

PGA TOUR
2017-2018 SEASON OPEN QUALIFYING & PRE-QUALIFYING
APPLICATION FOR ENTRY



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Tournament 2018 Valspar Championship at Innisbrook Resort

Open Qualifying

Date: Monday March 5th, 2018 **Course:** Southern Hills Plantation Club

Address: 4200 Summit View Dr., Brooksville, FL 34601 **Phone Number:** (352) 277-5000

Pre-Qualifying

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2. **Date:** Thursday March 1st, 2018 **Course:** Southern Hills Plantation Club

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Entry Deadline: 2017-2018 season PGA TOUR, current Web.com Tour and current *PGA TOUR* Champions Regular Members, local PGA Section exemptions (3), Former PGA TOUR Members from 2015 - 2017, players making a cut on the PGA TOUR in 2017-2018 season, players in the top 100 on the World Golf Rankings as of the non-member entry deadline and players in the PGA TOUR event immediately preceding the Open Qualifier: 5:00 p.m. local time on the Friday preceding the Open Qualifying Round. (March 2nd)

All Others: 5:00 p.m. local time on the second Friday preceding the Open Qualifying Round. (February 23rd)

(Please print or type)

Name in full: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: Home: _____ Cell: _____ E-Mail: _____

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ (required field)

Club Affiliation (if any) _____

Check status: Eligible for the Open Qualifier:
2017-2018 Season PGA TOUR Member
Current Web.com Tour Member
Current PGA TOUR Champions Regular Member
PGA Section Exemption (3 players maximum) and Former PGA TOUR Members 2015-2017
Player making a cut on the PGA TOUR in 2017-2018 season
Players in the top 100 on the World Golf Rankings as of the non-member entry deadline
Player in the PGA TOUR event immediately preceding the Open Qualifier

 Applicant for the Pre-Qualifier:
 Current Member of MacKenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica or PGA TOUR China
 PGA of America Member/Apprentice – Name of Section & Events Played _____
 Other Professional – Mini Tour Events/State Opens Played _____
Foreign Professional and name of golf organization/tour _____
 Amateur/Player Seeking Amateur Status USGA Index _____

Handicap Established - Course & Location _____ Phone _____ Head Pro _____

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Eligible for Open Qualifier:

Respective Fees (Check)

2017-2018 Season PGA TOUR Member	\$0	_____
Current Web.com Tour Members and Current PGA TOUR Champions Regular Members	\$100	_____
PGA Section Exemption (3 players maximum), Former PGA TOUR Members 2015-2017, players making a cut on the PGA TOUR in 2017-2018 season, players in the top 100 on the World Golf Rankings as of the non-member entry deadline and players in the PGA TOUR event immediately preceding the Open Qualifier	\$450	_____
Current MacKenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica or PGA TOUR China members Eligible for one of the above exemptions and therefore exempt into the Open Qualifier	\$300	_____

Pre-Qualifier:

All other Professionals or Amateurs/Players Seeking Amateur Status: \$200 _____

Note: Successful Pre-Qualifying Professionals and Amateurs/Players Seeking Amateur Status are subject to an additional \$250 entry fee prior to teeing off in the Open Qualifying. An additional \$100 for current members of MacKenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica and PGA TOUR China.

- Check enclosed is payable to the Section
- Charge my Visa or Master card: _____ Exp Date: _____
 Print full name as it appears on the card: _____
 CVC Number (Last 3 digits on back of card): _____
 Billing Address (if different): _____

Cardholder acknowledges receipt of goods and/or services in the amount of the total shown hereon and agrees to perform the obligations set forth in the Cardholder's agreement with the Issuer.

