

2021 LPGA/Symetra Tour Qualifying Tournament FAQ

Q: What is the LPGA/Symetra Tour Qualifying Tournament?

A: The LPGA/Symetra Tour Qualifying Tournament is a three-stage process (consisting of Stage I, Stage II and LPGA Q-Series) to determine membership status on both the LPGA and the Symetra Tour for the following year.

Q: What is the LPGA Q-Series?

A: The LPGA Q-Series is a new two-week tournament which replaces Stage III (Final Stage) of the LPGA/Symetra Qualifying Tournament to determine LPGA playing status for the following year.

Q: What is the field size for Q-Series?

A: There is not set field size. The field size is based on the number of competitors who qualify through the eligibility categories.

Q: What is the format for Q-Series?

A: Two 72-hole, stroke-play events held on consecutive weeks. Scores will be cumulative over the two weeks (i.e. if a competitor shoots 4-under in week one, she begins week two at 4-under). There will be a cut after the first week.

Q: What is the purse for Q-Series?

A: The total purse is \$150,000 which will be distributed at the end of the two-week competition.

Q: Where will Q-Series be held?

A: The Q-Series will be held on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama. The first week of competition will be held at Magnolia Grove in Mobile and the second week will be staged at Highland Oaks in Dothan.

Q: What is the field criteria for Q-Series?

A: The field is comprised of the following –

- 2021 LPGA Tour Members ranked #101-150, including those tied for 150th place on the LPGA Points List at the conclusion of the *2021 Cognizant Founders Cup*.
- 2021 LPGA Tour Members ranked #101-150, including those tied for 150th place on the LPGA Points List at the conclusion of the *2021 Pelican Women's Championship*. Members qualifying through this category will be entered when identified.
- 2021 Symetra Tour Members ranked #11-35, including those tied for 35th place on the season-ending Symetra Tour Official Money List.
- Players ranked #1-5, including those tied for 5th place, on the LET Order of Merit at the conclusion of the *Andalucia Costa Del Sol Open De Espana*. Players qualifying through this category will be entered when identified.
- Players ranked within the Top 75 on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings as of the entry deadline for Stage II (August 9, 2021). Players will be ranked in the order of their position on

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the list as of August 9, 2021. If more than 10 players apply through this Category, remaining players may be moved to start the qualifying process at Stage II.

- Qualifiers from Stage II (minimum of Top 30 and ties; final number TBD prior to the start of Stage II).

Q: What status will be awarded at the end of Q-Series?

A: At a minimum, competitors who finish in positions #1-45, including those tied for 45th place, at the end of Q-Series will receive LPGA Membership in Category 14 on the LPGA Priority List. Competitors who finish outside of the Top 20, will also receive Symetra Tour Membership in Category C on the Symetra Tour Priority List.

LPGA MEMBER FAQ

Q: Which LPGA Members will be exempt into Q-Series?

A: LPGA Members ranked #101-150, including those tied for 150th place on the Points List at the conclusion of the 2021 Cognizant Founders Cup and LPGA Members ranked #101-150, including those tied for 150th place on the Points List at the conclusion of the Pelican Women's Championship will compete in Q-Series.

Q: What are the options for an LPGA Member who finishes outside of the Top 150 on the Points List and has no LPGA status for the following year?

A: The LPGA Member may compete in Stage II to attempt to advance to Q-Series; or she may join the Symetra Tour in Category H on the Symetra Tour Priority List.

Q: What are the options for an LPGA Member who finishes outside of the Top 150 on the Points List, but has LPGA status (Class A or Tournament Winners) for the following year?

A: The LPGA Member may compete in Stage II to attempt to advance to Q-Series to improve her position on the LPGA Priority List, or she can remain an LPGA member with her Class A or Tournament Winner status. She may also compete in Symetra Tour events in Category F on the Symetra Tour Priority List.

Q: What if an LPGA Member ranked #101-150 elects not to compete in Q-Series?

