be reduced to writing. If I propose additional terms, I recognize I may be requested to pay an enhanced fee or provide evidence of insurance. If I do not propose different terms, I acknowledge that I have waived the right to bargain separately for different terms.