TELEVISION, RADIO, MOTION PICTURE, PHOTOGRAPHIC, ELECTRONIC, INTERNET AND SIMILAR RIGHTS/DECLARATIONS:

The undersigned hereby grants and assigns to PGA TOUR, Inc., without limitation, the undersigned's individual television, radio, motion picture, photographic, electronic, internet "Interactive Applications" (as defined below) and all other media rights with respect to the undersigned's participation in the qualifying tournament or any portion thereof (i.e., at all times on-site during Tournament week and during any Tournament-related activities), or any other footage of the undersigned that may be captured by PGA TOUR Entertainment or its contractors with the undersigned's permission, with the understanding that PGA TOUR's use thereof shall be limited to the following: (1) advertising, promoting or publicizing the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR charitable initiatives, tournaments or any broadcasts thereof; (2) live broadcasts during tournaments, (3) broadcasts or exhibitions on a recorded basis as part of a program or motion picture of tournaments or year-end summaries of sports award programs or any news of sports news programs; provided, that in no case shall the rights granted hereunder be used in any program or motion picture designed for instructional purposes without the express written consent of the player(s) involved; and (4) live or taped non-exclusive updates. "Interactive Applications" shall mean the presentation in any medium in a way that permits the viewer to interact with or manipulate the presentation or access other relevant information during the presentation. The undersigned agrees to refrain from any action which will interfere with PGA TOUR's ownership of the rights hereunder granted and assigned to PGA TOUR or with any authorized use thereof. The undersigned also agrees to abide by and be governed by the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations currently in effect (and, if a member of PGA TOUR, attest that a copy thereof has been furnished to me) and by the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association, subject to any modifications thereof approved by PGA TOUR.

The undersigned hereby declares that they have the financial capacity to support themselves in relation to the official PGA TOUR event and that the foregoing information furnished by player in the Application is true and complete; and understands that any material false statements herein furnished by player may result in their expulsion from the Tournament and the suspension or termination of their playing privileges in tournaments cosponsored, approved or endorsed by PGA TOUR.

By submission of this entry, I agree to the following:

- I agree to the regulations on Exhibit A included herewith and I agree that my entry is subject to rejection at any time.
- I agree that certain risks are inherent to the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks.
- I agree that the responsibility of insuring this application is received by the Section by no later than the applicable entry deadline as set forth on Exhibit A is mine alone and that this application will be automatically rejected if it is received by the Section after such date and time.
- I agree that the risk of delay lies solely with me and that the Section has no liability with respect to any such delay and the consequences there from, including rejection of this entry.
- I agree that the application must be completely executed before I will be entered in the Tournament.

Note: Open Qualifying contestants MUST use equipment which conforms to the Condition of Competition for Groove Specifications (see below). This condition shall NOT apply to Pre-Qualifying.

Original Signature of Applicant - REQUIRED for application to be accepted
 (Please send or fax this form and payment information to the PGA Section, listed in Exhibit A)

Exhibit A – Open Qualifying Procedures & Information Sheet



Pages 3 - 4 to be kept by the applicant

Tournament: 2018 Valspar Championship at Innisbrook Resort

PGA Section: North Florida PGA

Address: 7593 Gathering Dr.

Reunion, FL 34747

Phone: 386-256-1221 Fax: 386-675-1478

Website: www.nfpga.com

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Procedures & Information:

Format

Pre-Qualifying: 18-hole stroke play competition. All amateur/player seeking amateur status and professional applicants must pre-qualify except: 2017-2018 Season PGA TOUR members; current Web.com Tour members, current PGA TOUR Champions regular members, three (3) exemptions from the local PGA Section, Former PGA TOUR Members from 2015 – 2017, players making a cut on the PGA TOUR in 2017-2018 season, players in the top 100 on the World Golf Rankings as of the non-member entry deadline and players in the PGA TOUR event immediately preceding the Open Qualifier. The number of Pre-Qualifiers that will advance to the Monday Open Qualifying Competition will be approximately **25 and ties**; when more than one pre-qualifying site is used, the split for each site will be announced when the pairings are posted. In the event that the pre-qualifying entries number less than 50 at the non-member entry deadline, the pre-qualifying will be held and the percentage of players advancing to the Open Qualifying will be 75% of the Pre-Qualifying field and any ties at this score.

