



PGA
Wisconsin Section



2023 WISCONSIN PGA LAS VEGAS PRO-AM

Sunday-Thursday, March 5-9
Golf - Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino

Cascata ● Las Vegas Country Club ● Paiute (Wolf Course)

Trip Supported By



The Suter Ward Group
at Morgan Stanley



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THINGS TO KNOW - LOTTERY SYSTEM & REGISTRATION PROCESS



CAPACITY - The trip capacity is 50 teams.

PROFESSIONAL LOTTERY - The past few years demand has exceeded capacity for the WPGA Las Vegas Pro-Am. The registration process had turned into something similar to a ticket onsale for a big concert, and our attempts at priority registration received a wide range of comments. During the winter the WPGA Tournament Policy Board decided to implement a professional lottery if demand exceeded capacity once again. The policy board and staff created a system where professionals could receive up to five lottery entries. A drawing would then be conducted to determine the spots in the field. The only professionals with a guaranteed spot in the field is a sponsor team, and one from an auction that was run to benefit PGA Reach Wisconsin.

Professionals could earn lottery entries the following ways;

- Entry 1) Simply sign up for 2023 WPGA Las Vegas Pro-Am lottery.
- Entry 2) Played in at least one of the past three WPGA Las Vegas Pro-Ams (2022, 2021 or 2019)
- Entry 3) Played in at least one one-day Wisconsin PGA Stroke Play, State or Senior Open, or Match Play event.
- Entry 4) Played in at least one of the following—Section Championship, Senior Championship or Assistant Championship.
- Entry 5) Played in at least one of the following two-person events - Pro-Pros, Legend Challenge, Super-Pro, Pro-Assistant.

IMPORTANT LOTTERY DATES

- Thursday, October 6 - Professional lottery entries will open. Professionals will be asked to fill out a simple form online with a handful of questions. Professionals only need to enter once and the time of entry does not factor into anything.
- Monday, October 10 at 11:59 PM - Professional lottery entries will close. If a professional does not enter the lottery and has interest in fielding a team at a later date, they will be placed at the bottom of the priority list.
- Wednesday, October 12 - Midday - The Wisconsin PGA will conduct the lottery and attempt to livestream it.
- Thursday, October 13 - In the morning the registration link will be distributed to all professionals that were selected.
- Thursday, October 13 at 10 AM until Monday, October 17 at 11:59 PM - During this timeframe selected professionals will be required to get **two amateurs** from their team to register and pay in full. This will be the team's deposit.
- Tuesday, October 18 - Any professional that does not get their deposit paid in time will have their spot offered to the next team on the priority list.
- Wednesday, December 7 - Final payment deadline to have your team paid in full.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF DEMAND DOES NOT EXCEED CAPACITY AND A LOTTERY IS NOT NEEDED?

If demand does not exceed our 50 team capacity we will allow all teams that signed up for the lottery to register between the aforementioned October 13 to 17 period. After that period closes any remaining spots will open for registration on a first come, first serve basis on Tuesday, October 18 at 10 AM.

DEPOSIT - HOW DOES MY TEAM RESERVE A SPOT - LOTTERY OR NO LOTTERY?

A spot in the field will be reserved when **two amateur entries are received**. The entry fees may be double or single occupancy. If you are unsure of your exact lodging needs the difference in payment can be handled at a later date (Additional charge or refund). Individual entries will not be processed until two amateur entry fees are received.

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

- Registration for the trip will **ONLY BE AVAILABLE ONLINE. PLAYERS REGISTER AS AN INDIVIDUAL.**
- Each amateur will go through the process and register themselves.
- Professionals will use their BlueGolf login to register themselves.
- During the process amateurs should enter the name of their team professional, so we can align you with the right team.

TRIP QUESTIONS should be directed to Chris Hoel at choel@pgahq.com or (414) 443-3572.