A: If the Member is ranked #101-125 on the season-ending Points List, she may remain an LPGA Member and compete out of Category 15 on the LPGA Priority List. If she is ranked #126-150 on the season-ending Points List, she may remain an LPGA Member and compete out of Category 18 on the LPGA Priority List.

SYMETRA MEMBER FAQ

Q: Which Symetra Tour Members will be exempt into Q-Series?

A: Symetra Tour Members must be ranked #11-35, including those tied for 35th place on the season-ending Symetra Tour Official Money List to automatically qualify for Q-Series.

Q: What are the options for a Symetra Tour Member who finishes outside of the Top 35 on the Money List?

A: If a Symetra Member is ranked within the Top 80 on the Symetra Tour Money List at the conclusion of the FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship (August 6-8, 2021), she may compete in Stage II of the Qualifying Tournament to attempt to advance to Q-Series. If a Member is ranked within the Top 80 on the season-ending Symetra Tour Official Money List, she may compete as a Symetra Member in Category A on the Symetra Tour Priority List.

If the Member is ranked within the Top 125 and ties on the Symetra Tour Official Money List at the conclusion of the FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship (August 6-8, 2021), she will start the qualifying process at Stage II. If the member is ranked #81-100 on the season-ending Symetra Tour Official Money List, she may compete as a Symetra Member in Category J on the Symetra Tour Priority List. If the member is ranked #101-125 on the season-ending Symetra Tour Official Money List, she may compete as a Symetra Member in Category L on the Symetra Tour Priority List.

If the Member is ranked outside the Top 125 and ties at the conclusion of the FireKeepers Casino Hotel Championship (August 6-8, 2021), she will start the qualifying process at Stage I.

AMATEUR FAQ

Q: Can an amateur compete in the LPGA Qualifying Tournament?

A: Yes. An amateur competitor may play all stages (Stage I, Stage II and Q-Series) of the LPGA/Symetra Qualifying Tournament as an amateur.

Q: If a competitor competes as an amateur, must she declare professional status at some time during the qualifying process?

A: No. An amateur competitor is not required to declare professional status at any point during the qualifying process, including Q-Series.

Q: If an amateur competitor earns Symetra Tour membership, does she have to turn professional to accept membership?

A: No. An amateur competitor earning Symetra Tour status may join the Symetra Tour as an amateur and she will be eligible to participate in Symetra tournaments (as an amateur) with the status she earned at Stage I, Stage II or the Q-Series.

Q: If a competitor joins the Symetra Tour as an amateur, can she turn professional later?

A: Yes, she may declare professional status at any time or remain as an amateur member throughout the season.

Q: If an amateur competitor earns LPGA Tour membership, must she make a decision to turn professional at the conclusion of Q-Series to accept LPGA membership?

A: No. An amateur competitor earning LPGA status may defer her acceptance of LPGA membership until July 1 the following year. If she does not accept LPGA membership by July 1, she will forfeit her qualification status and no longer be eligible for membership.

Q: Can an amateur competitor play LPGA events based on her performance at Q-Series prior to turning professional?

A: No. As an amateur, she may not participate in LPGA tournaments with the status she earned at Q-Series. However, an amateur competitor may participate in LPGA tournaments following Q-Series as a non-member amateur via sponsor invitation or any other eligibility Category for which she may qualify, such as Rolex Rankings, amateur exemptions, etc.

Q: If an amateur defers acceptance of LPGA membership at the conclusion of Q-Series, what status will she have on the LPGA Priority List if she ultimately declares professional status and joins the LPGA as a member prior to the July 1 deadline?

A: An amateur's position on the LPGA Priority List that is earned at the Q-Series will be held until the competitor either turns professional (LPGA Membership will begin on the date she notifies the LPGA that she has accepted professional status), or up until just prior to the second reshuffle of the LPGA Tour season, whichever comes first.

AGE QUALIFICATION FAQ

Q: How old does a player need to be to compete in the LPGA Qualifying Tournament?

