



# PGA

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SECTION

## 2021 ENTRY INFORMATION

### REFER TO THE SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP DATES, DEADLINE DATES, SITES & ENTRY FEES DOCUMENT FOR YOUR SECTION'S SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Every applicant (except exempt applicants) must go through a **two-stage process** as follows to compete in the Senior PGA Professional Championship:

1. Enter and compete in your Section Senior PGA Professional Championship. See "Section Championship Dates, Deadline Dates, Sites & Entry Fees" document for your Section's specific information.
2. A pre-determined number of top finishers from each Section, plus exempt players, will then advance to the 2021 Senior PGA Professional Championship scheduled to be played October 21-24, 2021, at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Florida. An additional \$50 entry fee will be required to enter the Senior PGA Professional Championship and a separate eligibility deadline must also be met. For players advancing into the 2021 Senior PGA Professional Championship, entry information will be emailed mid-August or after your respective (qualifying) Section Senior PGA Professional Championship.

All members who wish to play in the 2021 Senior PGA Professional Championship, and/or the 2022 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (both of which have an eligibility deadline that must be met), must first enter their respective 2021 Section Senior PGA Professional Championship (unless exemption status applies).

Providing all eligibility requirements are met and maintained, exemptions for the 2021 Senior PGA Professional Championship are as follows:

- Former Champions through 2019 have a lifetime exemption. Former Champions beginning in 2020 forward are exempt into the national Championship until he/she reaches the age of 70 or for a minimum of 10 years from such victory, whichever is the later;
- Top eight (8) finishers plus ties from the 2020 Senior PGA Professional Championship;
- 2020 PGA Professional, Senior PGA Professional and Women's PGA Professional Players of the Year;
- Former PGA Professional Champions turning 50 during the current year, prior to the first round of the National Championship;
- Top 2 finishers in the 2021 PGA Winter Championship's Senior Stroke Play "A" Championship (not already eligible);
- 2021 PGA Professional Champion;
- PGA Professionals making the "cut" at the 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

Exempt players have the option, but are not required, to play in their Section Senior PGA Professional Championship provided entries are made prior to the deadline and eligibility is met.

If they choose to enter, and provided they originally entered their Section Senior Championship, each Section Senior Champion has an automatic playing spot in the 2021 Senior PGA Professional Championship. Champions determined after their Section's entry deadline may **not** submit a late entry for this event.

### ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility is limited to PGA members who meet all of the following criteria:

1. Must be eligibly employed and in good standing (in one of the following classifications) at the time of entry and on their Section's entry deadline date. PGA of America membership records must reflect this



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status at the time of entry and on the Section's entry deadline date (unless special exception criteria are met).

<b>*MP</b>	Master Professional	<b>A-15</b>	Retail
<b>A-1</b>	Head Professional at a PGA recognized golf course	<b>A-16</b>	Golf Course Architect/Builder
<b>A-2</b>	Head Professional at a PGA recognized golf range	<b>A-17</b>	Golf Course Superintendents
<b>A-4</b>	Golf Directors at a PGA recognized golf course	<b>A-18</b>	Golf Media
<b>*A-5</b>	Past PGA Presidents	<b>A-19</b>	Golf Manufacturer Management
<b>A-6</b>	Self-employed teaching professionals	<b>A-20</b>	Golf Manufacturer Sales Representatives
<b>A-7</b>	Director of Golf or Head Professional at a PGA recognized golf facility under construction	<b>A-21</b>	Tournament Director
<b>A-8</b>	Assistant Professional	<b>A-22</b>	Rules Official
<b>A-9</b>	Executives or managers of golf properties	<b>A-23</b>	Golf Club Fitting/Golf Club Repair
<b>A-10</b>	Golf Clinicians	<b>A-24</b>	PGA members primarily employed within the golf industry who are not eligible for another Active classification
<b>A-11</b>	Employees of Golf Associations	<b>*LMA</b>	Life Member Active
<b>A-12</b>	College Golf Coaches	<b>*LM</b>	Life Member Retired
<b>A-13</b>	General Managers/Directors of Club Operations	<b>*LMMA</b>	Life Member Master Professional Active
<b>A-14</b>	Directors of Instruction at a PGA recognized facility	<b>*LMM</b>	Life Member Master Professional Retired

\*Must be eligibly employed in one of the above-mentioned active membership classifications or must be eligible for the following Life Member classifications (LM, LMA, LMM or LMMA).

- Must not have played in more than eight (8) combined Adams Pro Tour (ATP), Asian Tour, Dakotas Tour, European Challenge Tour, European Senior Tour, European Tour, JPGA Senior Tour, JPGA Tour, Korn Ferry Tour (formerly web.com TOUR), Ladies European Tour (LET), Symetra Tour (LPGA), LPGA Tour, Mackenzie TOUR-Canada, PGA Australia Tours, PGA New Zealand Tours, PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, PGA TOUR-China, PGA TOUR LatinoAmerica, SwingThought Tour, The Safari Tour and The Sunshine Tour tournaments **during the twelve-month period prior to the respective Section's deadline**. The U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, U.S. Women's Open, PGA Championship, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and KPMG Women's PGA Championship are not included in the 8-tournament count.
- Participants must also be a minimum of 50 years of age on October 21, 2021, the first round of the 2021 Senior PGA Professional Championship.

PGA of America reserves the right to determine whether any player meets eligibility and to reject any player who does not meet these requirements. The PGA member will not be eligible to participate if:

- the member is serving a suspension from membership;
- the member is suspended from tournament participation for National tournaments; or
- the member is classified as Class F, Reserve, A-3, Retired Member (RM), Life Member Century (LMC) or Honorary.

## TO ENTER YOUR SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP

To enter the Section Senior PGA Professional Championship, each player may enter at [www.PGA.org](http://www.PGA.org) or call **800.474.2776**. Entries will be accepted beginning April 28, 2021.



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