



# BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP



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### **Dates for 2020 Bermuda Championship Local Qualifier Announced**

**SOUTHAMPTON, BERMUDA**—The Bermuda Golf Association (BGA), Bermuda Professional Golfers' Association (BPGA), and tournament officials are pleased to announce the Local Qualifier for this year's Bermuda Championship will be played Tuesday, October 13 and Wednesday, October 14 at Port Royal Golf Course. Three Bermudian golfers will be offered qualifying spots to compete in the island's second PGA TOUR event, October 26 to November 1, also at Port Royal. The 36-hole individual stroke-play event is open to local professional and amateur players.

"We are ecstatic that once again the BGA and BPGA have secured the right to host a Local Qualifier that will enable three golfers in Bermuda to fulfill their dreams and participate in a PGA TOUR event," said BGA President Craig Brown.

During the 2019 Qualifier at Port Royal Golf Course, former Korn Ferry Tour player Michael Sims, amateur Jarryd Dillas and teenager Kenny Leseur finished as joint medalists at 5-over par. Daniel Augustus IV, a first alternate, qualified for the tournament on a sponsor exemption. The four golfers joined Dwayne Pearman, also a sponsor exemption, to make history last October as the first Bermudians to compete in a PGA TOUR event. Despite their strong effort before a hometown crowd, no Bermudian made the cut to the weekend.

"Last year's Local Qualifier proved to be an exciting prospect for the local golf scene," noted BPGA President Scott Roy. "As a community, we are thrilled the tournament will proceed and we wish to thank those associated for providing us the opportunity to qualify. I know there will be much anticipation as we build towards October."

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

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

**Note: A player's current eight counting handicap scores cannot include scores from before October 1, 2019.**

Full details of eligibility requirements, accommodation, and Conditions of Competition related to conducting the tournament under COVID-19 requirements will be available at the time of registration. Entries officially open Tuesday, September 1. The tournament committee recognises the current economic impact and has reduced the Qualifier's entry fee to \$125 for all competitors. Any questions should be directed to [info@bermudagolf.org](mailto:info@bermudagolf.org) or call the Bermuda Golf Association office at 441/295-9972.

Important Note: Bermudians who are located overseas and intend to return for the Bermuda Championship Qualifier should be aware they will be need to fully comply with COVID-19 travel requirements as stipulated by the Bermuda Government, and should factor this, including any time potentially required for quarantine, into their travel arrangements.

For more information about the Bermuda Championship, visit [www.bermudachampionship.com](http://www.bermudachampionship.com).

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