

# 2023 WISCONSIN STATE SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

## PRINTABLE TOURNAMENT DETAILS & POLICIES



36 Hole Championship at Maple Bluff Country Club in Madison  
18 holes on Tuesday and 18 holes on Wednesday.

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE 11:59 P.M. AUGUST 24, 2023**

Enter online at [wisconsin.pga.com](http://wisconsin.pga.com) under the Tournaments section / State Opens sub-heading.  
Field is limited to the first 104 paid players.

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## **ELIGIBILITY**

The Wisconsin State Senior Open will accept entries from amateur and professional male golfers who have attained the age of fifty (50) as of September 5, 2023 and meet the following guidelines.

### **MEN AMATEUR GOLFERS**

#### **ELIGIBILITY – Player must fit into one of the four residency categories**

- 1) Are a legal resident of the state of Wisconsin.
- 2) Graduate of a high school or postsecondary school within the boundaries of the state of Wisconsin.
- 3) An individual that is a member of a club within the Wisconsin Section PGA boundaries. Defined as someone that has a full access membership to a club or course that provides unlimited use of their facilities. These memberships usually have a monthly or full year fee structure.
- 4) 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.

#### **HANDICAP RULE**

Player must have a WHS handicap index of 8.0 or less as of August 24, 2023.

### **MEN PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS**

#### **ELIGIBILITY – Player must fit into one of the four residency categories**

- 1) Are a legal resident of the state of Wisconsin.
- 2) Graduate of a high school or postsecondary school within the boundaries of the state of Wisconsin.
- 3) PGA Members, Associates or Pre-Qualifier/Qualifier Eligible approved tournament players that are part of the Wisconsin Section PGA.
- 4) 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.

## **ENTRY FEE STRUCTURE**

Amateur - \$180      Awaiting Reinstatement - \$180      Professional - \$215  
After Day One Play - Cookout Guest - \$30 (Additional & Optional)

## **TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **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."  
  
Proper attire for contestants will consist of Bermuda length golf shorts or long 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. The Dress Code applies to players and caddies.
4. **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 first round. 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.
5. **FORFEITURE OF AMATEUR STATUS:** An amateur may declare himself a golf professional and play as such provided, he signs a letter of intent and pays the additional entry fee PRIOR to beginning play in the tournament proper.

## 6. **GOLF CARS & CADDIES**

- Golf car fees are included in the entry fee.
- Golf cars are mandatory and will be set up for two riders per car.
- **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.
- Caddies are allowed. If a player chooses they may walk along with their caddie, provided the player's clubs are placed on the golf car and transported by a fellow competitor.
- If a player has extenuating circumstances and requires a single golf car, they may request one by emailing Chris Hoel at [choel@pgahq.com](mailto: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 for each round they need the single golf car. This fee could include the full cost to bring in an extra golf car.
- If golf cars are unavailable due to weather / course conditions, the event or round will not be played.
- At the discretion of the host facility a limited number of spectator golf cars for disabled / handicapped individuals may be allowed. Please inquire with the course for availability and cost.

7. **NO METAL SPIKES:** All WPGA affiliated events are non-metal spike tournaments.

8. **REFUNDS:** No refunds will be given after the registration deadline. If a player withdraws before the deadline, a \$15 processing fee will be assessed by the Wisconsin PGA.

9. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** August 24, 2023 by 11:59 p.m. or the first 104 paid entries. American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover will be accepted via online registration. To register online go to [wisconsin.pga.com](http://wisconsin.pga.com) and go to the WPGA Tournament Schedule to select the Wisconsin State Senior Open.

10. **REJECTED ENTRIES:** The Wisconsin PGA reserves the right to reject any entry due to non-competitive past performances.

11. **TEE TIMES:** Will be posted on [wisconsin.pga.com](http://wisconsin.pga.com) and emailed out to all players. Tee times will start at 10:00 a.m. on day one and at 8:30 a.m. on day two. **NO TEE TIME REQUESTS WILL BE HONORED.**

12. **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](http://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 Maple Bluff CC, The Wisconsin State Senior Open, 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.

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"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."

## **DISCLAIMER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY – CONTINUED**

"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.

## **PRACTICE ROUNDS**

The rate and availability for practice rounds will be posted on the event webpage under the Competition / Eligibility Info.

Championship yardage will be played between 6300-6425 yards.

## **CLUB ADDRESS & CONTACT INFO**

Maple Bluff CC  
500 Kensington Drive  
Madison, WI 53704  
(608) 249-2000

Head PGA Professional – Brian Bishop

## **QUESTIONS**

Call the Wisconsin PGA at (414) 443-3570

## **WEBSITE**

Information about the Wisconsin PGA can be found at [wisconsin.pga.com](http://wisconsin.pga.com)

Information about Maple Bluff CC can be found at [maplebluffcc.com](http://maplebluffcc.com)

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**SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2023**  
**MAPLE BLUFF COUNTRY CLUB**

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