



- LPGA Local Qualifying Guidelines and Application -

Walmart NW Arkansas Championship – Monday Qualifying
Pinnacle Country Club
3 Clubhouse Drive, Rogers, AR 72758
Monday, June 22, 2015
1:30pm

LOCAL QUALIFYING FORMAT:

The LPGA will conduct an 18-hole stroke play competition to determine two (2) qualifiers. Each of these qualifiers will receive an exemption directly into the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship to be contested at Pinnacle Country Club, June 22-28, 2015.

FIELD SIZE AND ENTRY PRIORITY:

The total number of entries will be dependent on course availability and daylight. The field will be filled in the following order:

1. Two (2) amateurs as determined by the tournament sponsor.
2. LPGA members ranked in order of the 2015 LPGA Priority List as of the commitment deadline.
3. Symetra Tour Professional members ranked in order of the 2015 Symetra Tour Priority List as of the commitment deadline.
4. LPGA T&CP Class A or Class B members in the order of entries received.
5. All other female professionals in the order of entries received.

MAXIMUM FIELD SIZE:

The maximum field size for the Local Qualifying round is 84 players.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- The Qualifier is open to all female professionals and **two (2) amateurs invited** by the Tournament Sponsor.
- LPGA Tour or dual LPGA Tour/Symetra Tour members must first commit to the tournament and be on the Official Tournament Alternate List. Players on the official alternate list must then enter the Qualifier by contacting the LPGA Tour Advance Official, Pete Lis at 303-263-9675, **by 5:00 p.m. local time on Friday, June 19, 2015**.
- **ALL OTHER PLAYERS** must enter using the Local Qualifying Application Form.
- **APPLICATIONS** with payment must be received on or **before 5:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, June 17, 2015**.

ENTRY FEES:

- The following Entry Fees will apply to players who participate in Official LPGA Qualifiers:
 1. 2015 LPGA, LPGA T&CP Class A or Class B member and Symetra Tour Professional (\$200)
 2. Amateur qualifiers invited by the sponsor (\$230)
 3. All other female professionals not listed above (\$500).
- Entry fees are payable by personal check, cashier's check or money order. Payment must accompany the official entry form. All checks payable to "**LPGA Tour**"

NOTES:

1. All personal checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank account.
 2. If a player's check is returned for any reason, she will not be permitted to participate in an LPGA local qualifier for a period of one (1) year from the date of the qualifying round.
- Entry fees, less a \$50 administrative fee, will be refunded if the participant withdraws prior to the entry deadline; otherwise the entry fee is forfeited. Late or incomplete entries will not be accepted and are not the responsibility of the LPGA, Walmart and secondary sponsors, Walmart NW Arkansas Championship organizers and Tournament partners, Pinnacle Country Club or the local qualifying host club (when not played at Tournament host club), their affiliates, and their respective members, officers, directors, employees, agents, assigns, licensees, volunteers and players.

LPGA RULES AND REGULATIONS

The LPGA Local Qualifying Applicant acknowledges that the Rules and Regulations of the LPGA Tour will apply, and are incorporated herein by reference. Furthermore, the applicant agrees that she will be subject to the Rules and Regulations of the LPGA Tour, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

USGA RULES ON GROOVE SPECIFICATIONS:

There will be no on-site testing for groove conformity. Players should confirm their clubs' conformity in advance of the qualifier.

LPGA TOUR ANTI-DOPING PROGRAM PROTOCOL:

Visit www.lpga.com and click "Anti-Doping Information" for additional information on the LPGA Tour's Anti-Doping Program.

CADDIES / GOLF CARTS / PULL CARTS:

Players will be required to have a caddie and they shall walk at all times except when permitted by the LPGA Rules Committee to ride. Caddies shall wear smooth, rubber-soled shoes (duck shoes are not considered to be smooth, rubber soled shoes). Golf shoes of any type will not be permitted. Golf Carts and pull-carts are not permitted during the Qualifier.

Any player who qualifies for the Local Qualifying spot(s), but is later disqualified pursuant to a violation of the Rules of Golf, as established by the USGA and R&A, shall be replaced by the next player(s) on the LPGA Tour alternate list.