COVID-19 WAIVER / DISCLAIMER "In view of the ongoing issues, uncertainty and risks arising from the Corona or Covid 19 Virus all members/associates and participants should understand the WPGA, our sponsors and our host facilities are committed to strict compliance with all applicable government orders and, in addition, to adhering to the best health and safety practices as we understand them. However, all members/associates and participants should understand and acknowledge that available information concerning best health and safety practices is uncertain, imperfect and is subject to change as our health officials acquire new or different information regarding the Corona or Covid 19 Virus, and following best practices as we understand them, as laymen, cannot provide any assurance that members/associates and participants will not be infected or affected by the Corona or Covid 19 Virus as a result of participation in a WPGA event. All procedures and policies set forth in conducting WPGA events shall be subject to change based on any future orders issued by any government authority with jurisdiction and any publicly available health recommendations or guidelines. At each WPGA event it is a requirement that all members/associates and participants shall adhere to all applicable government orders and follow all publicly available health recommendations or guidelines. The WPGA, our sponsors and our host facilities will monitor compliance. Failure to comply with applicable government orders and publicly available health recommendations and guidelines can result in disqualification."

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WHAT IF OUR TEAM OR I HAVE TO CANCEL?

TEAM CANCELLATION POLICY - PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Team cancellations before or on December 7 will be assessed a \$250 cancellation fee. Cancellations from December 8 through January 4 will be assessed a \$500 cancellation fee. Cancellations after January 4 will be responsible for the entire team trip price unless a replacement team is found (In this case the \$500 cancellation fee still applies if a replacement team is found). If a team cancels after the initial deposit deadline the WPGA reserves the right to replace the team at any point. Invoices for the cancellation fees will be sent to the team professional after the cancellation is received, and will be due one month after the cancellation.

INDIVIDUAL REFUNDS - PROCESSING FEE - \$60 (Single occupancy) or \$50 (Double occupancy)

Any refund for an amateur entry fee will be subject to a \$60 processing fee for single occupancy fee or \$50 for double occupancy fee, regardless of timing. If the refund is being issued due to a player substitution the refund will only be processed once the entry fee for the substituted player has been received.

EXTRA NIGHT REFUNDS - \$10 PROCESSING FEE

Any cancellation of an extra night reservation will be subject to a cancellation fee of \$10 (per night). Cancellations will be accepted until January 31. After January 31 cancellations and refunds will require the approval of the group reservations staff at Planet Hollywood.

ON TO THE GOOD STUFF - TRIP DETAILS

TRIP INCLUDES

- Four nights at Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino (Check In - Sunday / Check Out - Thursday)
- Three rounds of golf, green fees, range, and golf car at Cascata, Las Vegas Country Club & Paiute Golf Resort (Wolf Course).
- Lunch each day at the golf courses.
- Daily and Overall team prizes - Over \$27,000 based on 50 teams.
- TaylorMade & adidas tee gifts for Amateurs & Professionals.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Monday, March 6
 - Lunch beforehand
 - 1/2 the field - 11:30 AM shotgun at Cascata
 - 1/2 the field - 11:30 AM shotgun at Paiute
- Tuesday, March 7
 - Lunch beforehand
 - 1/2 the field - 11:30 AM shotgun at Cascata
 - 1/2 the field - 11:30 AM shotgun at Las Vegas CC
- Wednesday, March 8
 - 1/2 the field - 8:30 AM shotgun at Paiute
 - 1/2 the field - 8:30 AM shotgun at Las Vegas CC
 - Lunch after play

TOURNAMENT COURSES

This year's lineup is stacked with three great courses. We will make return trips to popular layouts such as the Wolf Course at Paiute and Cascata. We also are excited to bring the trip to Las Vegas Country Club for the first time. Leading the lineup is Cascata, which is ranked second on Golfweek's best courses you can play in Nevada. The Rees Jones design is truly one of the must plays in Las Vegas.

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SUNDAY EVENING

This year's package was created without a Sunday evening reception. Entry fee dollars that used to be earmarked for the reception have been rolled into tee gifts, a bigger purse, and to help offset an increase in hotel and green fees.



LODGING

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TOURNAMENT FORMAT

All teams will play one round at each of the three courses. For each round amateurs will receive 85% of their course handicap.

