



## 2019 Bermuda Championship Local Qualifier

Hosted by the Port Royal Golf Course



### Terms of Competition

#### **INFORMATION**

The 2019 Bermuda Championship Local Qualifier competition will be held Port Royal Golf Club on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. It is intended to provide an opportunity for Bermudian amateur and professional players to qualify for three qualifying places and four alternate places in the Bermuda Championship (PGA TOUR event) which is scheduled to be played at Port Royal Golf Course from Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October – Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Note – alternates will only be used to replace local players in the Championship event)

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Entries are open to Amateur and Professional players and applicants for reinstatement. To be eligible to compete in the local qualifying event, participants must meet the following criteria:

- i) Players must possess Bermudian status
- ii) Players must be a member in good standing of the BGA or BPGA and not subject to any disciplinary process or sanction of either association
- iii) Amateurs and applicants for reinstatement must have an up-to-date handicap index, or equivalent handicap issued from the international body of golf, not exceeding 1.4 under the USGA Handicap System.

**Note: A players' current 20-score history cannot include scores from before October 1<sup>st</sup> 2018.**

#### **FORMAT**

The event is a 36-hole individual stroke play competition. Players will be paired in groups of three and all participants will play:

**Black Tees** - (6,539 yards ; 73.1 / 130)

#### **SCHEDULE**

**Round 1** – Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 – Tee times will begin at 10.00am.

**Round 2** – Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 – Tee times will begin at 10.00am.

#### **ENTRIES**

All players must complete an online or printed entry form which may be found at [www.bermudagolf.org](http://www.bermudagolf.org). The entry fee for all players is \$250. Entries without payment will not be accepted.

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE BGA NO LATER THAN 5.00PM ON MONDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2019**

#### **PRACTICE PRIVILEGES**

Each player is entitled to one practice round which is included in the entry fee. Players should arrange their own tee times by calling the Port Royal Pro-shop at tel: 234-0974.

#### **REFUND POLICY**

Entry fees will be refunded, regardless of reason, if the BGA is notified before the close of entries. After the close of entries, a \$25 per person service charge will be deducted from all refunds. In the event the Qualifier is shortened due to weather, no partial refunds will be provided.

## **TIME OF STARTING**

All players in a group are responsible for being at the starting tee promptly to begin play on time. A player should arrive at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee at least ten minutes prior to their starting time in order to receive all information. If a player arrives within 5 minutes after their assigned starting time, the penalty will be two strokes at the first hole (Rule 5.3a). Otherwise the penalty is disqualification.

## **CARTS & CADDIES**

Golf carts are **NOT** permitted for any player or caddie. All players must walk during the event, pull carts and electric hand-held carts are permitted and caddies are also permitted.

## **DISTANCE MEASURING EQUIPMENT**

Distance Measuring Equipment and Rangefinders are permitted for distance measurements only - Rule 4.3a(1). Any device that has the ability to determine slope and elevation changes must not be used or the feature must be disabled.

## **ONE BALL RULE**

The One Ball rule (Local Rule G-4) will be in effect for the qualifying event (See local rules sheet for full details)

## **SCORING AREA; SCORE CARD RETURNED**

The scoring area for this Championship will be the Wardman Room; however, a player is deemed to have officially returned their score card when it has been dropped in the 'scoring box' regardless of whether they have left the immediate area.

## **TIE BREAKS**

In the event of a tie for any of the first three qualifying places or the four alternate places, a sudden death playoff will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole between the players involved and will be repeated until the tied positions are resolved. All other places will be determined by the recommended USGA method of countback, starting with the back 9, back 6, back 3 etc of the final round.

## **PRIZES**

The three players with the lowest combined gross scores will be eligible to enter the Bermuda Championship (PGA TOUR event) on 31<sup>st</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November at Port Royal Golf Course. No other prizes will be awarded for this event. If any of the three local qualifiers or honorary exemption are unable to play, the next best chronological alternate will be given the opportunity to take the spot.

## **COMPLETION OF ROUND**

The final result of the competition will be based on the players combined 36-hole score. However, in the event that weather or unforeseen circumstances prevents the completion of 36 holes, the results will be considered valid, provided a round of 18 holes has been completed. The committee reserves the right to make any adjustments to scheduling within the parameters of the event in the best interests of successfully completing the competition.

## **RULES OF GOLF; CLOSE OF COMPETITION**

Play will be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the R&A Rules Limited and USGA and such Local Rules and Conditions of Play as may be specified by the Championship Committee. Questions will be settled by the On-site Rules Committee whose decision shall be final. The competition is deemed to be closed when the final results are announced by the Championship Committee.

## **CONDITIONS; SCHEDULES**

The Championship Committee/On-site Rules Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions, provisions and/or schedules herein. The decision of either committee shall be final.

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Bermuda Golf Association Office (441) 295-9972; Port Royal Pro-Shop (441) 234-0974