

Golf pool rules and schedule 2026 (public).xlsx
Entry

11/21/2025

	Your name:	(teammate here)
	Your moniker:	
	Your e-mail address:	(teammate email here)
	Event	Player
	Sony Open in Hawaii	Due Jan. 15 before tee time SIGNATURE
	American Express	Due Jan. 15
	Farmers Insurance Open	Due Jan. 22
	WM Phoenix Open	Due Jan. 22
	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	Due Jan. 22
	Genesis Invitational	Due Jan. 22 SIGNATURE
	Cognizant Classic	Due Jan. 22 SIGNATURE
	Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard	Due Jan. 22
	Puerto Rico Open	Due Jan. 22 SIGNATURE
	The Players Championship	Due Jan. 22
	Valspar Championship	Due Jan. 22
	Texas Children's Houston Open	Due Jan. 22
	Valero Texas Open	Due Jan. 22
	Masters Tournament	Due Jan. 22
	RBC Heritage	Due Jan. 22
	Zurich Classic of New Orleans	Due Jan. 22 SIGNATURE
	Miami Championship	Due Jan. 22
	Truist Championship	Due Jan. 22 SIGNATURE
	ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic	Due Jan. 22 SIGNATURE
	PGA Championship	Due Jan. 22
	CJ Cup Byron Nelson	Due Jan. 22
	Charles Schwab Challenge	Due Jan. 22
	Memorial Tournament presented by Workday	Due Jan. 22
	RBC Canadian Open	Due Jan. 22 SIGNATURE
	U.S. Open	Due Jan. 22
	Travelers Championship	Due Jan. 22
	John Deere Classic	Due Jan. 22 SIGNATURE
	Genesis Scottish Open	Due Jan. 22
	ISCO Championship	Due Jan. 22
	Open Championship	Due Jan. 22
	Corales Puntacana Championship	Due Jan. 22
	3M Open	Due Jan. 22
	Rocket Classic	Due Jan. 22
	Wyndham Championship	Due Jan. 22
	FedEx St. Jude Championship	Due Jan. 22
	BMW Championship	Due Jan. 22
	Tour Championship	Due Jan. 22
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"SIGNATURE" = Signature event.

(See www.pgatour.com/signature-events)

Entry fee	Y/ N
Golf pool \$175	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Option pool \$50	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horseshoes option \$25	<input type="checkbox"/>

