



## 2018 LPGA and Symetra Tour Qualifying School Fast Facts



### Qualifying School Stage I

On-line entry forms available June 4, 2018 on [www.lpga.com](http://www.lpga.com)

Entry Deadline: Monday, August 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm EDT

- Tournament Dates: Thursday, August 23 – Sunday, August 26, 2018. **Rain Date: Monday, August 27, 2018**
- Location: Mission Hills Country Club, Rancho Mirage, CA (Palmer and Dinah Shore courses); Shadow Ridge Golf Club, Palm Desert, CA.
- Field Criteria:
  - 2018 Symetra Tour Members not ranked or ranked outside of the Top 125 on the 2018 Symetra Tour Official Money list at the conclusion of the PHC Classic
  - Any player moved from Stage II to Stage I as described in the field criteria for Stage II
  - 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
- Entries:
  - Entries and payment must be received by the entry deadline
  - **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.**
- Cost:
  - \$2,500
  - **Payment is by Credit Card ONLY and is due at the time of application**
- Eligibility:
  - Females who are 17 years of age or older by January 1, 2019 (for Stage I and Stage II only)
  - 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 15, 2018 – 5:00 pm EDT. Please contact Heather Daly-Donofrio at [heather.dalydonofrio@lpga.com](mailto:heather.dalydonofrio@lpga.com) for more information.
  - Amateurs must have a handicap of 4.0 or less based on courses with an average length of 6200 yards (verification required via the on-line application)
- Format:
  - 72 holes of stroke-play competition; a cut will be made after the third round
  - For the first three rounds, competitors will play one round each on the Palmer, Dinah Shore and Shadow Ridge courses
  - Final round will be played on the Dinah Shore Course
  - Players will receive their own cart for the event
  - Employment of a caddie is optional
- Player Registration:
  - Sunday, August 19, 2018; 8:00 am – 4:00 pm OR Monday, August 20, 2018; 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Mandatory Entrant Meeting:
  - Wednesday, August 22, 2018; 6:00 pm at Mission Hills Country Club

**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 2019

**\*\*\*All Players who complete 54 holes will receive Symetra Tour status for the 2019 season\*\*\***

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## Qualifying School Stage II

On-line entry forms available June 4, 2018 on [www.lpga.com](http://www.lpga.com)

Entry Deadline: Monday, August 13, 2018 at 5:00 pm EDT

- Tournament Dates: Monday, October 15 – Thursday, October 18, 2018. **Rain Date: Friday, October 19, 2018**
- Location: Plantation Golf and Country Club, Venice, FL (Bobcat and Panther courses)
- Field Criteria:
  - Symetra Tour Members ranked #1-125, including those tied for 125th place on the 2018 Symetra Tour Official Money list at the conclusion of the PHC Classic
  - LPGA Tour Members ranked outside of the Top 150 and ties on the 2018 LPGA Official Money List at the conclusion of the 2018 Evian Championship.
  - Professional players who, as of the conclusion of the PHC Classic, won an amount of money in Official Symetra Tour Events that is equal to or greater than the amount of Official Money won by the Symetra Tour Member who was in 100th place on the Symetra Tour Official Money List at the conclusion of the PHC Classic
  - 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. Players will be ranked in the order of their position on the list as of the entry deadline. If more than 25 players apply through this Category – and the total number of entries for Stage II exceeds 110 players – remaining players may be moved to start the qualifying process at Stage I
  - Top-5 ranked players on the women's 2018 World Amateur Golf Rankings as of the entry deadline (August 13, 2018)
  - Any player moved from Q-Series to Stage II as described in the criteria for Q-Series
  - Qualifiers from Stage I (minimum of Top 60 and ties; final number to be determined prior to the start of Stage I)
- Entries:
  - Entries and payment must be received by the entry deadline
  - **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**
- Cost:
  - \$4,000 (Players exempt into Stage II)
  - \$3,000 (Players who advance from Qualifying Stage I)
  - **Payment is by Credit Card ONLY and is due at the time of application**
- Eligibility:
  - Females who are 17 years of age or older by January 1, 2019 (for Stage I and Stage II only)
  - 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 15, 2018 - 5:00 pm EDT. Please contact Heather Daly-Donofrio at [heather.dalydonofrio@lpga.com](mailto:heather.dalydonofrio@lpga.com) for more information
  - Amateurs must have a handicap of 4.0 or less based on courses with an average length of 6200 yards (verification required via the on-line application)
- Format:
  - 72 holes of stroke-play competition with NO cut
  - 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
- Player Registration:
  - Friday, October 12, 2018; 8:00 am – 4:00 pm OR Saturday, October 13, 2018; 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Mandatory Entrant Meeting:
  - Sunday, October 14, 2018; 6:00 pm at Plantation Golf & Country Club

