



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

**Tournament:** SHAW CHARITY CLASSIC, AUGUST 13 – AUGUST 15, 2021  
CANYON MEADOWS G&CC, CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA

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### **Event Qualifier**

To be held at **ELBOW SPRINGS GC** in **CALGARY, AB** on **MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRY FOR EVENT QUALIFIER: **FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021 AT 5:00 PM MST**

**Phone Number:** 403-246-2800

### **Event Pre-Qualifier**

To be held at **VALLEY RIDGE GC** in **CALGARY, AB** on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRY FOR PRE-QUALIFIER: **FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2021 AT 5:00 PM MST**

**Phone Number:** 403-221-9682

\*\*\* No phone entries will be accepted. Online entries may be accepted at the discretion of the respective 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 PGA TOUR Champions. An allotment of PGA TOUR Champions Local Rules and Terms of the 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. The top 30 players and anyone tied for 30<sup>th</sup> position from the 2019 PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament
2. Tournament Winners on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Korn Ferry Tour (Tournaments awarding official victory status and those players eligible via the Team Tournament Winner Category on the PGA TOUR)
3. PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Korn Ferry Tour Veteran Members (refer to Korn Ferry Tour Tournament Regulations)
4. Those players finishing in 37<sup>th</sup> – 75<sup>th</sup> position on PGA TOUR Champions Official Points List from the 2019 season
5. Players who have earned one million dollars (\$1,000,000) or more on PGA TOUR Champions
6. European Tour Past Champions and Legends Tour Past Champions whose victories were considered official
7. Players who Pre-Qualify and Event Qualify for an official PGA TOUR Champions event in the same week, will be exempt from Pre-Qualifying for the remainder of that season

8. Up to six (6) players from a local Open "Pre-Qualifying" event conducted prior to this Event Qualifier (one of which may be designated by the host PGA Section)
9. Any Event Qualifier competing in the immediately preceding cosponsored or approved event that would otherwise be required to compete in the Pre-Qualifier

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 hole-by-hole play-off will commence immediately following play in the event of ties to determine the qualifying positions.

Note 1: Top Ten Advance Category: If not otherwise exempt under Sections A.1 (a-j), the highest one (1) player finishing in 10th place (including ties for 10<sup>th</sup> place) or better in the order of finish in the immediately preceding PGA TOUR Champions cosponsored event (excluding Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, Morocco Champions, Insuperity Invitational, Regions Tradition, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, American Family Insurance Championship, Mastercard Japan Championship, U.S. Senior Open Championship, Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, Senior Open Presented by Rolex, Dominion Energy Charity Classic, TimberTech Championship, and Charles Schwab Cup Championship). For full regulations, please see the PGA TOUR Champions Handbook.

Note 2: 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. Online entries can be accepted at the discretion of the respective Section.

**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 and over 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.

NOTE: In the event that the Pre-Qualifier has a play-off for the final spot(s) to advance to the Event Qualifier, and is unable to complete the play-off due to weather, darkness or any other reason, the final positions will be determined by a scorecard play-off starting at hole 18 going backwards.

**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):**

**\$0** – 2021 PGA TOUR Champions Member

**\$150** – 2021 PGA TOUR Champions Associate Member or Korn Ferry Veteran Member eligible for Event Qualifier

**\$200** – Non-Member exempt to 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 and Punch Mark Specifications:** During the Event Qualifier, Model Local Rule G-2 is in effect but the exception to G-2 does not apply. Such Local Rule shall NOT apply to Pre-Qualifying. Event Qualifying contestants must use conforming equipment per the PGA TOUR Champions Local Rules and Terms of the Competition (Hard Card). 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 20 of the Rules of Golf shall apply.

**Golf Carts/Caddies/Pull Carts:**

Complimentary golf carts shall be available to players during practice rounds and on the day of the Event Qualifier unless conditions dictate otherwise as determined by the PGA TOUR Champions tournament official. Pull carts are permitted.

Players are not required to have a caddie. Caddies are permitted to ride with their player and drive their player’s cart.