Open Qualifying: An 18-hole stroke play event with the **low 4 qualifiers** advancing to the **2018 Valspar Championship**. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff immediately following play.

Upon approval by the on-site PGA TOUR Rules Official or designee of the Open Qualifying site round scores and prior to starting a hole by hole playoff, contestants that earn a qualifying position are in the field of the above named tournament. In the event of a tie for the last Open Qualifying position, a separate hole-by-hole playoff competition will be conducted to determine the player(s) that will earn the remaining qualifying position(s) for the above named tournament.

Prior to the approval of the round scores at an Open Qualifying site, an Open Qualifying contestant who gains entry into the field of the above named tournament shall be removed from the Open Qualifying competition, even if the player has completed his Open Qualifying round and returned his scorecard.

A contestant competing in an Open Qualifying hole-by-hole playoff that gains a position in the field via the alternate list of the above named tournament shall be removed from the hole-by-hole playoff.

A contestant competing in an Open Qualifying hole-by-hole playoff that earns an Open Qualifying position is in the field of the above named tournament and is removed from the alternate list.

Entry Deadline

2017-2018 Season PGA TOUR, current Web.com Tour and current PGA TOUR Champions Regular Members, local PGA Section exemptions (3), Former PGA TOUR Members from 2015 – 2017, players making a cut on the PGA TOUR in 2017-2018 season, players in the top 100 on the World Golf Rankings as of the non-member entry deadline and players in the PGA TOUR event immediately preceding the Open Qualifier: 5:00 p.m. local time on the Friday preceding the Open Qualifying Round.

All Others: 5:00 p.m. local time on the second Friday preceding the Open Qualifying Round.

No phone entries will be accepted. Faxes and online entries may be accepted at the discretion of the respective Section.

Entry Fees

Pre-Qualifying for other Professionals and Amateurs/Players Seeking Amateur Status: \$200.00

Successful Pre-Qualifying Professionals & Amateurs/Players Seeking Amateur Status additional: \$250.00

Successful Pre-Qualifying members of MacKenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, and PGA TOUR China an additional: \$100.00

2017-2018 Season PGA TOUR members: \$ 0.00

Current Web.com Tour members and Current PGA TOUR Champions Regular members: \$100.00

PGA Section Exemptions (3 players maximum), Former PGA TOUR Members 2015-2017, players making a cut on the PGA TOUR in 2017-2018 season, players in the top 100 on the World Golf Rankings as of the non-member entry deadline and players in the PGA TOUR event immediately preceding the Open Qualifier: \$450.00

Current MacKenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, or PGA TOUR China members eligible for one of the above exemptions and therefore exempt into the Open Qualifier: \$300.00

Entry fee must accompany application and be payable in cash, cashier's check, money order, traveler's check, debit card or credit card. Personal checks will only be accepted from members of: the PGA of America; the PGA TOUR; the Web.com Tour; or regular members of PGA TOUR Champions. The additional \$250 entry fee for successful Pre-Qualifiers (\$100 for MacKenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica and PGA TOUR China members) must be paid prior to the player's starting time in the Monday Open Qualifying. Entry fee includes: green fee; range usage on the competition day(s) and, for the successful qualifiers, the entry fee to the tournament proper.

Eligibility

Professionals and Amateurs/Players Seeking Amateur Status with a handicap index when applied to the qualifying course slope will generate a handicap of two (2) or less. The PGA TOUR reserves the right to verify the handicap index of amateurs/players seeking amateur status and to refuse anyone not meeting the requirements.

Starting Times

Starting times will be available after 3:00 pm on the Saturday preceding the Open Qualifying competition at: The Section office; the host facilities; or on the web at the address listed above.

Withdrawals

Applicants must withdraw prior to the entry deadline to be eligible for an entry fee refund. Contestants who withdraw during the round may be subject to disciplinary action.

