

January 2025

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PGA TOUR Champions Player Newsletter

Player & Caddie Meetings in Tucson, AZ

Cologuard Classic

PLAYERS: There will be a morning and afternoon meeting on THURSDAY of tournament week on site in The Westin. Players are expected to attend one of the two provided meeting times.

CADDIES: There will be a caddie meeting THURSDAY evening of tournament week. Time TBD. Please plan to attend.

New Member of RULES STAFF

A Memo from Brian Claar: Introducing Fran Quinn

Please welcome the latest addition to our PGA TOUR Champions rules staff, Fran Quinn. Fran is a graduate of Northwestern University ('88), with a Bachelor's degree in Science communications and an Economics minor. Fran has played in 530 PGA TOUR sanctioned events (PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, and Korn Ferry tour, making close to 300 cuts in these events. He has 4 Korn Ferry Wins along with the Omega PGA Championship and the Thailand Open. In 2022, Fran was the oldest US Open qualifier in history, which was played at The Country Club, in Massachusetts. Fran's family includes his wife Lori (the boss!) and his 3 children, Owen, Katie, and Sean. We are all very excited to have Fran join our team!



Significant Regulation Updates for 2025

PGA TOUR Champions

Please note: these changes are highlighted in the 2025 PGA TOUR Champions Handbook - the full 2025 Handbook can be found on PGA TOUR LINKS under the RULES & REGULATIONS tab.

- Major Medical Exemption - Language has been cleared up to simplify and explain the Major Medical Exemption process and exemptions. This category has been added as exempt into Regions Tradition and Kaulig Companies Championship. Details on page 16, 69, 72 of Handbook.
- Golf Cart Policy - Please refer to page 84 of Handbook for full details
- The PGA TOUR Champions event in Boca Raton, FL is a Pro/NFL Player event. Professional eligibility is standard eligibility. Friday and Saturday will consist of 26 groups (playing in foursomes. 13 groups will have 2 Pros and 2 NFL players. 13 groups will be all Pros). The format with the Pro Football Hall of Fame participants will be a two man (1 PGA TOUR Champions Professional and 1 NFL player) best ball competition. The NFL player will stay with his Professional for the first and second round. Sunday will be Professionals only.
- Insuperity Invitational - Top 36 Prior Year Points are now eligible. Medalist from Qualifying Tournament has been removed. The alternate list will alternate between players from PGA TOUR Champions Previous Year's Charles Schwab Cup Points List to a floor of 54 and players from the All-Time Money List to a floor of 100. Details on page 68.
- American Family Insurance Championship - TPC Wisconsin will host a Team Event. Two Pro Am Days (Wednesday and Thursday); Official competition days (54-hole competition): Friday (Team Best Ball), Saturday (Team Scramble); Sunday (Team Best Ball), Playoff (Best Ball). 38 teams will compete. 2 players per team. Eligibility explains the list of players eligible to pick a partner and those who are eligible to be picked. Full details on page 71.



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Trophy Hassan II

General Information

CHARTER DEPARTURE WILL BE FROM CONCOURSE E (DOOR 13) IN MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

PLEASE NOTE: Mary Slade White is your Morocco Point of Contact. Her email is marysladewhite@pgatourhq.com

Sunday February 2, 2025

Departing Miami International Airport at 11:00 PM

Flight No: AT4205

Check in will begin at 6:00 PM (5 hours prior to departure) until 9:00 PM (2 hours prior to departure)

Please see Mary Slade and Jimmy Gabrielsen (set up at a table near check-in counter) PRIOR and AFTER checking in at the Royal Air Maroc counter to confirm seat assignment

Additional information on Airport Procedures will be sent as it becomes available

Monday February 3, 2025

Arriving Rabat at 12:00 PM Local Time

Transportation to Player, Caddie and Staff Hotels, provided by tournament

Sunday February 9, 2025

Departing at 10:00 AM

Flight No: AT4804

Arrive Miami International Airport at approximately 2:30 PM

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

PASSPORTS - must also have at least six months of validity at time of entry.

