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SHAW CHARITY CLASSIC
CHAMPIONS TOUR QUALIFYING
Player Information



Elbow Springs GC – Pre-Qualifier



The Hamptons GC – Event Qualifier

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Exhibit A – Event Qualifying Procedures & Information Sheet

Tournament: SHAW CHARITY CLASSIC, AUGUST 29 – SEPTEMBER 2, 2018
CANYON MEADOWS G&CC, CALGARY ALBERTA, CANADA

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Event Qualifier

To be held at **THE HAMPTONS GC** in CALGARY, ALBERTA on **TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRY FOR EVENT QUALIFIER: **FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018 at 5:00PM (MST)**

GOLF COURSE PHONE NUMBER: 403.239.8088

Event Pre-Qualifier

To be held at the **ELBOW SPRINGS GC** in CALGARY, ALBERTA on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018**

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRY FOR PRE-QUALIFIER: **FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018 at 5:00PM (MST)**

GOLF COURSE PHONE NUMBER: 403.246.2800

*** No phone entries will be accepted. Faxes and Online entries may be accepted at the discretion the respective Section.

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 the PGA Champions. An allotment of Champions Tour Local Rules and Conditions of 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. Tournament Winners of PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions or Web.com – official victories and players eligible under the PGA TOUR Team Tournament Winner Category.
2. Web.com Tour Veteran Members are defined as players who have made 150 combined cuts in PGA TOUR and Web.com Tour official money events, and who have participated in the previous year’s PGA TOUR and/or PGA Champions National Qualifying Tournament.
3. Those players finishing 75th or better on the 2017 PGA Champions Official Money List.
4. Player who have earned \$1,000,000 or more on the PGA TOUR Champions.
5. Players who have Pre-Qualified and Event Qualified for an event in the same week will be exempt into the Event Qualifier for the remainder of the year.

6. Winners on the European Tour or European Sr. Tour will be exempt from Pre-Qualifier.
7. Finished within top 30 & ties from 2017 Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament.

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 Sudden-Death playoff will commence immediately following play in the event of ties to determine the qualifying positions. The number of Event Qualifier spots available will be posted prior to the commencement of play of the Event Qualifier.

Note 1: Top Ten Advance Category: If not otherwise exempt into the field at the commitment deadline, a maximum of one player finishing in 10th place or tied for 10th place in the immediately preceding event will advance into the next PGA TOUR Champions, full-field cosponsored event.

Note 2: Should any combination of players added to the field from Section A.1 (e) (Major Medical), section A.1 (k) (Tournament Winners), section A.1 (k) (All-Time Victories), and/or section A.1 (m) (World Golf Hall of Fame Members) of the PGA TOUR Champions Tournament Regulations cause the tournament field to exceed 81 players, an Event Qualifying spot, then a restricted sponsor exemption, will be reduced in alternating order.

Note 3: 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. Faxes and on-line entries can be accepted at the discretion 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+ 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.

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):

\$100 – All players entering the 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 Specifications: Event Qualifying contestants **MUST** use equipment which conforms to the Condition of Competition for Groove Specifications as implemented in the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and Web.com Tour Local Rules and Conditions of Competition (Hard Card). This condition shall **NOT** apply to Pre-Qualifying. The complete specifications for grooves in elite competitions along with a public database listing conformity of many clubs can be found at 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. Please refer to Section 14 in the Open Qualifying Guidelines for further details as there have been changes in the language.

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 34 of the Rules of Golf shall apply.

Motorized Transportation (Golf Carts): In keeping with current PGA TOUR Champions Policy at its Official Tournaments, **players are permitted to use golf carts during the Event Qualifier and Pre-Qualifier**, unless conditions dictate otherwise by PGA TOUR Champions Staff on-site. Players are not required to have a caddie but have the option to have one should they elect. A player may also walk and carry his clubs or use a manual or electric pull cart.

Tee Times: Groupings and tee times will be established after the close of the respective Entry Deadlines and should be available by calling the Qualifying Event site(s) no more than one day prior to the respective events.

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, shorts and/or cutoffs and T-shirts are considered inappropriate and will not be permitted unless otherwise stated by the Committee.**

Caddies: While on the host facility property, caddies may wear either long pants or tailored solid colored knee length shorts or skorts. 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 as found in the PGA TOUR Champions Player Handbook and Tournament Regulations. In the event that the Event Qualifier and/or Pre-Qualifier is canceled without any player having been able to play, all entry fees and insurance will be refunded. In the event the Event Qualifier and/or Pre-Qualifier is canceled after play has begun, all entry fees will be refunded, minus the \$20 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.

The Professional Golfers’ Association of Alberta reserves the right to refuse entry of any applicant for the Pre-Qualifier and Event Qualifier events deemed necessary by the committee.

For further information, please call PGA TOUR Champions Headquarters at 904.285-3700.