Golf pool events '26

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End date	Event	'24 Purse (\$M)	Venue	Location	Def. champ	Signature?	Tour
1/18/2026	Sony Open in Hawaii	\$8.5	Waialae CC	Honolulu HI	Nick Taylor		PGA
1/25/2026	American Express	\$8.4	PGA West (Pete Dye Stadium, Nicklaus)	La Quinta CA	Sepp Straka		PGA
2/1/2026	Farmers Insurance Open	\$9.3	Torrey Pines Golf (South, North)	San Diego CA	Harris English		PGA
2/8/2026	WM Phoenix Open	\$9.0	TPC Scottsdale (Stadium)	Scottsdale AZ	Thomas Detry		PGA
2/15/2026	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	\$20.0	Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill	Pebble Beach CA	Rory McIlroy	yes	PGA
2/22/2026	Genesis Invitational	\$20.0	Riviera CC	Pacific Palisades CA	Ludvig Aberg	yes	PGA
3/1/2026	Cognizant Classic	\$9.1	PGA National Resort (Champion)	Palm Beach Gardens FL	Joe Highsmith		PGA
3/8/2026	Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard	\$20.0	Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge	Orlando FL	Russell Henley	yes	PGA
3/8/2026	Puerto Rico Open	\$4.0	Grand Reserve GC	Rio Grande PR	Karl Vilips		PGA
3/15/2026	The Players Championship	\$25.4	TPC Sawgrass (Players Stadium)	Ponte Vedra Beach FL	Rory McIlroy		PGA
3/22/2026	Valspar Championship	\$8.6	Innisbrook Resort (Copperhead)	Palm Harbor FL	Viktor Hovland		PGA
3/29/2026	Texas Children's Houston Open	\$9.4	Memorial Park GC	Houston TX	Min Woo Lee		PGA
4/5/2026	Valero Texas Open	\$9.5	TPC San Antonio (Oaks)	San Antonio TX	Brian Harman		PGA
4/12/2026	Masters Tournament	\$19.6	Augusta National GC	Augusta GA	Rory McIlroy		PGA
4/19/2026	RBC Heritage	\$20.0	Harbour Town Golf Links	Hilton Head Island SC	Justin Thomas	yes	PGA
4/26/2026	Zurich Classic of New Orleans	\$9.1	TPC Louisiana	Avondale LA	Andrew Novak/ Ben Griffin		PGA
5/3/2026	Miami Championship	n/a	Doral (Blue Monster)	Miami FL	n/a	yes	PGA
5/10/2026	Truist Championship	\$20.0	Quail Hollow Club	Philadelphia PA	Sepp Straka	yes	PGA
5/10/2026	ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic	\$4.0	Dunes Golf and Beach Club	Myrtle Beach SC FL	Ryan Fox		PGA
5/17/2026	PGA Championship	\$18.5	Aronimink GC	Newton Square PA	Scottie Scheffler		PGA
5/24/2026	CJ Cup Byron Nelson	\$9.5	TPC Craig Ranch	McKinney TX	Scottie Scheffler		PGA
5/31/2026	Charles Schwab Challenge	\$9.2	Colonial CC	Fort Worth TX	Ben Griffin		PGA
6/7/2026	Memorial Tournament presented by Workday	\$20.0	Muirfield Village GC	Dublin OH	Scottie Scheffler	yes	PGA
6/14/2026	RBC Canadian Open	\$9.5	TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley (North)	Caledon, Ontario, Canada	Ryan Fox		PGA
6/21/2026	U.S. Open	\$20.8	Shinnecock Hills	Southampton NY	JJ Spaun		PGA
6/28/2026	Travelers Championship	\$20.0	TPC River Highlands	Cromwell CN	Keegan Bradley	yes	PGA
7/5/2026	John Deere Classic	\$8.2	TPC Deere Run	Silvis IL	Brian Campbell		PGA
7/12/2026	Genesis Scottish Open	\$9.2	Renaissance Club	North Berwick, Scotland	Chris Gotterup		PGA/ DP
7/12/2026	ISCO Championship	\$4.0	Hurstbourne CC (Championship)	Louisville KY	William Mouw		PGA/ DP
7/19/2026	Open Championship	\$16.2	Royal Birkdale GC	Southport, England	Scottie Scheffler		PGA
7/19/2026	Corales Puntacana Championship	\$4.0	Puntacana Resort & Club (Corales Golf)	Punta Cana, Dominican Republic	Garrick Higo		PGA
7/26/2026	3M Open	\$8.2	TPC Twin Cities	Blaine MN	Kurt Kitayama		PGA
8/2/2026	Rocket Classic	\$9.4	Detroit GC	Detroit MI	Aldrich Potgieter		PGA
8/9/2026	Wyndham Championship	\$7.9	Sedgefield CC	Greensboro NC	Cameron Young		PGA
8/16/2026	FedEx St. Jude Championship	\$20.0	TPC Southwind	Memphis TN	Justin Rose		PGA
8/23/2026	BMW Championship	\$19.9	Bellerive CC	St. Louis MO	Scottie Scheffler		PGA
8/30/2026	Tour Championship	(R) \$17.6	East Lake GC	Atlanta GA	Tommy Fleetwood		PGA

(R) - See Rules

RULES

\$175 entry

Rule 1. Pick 'em all up-front. In other words, before the first shot is taken by your player on Jan. 15, select one player per event. Option: If you don't have the full season ready, you may submit your choices for the first two events by Jan. 15 and follow with the balance of your lineup by Jan. 22. Send your entry to tom@alookatgolf.com.

Rule 2. One and done: A player may be selected only once. For instance, if you name a guy in your original lineup, then dump him, then he is done for good. That's it.

Special Rule 2b. If your lineup includes a player who is not listed as part of LIV (www.livgolf.com/players) on Jan. 15, and that player jumps to LIV Golf before its season starts on Feb. 4, you may replace him, in the event where you picked him, with someone not already on your roster, anytime thru Feb. 4.