VISAS - Players who are NOT from one of the countries listed below will need a VISA to enter Morocco. To check for updates, go to: Moroccan Consulate

Algeria, Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Cyprus, Columbia, Congo, Czech Republic, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Monaco, Gabon, Germany, Greece, Guinea (Conakry), Iceland, Italy, Ireland, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Japan, Hong-Kong (a stay limited to 30 days), Hungary (a stay limited to 90 days), Kuwait, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macao (Administrative Area), Mali, Malta, Malaysia (a stay limited to 90 days), Maldives (a stay limited to 30 days), Mali, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Netherlands, Niger, Norway, Oman, Portugal, Philippines, Peru, Poland, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, San Marino, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America

The Tournament will provide a letter of invitation to accompany your visa application should one be required

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Trophy Hassan II - Continued

HOTELS

Rooms for both Players and Caddies are free of charge, additional rooms will be available upon request – Mary Slade will be working with Players, Caddies and Staff to book rooms for the event.

Player Hotel: Fairmont Hotel

Caddie: Flower Town Hotel + Soundouss Hotel (Adjacent to each other. **Hotel will be assigned by PGA TOUR Champions.**)

GOLF COURSE

Royal Golf Dar Es Salam

Practice Facility available beginning Monday February 3rd

Transportation to the golf course will be provided by the tournament – Approximately 25 minutes travel time

Shuttles will leave from hotels every 30 minutes – A full transportation schedule will be provided in the Player Handbook

Yardage books will be available at registration (located at the front of the clubhouse) for players and caddies

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

PRO-AM: Players will play one pro-am at the most

28 Groups Per Day

Approximate Finish Time 5:30PM

Golf Course will have windows for practice/play before and after the Pro-Am

Wednesday, February 5th

Welcome Reception and Pro-Am Awards (Your attendance is IMPERATIVE)

7:30 PM – Fairmont Rabat Hotel (player hotel)

Attire – Golf/Dress shirt and pants (no jeans, shorts or t-shirts)

Thursday – Saturday

COMPETITION DAYS

Tee Times Approximately 10:40AM – 12:20PM, Finish Time 5:00PM

FOOD

Breakfast is available at the hotel

Lunch available at the golf course for Players and Spouses at Player Dining. Caddies will have their own designated Dining area next to Food Court. PGA TOUR Champions caddies will not be allowed in Player Dining

Suggested local restaurants will be listed in the Player Handbook provided by the tournament

MISCELLANEOUS

WIVES OUTING: There will be Wives Outings on 3-4 days of tournament week. Day, Time and Activities TBD. A link will be provided for wives to sign up for activities as there was last year.

SHORTS: As with all PGA TOUR Champions events, shorts are permitted on Practice and Pro-Am days – Pants are required for the competition

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FULL Details for the tournament are located on PGA TOUR LINKS.

Key Information

Tournament Office

Sandy Diamond, Executive Director

Phone: 201-206-2073

Email: SDiamond@outlyr.com

Ryan Dever, Tournament Director

Phone: 856-816-3575

Email: rdever@outlyr.com

Local Finish Time

Sunday 5:30pm

February 10 - 16, 2025

CHUBB CLASSIC

TIBURÓN GOLF CLUB (BLACK COURSE)

NAPLES, FL

Transportation

Courtesy Cars will not be provided during tournament week.

The Tournament will have an Off-Site Transportation committee that you may use in order to coordinate a ride. Please contact Off-Site Transportation listed below.

Transportation Phone Line: (203) 451-9872

Email: Chubbclassicvolunteer@gmail.com



FULL Details for the tournament are located on PGA TOUR LINKS.

