



## 2023 LPGA and Epson Tour Qualifying School

### Fast Facts and Eligibility for Qualifying Tournament Stage I, Qualifying Tournament Stage II, and Q-Series

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#### Qualifying Tournament Stage I

**Entries Open:** Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 10:00 am ET

**Entry Deadline:** Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at 5:00 pm ET

**Late Entries will not be accepted.**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE below on page 2 under "Format" a change to requirements for 2024 Epson Tour status\*\***

#### Dates:

- Practice Rounds – Friday, August 25 – Sunday, August 27, 2023
- Competition Rounds – Monday, August 28 – Thursday, August 31, 2023.
- **Rain Date: Friday, September 1, 2023**

#### Location: (3 courses)

- Mission Hills Country Club, Rancho Mirage, CA (Dinah Shore and Arnold Palmer courses) AND
- Indian Wells Country Club, Indian Wells, CA (Classic course)

#### Eligibility: (Stage I is a qualifying round for Stage II):

- Players can compete at Stage I and Stage II as an amateur. **Players qualifying to advance to Q-Series must turn professional prior to competing in Q-Series.**
- Females who are 17 years of age or older by January 1, 2024 (for Stage I and Stage II only).
  - **NOTE:** For avoidance of doubt, players who are not 18 years of age or older by January 1, 2024 cannot advance to Q-Series.
- Players who do not meet the age requirement, and transgender athletes, must indicate their desire to apply for the qualifying tournament with the LPGA by June 23, 2023 – 5:00 pm EDT. Please contact Tommy Tangtiphaiboontana at [tommyt@lpga.com](mailto:tommyt@lpga.com) for more information.
- All Amateurs, and any Professional applying for the first time, must have a World Handicap System index of 4.0 or less, based on courses with an average length of 6200 yards (verification required at time of application).
- **All applicants who are applying for entry into the Qualifying School for the first time MUST upload a copy of their certified birth certificate (in English) via the on-line application.**

#### Entries:

- Entry application and entry fee for exempt players must be received by the entry deadline.
  - **NOTE:** Players who advance from Stage I to Stage II will be automatically entered in Stage II by the LPGA at the conclusion of Stage I.
- Entry is through the LPGA Portal App. If needed, players can download the app here:
  - [App Store](#) OR [Google Play](#)
- Stage I Entry Fee
  - \$2,500 USD; payable by Credit Card ONLY and due at the time of application.

#### Parking Passes:

- Parking passes will be distributed at the Dinah Shore Entrance (Main Gate).

#### Mandatory Player Meeting:

- Sunday, August 27, 2023; 6:00 pm at Mission Hills Country Club



### **Player and Caddie Registration:**

- Each player must **confirm attendance via the Portal App check-in** beginning at 9:00am PT on Wednesday, August 23 through 5:00pm PT on Friday, August 25.
- Each caddie must complete the online Caddie Registration Form. A link to this form will be sent to players at close of entries.
- There will not be in person registration for Stage I for players or caddies.

### **Format:**

- 72 holes of stroke-play competition; a cut will be made after the third round; competitors will play one round each on the Dinah Shore, Arnold Palmer and Classic courses; final round will be played on the Dinah Shore course.
- The use of distance measuring devices is permitted.
- Players will receive their own cart for official practice rounds and tournament rounds.
- Employment of a caddie is optional.
- **88 Rule Applies** – Any player with a score of 88 or higher in any of the first three rounds will automatically be withdrawn from the Qualifying Tournament and will not be eligible to receive any type of Tour status for 2024.
- **Players who do not complete 72 holes WILL NOT earn any 2024 Epson Tour status.**
- **Players who complete 72 holes without a score of 88 or higher will earn 2024 Epson Tour status in Category N.**
- The Top 95 and ties will advance to Stage II.