Practice Rounds

Practice rounds must be arranged with host facilities. Practice round fees are at the discretion of the host facilities.

Rules of Golf

Play shall be governed in accordance with the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association, as modified by the PGA TOUR Local Rules and Conditions of Competition card and supplemented by the Notice to Competitors. Questions or disputes (including equipment rulings) shall be settled by the on-site Rules Committee appointed by the PGA TOUR, whose decision shall be final.

Caddies

Players are not required to have a caddie. Caddies are not permitted to walk on the competition course putting greens on the day(s) of the competition except during the stipulated round when accompanying their player. See **Transportation** for additional information.

Distance Measuring Devices

Distance measuring devices are permitted in Open Qualifying.

Groove Specifications

Open Qualifying contestants **MUST** use equipment which conforms to the Condition of Competition for Groove Specifications as implemented in the PGA TOUR, Champions Tour 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 Open 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 Open Qualifying. If the club(s) in question is not listed on the public databases 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.

Pace of Play

The PGA TOUR Pace of Play Policy will be in effect for the Open Qualifier, except the fine structure shall not apply. Sections will be required, under the guidance of the PGA TOUR Tournament Official, to create a Pace of Play Time Chart.

Spike Policy

The use of traditional metal spikes is permitted during the Competition. Soft spikes may be required during practice rounds at the discretion of the host facilities.

Transportation

Players and Caddies shall walk at all times during qualifying rounds, except when permitted to ride by the Rules Committee. Players are not required to have a caddie; they may carry their clubs or use a manual or motorized pull cart. Players **are** permitted to ride during a Pre-Qualifying round but carts are on a first come first serve basis.

Anyone seeking a golf cart due to a disability defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the PGA TOUR Competition Department at (904) 285-3700 to obtain information on procedures for submitting such requests. All such requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not qualify as a "disability" under the ADA will not be granted.

Appearance

Players: While on the host facility property on the day(s) of competition, players shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Blue jeans, shorts, cutoffs, T-shirts or shirts with no collar shall not be worn.

Caddies: While on the host facility property on the day(s) of competition, caddies may wear either long pants or tailored solid colored knee length shorts or skorts. Blue jeans, cutoffs, T-shirts or shirts with no collar shall not be worn. Smooth rubber sole shoes are required. Sandals, open toe shoes, and 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.

Conduct

While on host facility property during qualifying rounds; players and caddies shall conduct themselves in a professional manner. PGA TOUR reserves the right to remove a player from the qualifying competition for; non competitiveness; conduct unbecoming a professional by the player; conduct unbecoming a professional by the players' caddie.

Reduction or Cancellation

Any reduction or cancellation in the respective qualifying competition shall be in accordance with Reduction/Cancellation Guidelines as found in the PGA TOUR Tournament Regulations. In the event that the competition is canceled without **any** player having been able to play, all entry fees will be refunded. In the event the competition is canceled **after** play has begun, all entry fees will be refunded, minus a \$25 administrative charge per player.

If in the judgment of the on-site PGA TOUR Rules Official or designee, whose decision shall be final, conditions render commencement or continuation of tournament play inadvisable, play shall be postponed until such time as the PGA TOUR Rules Official or designee determines that such weather conditions or other occurrences or conditions have improved sufficiently for play to commence or resume.

In situations involving adverse weather conditions or any other occurrence or condition, our first priority is the completion of the qualifying competition. Every effort will be made to achieve this objective by the end of the scheduled competition day.

In the event the qualifying competition cannot be completed by the end of the scheduled competitive day, play will be extended. Every effort will be made to complete the qualifying competition as soon as possible. The Open Qualifying competition will not

continue beyond the end of the day immediately preceding the first scheduled tournament round of the competition. In the event one or more of the 18-hole Open Qualifying contestants cannot be identified, those qualifying spots will be filled by the next available players on the PGA TOUR Alternate List.

PGA TOUR Reserves the right to change the format, venue(s), qualifying spots and other criteria as presently contemplated.