REDUCTION / CANCELLATION:

Any reduction or cancellation in the local qualifying competition shall be decided by the LPGA Tour Rules Committee. If in the judgment of the on-site LPGA Tour Rules Official, whose decision shall be final, conditions render commencement or continuation of tournament play inadvisable, play shall be postponed until such time as the LPGA Tour Rules Official determines that such weather conditions or other occurrences or conditions have improved sufficiently for play to commence or resume.

In the event the qualifying competition cannot be completed by the end of the scheduled competitive day, every effort will be made to complete the competition as soon as possible. The local qualifying competition will not continue beyond the end of the day immediately following the day of the scheduled qualifying round.

If conditions prohibit the completion of the local qualifying round, the qualifying round may be canceled and the two (2) qualifying spots will be filled by LPGA Tour Members entered in the qualifying round according to their position on the Priority List at the time of the commitment deadline (not qualifier deadline) for the tournament for which the qualifier is being held. If less than two (2) Members are entered in the qualifying round, the remaining spots will be filled by members of the Symetra Tour according to their position on the Symetra Tour Priority List at the time of commitment deadline (not qualifier deadline) for the tournament for which the qualifier is being held. If the spots are still not filled, they will then be filled by the amateur participants entered in the qualifying round.

In the event the competition is canceled without any player having been able to play, all entry fees will be refunded. In the event the competition is canceled after play has begun, all entry fees will be refunded, minus a \$50 administrative charge per player.

PRACTICE ROUNDS:

Practice Rounds will be available for the Qualifying contestants. Please contact Pinnacle Country Club at 479-418-7466 for additional information.

When local qualifying is to be held at the tournament course, Symetra Tour members, non-member professionals and amateur invites may not practice the week prior to the tournament until 5:00pm local time on the Friday preceding tournament week. LPGA Tour members must abide by the 2015 LPGA Tour Rules and Regulations.

This stipulation is not in effect when there is no official LPGA tournament the week immediately preceding tournament week.

STARTING TIMES:

Starting times will be sent to players via email after 3:00 p.m. local time, the day before the qualifier. Please provide a valid email address to be used for starting time correspondence.

Players may also contact the LPGA Advance Rules Official, Pete Lis at 303-263-9675 or the Tournament Office at 479-273-0500

Additional information can be found on the Local Qualifier Fast Facts page on www.lpga.com

2015 LOCAL QUALIFYING APPLICATION

TOURNAMENT: Walmart NW Arkansas Championship

The completed application and fee must be received by 5:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, June 17, 2015. Local Qualifying applicants must submit the qualifying application by mail to the LPGA prior to the entry deadline. All entries must be accompanied by a valid form of payment.

MAIL: LPGA
Attn: Kathy Widick
100 International Golf Dr.
Daytona Beach, FL 32124

ENTRY DEADLINE: 5:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, June 17, 2015

ENTRY FEE: \$200 – 2015 LPGA, LPGA T&CP or Symetra Tour Professional
\$230 – Amateur invitee
\$500 – All other female professionals not listed above

Personal Check, Cashier's Check or Money Order payable to: "**LPGA Tour**"

Note: Personal checks must be drawn on a U.S. bank account.

Please check box that applies:

- 2015 LPGA, LPGA T&CP or Symetra Tour Professional
 - 2015 LPGA Tour member
 - LPGA T&CP Class A or Class B member
 - Symetra Tour professional
- Amateur invitee (Handicap index of 2.0 or less)
- All other female professionals not listed above

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____
(email address will be used for starting time correspondence)

Address: _____

City, State/Province, and Zip Code/Postal Code _____

HANDICAP VERIFICATION (must be completed for all amateurs):

*A Handicap Index of 2.0 or less must be verified by a club official, handicap chairman or by the club PGA/LPGA Golf Professional.

Current USGA Handicap Index _____

Verified by _____
(Club Official's Name and Title - Please Print)

(Club Official's Signature)

Name of Club: _____ Club Telephone Number: _____

In submitting this application, I hereby release the the LPGA, Walmart and secondary sponsors, Walmart NW Arkansas Championship organizers and Tournament partners, Pinnacle Country Club or the local qualifying host club and course (when not played on the Tournament course), their affiliates, and their respective boards of directors, officers, employees, players, agents, members, volunteers, assigns and licensees from any and all liability resulting from the applicant's entry or participation in the Competition. In case of medical emergency occurring during the Competition, I authorize a qualified medical doctor to take all necessary measures in the treatment of this applicant.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

***Certification of Parent or Guardian (Required for applicants under the age of 18)**

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____