### **Required to Qualify:**

1. 2023 Epson Tour Members not ranked or ranked outside of the Top 125 (and ties) on the 2023 Epson Tour Official Money list **as of the conclusion of the 2023 Four Winds Invitational.**  
*Note: An Epson Tour Member who is entered for Stage I by the August 15 entry deadline and subsequently moves inside the Top 125 at the conclusion of the 2023 Wildhorse Ladies Golf Classic, will be moved to begin the qualifying process at Stage II by the Tour.*
2. All amateur and professional players (*who are not current LPGA Tour Members*) not ranked or ranked outside of the Top 400 on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings as of the entry deadline for Stage I (August 15, 2023).
3. If entries for Stage I exceed 432, players may be moved to begin the qualifying process at Stage II in following order of priority:
  - a. Epson Tour Members in order of their position on the Epson Tour Money List as of the entry deadline and beginning with #126 and ties on the list.
  - b. Players in the order of their position on the Rolex Women's World Golf Ranking as of the entry deadline.
  - c. If an alternate list is needed for Stage I, as determined by the LPGA, players (except current Epson Tour Members) who are not ranked on either the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) or the GolfWeek/Sagarin Women's Individual Collegiate Rankings as of the entry deadline will be placed on the alternate list based on order of entry, beginning with date and time of earliest entry.



## Qualifying Tournament Stage II

**Entries Open:** Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 10:00 am ET

**Entry Deadline:** Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 5:00 pm ET

**Late Entries will not be accepted.**

### Dates:

Practice Rounds – Sunday, October 15 and Monday, October 16, 2023

Tournament Rounds – Tuesday, October 17 – Friday, October 20, 2023.

**Rain Date: Saturday, October 21, 2023**

### Location:

Plantation Golf and Country Club, Venice, FL (Bobcat and Panther courses)

### Eligibility:

- Players can compete at Stage II as an amateur. **Amateur Players qualifying to advance to Q-Series must turn professional in order to compete in Q-Series.** Professional status must be declared prior to 5pm ET on Friday, November 17, 2023.
- Females who are 17 years of age or older by January 1, 2024 (for Stage I and Stage II only).
  - **NOTE:** For avoidance of doubt, players who are not 18 years of age or older by January 1, 2024, cannot advance to Q-Series.
- Players who do not meet the age requirement, and transgender athletes, must indicate their desire to apply for the qualifying tournament with the LPGA by September 1, 2023 – 5:00 pm EDT. Please contact Tommy Tangtiphaiboonana at [tommyt@lpga.com](mailto:tommyt@lpga.com) for more information.
- All Amateurs, and any Professional applying for the first time, must have a World Handicap System index of 4.0 or less based on courses with an average length of 6200 yards (verification required at time of application).
- All applicants who are applying for entry into the Qualifying School for the first time MUST upload a copy of their certified birth certificate via the on-line application.

### Entries:

- **Only players exempt to Stage II should enter and pay for Stage II.** Players qualifying to advance from Stage I to Stage II will be automatically entered in Stage II by the LPGA at the conclusion of Stage I.
- Entry application and entry fee for exempt players must be received by the entry deadline.
- Entry is through the LPGA Portal App. If needed, players can download the app here:  
[App Store](#) OR [Google Play](#)
- Stage II Entry Fees:
  1. **Players who advance from Qualifying Stage I** - \$3000 USD payable by credit card ONLY following the conclusion of Stage I and due on or before 5pm ET on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.
  2. **Players exempt to Stage II** - \$4000 USD payable by credit card ONLY; a minimum of \$2500 USD is due at time of application. The balance is due on or before 5pm ET on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.  
**\*NOTE: Item #2 above includes Players who competed in Stage I, but did not qualify to advance to Stage II, who are exempt to Stage II in exempt categories #1-9 below.**

### Mandatory Player Meeting:

- Monday, October 16, 2023; 6:00 pm at Plantation Golf & Country Club



### **Player and Caddie Registration:**

- Players must **register in person** on Sunday, October 15 between 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.
- Caddies must complete the Caddie Registration Form virtually. A link to this form will be sent to players after the conclusion of Stage I.