A: A player may compete in Stage I and Stage II ONLY at the age of 16, provided she turns 17 on or before December 31 in the year in which she is competing in the Qualifying Tournament.

A player may compete in Stage I, Stage II and Q-Series at the age of 17, provided she turns 18 on or before December 31 in the year in which she is competing in the Qualifying Tournament.

Q: What if the player wants to compete, but does not meet the age requirements?

A: If a player does not meet the age requirement for Stage I, Stage II or Q-Series, and she is between the ages of 15 and 18, she may petition the LPGA for a waiver of the minimum age requirement.

Q: If a player turns 17 on or before December 31 in the year in which she is competing in the Qualifying Tournament, can she compete in Q-Series?

A: No. A player may only compete in Q-Series if she will reach the age of 18 in the year during which she competes, or if she petitions and receives a waiver of the minimum age requirement from the LPGA.

Q: What is the process for a player who does not meet the age requirement to petition the LPGA?

A: Players wishing to petition the LPGA must complete a petition application. Applications are reviewed by the LPGA Commissioner and the decision to approve or not approve a petition is at his discretion.

The eligibility criteria for all three Stages (Stage I, Stage II and Q-Series) is listed below:

- **Stage I – 72 holes stroke-play competition (August 16 – 22, 2021 in CA); Top finishers advance to Stage II**
 - 2021 Symetra Tour Members not ranked or ranked outside of the Top 125 on the 2021 Symetra Tour Official Money list as of the entry deadline. If the final field size for Stage I exceeds 432, Symetra Tour Members may be moved to begin at Stage II, in order of their position on the Symetra Tour Money List as of the entry deadline and beginning with #126 and ties on the list.
 - 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.

- **Stage II – 72 holes stroke-play competition (October 18-24, 2021 in FL); Top finishers advance to Q-Series**
 - Symetra Tour Members ranked #1-125, including those tied for 125th place on the 2021 Symetra Tour Official Money List as of the entry deadline.
 - LPGA Tour Members ranked outside of the Top 150 and ties on the 2021 LPGA Points List at the conclusion of the *2021 Cognizant Founders Cup*.
 - Professional players who, as of the entry deadline, 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 as of the entry deadline.
 - 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.
 - WAPT Members ranked #1-5, and those tied for 5th place, on the 2021 WAPT Player of the Year Points List as of the entry deadline.
 - Players ranked #1-5 on the GolfWeek/Sagarin Women’s Individual Collegiate Rankings as of the entry deadline.
 - Players ranked #1-5 on the women’s 2021 World Amateur Golf Rankings as of the entry deadline.
 - Winner of the 2021 Juli Inkster Senior Award.
 - 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 TBD prior to the start of Stage I).

- **LPGA Q-series – Two 72-hole, stroke-play events with a cut after week one (November 29 – December 5, 2021 AND December 6-12, 2021)**
 - 2021 LPGA Tour Members ranked #101-150, including those tied for 150th place on the LPGA Points List at the conclusion of the *2021 Cognizant Founders Cup*.
 - 2021 LPGA Tour Members ranked #101-150, including those tied for 150th place on the LPGA Points List at the conclusion of the *2021 Pelican Women’s Championship*. Members qualifying through this category will be entered when identified.
 - 2021 Symetra Tour Members ranked #11-35, including those tied for 35th place on the season-ending Symetra Tour Official Money List.
 - Players ranked #1-5, including those tied for 5th place, on the LET Order of Merit at the conclusion of the *Andalucia Costa Del Sol Open De Espana*. Players qualifying through this category will be entered when identified.
 - Players ranked within the Top 75 on the Rolex Women’s World Golf Rankings as of the entry deadline for Stage II (August 9, 2021). Players will be ranked in the order of their position on the list as of August 9, 2021. If more than 10 players apply through this Category, remaining players may be moved to start the qualifying process at Stage II.
 - Qualifiers from Stage II (minimum of Top 30 and ties; final number TBD prior to the start of Stage II).