- Paiute Wolf Course — One Net / One Gross Best Ball
- Las Vegas Country Club — 1,2,3 Net Best Ball
 - Par 3— 1 Net
 - Par 4— 2 Net
 - Par 5— 3 Net
- Cascata — Two Net Best Ball
- Overall team competition.
- Daily team events on each course.
- Professional daily stableford events.
- Skins Games - Pro, Amateur Net & Gross

PROFESSIONALS MEETING

There will be a mandatory virtual meeting for WPGA Professionals before departing for the trip. The purpose of the meeting is to go over the event schedule, formats and rules.

WPGA LIFE MEMBERS

WPGA Life Members may participate in the Las Vegas Program on a team as an "amateur". The professional must have a World Handicap System handicap and will receive 85% of their course handicap. Any member playing on a team as such will receive the same prizes awarded to the other amateurs on the team and pay the applicable amateur entry fee.

DAILY COMPETITIONS

Prizes that are awarded for the daily competitions will be distributed at the golf courses each day. The daily competition from Wednesday will be distributed at Planet Hollywood that evening.

MULTIPLE TOURNAMENT YARDAGES

Once again the Wisconsin PGA will offer any senior amateur (50 and older) with a handicap index of 3.0 or higher or any amateur with a handicap index 15.0 or above the option to play an intermediate set of tees instead of the standard tees for the event. WPGA professionals 65 or older will also have this option. Players **MUST COMMIT** to play the intermediate yardage for the **ENTIRE EVENT**. Players may only change which tees they want to play up until two days prior to the event. Professionals will be contacted in early-February to determine if any of their players will use this option. **NOTE - Players utilizing this option will receive 2 to 4 less shots per round.**

Standard Tees - 6400-6600 yards approx.

Intermediate Tees - 5950-6150 yards approx.



PROFESSIONAL ELIGIBILITY & SUBSTITUTIONS

Each team is required to have a Wisconsin PGA member or associate in good standing listed on their team roster, from the time the lottery entry is accepted until the day the trip concludes. Associates that go on suspension will be removed from the field immediately and their team will be given one week to find a new professional. Teams are allowed to substitute professionals throughout the process. Pre-Associate entries will not be accepted.

TEAMS & HANDICAPS

Each team will consist of one professional and four amateurs. All amateurs must have a World Handicap System handicap.

Handicap indexes to be used will be the 11/1/22 or 2/15/23 revision. The lower of the two indexes will be used. Maximum handicap strokes per player is 24.

If an individual has posted 12 scores between 11/1/22 and 2/15/23, the lower of their 1/15 & 2/15 indexes will be used.

- The WPGA reserves the right to modify handicap indexes, based on score history of the past year and past history in this tournament.
- A handicap reduction formula will be in place and it may result in reductions for players during the event.
- Any player that has not posted a score since June 1 will receive a 15% reduction on their index prior to the event starting. Minimum one-shot reduction.
- At the conclusion of the event each individual daily score will be posted to the handicap record of each player.
- Plus handicaps will play to their converted number. They will not play to zero, as we did in the past.

ENTRY FEES

Amateur in double room with fellow participant - \$1,900
Amateur in double room with FP (Sat-Wed Hotel) - \$1,945
Amateur in single room - \$2,200
Amateur in single room (Sat-Wed Hotel) - \$2,290

No discount will be provided for anyone making their own lodging arrangements.

ROOM PACKAGE ADJUSTMENT

Once again a number of packages are available to shift your hotel stay to arrive and depart one day earlier. This option would have attendees check into the hotel on Saturday 3/4 and check out on Wednesday 3/8 and requires a higher entry fee (\$90 more). Players should select the proper entry fee when registering. Reservations for this package will only be reserved when payment in full has been received from the individual. **PACKAGE IS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.**

HOTEL EXTRA NIGHTS

The WPGA has a limited number of rooms held for shoulder nights. **Room availability and rates are limited and may sell out at any time.** No reservations for extra nights will be made until payment is received. Fee includes resort fees and tax. Fees are based on per room per night.

Friday, March 3 or Saturday, March 4 - \$215

Thursday, March 9 - \$150

Other nights - please inquire with Chris Hoel - (414) 443-3572

ROOM COMPS

No rooms in our room block will be eligible for room comps. You may still receive comps for all other activities at the casino's discretion. If you are staying extra nights, you may book those on your own and arrange to have them comped.

