

SunTrust State Open of Virginia
Independence Golf Club, Midlothian
July 16-19, 2009

FORMAT

The Championship is a 72-hole, stroke play event with the field limited to 168 contestants (80 eligible Professionals, 80 eligible Amateurs, the Defending Champion, and 7 Open Qualifier spots). There will be a cut to the low 70 players and ties after 36 holes.

Amateur Information

ELIGIBILITY

Open to male amateur golfers who reside in the State of Virginia as of May 1, 2009, and the last day of the tournament. Eligible Amateurs must have a VSGA/USGA handicap index established at a VSGA Member Club and meet the USGA Rules of Amateur Status. Refer to the VSGA Men's Championship Rules and Policies page for additional conditions of this competition. The Amateur field will include exempt players and zone qualifiers.

ENTRY FEE/METHOD OF PAYMENT/DEADLINE

Exempt players will be required to pay a fee of \$350, Zone Qualifiers must pay a fee of \$75. Please make checks payable to: VSGA, 600 Founders Bridge Blvd, Midlothian, VA 23113. **Amateur Entry is due by 5:00pm, Friday, May 8, 2009**. Entry balance due by June 26, 2009 for those players who qualify at a zone. Any competitor that fails to pay the balance of their entry by the stated deadline will be substituted for by an alternate. Indicate your zone qualifying preference on your entry.

Professional Information

ELIGIBILITY

All Professional entrants must reside in the State of Virginia as of May 1, 2009, and the last day of the tournament (resident verification to be determined by the Virginia Department of Taxation). All PGA members and all PGA Apprentices with playing privileges (if applicable) are eligible for the PGA Professional Qualifier. All participants in the PGA Professional Qualifier must be in good standing as of the entry deadline and the first day of the tournament.

ENTRY FEE/METHOD OF PAYMENT/DEADLINE

Exempt PGA Members and Apprentices, in good standing, will be required to pay a fee of \$350. All other exempt professionals, including PGA affiliated but not in goodstanding, will be required to pay a fee of \$550. Exempt Entry deadline is 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 3, 2009. The PGA Qualifier fee is \$165, which includes cart, lunch, and range balls. The qualifying site will be CC of Petersburg on June 8, 2009. Please register online at mapga.com, fax with credit/debit card # (VISA, MC, AX) & expiration to (540) 720-7076, or mail with check/money order payable to MAPGA (1 PGA Drive, Stafford, VA 22554). **PGA Qualifier entry deadline is 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 3, 2009.** Successful qualifiers must pay an additional \$240 due by June 26, 2009. Any competitor that fails to pay the balance of his entry by the stated deadline will be substituted for by an alternate, and forfeit the fee already collected.

Monday Open Qualifying Information

All VSGA Amateurs and PGA Members and Apprentices, with or without playing privileges, in good standing, will be required to pay a \$165 entry fee which includes cart fee, lunch and range balls, and successful qualifiers will be required to pay an additional \$240. All other players wishing to compete in the Monday Open Qualifier, including PGA affiliated but not in good standing, must pay an entry fee of \$250 which includes cart fee, lunch and range balls, and successful qualifiers must pay an additional \$350 due at the conclusion of qualifying. There are seven spots available through the Open Qualifier. To be eligible, participants must be a resident of Virginia as of May 1, 2009 and the last day of the event. Unsuccessful qualifiers from the VSGA Amateur and PGA Professional qualifier may enter this qualifier with separate entry fees. **Deadline is 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 8, 2009**. The qualifying site is Pendleton Golf Club on July 13, 2009.

PRACTICE ROUND INFORMATION

Due to Pro-Ams that are being conducted during the Championship week, practice rounds may be limited. Contact the host facility for information.

GOLF CART INFORMATION

Cart fees are included in the entry fee for all rounds of the Championship. Each group will be assigned a maximum of two carts, and carts must be returned to the staging area immediately upon completion of your rounds. Spectator carts are not permitted on the golf course. Only competitors may ride in golf carts. Caddies are not permitted in carts. Competitors must ride. Walking with a caddy or carrying your clubs is not permitted. Penalty is disqualification.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the event that one or more rounds are not completed due to inclement weather, the SunTrust State Open of Virginia Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of rounds and size of the field.

FOOTWEAR

Independence Golf Club prohibits the use of metallic or traditionally designed spikes. Penalty for breach of this condition is disqualification.

REJECTION OF ENTRY

Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the VSGA or MAPGA. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct and actions which are detrimental to other players.

SUNTRUST STATE OPEN COMMITTEE

The SunTrust State Open of Virginia Tournament Committee is comprised of MAPGA representatives, Frank Herrelko, PGA, Don Kramer, PGA, and Ronnie Kelley, PGA, and VSGA representatives, Bill Millsaps, Tim Finnegan, and Steve Isaacs.