

2023 PCA TOUR

Player's Circle Amateur Tour

Registration

Fellowship
&
Friendly
Competition

MEET THE FOUNDERS

Bonded in Brotherhood
Established 2019



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MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Members will receive a PCA Tour Welcome Bag.

Tournament Prizes and Trophies

- Low Round of The Day
- Closest to Pin Contest
- Skins Game

Live
Scoring

Access to our 4 Major Tournament Events, Exclusive golf getaways and Team Competitions hosted by some of our **Founding Members**.

- ❖ Access to our Annual Members ONLY
KICKOFF MET GALA
- ❖ **Compete against some of the best golfers** on some of the best public/private courses that Georgia and surrounding areas have to offer.
- The PCA Tour utilizes the 18birdies app for live scoring, skin tracking and handicap competition. Players are asked to only save rounds that are played during our official league tournaments to maintain handicap integrity.

❖ We offer different flight/tee options for each skill level.



**ANNUAL
REGISTRATION
FEE \$460**





Best-Ball Team Competition

TOUR FORMAT

Tournament format will differ depending on the event but most of our events will be stroke play with USGA/PCA Tour rules in effect. The rules of golf as governed by the USGA will apply with the following exceptions:

- Players can card a maximum of Double Par on any hole except the 18th.

At any time on any hole if a player reaches Double Par (including penalty strokes) and the ball is not holed out, the player MUST pick up his/her ball, help the group finish the hole and will record a Double Par as his/her score for the hole.

The local rules of a host course take precedence if in conflict.

- ❖ See PCA Tour guidelines on the next page.

PCA TOUR TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

IS A PLAYER'S CIRCLE AMATEUR TOUR TRADITION THAT EVERY PLAYER RECEIVES TWO BALLS OFF THE FIRST TEE.

We Play the Ball Down Unless....

- **STANDING WATER PRESENT** - Players are allowed to place their ball out of standing water, **NO CLOSER** to the hole. If **Lift, Clean, & Place** rule is in play, players receive 6 inches or scorecard length to place their ball.
- **BALL LANDS ON ROCKS OR ROOTS** - Players are allowed to place their ball one club length, **NO CLOSER** to and or better angle to the hole. **-This does not apply to an unplayable ball.**
- **BALL LANDS IN A FAIRWAY DIVOT** - Players receive 6 inches or scorecard length to place their ball. **NO CLOSER** to the hole.
FAIRWAY ONLY
- **BALL LANDS IN AN UNATTENDED BUNKER** - Players will be allowed to rack bunker and place their ball, **NO CLOSER** to hole. (This applies to footprints, packed down sand etc.)
Consult with captain.

❖ **To help with pace of play, all puts (except Birdies & Eagles) within the standard grip are considered good.**

Maintaining Pace of Play Tips

- **REESTABLISH A ROUTINE** - Habits are everything in golf. When it comes to practice swings and other motions pre-shot, try to keep it brief.
- **EYE ON THE BALL** - Watch the shots of everyone in your group. Many times, people lose sight of their shots in flight, and it takes a long time to locate the ball, or they lose it completely.
- **3-AND-DONE** – 3 minutes. That is the allotted time you should spend searching for your golf ball before taking a drop and moving on.
- **HEAD ON A SWIVEL** - Pay attention to the other groups on the course, specifically the groups in front of you and behind you. If the group ahead ends up way ahead, or if the group behind is constantly waiting in the tee box behind you, then you may need to pick up the pace.
- **PUTTING** - Line your putt up and make your read while others in the group are putting. When your time to hit arrives, you'll be ready with no delay, and you'll have that perfect line read down and ready to nail the putt home.
- **MAX OUT RULE** - To maintain **POP** (pace of play), there is a double par max score for every hole except the 18th. **Par 3 max = 6 Par 4 max = 8 Par 5 max = 10**

Stake Descriptions

Red stake

A set of red stakes marks the margin of a lateral water hazard. When a player hits their ball in a lateral water hazard, they have some different options. They can hit the ball from the hazard but cannot ground their club in it before hitting the ball. A player can take a one-stroke penalty and drop within two club lengths of where the ball last crossed the margin (perimeter) of the hazard, no nearer the hole.

Yellow stake

A set of yellow stakes or lines indicates a water hazard. These stakes can also indicate what is considered a water hazard but doesn't always have water in it. A golfer is allowed to play their ball from a water hazard, if possible, without grounding their club in the hazard before the stroke. If the ball isn't playable, then the golfer can take a 1-stroke penalty and use one of two options: return to the original spot of the last shot and drop the ball as near as possible to that spot to hit again, or, keeping a line between themselves, the flag and where the ball crossed the hazard line, they can drop as far back from the hazard as they choose.

