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About PGA TOUR Champions

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older, including 32 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame. The Tour's mission is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back and generate significant charitable and economic impact in tournament communities. In 2019, the PGA TOUR Champions schedule includes 27 tournaments across the United States, Japan, England and Canada, with purses totaling nearly \$58 million. The Charles Schwab Cup, which includes the Regular Season and the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs, is used to determine the season-long champion. All events are televised in the United States, with most receiving complete coverage on Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, telecasts air in excess of 170 countries and territories, reaching more than 340 million potential households, and distributed in 15+ markets via GOLFTV. Follow PGA TOUR Champions online at PGATOUR.com, at facebook.com/PGATOURChampions, on Twitter [@ChampionsTour](https://twitter.com/ChampionsTour) and on Instagram [@pgatourchampions](https://www.instagram.com/pgatourchampions).

History

PGA TOUR Champions was founded in 1980, and the Tour enters its 40th season in 2019.

Charity

The PGA TOUR and its tournaments generated a record \$190 million for more than 3,000 charitable causes in 2018. The charitable total, which brings the all-time total to \$2.84 billion, includes donations made by tournaments on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Web.com Tour, Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica and PGA TOUR Series-China. Nine PGA TOUR Champions events generated more than \$1 million for charity in 2018.

Not-for-profit tournaments under the PGA TOUR umbrella donate their net proceeds to support local organizations, totaling close to \$3 billion in donations to date. The impact these tournaments make

throughout the year is possible thanks to the 100,000 volunteers annually who commit their time to ensure each event is a success.

2019 Schedule

The 2019 schedule features 27 official tournaments in Canada, Japan, Scotland and 19 states, with prize money totaling nearly \$58 million. After the 24-event Regular Season, the fourth-annual Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs will determine the winner of the season-long race for the Charles Schwab Cup.

Tournaments will be contested on 11 courses that currently host or previously hosted a PGA TOUR tournament.

Golf Course	PGA TOUR Champions tournament	PGA TOUR tournament
Omni Tucson National	Cologuard Classic	Tucson Open (1965-1978, 1980, 1991-2006)
TPC Sugarloaf	Mitsubishi Electric Classic	AT&T Classic (1997-2008)
The Woodlands Country Club	Insperty Invitational	Houston Open (1975-2002)
Oak Hill Country Club	KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship	U.S. Open (3 times), PGA Championship (3 times)
Firestone Country Club	Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship	WGC-Bridgestone Invitational (1962-2018)
Royal Lytham and St. Annes	The Senior Open Championship	The Open Championship (11 times)
En-Joie Golf Course	DICK'S Sporting Goods Open	B.C. Open (1971-2005)
Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club	The Ally Challenge	Buick Open (1958-2009)
Pebble Beach Golf Links	PURE Insurance Championship	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (1947 – present)
Sherwood Country Club	Invesco QQQ Championship	Hero World Challenge (2000-2013)
Phoenix Country Club	Charles Schwab Cup Championship	Waste Management Phoenix Open (38 times from 1932-1986)

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

The third edition of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs will begin with 72 players at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic (Oct. 14-20). The top 54 will advance to the Invesco QQQ Championship (Oct. 28 – Nov. 3), and the season will conclude with the top 36 players at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship (Nov. 4-10).

- Dominion Energy Charity Classic (The Country Club of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia)
- Invesco QQQ Championship (Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, California)
- Charles Schwab Cup Championship (Phoenix Country Club, Phoenix, Arizona)

At the start of the playoffs, each player's regular-season money total will become the equivalent number of points (e.g. \$330,000 equals 330,000 points). During the three Playoffs events, each dollar earned is worth two points, and those points will be added to a player's regular-season point total. The player with the most points at the conclusion of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship will win the Charles Schwab Cup.

Major Championships

The schedule of five major championships starts in May with the Regions Tradition in Birmingham, Alabama, where Miguel Angel Jimenez (2018) and Langer (2016, 2017) have claimed the three titles since the tournament moved to Greystone Golf & Country Club.

The U.S. Senior Open will be played at The Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame in June, while the season's other three majors will be played at courses that have hosted PGA TOUR events, including Oak Hill Golf Club (KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship), Firestone Country Club (Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship) and Royal Lytham & St. Annes (The Senior Open presented by Rolex).