**Tee Times:** Groupings and tee times will be established after the close of the respective Entry Deadlines and should be available by calling or checking online with the host PGA Section no more than one day prior to the respective events.

**Distance-Measuring Devices:** Distance-Measuring Devices are permitted in Open Qualifying. Rule 4.3a(1) applies.

**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, cutoffs, T-shirts or shirts with no collar are considered inappropriate. Players are permitted to wear golf shorts which are knee-length, tailored and neat in appearance. Compression leggings worn underneath shorts must be solid in color.

Caddies: While on the host facility property, caddies may wear either long pants or tailored solid colored knee length shorts or skirts. 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 found in the PGA TOUR Champions Player Handbook and Tournament Regulations. Every effort will be made to complete the Event Qualifying competition. If Event Qualifying is contested on Monday of tournament week, the competition may be extended to Tuesday if (1) the golf course is still available, and (2) if the Event Qualifier is conducted on the Tournament Course, in the judgment of the onsite Rules Official Tournament Director, continuation of the competition will not disrupt previously planned onsite events (e.g., Shoot-Outs, Skins Games, etc.) or unreasonably interfere with practice rounds for exempt players. If the Event Qualifying is contested on Tuesday of tournament week, no extension of the competition to Wednesday is permissible.

If, in the judgment of the onsite Rules Official Tournament Director, circumstances do not permit the Event Qualifying competition to be continued, the following reduction/cancellation guidelines approved by PGA TOUR Champions Division Board shall be applied:

1. Reduction of Play —In order for entry into the tournament to be based on competition, all players in the starting field of the Event Qualifying competition shall complete at least nine or eighteen holes. In the occurrence of a nine hole event, or eighteen hole event where a playoff is required, where the field has started on one tee, the available Event Qualifying spots shall be determined by nine-hole scores, with ties for last available spot and alternate priority determined via on-course playoff. If conditions dictate that there can be no on-course playoff, any ties for last place and priority of alternates will be determined by retrogression of the scorecards starting with the ninth or eighteenth and final hole and working backwards to the first hole, as necessary.

If the field starts on both the 1st and 10th holes and all players complete at least nine holes prior to the suspension of play, an equal number of players that started from each of the 1st and 10th holes, determined by lowest nine hole scores on the respective nines, shall be the successful qualifiers. If an odd number of players from the Event Qualifier must be selected, a blind draw will be used to determine priority amongst the next available finishers from the front nine and the back nine to determine the odd numbered qualifying spot.

NOTE: In the event that the Pre-Qualifier has a playoff for the final spots to advance to the Event Qualifier, and is unable to complete the playoff due to weather, darkness or any other reason, the final positions will be determined by a scorecard playoff starting at hole 18 going backwards.

NOTE: In the event that the entire starting field in an Event Qualifying competition is not able to complete nine holes and the competition cannot be continued on Tuesday as outlined above, the competition shall be considered canceled.

2. Cancellation of Play — If an Event Qualifying competition must be canceled, the following procedure shall be followed:

a) During all open, full-field events of the year through May 31, the following priority order will be used to determine who will use the available Event Qualifier positions:

i. The 2 highest-ranking players available from the Previous Year's Charles Schwab Cup Points List entered in Event Qualifying.

ii. The two players entered in Event Qualifying with the largest number of combined official victories who were not selected amongst the first two players. If two or more players are tied in combined official victories, priority will be based on the All-Time Money List.

iii. If there are any remaining spots available, they will be provided to the highest finisher from the Previous Year's Qualifying Tournament Final Stage entered in the Event Qualifier. Any ties amongst this group for the last available spot will be determined by the last round score from the Qualifying Tournament, continuing to the third round, etc. until the priority order is determined. b) In the occurrence that Event Qualifying is canceled without any player having been able to play, all entry fees and insurance will be refunded, minus a \$25 administrative charge. The players deemed qualifiers from the procedure above will have their qualifying fee applied as the entry fee for the official tournament. In the occurrence that Event Qualifying is canceled after play started, all entry fees will be refunded, minus the 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.