

2024 PPA Southern Putting Tour

Fellow Putters:

On behalf of the 2024 PPA Southern Putting Tour Committee, we welcome all of you to the 2024 putting season. We thank all course owners and managers, to include Tom Miller, Jake Womble, Mark Ross, Chris Graney, John Wilder, Dan Estes, Steve Brewer and Tim Wilson who graciously have allowed us to play at their facilities in past seasons, and again in the upcoming 2024 putting season. A special thanks to Jake Womble of the White Lake, NC facility that will host our Southern Tour Finals. Their generosity in allowing us to play on their courses during the year is one of the key components necessary in making our tour a success.

- Please read the 2024 PPA rule book. Make sure you are familiar with any new rules, as there may have been some changes.
- PPA players may use any golf ball, as long as it is a USGA approved golf ball and on the approved golf ball list on or after January 1, 2024.
- PPA players may play in any miniature golf tournament, including the USPMGA events, but only in the same classification as they play in the PPA.
- Players must observe the Southern Tour practice rule; **there is a 2-ball limit 2 hours before the start of a tournament, with a 1-ball rule in effect one hour before the start of a tournament.** This has been added to the rule book.

2024 PPA Southern Tour Schedule

March 9 11 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 Bo Kurash Memorial Fernandina Beach, Florida

March 10 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 Florida State Championship Fernandina Beach, Florida

*All competitions on North Course

April 6 11 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 Wilbur Hildebrand Classic Gastonia, North Carolina

April 7 10 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 Allen Wall Memorial Gastonia, North Carolina
April 27 11 a.m.

*All competitions on Course 2

April 27 11 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 Harry Womble Memorial White Lake, North Carolina

April 28 10 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 Carolinas Open White Lake, North Carolina

May 18 11 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 Randy Carter Memorial High Point, North Carolina

May 19 10 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 Chris Chafin Memorial High Point, North Carolina

*All Competitions on Cookout Course

June 29 11 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 Danny & Marcia Estes Invitational Kingsport, Tennessee

June 30 10 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 Tennessee State Championship Kingsport, Tennessee

*All Competitions on Back Course

July 13 11 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 Tracy Moore Memorial Martinez, Georgia

July 14 10 a.m. 72 holes \$1,500 Georgia State Championship Martinez, Georgia

*All competitions on Blue Course

August 10 11 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 John Conner Memorial Hickory, North Carolina

August 11 10 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 Roger Moore Memorial Hickory, North Carolina

*All competitions on Course 1

August 24 11 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 Howard Loy Memorial Burlington, North Carolina

August 25 9 a.m. 108 Holes 50th Annual \$2,000 Elton Davis Memorial Classic
Burlington, North Carolina

*All competitions on back course

October 5 11 a.m. 72 Holes \$1,500 50th Annual N.C. State Championship White Lake, North Carolina

October 6 9 a.m. 108 Holes Southern Tour Championship White Lake, North Carolina

2024 PPA Membership Applications

Membership applications will be available for completion online at proputters.org or be mailed to Professional putters LLC PO Box 988 Canfield, OH 44406. Your name will be posted on the proputters.org website once your application has been reviewed and accepted. Please complete membership applications as soon as possible to assure your playing privileges are approved before the season begins.

2024 PPA Southern Tour Entry Fees and Pairings

Professional and amateur entry fees for all PPA Southern Tour events are posted in this document with the schedule. A \$10 late fee will be assessed to any player who does not pay his or her entry fee by the time pairings are drawn, which will be 60 minutes prior to tee-off. Please be considerate of the committee members who give up their practice time to supervise the tournaments by paying when asked.

On days where there are two 3-round events, players who intend to or may play in both events, will be asked to pay for both events prior to the first tournament. This will help expedite the work necessary between the two events. Remember, if you decide not to play in the second event and have already paid for that event, you will receive a refund of your entry fee for that event. Any player who participates in only one event during these doubleheader venues will not be required to pay an additional fee. Thank you for your understanding and help on these busy days.

There will be an additional “greens fee” collected each day and will vary according to the site. This will be offered to the course management for the use of the facility.

Pairings will be by random draw in the first tournament on each Saturday. The second tournament on Saturday will be paired by order of finish in the first tournament. Pairings for any

major tournaments will be done by season-to-date points totals. Defenders will continue to be paired first in each event.

