



# LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals National Championship

## *Policies and Procedures*

### **Application Fee**

The professional registration fee for the LPGA T&CP National Championship is **\$375 / \$425** after **July 23rd**. The registration fee includes three rounds of competition with golf carts, one practice round during the official practice round days, unlimited use of practice facility, an exclusive LPGA player gift package and an invitation to the LPGA Rolex Reception.

### **LPGA Eligibility**

**Eligible Players:** Except as set forth below, all Master Professional, Class A, Class B, Apprentice, Life, Senior, Class A-2, Class B-2 and Class A-T members, who are in good standing and are not suspended from membership privileges, shall be eligible to play in Membership tournaments.

**Ineligible Players:** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the LPGA T&CP Bylaws, the following members are not eligible to play in Membership tournaments:

1. Honorary, Retired, Alumni, Affiliate, Inactive and Active Association Tournament Division members;
2. Any member (other than a Class A-T member) who has competed in seven or more LPGA Tour co-sponsored or approved tournaments, Symetra Tour sanctioned tournaments, Legends Tour tournaments or tournaments on any professional tour outside the United States, in each case excluding qualifying tournaments (all of the foregoing collectively referred to as "Counted Tournaments"), in the aggregate, during the twelve months immediately preceding the tournament in which she is seeking entry; and
3. Any Class A-T member who has competed in five or more Counted Tournaments, in the aggregate, during the twelve months immediately preceding the tournament in which she is seeking entry."

The Senior Division includes members who are age 50 and older by the first day of competition.

### **PGA of America Eligibility**

All female PGA of America Members and Apprentices will be eligible to compete within the National Championship under the current PGA Eligibility requirements as stated below.

**Eligible:** All female PGA Members and Apprentices of the Association are eligible (except Class A-3, Honorary Members, Inactive (IN), Retired Members (RM), Life Members (LM), Life Member Master (LMM), Life Member Century (LMC), Class F Members, and/or suspended Members/Apprentices) - provided they have not played in more than ten (10) combined Adams Pro Tour, Asian Tour, Australia/New Zealand Tour, Dakotas Tour, European Challenge Tour, European Senior Tour, European Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, JPGA Tour, Ladies European Tour (LET), LPGA Futures Tour (Symetra Tour), LPGA Tour, Mackenzie TOUR – Canada, OnCore Gateway Tour, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR LatinoAmerica, SwingThought Tour, The Safari Tour, The Sunshine Tour and web.com TOUR tournaments between September 4, 2016 to September 3, 2017. The U. S. Open, U. S. Senior Open, PGA Championship and Senior PGA Championship are not included in the 10-tournament count.



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### **Entry Procedures**

- The Championship, Challenge and Senior Division fields are open to the **first 144** completely executed entries **from all division** received at LPGA Headquarters by no later than 5:00pm EDT on **Friday, August 14, 2017**.
- Only completely executed entries with the division marked and full payment enclosed will be accepted.

### **Waiting List**

***A full field is anticipated, so please make your registration plans accordingly.*** Once the field is full, a waiting list will be established based on date of receipt of entry.

### **Participant Cancellation and No-Show Policy**

1. Participants who wish to cancel from the Championship must do so in writing sent via facsimile or e-mail to LPGA Headquarters.
2. All written cancellations received prior to Friday, August 14, 2017 will incur a \$75.00 cancellation processing fee.
3. If a written cancellation is received after Friday, August 14, 2017 the member will incur 100% forfeiture of their total professional registration fee.
4. No-shows at the LPGA T&CP National Championship will incur 100% forfeiture of the professional registration fee and are subject to fine.

### **Exemptions**

#### KPMG PGA Women's Championship

- Top-eight (8) finishers in the Championship Division will receive exemptions into the next year's KPMG PGA Women's Championship
- There will be a playoff related to the 8<sup>th</sup> spot in the case of ties.

#### Senior LPGA Championship

- Top-five (5) finishers and ties in the Senior Division
- Top-ten (10) finishers and ties in the Championship Division

### **Practice Rounds**

To reserve a practice round, including a spot in the Sunday afternoon shotgun, please call 910-692-9362, starting anytime and identify yourself as a participant in the LPGA T&CP National Championship.

Each professional receives one complimentary practice round on one of the official practice round days (see below).

- Friday, September 1 - Tee Times from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm\*based on availability
- Saturday, September 2 – Tee Times from 12:35 pm to 2:00 pm
- Sunday, September 3 - Shotgun start at 2:00 p.m. (Please contact golf shop)

***Any additional professional practice rounds are reserved at the discretion of the golf course at the player's expense. Pro-Am participants may book practice rounds at a rate of \$50+tax per person.***



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### **Tournament Cut and Purse**

**TOTAL PURSE** – \$75,000 - \$100,000 (*based on participation*)

- **Purse will be distributed based on the percentage of participants within each division.**
- Each division will be cut to equal Top 70 and ties after 36 holes.

### **Stance on Conforming Clubs (Groove and Punch Mark Specifications)**

**REMINDER** - The LPGA **ADOPTED** the "new conforming grooves rule" for ALL LPGA EVENTS in 2014. It is stated on the LPGA Hard Card but because it is a condition of EVERY competition for 2017, it will not be listed on every Local Rules Sheet.

### **Professional Registration**

All Championship participants must register on-site prior to participating in the event. Professional registration will be open on Saturday, September 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, September 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Conference Center at Mid Pines Inn.

### **Mandatory Player Meeting**

A Mandatory Player Meeting will take place from 6:30pm – 7:30pm on Sunday, September 3 at the Conference Center at Mid Pines Golf Club.

Failure by a member to attend the mandatory player meeting at the National Championship will result in the following penalties as outlined in the Code of Ethics and Standards set forth in the LPGA Constitution for the T&CP Membership: a first offense shall result in a minor penalty of \$100, a second offense shall result in a minor penalty of \$200, and a third offense shall constitute an intermediate penalty of \$500 and/or suspension of Membership for not more than three months.

### **Caddies**

Championship participants may bring their own caddie. **Players bringing caddies must notify LPGA Headquarters by Friday, August 14, 2017.**

Golf carts are available for all competitors. No more than two carts per playing group will be allowed. The only person permitted to ride in the cart other than the player is the caddie.

### **Titleist Pro-Am**

Championship participants are encouraged to bring a team to compete in this year's Pro-Am event, to be held Sunday, September 3. Professionals will participate at no charge and will have the opportunity to play for a separate "Pro-Am Purse" in addition to earning LPGA Certification Units.

**Pro-Am team registrations are due to LPGA Headquarters no later than August 14, 2017.**