The 2018 major championship winners were:

- Regions Tradition, Miguel Angel Jimenez
- KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, Paul Broadhurst
- Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, Vijay Singh
- U.S. Senior Open, David Toms
- The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex, Miguel Angel Jimenez

Size of Field

The field size for PGA TOUR Champions events will be 78 players, except at those tournaments that have specific eligibility criteria.

Membership

PGA TOUR Champions members hail from around the globe. In 2019, 18 international players will have exempt status. Thirteen countries outside of the United States are represented: Australia, Canada, England, Fiji, Germany, Mexico, Northern Ireland, Paraguay, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden and Zimbabwe.

World Golf Hall of Fame Members

PGA TOUR Champions features 32 current members of the World Golf Hall of Fame, some of whom continue to actively compete: Isao Aoki, Deane Beman, Jack Burke Jr., Bob Charles, Fred Couples, Ben Crenshaw, Nick Faldo, Raymond Floyd, David Graham, Hale Irwin, Tony Jacklin, Tom Kite, Bernhard Langer, Gene Littler, Davis Love III, Sandy Lyle, Johnny Miller, Colin Montgomerie, Larry Nelson, Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman, Mark O'Meara, Jose Maria Olazabal, Gary Player, Nick Price, Chi Chi Rodriguez, Vijay Singh, Curtis Strange, Lee Trevino, Lanny Wadkins, Tom Watson and Ian Woosnam.

Fan Features

PGA TOUR Champions Fan Features are designed to give the Tour a distinct identity, complementing the high level of skill displayed by its members. PGA TOUR Champions strives to be the most approachable, accessible and fan-friendly arena in all of sports. The program has had significant impact as evidenced by the positive feedback received weekly from tournament organizers, sponsors and fans, with players going out of their way to support the initiatives. Fan Features include live television interviews during play, gallery in the fairway, honorary observers walking inside the ropes, caddie for a day, behind-the-scenes tours, junior clinics, a game-improvement platform, and more.

TV

Each event will be televised nationally in the United States, with most receiving complete coverage on Golf Channel, the Tour's exclusive television partner that reaches some 78 million homes in the United States. Three events will have network coverage on the weekend (NBC: KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex; FOX: U.S. Senior Open).

International TV

PGA TOUR Champions telecasts are distributed internationally in Canada, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Australasia and Latin America through various distribution partners. The events air live, tape-delayed or in a highlights-package format in excess of 170 countries and territories, reaching more than 340 million potential households, and distributed in 15+ markets via GOLFTV.

Awards

Each year, PGA TOUR Champions honors the season's top players and tournaments. The award winners for the 2017 season are as follows:

- Charles Schwab Cup – Bernhard Langer
- Jack Nicklaus Award (Player of the Year) – Bernhard Langer
- Arnold Palmer Award (leading money winner) – Bernhard Langer
- Byron Nelson Award (scoring leader) – Bernhard Langer
- Rookie of the Year – Ken Tanigawa
- President's Award – American Family Insurance Championship
- Players Award – DICK'S Sporting Goods Open
- Sales Award – Dominion Energy Charity Classic
- Bruno Award (contributions to PGA TOUR Champions) – 3M
- Volunteer of the Year – Chris "Cheech" Chechatka, DICK'S Sporting Goods Open
- Outstanding Achievement Award – Jennifer Hines, 3M Championship
- Charity of the Year – Variety – the Children's Charity of Iowa, Principal Charity Classic

Rookies

For players to become eligible to compete for PGA TOUR Champions events they must turn 50 years of age by the first competition round. If a player plays less than six tournaments in his first season of eligibility, he is considered a rookie the following season.

Players turning 50 in 2019 with at least one PGA TOUR win include:

- Retief Goosen (February 3)
- Angel Cabrera (September 12)
- Shigeki Maruyama (September 12)
- Rod Pampling (September 23)
- Ernie Els (October 17)

Additional "rookie" prospects becoming eligible in the future include:

2020

Jim Furyk (May 12), Mike Weir (May 12), K.J. Choi (May 19), Phil Mickelson (June 16).

2021

Stuart Appleby (May 1), Robert Allenby (July 12), Padraig Harrington (August 31), David Duval (November 9)

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