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PGA Lists Qualifying Conditions for 1961 Championship

More than 4,800 U. S. pros have received entry applications for the 1961 PGA Championship. From these, the field for the 43rd Championship to be held July 27-30 on the North Course at Olympia Fields CC, near Chicago, will be reduced to between 170 and 180.

All members in good standing as of May 17 except those in Class J, but not including H apprentices, are eligible to compete for the title, according to Lou Strong, PGA pres. All pros who plan to compete, including exempt players, must file entry applications with PGA headquarters, Main & Broadway, Dunedin, Fla., on or before 5 p. m. of May 17. The entry fee is \$10.

Sectional quotas, for the first time, will be based on the number of entries in the sectional qualifying round after allowances are made for exempt players. This is the most important change in the tournament format. Formerly, quotas were based on the number of members in each section.

Qualifying Dates

Monday, June 19, has been selected as the date for qualifying in the PGA's 34 sections. Qualifying for circuit players will take place during the Oklahoma City Open, June 8-11. PGA members who finish in the low 25 (ties included) in this event will be qualified for the Championship.

Exemptions are listed for the following: The defending champion, Jay Hebert, and all former PGA champions; Paul Runyan, the 1961 Senior titleholder; the 10 members of the 1959 Ryder Cup team; Chuck Tanis, head pro at Olympia Fields; the current champions of the PGA's 34 local sections; and Arnold Palmer, current Open champion.

Others who are exempt for the 1961 tournament include the 24 low men (ties included) in the 1960 Championship; the 20 leading TT players of 1960 (ties included); the 20 leading money winners (ties included) for 1961 through the recent Masters.

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