White stake

A white stake is the worst of the stakes. It marks out of bounds, either indicating the property line (which can include a fence) or a part of the property where golf isn't to be played. If you find your ball on the wrong side of a white stake, you're taking what's called a stroke-and-distance penalty. That means you have to add 1 stroke to your score and rehit the shot you just played from the same spot. If the shot was from the tee, however, a player can go back to the tee box and pick a new spot to tee up and effectively start the hole over again. White lines can also be used to indicate drop zones and ground under repair, which is a spot on the course from which you shouldn't play and you'll get a free drop no closer to hole.

P C A T o u r F l i g h t s

The field will be divided into five indexed flights.

- Flight Index
- Tiger Flight 0 - 3.9
- Elder Flight 4.0 - 8.9
- Pete Flight 9.0 - 13.9
- Sing Flight 14.0 - 18.9
- Varner Flight 19.0+

FLIGHT INSPIRATIONS

Flight names reflect individual contributions to the game of golf for minorities.
Most of them paved the way or inspired us to play the game.

Tiger Woods - Eldrick Tont "Tiger" Woods is an American professional golfer. He is tied for first in PGA Tour wins, ranks second in men's major championships, and holds numerous golf records. Woods is widely regarded as one of the greatest golfers of all time and one of the most famous athletes in history.

Lee Elder - Nearly half a century ago, Lee Elder broke a major barrier when in 1975 he qualified for the Masters after winning the 1974 Monsanto Open at Pensacola in Florida, his maiden PGA Tour title.

Calvin Peete - His first PGA Tour victory came four years into his career, winning the Greater Milwaukee Open. The 32-year-old Peete, who had never taken a golfing lesson and without a major sponsor, had won against the best and became the fourth African-American to win on TOUR, joining Pete Brown, Charlie Sifford and Lee Elder.

Vijay Singh - nicknamed "The Big Fijian", is a Fijian professional golfer. He has won 34 events on the PGA Tour, including three major championships: one Masters title and two PGA Championships. He was elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2006.

Harold Varner III - is an American professional golfer who plays on the PGA Tour. Despite his smaller stature, Varner is one of the longer drivers on tour. Varner is one of just a handful of African-American PGA Tour golfers. He won the Australian PGA Championship in December 2016.

TOUR INDEX POLICY

The Tour Index Policy is intended to group players into flights of comparable potential ability to promote fair competition within the flight. Indexes are based solely on PCA Tour performance. The PCA Tour index formula will closely mirror the published USGA handicap method (for a complete description see USGA Handicapping Manual at <http://www.usga.org/Handicapping/handicap-manual.html#!rule-14367>).

FLIGHT MOVEMENT

1 – Player moving into a higher flight

When a player's PCA Tour index drops below the current flight index level, the player will automatically be advanced into the new flight. The promoted player will be moved with 75% of his current points total as long as it does not exceed a tie for 5th place in the point standings in new flight.

2 – Player moving into a lower flight

If a validated player's index rises into the range of the next flight bracket, they may choose to retreat a flight. Eligible players must notify their tour director that they want to move to a lower flight. All requests to move down a flight must be made before the local tour's last three season rounds.

Note: If a player has been moved up a flight and then is approved to retreat back, player's lost points will be reinstated.

3 - Index Validation:

A player's PCA Tour Index is "validated" once five tour rounds have been posted. Until that time downward flight movement is restricted. Un-validated players whose index rises into the range of a lower flight may request the local Tour Director review their placement. Tour Directors will consider whether sufficient performance data is available to determine that a player is currently in a flight above the level of his playing potential. Normally two PCA Tour scores are deemed insufficient to make this determination. Players should be aware that moving down a flight with fewer than seven scores in the system is a volatile position and a good round in their new "easier" flight could cause them to move back to their original flight with a reduction in points.

Due to the current health crisis regarding Covid -19, our schedule of events and courses are tentative. Our season will start in April and end the first week in September.

Here are a list of potential courses for our upcoming 2023 season:

Traditions of Braselton	CC of Gwinnett
Lake Arrowhead	River Pines
Mystery Valley	Bear's Best
Atlanta Athletic Club	Robert Trent Jones Trail
The Club at River Forest	Heron Bay
Eagle's Landings	Stonebridge Golf Club
Cherokee Run	Lake Lanier Legacy
Alfred Tup Holmes	Woodmont
Mirror Lake	Cobblestone
Governors Towne Club	The Frog

Many more to come including private courses.....