Rule 3. \$175 entry. The entry fee is payable Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026. The Commish: Tom Hawley (aka Cheesehead). You may pay:

- by PayPal or Zelle to thomasahawley@gmail.com,
- by Venmo to Thomas-Hawley-2, or
- by rolled-forward previous winnings.

Rule 4. Pool scoring: You earn one point per \$1,000 of earnings. Also you receive a bonus of 75 points for each unused mulligan. Earnings are to the nearest \$1,000 (\$0-\$499 = 0 points, \$500-\$999 = 1 point). Note: For team events (e.g. Zurich), points earned are based on half of the money won by the team.

• Special scoring for the Tour Championship: Points are awarded based on a mythical purse that is equal to the purse in the first two FedEx Cup events (St. Jude/ BMW).

Rule 5. You may not have more than 10 picks where your pick is the event's defending champion.

Rule 6. After your original lineup is entered, you are allowed to make up to six lineup substitutions ("mulligans"). For example, you may replace an injured player, a guy who doesn't enter, a guy who jumps ship to a different tour, or a stiff who hasn't made a birdie in weeks. After you have used six mulligans, that's it, no more changes irrespective of any issue. Your mulligan may not be a player who appeared in your original lineup, nor may he be in the world rankings top eight when he tees off. Your mulligan must be announced (e-mail) prior to his first shot in the event. E-mail: tom@alookatgolf.com.

Rule 7. Payouts. 100 percent of the entry fees is paid out. There is no "rake" and no free entry for anyone. 85 percent goes to the top quarter of entries, where each payment drops from the next-higher payment at a ratio similar to that used in the PGA Tour purse structure, and 15 percent is set aside for the high scorers each month (thru July and Aug.-Sep.). For example, last year's payments with 93 entries were \$3,345, \$2,030, \$1,285, \$915, \$765, and so on down to \$100 for 23rd place, plus \$190 and \$115 each month to the top two.

Rule 8. Errors in the standings grid will be corrected when identified. If something weird happens, the Commish may make a decision that is consistent with equity for all entrants.

Rule 9. No whining. If there is ever a question about your lineup, the bottom line is that you are responsible for knowing the rules and managing your own lineup. If this is your rookie year, and if you make a mistake with one of the rules above, and if you act before the last minute, the Commish will give you a little alert. Otherwise all you gotta do is follow the rules.

OPTIONAL POOL

\$50 entry

The object of the optional pool is to reward an entrant who picks a winner who was not the obvious choice. Thus, if you enter the optional pool, and if your player wins, and if you are the only optional pool entrant having selected that player in that tournament, then you win one share of the optional pool. You become ineligible in the optional pool in any week in which you use a mulligan. Your optional pool eligibility is unaffected by anyone else's mulligan. Your optional pool entry does not take effect until your entry fee has been received. The optional pool is split evenly at year-end among all shares (e.g., two winners give you two shares of the pool). Optional pool shares were worth \$700 in 2025, \$900 in 2024, and \$450 in 2023.

HORSESHOES AND HAND GRENADES

\$25 entry

Add this pool to the short list of things where being close is good enough. If you enter this optional pool, each week your score is your score in the main pool plus 90 percent of whatever your player earns the week before or after you pick him, plus 80 percent of whatever he earns two weeks before or after. (If you use a mulligan, you get the original pick's points before and the mulligan's points thereafter.) Last year's prizes with 69 entries were \$455, \$275, \$175, and so on down to \$15 for 17th.

Entrant finishes in this pool and in the main pool are less similar than you might think. In 2025, half of the horseshoes top 10 did not finish in the regular pool top 10, including the horseshoes winner and another entrant who was 67th in the big pool.

Example from 2024: Some entrants had Scottie Scheffler in TPC, where Scheffler won \$4.5 million for 4500 points. Two weeks earlier in the Palm Beach, he was not entered. One week earlier in the Palmer, Scheffler won \$4 million, worth 3600 points ($0.9 * 4,000,000 / 1000$). One week later in the Valspar, Scheffler was not entered. Two weeks later, Scheffler won \$553,735 at Houston, worth 443 points ($0.8 * 553,735 / 1000$). Total for Scottie in this example: 8543 points (Whew!).