### **Status Received upon Completion of 72 Holes:**

**\*\*\*A TBD number of players will advance to Q-Series.**

**All other players who complete 72 holes will receive Symetra Tour status (based on finish) for the 2019 season\*\*\***

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## Qualifying School - LPGA Q-Series

On-line entry forms available September 3, 2018 on [www.lpga.com](http://www.lpga.com)

Entry Deadline: Tuesday, October 9, 2018-5:00 pm EST

- **Tournament Dates:** Week one - Wednesday, October 24 – Saturday, October 27, 2018. **Rain Date; Sunday, October 28, 2018;** Week two – Wednesday, October 31 – Saturday, November 3, 2018. **Rain Date: Sunday, November 4, 2018**
- **Location:** Pinehurst Resort, Pinehurst, N.C. – (first week Pinehurst #6; second week Pinehurst #7)
- **Field Criteria:**
  - 2018 LPGA Tour Members ranked #101-150, including those tied for 150<sup>th</sup> place on the LPGA Official Money List at the conclusion of the 2018 Evian Championship.
  - 2018 Symetra Tour Members ranked #11-30, including those tied for 30<sup>th</sup> place on the season-ending Symetra Tour Official Money List.
  - Players ranked within the Top 75 on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings as of the entry deadline for Stage II (August 13). Players will be ranked in the order of their position on the list as of August 13, 2018. If more than 10 players apply through this Category, remaining players will be moved to start the qualifying process at Stage II.
  - Players ranked #1-5 on the GolfWeek/Sagarin Women's Individual Collegiate Rankings as of the entry deadline for Stage II (August 13)
  - Qualifiers from Stage II (number to be determined)
- **Entries:**
  - Entries and payment must be received by the entry deadline
  - **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.**
- **Eligibility:**
  - Females who are 18 years of age or older by January 1, 2019
  - 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 15, 2018 - 5:00 pm EDT. Please contact Heather Daly-Donofrio at [heather.dalydonofrio@lpga.com](mailto:heather.dalydonofrio@lpga.com) for more information
  - Amateurs must have a handicap of 4.0 or less based on courses with an average length of 6200 yards (verification required via on-line application)
- **Cost:**
  - \$0 (Players who started at Qualifying Stage I)
  - \$1,500 (Players who advance from Qualifying Stage II)
  - \$2,500 (LPGA and Symetra Tour members exempt into Q-Series)
  - \$5,500 (Top-75 Rolex-ranked players and collegiate players)
  - **Payment is by Credit Card ONLY and is due at the time of application**
- **Format:**
  - 144 holes of stroke-play competition; no cut
  - Scores will be cumulative across the two weeks
  - 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
- **Player Registration:**
  - Monday, October 22, 2018; 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

### **Status Received upon Successful Completion:**

**\*\*\*Minimum of Top 45 and ties receive LPGA membership (final total number TBD) and all other players who complete 144 holes will receive Symetra Tour status. 2019 category status and number of membership cards will be determined by LPGA prior to the commencement of the LPGA Q-Series competition\*\*\***

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