Player's Circle 2023 Schedule of Events



Low Round

# of Players	Regular	Major
4	\$ 32.00	\$ 64.00
5	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
6	\$ 48.00	\$ 96.00
7	\$ 56.00	\$ 112.00
8	\$ 64.00	\$ 128.00
9	\$ 72.00	\$ 144.00
10	\$ 80.00	\$ 160.00
11	\$ 88.00	\$ 176.00
12	\$ 96.00	\$ 192.00
13	\$ 104.00	\$ 208.00
14	\$ 112.00	\$ 224.00
15	\$ 120.00	\$ 240.00
16	\$ 128.00	\$ 256.00
17	\$ 136.00	\$ 272.00
18	\$ 144.00	\$ 288.00
19	\$ 152.00	\$ 304.00
20	\$ 160.00	\$ 320.00
21	\$ 168.00	\$ 336.00
22	\$ 176.00	\$ 352.00
23	\$ 184.00	\$ 368.00
24	\$ 192.00	\$ 384.00
25	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
26	\$ 208.00	\$ 416.00
27	\$ 216.00	\$ 432.00
28	\$ 224.00	\$ 448.00
29	\$ 232.00	\$ 464.00
30	\$ 240.00	\$ 480.00
31	\$ 248.00	\$ 496.00
32	\$ 256.00	\$ 512.00
33	\$ 264.00	\$ 528.00
34	\$ 272.00	\$ 544.00
35	\$ 280.00	\$ 560.00
36	\$ 288.00	\$ 576.00
37	\$ 296.00	\$ 592.00
38	\$ 304.00	\$ 608.00
39	\$ 312.00	\$ 624.00
40	\$ 320.00	\$ 640.00

CTP Contest

# of Players	Regular	Major
4	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
5	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
6	\$ 60.00	\$ 120.00
7	\$ 70.00	\$ 140.00
8	\$ 80.00	\$ 160.00
9	\$ 90.00	\$ 180.00
10	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
11	\$ 110.00	\$ 220.00
12	\$ 120.00	\$ 240.00
13	\$ 130.00	\$ 260.00
14	\$ 140.00	\$ 280.00
15	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
16	\$ 160.00	\$ 320.00
17	\$ 170.00	\$ 340.00
18	\$ 180.00	\$ 360.00
19	\$ 190.00	\$ 380.00
20	\$ 200.00	\$ 400.00
21	\$ 210.00	\$ 420.00
22	\$ 220.00	\$ 440.00
23	\$ 230.00	\$ 460.00
24	\$ 240.00	\$ 480.00
25	\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00
26	\$ 260.00	\$ 520.00
27	\$ 270.00	\$ 540.00
28	\$ 280.00	\$ 560.00
29	\$ 290.00	\$ 580.00
30	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
31	\$ 310.00	\$ 620.00
32	\$ 320.00	\$ 640.00
33	\$ 330.00	\$ 660.00
34	\$ 340.00	\$ 680.00
35	\$ 350.00	\$ 700.00
36	\$ 360.00	\$ 720.00
37	\$ 370.00	\$ 740.00
38	\$ 380.00	\$ 760.00
39	\$ 390.00	\$ 780.00
40	\$ 400.00	\$ 800.00

Regular - \$40 Buy-in

# of Players	Skin Pot Total	Divided/ Skins
4	\$ 88.00	
5	\$ 110.00	
6	\$ 132.00	
7	\$ 154.00	
8	\$ 176.00	
9	\$ 198.00	
10	\$ 220.00	
11	\$ 242.00	
12	\$ 264.00	
13	\$ 286.00	
14	\$ 308.00	
15	\$ 330.00	
16	\$ 352.00	
17	\$ 374.00	
18	\$ 396.00	
19	\$ 418.00	
20	\$ 440.00	
21	\$ 462.00	
22	\$ 484.00	
23	\$ 506.00	
24	\$ 528.00	
25	\$ 550.00	
26	\$ 572.00	
27	\$ 594.00	
28	\$ 616.00	
29	\$ 638.00	
30	\$ 660.00	

Major - \$80 Buy-in

# of Players	Skin Pot Total	Divided/ Skins
4	\$ 176.00	
5	\$ 220.00	
6	\$ 264.00	
7	\$ 308.00	
8	\$ 352.00	
9	\$ 396.00	
10	\$ 440.00	
11	\$ 484.00	
12	\$ 528.00	
13	\$ 572.00	
14	\$ 616.00	
15	\$ 660.00	
16	\$ 704.00	
17	\$ 748.00	
18	\$ 792.00	
19	\$ 836.00	
20	\$ 880.00	
21	\$ 924.00	
22	\$ 968.00	
23	\$ 1,012.00	
24	\$ 1,056.00	
25	\$ 1,100.00	
26	\$ 1,144.00	
27	\$ 1,188.00	
28	\$ 1,232.00	
29	\$ 1,276.00	
30	\$ 1,320.00	

Skins Game Breakdown

THANK YOU



See You On The Tour!