Key Information

Tournament Office

Geoff Hill, Executive Director

Email: ghill@tucsonconquistadores.com

Phone: 520-591-1714

Local Finish Time

Sunday 5:00pm

Reminder: Player Meetings & Caddie Meeting will take place on THURSDAY (see front page of Goldsheet)

March 3 - March 9, 2025

COLOGUARD CLASSIC

LA PALOMA COUNTRY CLUB

TUCSON, AZ

Transportation

The Tucson Conquistadores are proud to announce that we have confirmed Jim Click Automotive and Ford as the official vehicle of the 2025 Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences. Vehicles will be distributed by tournament volunteers upon your arrival at the Tucson Airport or be available for pickup at the Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa. Please be sure to designate the location to which you would like to pick up your car upon arrival to the tournament, to confirm these details please reach out to Alissa Harle.

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Trophy Hassan II

2025 Agronomy Report

Golf Course Superintendent: Simon Rees | PGA TOUR Agronomist: PJ Ringenberger

Royal Golf Dar Es Salam, Red Course will host the Trophy Hassan II for the third consecutive year. The turf quality and entirety of the property continue to improve with Simon Rees' desire to provide some of the best golf in Morocco. Thanks to daily routines and a solid agronomic plan, the 007 bentgrass greens are in the best shape they have been since the inception of this event. The Seaside bentgrass tees are in good shape and boast 100% turf coverage. The kikuyugrass fairways are in good shape and during cooler parts of the season are supplemented with spot overseeding. The rough is overseeded, and the uniform stand will provide good color contrast. The bunkers are consistent and will be hand-raked daily.

Quick Facts:

The target greenspeed will be 11 feet.

The tees will be mowed at 8 mm (0.315").

The fairways and approaches will be mowed at 10 mm (0.394").

There is no intermediate rough, and the primary rough will be maintained at 60 mm (2.36 inches).

Chubb Classic

2025 Agronomy Report

Director of Agronomy: Grayson Grainger

Golf Course Superintendent: Wes Rowe | PGA TOUR Agronomist: Tim Connolly, CGCS

The Black Course at Tiburon is in good condition for the Chubb Classic. The TifEagle bermudagrass greens are healthy with full canopies and minimal work needed to achieve tournament conditions. There is a section of new sod on the front right corner of #4 green that remains to be seen if it will be fully established by tournament week. The Zeon zoysiagrass tees are in excellent condition. The GN1 bermudagrass fairways are in good condition despite heavy play levels during the winter season. Rough will be benign for the competition. There have been no major changes on-course since last year's tournament. Nine green-side bunkers were renovated on hole #s 3, 4, 16, 17, 18 and filled with G-Angle sand.

Quick Facts:

The target greenspeed will be 12.5 feet.

The tees and approaches will be mowed at 0.275 inch.

The fairways will be mowed at 0.400 inch.

The rough will be maintained at 2 inches. There is no intermediate step-cut on the Black Course.

Cologuard Classic

2025 Agronomy Report

Golf Course Superintendent: Daniel Mayfield | PGA TOUR Agronomist: PJ Ringenberger

The beautiful Jack Nicklaus designed La Paloma golf course will host the front nine on the Ridge course, and the back nine will be a mix of the Hill and Canyons courses. The overseeded bermudagrass greens are healthy and maturing toward a dense and consistent surface. The overseed on all short-grass areas including tees, fairways, and approaches took well on all three sets of nines. The overseeded rough provides good contrast. The bunkers are older but are well managed and provide consistent sand. Winter has been very cold this year with many frosty mornings and no rain since early November. Since last year, many of the native areas along holes' perimeter edges have been cleaned up, resulting in improved aesthetics and increased visibility.

Quick Facts:

The greenspeed will be in the range of 11 - 11.5 feet.

The tees, fairways, and approaches will be mowed at 0.450 inch.

There is no intermediate rough, and the primary rough will be maintained at 2 inches.

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Model Local Rule G-9

Starting January 1, 2025

Note: The following Model Local Rule replaces the version of MLR G-9 published in the printed edition of the 'Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, Effective January 2023' starting on 1 January 2025.

G-9 – Broken or Significantly Damaged Club Replaced with Similar Club

Purpose. Rule 4.1a(2) allows a player to repair or replace a club that is damaged during the round, except in cases of abuse. But a Committee may adopt a Local Rule to restrict replacement to cases where the club is broken or significantly damaged.

