



BERMUDA CHAMPIONSHIP



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Bermuda Championship Local Qualifier Returns to Port Royal Golf Course Host Course Preparations Moving Quickly Following Hurricane Humberto

HAMILTON, BERMUDA – The local qualifier announced this week for the upcoming PGA TOUR Bermuda Championship will take place at Port Royal Golf Course as originally planned.

Although the Mid Ocean Club stood prepared to host the qualifier following the disruption of recent storms, including Hurricane Humberto, the Bermuda Championship Tournament Committee says speedy cleanup of debris on the course by dedicated grounds crews has ensured Port Royal will be ready to host the 36-hole local qualifier October 16 and 17. The event will determine the final two local participants for the inaugural Bermuda Championship, running October 31 to November 3 at Port Royal.

“It is a testament to the hard work of the grounds team that we can bring the local qualifier home to Port Royal Golf Course,” said Bermuda Championship Executive Director Patrick Horgan III. “The work completed to date to get the course back in tournament condition following the succession of storms and inclement weather is remarkable. That said, we remain extremely grateful to the Mid Ocean Club for offering to accommodate us at such short notice.”

With over 40 downed trees and piles of debris removed, maintenance staff has now been able to refocus on the 80 bunkers that are being restored. Work is set to be completed by the end of this week.

Entries for the local qualifier are open to professional golfers, amateur golfers, and applicants for reinstatement. To be eligible to compete in the local qualifying event, participants must meet the following criteria:

1. Players must possess Bermudian status.
2. 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.
3. 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 player's current 20-score history cannot include scores from before October 1 2018.

Entries officially opened yesterday and the entry fee is \$250 for all eligible competitors. Players wishing to enter the event are asked to visit the BGA website at www.bermudagolf.org to access the online application and review the Conditions of Competition.

Players are also encouraged to note the following Local Rules, which will be in effect for the entirety of the event:

1. **Confirming Driver Heads** – Any driver the player uses to make a stroke must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA.
2. **Groove and Punch Mark Specifications** – In making a stroke, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Equipment Rules that took effect on January 1, 2010.
3. **List of Conforming Golf Balls** – Any ball used in making a stroke must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA.
4. **One Ball Rule** – During an entire round, each ball at which the player makes a stroke must be the same brand and model as found in a single entry on the current List of Conforming Balls.
5. **Prohibiting Use of Motorised Transportation** – During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee.

Entries close next **Monday, October 7, at 5 pm**, with pairings and starting times to be assigned shortly thereafter.

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