

# 2026 GREAT LAKES/INDIANA TOUR LETTER

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1. Defending Champions and Player of the Year

GREAT LAKES TOUR

TOM BUTLER

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

JIM ENGEL

INDIANA PUTTING TOUR

JIM ENGEL

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

NONE IN 2025 AND WILL BE AWARDED STARTING IN 2026

## 2. GLT AND IPT Tour Committee

PPA Paul Johns - Tour Director

Dom Perry - Commissioner

Jim Engel, Jeff Studer, Harry Sykes and Kory Klotz Asst. Tour Directors

APA

## 3. Combined Events

There are 4 combined events between the Great Lakes Putting Tour and Indiana Putting Tour. They are Erlanger, Toledo, Fort Wayne and Newark.

## 4. Tournament Eligibility Rules

All participants in Great Lakes Tour and Indiana Putting Tour events must be registered members of the PPA or the APA. There will be no Novice division in GLT and IPT Tour events.

In addition, to be eligible to participate in the Tour Championship, a player must be a member of the Great Lakes and Indiana Putting Tour (**see section VI – Membership and Tournament Entry Fees for details**).

This season GLT and IPT will have 9 regular season events including combined events. Participation in 6 events will be required to be eligible for the Tour Championship in the PPA Division (2 events in the APA Division). This will include events cancelled due to the weather, as long as the player was present and had paid his entry fee for the event scheduled that day. There are 2 ways to reach the 6-event minimum:

- A. Play in 6 GLT and IPT events, including combined events.
- B. Play in 4 “hard” GLT and IPT events and buy in at \$50.00 per event short to get to 6 events.

## 5. Tournament Formats and Weather Delays

All events on the 2026 GLT and IPT schedule will be Medal play events. The number of rounds to be played at each event is listed on the tour schedule, please refer to the schedule posted on [www.proputters.org](http://www.proputters.org).

For regular season events, in the event of inclement weather, the following guidelines will apply:

1. If weather delays the start of a tournament, the tournament director will delay the start of the tournament until the course is deemed to be playable. All decisions regarding length of delays and course conditions are made by the tournament director. The director will look at various factors to determine how long to delay a tournament and if a tournament is to be cancelled or possibly rescheduled to the next day.
2. A minimum of 2 rounds completed by the entire field is required for a tournament to be official. If 2 rounds cannot be completed, the tournament will be canceled, and entry fees will be returned.

As stated, the above rules are simply guidelines to establish a starting point in respect to weather delays. The final decisions regarding delays will be made by the tournament director present at the tournament site. This includes when a delay is called, when play will resume, and any practice time that will be permitted at the resumption of an event.

Regarding the Tour Championship, 4 rounds must be completed by the field for the tournament to be official. If the tournament is canceled, all monies in the Finals purse will be distributed to the participants entered in the Tour Championship on a pro-rata basis of events played and will also factor events bought in. This will be done equitably by the tour director, whose decision will be final.

## 6. Membership and Tournament Entry Fees

Tour Membership Fee: The \$ 25.00 tour membership fee for each tour and will be collected along with the entry fee for the Tour Championship. (applies to PPA only)

Tournament entry fees are as follows (note that all entry fees include greens fees):

4 Rd events	PPA: \$ 70.00	APA: \$ 20.00
Combined events	PPA: \$ 80.00	APA: \$ 20.00
Tour Championship	PPA: \$ 120.00	APA: \$ 40.00

## 7. Tournament Payouts

Tournament payouts in the PPA division will be determined by the standard schedule as used in the prior year. Payouts will also be posted before the start of each event.

In cases where the course management rebates \$ 5.00 or more of the green's fees to the GLT and IPT, payouts will be recalculated at the discretion of the tournament director. If the rebate is less than \$ 5.00, that money will be added to the purse for the Tour Championship.

The payouts for the Tour Championship will be calculated based on the amount of money available in the purse. Payouts will be posted prior to the start of the tournament.

In the APA division, expense reimbursements will be paid out to the winner and other qualifying players. These amounts are at the sole discretion of the tournament director and will be paid in accordance with the limits set by the National Committee to ensure that participants retain their amateur status.

## 8. Pairings

- PPA:
1. Defending Champion
  2. Defending Tour Champion
  3. Defending National Champion
  4. Others drawn randomly

- APA:
1. Defending Champion
  2. Others drawn randomly

All efforts will be made to play in twosomes. If a threesome is required, the tournament director will determine where that threesome is placed.

\*\*\*\*\* Due to the health issues of many of our players, there might be a circumstance due to hole designs, etc. where the tournament director may provide a solution, such as pre-playing a hole. This was done in 2019 and will be done in the future as deemed necessary by the tournament director. The director's decision is FINAL!!!! \*\*\*\*\*

## 9. Awards

The player of the year (POY) for each tour will receive \$50.00 for winning this award. This year the POY will be determined by the weighted stroke average. A minimum of 8 events played during the year and the tour finals will be required to be eligible for this award. The Tour Championship will be counted twice toward this calculation.

## 10. Sportsmanship

See the rule book (available at [www.proputters.org](http://www.proputters.org) or on the official PPA Facebook page) for the latest rules concerning sportsmanship. Even though we pay greens fees to play on a course, we are still guests of that course and owner. Our behavior on a course can have either a positive or negative effect on that owner's business. We, as a group, must make every effort to ensure that our effect is not negative.

## XI Miscellaneous

**Golf Ball:** Any ball on the approved USGA list (see [www.proputters.org](http://www.proputters.org) or the official PPA Facebook page for approved list) may be used in tournament play.

**Rulings:** The tournament director shall be responsible for rulings on the course during tournaments.

**Disclaimer:** "All information including, but not limited to, the posted schedule, entry fees and payouts are subject to change."