

 **BUTTERFIELD  
BERMUDA  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Oct 27-30, 2022**

Port Royal Golf Course  
Southampton, Bermuda

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Local Qualifier for the Butterfield Bermuda Championship and Butterfield Bermuda APGA Championship  
announced**

*Please read down for dates and terms of entry to the competition*

**SOUTHAMPTON, BERMUDA** (September 12, 2022) The Bermuda Golf Association (BGA), Bermuda Professional Golfers' Association (BPGA), and tournament officials are pleased to announce dates of the Local Qualifier for this year's Butterfield Bermuda Championship. The pre-tournament qualifying competition will take place Tuesday, October 4 and Wednesday, October 5, at Port Royal Golf Course. The 36-hole individual stroke-play event is open to local Bermudian professional and amateur players.

Three Bermudian golfers will be offered qualifying spots to compete in Bermuda's fourth annual PGA TOUR event, which falls this October 27 to 30 at its host location, Port Royal Golf Course, Southampton, Bermuda. Further to these three exemption spots into the Butterfield Bermuda Championship, those who place fourth, fifth and sixth will be granted exemption spots into the Butterfield Bermuda APGA Championship, which will be held this October 11 and 12 at Port Royal Golf Course. These individuals will also be reserve alternatives for the Butterfield Bermuda Championship field. Seventh, eighth and ninth placers will be reserve alternatives for the Butterfield Bermuda APGA Championship.

"The Butterfield Bermuda Championship continues to give local golf an opportunity to grow and develop the game. We are excited this year to see an additional event with the APGA tournament providing more exposure in high-level competition." - BGA President Craig Brown.

The 2021 Local Qualifier saw Michael Sims, Camiko Smith, Chaka DeSilva and Damian Palanyandi Qualify into the 2021 Butterfield Bermuda Championship field. For Michael Sims, a third consecutive year of doing so. Whilst all four played exceptionally well, Michael Sims showed his poise, carding two-over par 144 to earn his third start in the PGA TOUR event. The top finishing Bermudian, winning by four strokes, had the low round of the day with a second straight one-over par 72. Camiko Smith was not far behind, shooting +6 over par to take the second spot. Following Camiko, Chaka Desilva at +8 over par, with Damian Palanyandi claiming the fourth and final exemption spot at +9 over par.

Entries will soon open to professional golfers, amateur golfers, and applicants for reinstatement. Eligibility to compete in the Butterfield Bermuda Championship Local Qualifier requires participants to meet the following criteria:

1. Players must possess Bermudian status.
2. Players must be in good standing with the BGA and 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, not exceeding 1.4, under the World Handicap System Note: A player's scoring record may not include any scores from before October 1, 2021.

Full details of eligibility requirements, accommodations, and conditions of competition related to conducting the tournament under COVID-19 requirements will be available at the time of registration. Entries officially open Monday, September 12.

The tournament committee recognizes the current economic impact and has decided to keep the Qualifier's entry fee to \$150 for all competitors. Any questions should be directed to [info@bermudagolf.org](mailto:info@bermudagolf.org). You can call the Bermuda Golf Association office on (441)295-9972.



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## **About Butterfield Bermuda Championship**

The Butterfield Bermuda Championship, Bermuda's first-ever **PGA TOUR** event, is an annual feature on the PGA TOUR calendar. Each year, a minimum of three local Bermudians earn exemption spots into the field by competing in the Local Qualifier event ahead of the tournament. Scheduled for **October 27 to 30** at **Port Royal Golf Course** in Southampton, the 2022 Butterfield Bermuda Championship will feature a field of 132 players, 72 holes of stroke play and a purse of US **\$6.5 million prize money**. The tournament's charitable impact in Bermuda currently exceeds **\$1.1 million to local non-profits**, with plans to significantly grow its impact on the community in years to come. This official FedEx Cup event will showcase Bermuda to its worldwide spectators. Golf Channel will provide live broadcasting throughout the Championship to boast Bermuda's picturesque landscapes for all to see. For more information on the Butterfield Bermuda Championship, please visit **[butterfieldbdachampionship.com](http://butterfieldbdachampionship.com)** Follow and subscribe to our social media channels for live news, updates, and event information.

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## **About PGA TOUR**

By showcasing golf's greatest players, the PGA TOUR engages, inspires, and positively impacts our fans, partners, and communities worldwide. The PGA TOUR, headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, co-sanctions tournaments on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions, Korn Ferry Tour, PGA TOUR Latinoamérica, Oct 27-30, 2022 Port Royal Golf Course Southampton, Bermuda Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada and PGA TOUR Series-China. Members on the PGA TOUR represent the world's best players, hailing from 29 countries and territories (94 members are from outside the United States). Worldwide, PGA TOUR tournaments are broadcast to 216 countries and territories in 28 languages. Virtually all tournaments are organized as non-profit organizations to maximize charitable giving, and to date, tournaments across all Tours have generated more than \$3.2 billion.

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