Model Local Rule G-9

“Rule 4.1a(2) applies but is modified in these ways:

1. A club damaged by the player or their caddie during the round or while play is stopped under Rule 5.7a may only be replaced if the damage was not caused by abuse and if the club is broken or the damage is significant.

For the purposes of this Local Rule, examples of when a club is “broken or the damage is significant” include:

Shaft:

- The shaft is in pieces, or it is bent, dented, kinked or splintered.

Clubhead (except Club Face):

- The clubhead is visibly cracked or substantially deformed (but not when it is only scratched, chipped or has a minor dent),
- The clubhead is loose or no longer attached to the shaft, or
- A part inside the clubhead is loose (such as when there is an audible rattle).

Club Face:

- The club face is visibly cracked or deformed (including when it has a chip or minor dent but not when it is only scratched).

Grip:

- The grip or part of it is loose.

2. To ensure the progression of the set is maintained, the replacement club must fill the gap created when the player took the broken or damaged club out of play.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule – See Rule 4.1b.” (Revised January 2025)

2025 Credentials

Important Update

The PGA TOUR season long credential has taken on a new look for 2025! Please be aware that access is now defined by number codes. Credentials with no number codes will provide grounds access only. Any questions, please email pgatourcredentials@pgatourhq.com.

The following codes define access areas:

- 1 = Locker Room
- 2 = Practice Areas
- 3 = Player Family Dining
- 4 = Caddie Dining/Only Area
- 5 = Media Center
- 6 = TV Compound
- 7 = Hospitality Areas
(In a working capacity only)
- 8 = Clubhouse

(Access is at the discretion of each tournament)



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Important Information

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Pairings with a Pro - Important Information

As part of Cologuard's Pairings with A Pro initiative, players will once again compete on behalf of a colon cancer patient, survivor, or in memory of someone who has been affected by colorectal cancer. As in previous years at the Cologuard Classic, players will be asked to wear a ribbon with the name of their honoree throughout the competition and learn more about their personal experience with colon cancer. Many of the honorees will be on-site and will have the opportunity to meet their Pro in person.

Important Awareness Details:

- Players will be asked to sign a card and write a message of encouragement for the individual they are playing in honor of.
- Additionally, players will be asked to record a brief 15-30 second video message dedicated to their honoree or their honoree's family.
- The Cologuard team will have three staff members and two cameras on the range pre-tournament to help capture this content.

In Memory of Steve DiMeglio

Cologuard is also honoring the memory of Steve DiMeglio, longtime golf writer for USA Today and Golfweek, who passed away in early January following a two-year battle with colorectal cancer. Steve was 63 and a beloved figure in the golf community, having made an impact on players, caddies, and fellow journalists.

The past two years, have seen Steve Stricker (2023) and Billy Andrade (2024) play in honor of DiMeglio, showing their support and encouragement in his fight against colorectal cancer. This year, the tournament will continue to honor Steve's legacy with a special "In Memory of Steve DiMeglio" blue ribbon, similar to the ribbons worn for the Pairings with a Pro program. One player competing at this year's event will represent Steve in remembrance. His story and impact will be highlighted across PGA TOUR Champions channels and by his friends in the media. We encourage any players who were impacted by Steve to show their support during tournament week as well, in addition to the support of your designated honoree.

Thank you for your participation in this meaningful initiative and for your continued support of colon cancer awareness.

2025 Event Qualifying

Event Qualifying Schedule Available in the Link Below

<https://qualifying.pgatourhq.com>

Following is scheduling and site information for the 2025 PGA TOUR Champions Event Qualifying.

Special Notes:

Registration is through the host PGA Section website. Any questions, please contact Tyler Vanover.

Phone: 904-273-7642 | Email: tylervanover@pgatourhq.com

Schwab Cup Standings

2025 Season

The link below will provide access to most recent Charles Schwab Cup Standings.

LINK - [2025 Final Charles Schwab Cup Rankings](#)
