



BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP



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Local Qualifier for 2019 Bermuda Championship

HAMILTON, BERMUDA – The Bermuda Golf Association (BGA) and Bermuda Professional Golfers' Association (BPGA) are pleased to announce there will be a 36-hole qualifier to determine the final two local participants for the inaugural Bermuda Championship. Veteran professional golfer Dwayne Pearman has been granted a sponsor's exception, making a trio of Bermudian players invited to the island's first-ever PGA TOUR event.

With preparations ongoing at Port Royal Golf Course, the two-day local qualifier will be held October 16 and 17 at Mid Ocean Club, with tee times starting 9 am both days.

Entries are open to professional golfers, amateur golfers, and applicants for reinstatement. To be eligible to compete in the local qualifying event, participants must meet the following criteria:

1. Players must possess Bermudian status.
2. Players must be a member in good standing of the BGA or BPGA and not subject to any disciplinary process or sanction of either association.
3. Amateurs and applicants for reinstatement must have an up-to-date Handicap Index, or equivalent handicap issued from an international body of golf, not exceeding 1.4 under the USGA Handicap System.

Note: A player's current 20-score history cannot include scores from before October 1, 2018.

Entries officially open Tuesday, October 1, and the entry fee is \$250 for all eligible competitors. Players wishing to enter the event are asked to visit the BGA website at www.bermudagolf.org to access the online application and review the Conditions of Competition.

Players are also encouraged to note the following Local Rules, in effect for the entirety of the event:

1. **Confirming Driver Heads** – Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA.
2. **Groove and Punch Mark Specifications** – In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on January 1, 2010.
3. **List of Conforming Golf Balls** – Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA.
4. **One Ball Rule** – During an entire round, each ball at which the player makes a stroke must be the same brand and model as found in a single entry on the current List of Conforming Balls.
5. **Prohibiting Use of Motorised Transportation** – During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorised transportation except as authorised or later approved by the Committee.

Entries close **Monday, October 7 at 5 pm**, with pairings and starting times assigned shortly thereafter.

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