### **Format:**

- 72 holes of stroke-play competition with no cut; competitors will play two rounds each on the Bobcat and Panther courses.
- The use of distance measuring devices is permitted.
- Players will be required to walk; players may carry their own bag, use a pull cart or employ a caddie.
- Caddies may carry the bag or use a pull cart; No electric carts will be used for the event.
- **Players who complete 72 holes and do not advance to Q-Series will earn 2024 Epson Tour status in Category I or K, according to finish position.**
- The Top-TBD will advance to Q-Series. Final number to be communicated prior to the start of the Stage II competition.

### **Exempt Categories for Stage II:**

1. Epson Tour Members ranked #1-125, including those tied for 125<sup>th</sup> place, on the 2023 Epson Tour Official Money list **as of the conclusion of the 2023 Four Winds Invitational.**
2. Epson Tour Members ranked #36-125, including those tied for 125<sup>th</sup> place, on the 2023 Epson Tour Official Money list **as of the conclusion of the 2023 Epson Tour Championship.**
3. LPGA Tour Members ranked outside of the Top 150 and ties on the 2023 LPGA Points List **as of the conclusion of the 2023 Ascendant LPGA benefiting Volunteers of America.**
4. Professional players who, as of the entry deadline (August 15, 2023), won an amount of money in Official Epson Tour Events that is equal to or greater than the amount of Official Money won by the Epson Tour Member who was in 100<sup>th</sup> place on the Epson Tour Official Money List as of the entry deadline (August 15, 2023).
5. Players ranked #1-5, including those tied for 5<sup>th</sup> place, on the 2023 PXG Race to Stage II as of the entry deadline (August 15, 2023).
6. Players ranked #2-5 on the women's World Amateur Golf Rankings as of the first rankings update that includes the results of the 2023 NCAA National Championships.  
**Note:** *The #1 ranked player is exempt to Q-Series, provided she competes at Q-Series as a professional. If the #1 ranked player does not intend to turn professional by Friday, November 17, she may instead enter and compete at Stage II as an amateur.*
7. Players ranked #1-5 on the women's 2023 World Amateur Golf Rankings as of the entry deadline for Stage I (August 15, 2023).
8. Players ranked #1-5 on the GolfWeek/Sagarin Women's Individual Collegiate Rankings as of the first rankings update following the conclusion of the NCAA National Championship.
9. Winner of the 2023 Juli Inkster Senior Award.
10. Additional players may be moved from Q-Series to Stage II as described in the criteria for Q-Series (see page 6).
11. The remainder of the field will be filled by Players, not otherwise qualified for Q-Series, who are ranked within the Top 400 on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings **as of the entry deadline for Stage I (August 15, 2023).** Players will be ranked in the order of their position on the list as of the entry deadline.



## Q-Series

**Entries Open:** Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at 10:00 am ET

**Entry Deadline:** Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 5:00 pm ET

### Tournament Dates:

**Practice Rounds** – Tuesday and Wednesday, November 28 – 29, 2023.

**Competition Rounds** – Thursday – Tuesday, November 30 – December 5, 2023.

**Rain Date** – Wednesday, December 6, 2023.

**Location:** Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, Magnolia Grove Golf Course (Falls and Crossings courses); Mobile, AL.

### Eligibility:

- Players must compete in Q-Series as a professional. **Any amateur player advancing from Stage II or exempt to Q-Series must compete in Q-Series as a professional.** Such players must return a “Confirmation of Status” form (to be provided by the Tour) prior to 5pm ET on Friday, November 17, 2023.
- Female **Professionals** must be 18 years of age or older by January 1, 2024, including those qualifying to advance from Stage II.
- Players who do not meet the age requirement, and transgender athletes, must indicate their desire to apply for the qualifying tournament with the LPGA by 5:00 pm EDT on September 1, 2023. Please contact Tommy Tangtiphaiboontana at [tommyt@lpga.com](mailto:tommyt@lpga.com) for more information.
- All applicants who are applying for entry into the Qualifying School for the first time MUST upload a copy of their certified birth certificate via the on-line application.

### Entries:

- Entry application and entry fee for exempt players must be received by the entry deadline.
- **Players advancing from Stage II do not need to submit an entry application for Q-Series.** These players will automatically be entered upon the completion of Stage II.
- All applicants who are applying for entry into the Qualifying School for the first time MUST upload a copy of their certified birth certificate via the on-line application.
- Entry is through the LPGA Portal App. If needed, players can download the app here:
  - a. [App Store](#) OR [Google Play](#)
- Q-Series Entry Fees:
  1. **Players beginning at Qualifying Stage I** – \$0 USD
  2. **Players beginning at Qualifying Stage II** – \$1500 USD; payable after the conclusion of Stage II and due on or before 5pm ET on Friday, November 17, 2023
  3. **Top-75 Rolex-ranked players** – \$5500 USD
- 4. **Exempt LPGA, LET and Epson Tour Members** – \$2500 USD

**\*NOTE:** Items #3 and #4 above include Players who competed in Stage I and/or Stage II, but did not qualify to advance to Q-Series, who are exempt to Q-Series in any of the categories below.



### **Player and Caddie Registration:**

- Players must register in person on Tuesday, November 28 between 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, local time.
- Caddies without a 2023 LPGA Caddie Credential must complete the online Caddie Registration Form for Q-Series. A link to this form will be sent to players after the conclusion of Stage II.

### **Format:**

- 108 holes of stroke-play competition; cut after round four; competitors will play two rounds each on the Falls and Crossings courses; rounds five and six will be played on the Crossings course.
- \$150,000 Purse; paid to players finishing in the Top 45 and ties.
- The use of distance measuring devices is permitted.
- Players may carry their own bag, use a pull cart or employ a caddie.
- Caddies may carry the bag or use a pull cart; No electric carts will be used for the event.
- ***Top 20 and ties will earn 2024 LPGA Tour status for 2024 in Category 14.***
- ***Players finishing in positions 21-45 and ties will earn 2024 LPGA Tour status in Category 15 and 2024 Epson Tour status in Category C.***
- ***Players finishing outside the top 45 and ties will earn 2024 Epson Tour status in Category C.***

### **Exempt Categories for Q-Series: #1-4 below MUST ENTER BY THE COMMITMENT DEADLINE**

1. 2023 LPGA Tour Members ranked #101-150, including those tied for 150<sup>th</sup> place, on the LPGA Points List at the conclusion of the *2023 Ascendant LPGA benefitting Volunteers of America*
2. 2023 Epson Tour Members ranked #11-35, including those tied for 35<sup>th</sup> place, on the season-ending Epson Tour Official Money List.
3. Players ranked within the Top 75 on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings as of the entry deadline (October 10, 2023). If more than 10 players apply through this Category, remaining players may be moved to start the qualifying process at Stage II.
4. The Player ranked #1 on the women's World Amateur Golf Rankings as of the first rankings update that includes the results of the 2023 NCAA National Championships, provided she did not compete in Stage II.  
**Note:** *If the player qualified for this exemption does not intend to turn professional by Friday, November 17, she may instead enter and compete at Stage II as an amateur.*

### **Late Entries Exempt Categories for Q-Series: #5 and #6 below WILL BE ENTERED WHEN IDENTIFIED**

5. 2023 LPGA Tour Members ranked #101-150, including those tied for 150<sup>th</sup> place, on the LPGA Points List at the conclusion of the *2023 ANNIKA driven by Gainbridge at Pelican*. **Members who were eligible through criteria #1 above but did not enter by the October 10 deadline, ARE NOT eligible to late enter.**
6. 2023 LET Members ranked #1-10, including those tied for 10<sup>th</sup> place, on the Race to Costa del Sol Ranking List at the conclusion of the *2023 Andalucia Costa Del Sol Open De Espana*. Players qualifying through this category will be permitted to late enter following the conclusion of the *2023 Andalucia Costa Del Sol Open De Espana*.