2024 PPA/APA Players of the Year

Congratulations to Rick Culerhouse as 2023 PPA Player of the year and Todd Trent as 2023 APA Player of the Year. The 2023 Player of the Year for PPA and APA divisions will be determined by using the total number of points, number of wins, money standings and adjusted stroke average. Player of the Year will be determined at the end of the year by ranking the top 20 in each category. The highest ranked player will get 20 points, second will get 19, etc. in each category. The ranking points in the categories will be added together, then points for each win will be added and the player with the greatest point total will be declared 2023 Player of the Year. Majors will now count as follows for a win: SPT Tour Championship: 2 points, all other majors: 1.5 points. Three-round events will continue to count for 1 point in the “Wins” category. In the event of a tie, all players tied will be recognized as Co-Players of the Year. To be included in the adjusted stroke average category, a player in either division must have completed 75% of the rounds played. The Players of the Year in the PPA and the APA will each receive a plaque to signify their accomplishment.

2024 PPA/APA Southern Tour Points System

The point systems for PPA and APA will be the same as in past years. First place in both divisions will receive 40 points (35 Points + 5 Bonus for winning), second place will receive 34 points, third place will receive 33 points, etc. down to a minimum of 5 points for 31st place and below. In the six major tournaments, the top 5 players will earn an additional bonus of 5 points for first place, 4 points for second place, 3 points for third place, 2 points for fourth place and 1 point for fifth place. The major tournaments points will break down as follows: 45 points for first place, 38 points for second place, 36 points for third place, etc.

2024 PPA Southern Tour Entry Fees

PPA Southern Tour Entry Fees PPA Entry Fees: \$50.00 for \$1,000, \$75 for \$1500 Events, \$100 for \$2000 Events, \$100 for Tour Championship.

2024 APA Southern Tour Entry Fees

APA Southern Tour Entry Fees: \$25.00 for 54/72/108 hole events. \$50.00 for Tour Finals.

2024 APA Southern Tour Prize Money

Expense reimbursements of \$25 will be awarded to the first Five places or 2/3 of the field whichever is less. In High Point, NC. the Chris Chafin Memorial in the PPA Division will be the

Wayne Hancock Memorial in the APA Division, and in Martinez, Georgia, the Tracy Moore Memorial in the PPA division, will be the Art Koerber Memorial in the APA Division.

2024 PPA Southern Tour Prize Money

\$1,500 PPA Event Prize Money Based On 20 Participants

1. \$210.00
2. \$160.00
3. \$130.00
4. \$115.00
5. \$100.00
6. \$95.00
7. \$90.00
8. \$85.00
9. \$80.00
10. \$75.00
11. \$75.00
12. \$70.00
13. \$65.00
14. \$60.00
15. \$50.00
16. \$40.00

*With 22 participants, a \$40.00 prize money distribution is added as a 17th payoff.

\$1,500 PPA Event Prize Money Based On 23 Participants

1. \$225.00
2. \$180.00
3. \$150.00
4. \$125.00
5. \$110.00
6. \$100.00
7. \$95.00
8. \$85.00
9. \$80.00
10. \$80.00
11. \$65.00
12. \$70.00
13. \$65.00
14. \$60.00

15. \$55.00
16. \$50.00
17. \$45.00
18. \$45.00

*With every odd participant after 23, a \$45.00 prize money spot is added as a 19th payoff for the 25th player; a \$45.00 prize money spot is added as a 20th payoff for the 27th player, a \$45.00 prize money spot will be added for 29th player, 31st player, 33rd player, etc.

\$2000 PPA Event Prize Money based on 20 Participants

1. \$260.00
2. \$220.00
3. \$190.00
4. \$170.00
5. \$150.00
6. \$135.00
7. \$120.00
8. \$110.00
9. \$100.00
10. \$95.00
11. \$90.00
12. \$80.00
13. \$70.00
14. \$70.00
15. \$70.00
16. \$70.00

*With 22 participants, a \$70.00 prize money distribution is added as a 17th payoff.

\$2000 PPA Event Prize Money based on 23 Participants

1. \$280.00
2. \$240.00
3. \$200.00
4. \$180.00
5. \$160.00
6. \$140.00
7. \$130.00
8. \$120.00
9. \$100.00
10. \$90.00

11. \$90.00
12. \$90.00
13. \$90.00
14. \$80.00
15. \$75.00
16. \$75.00
17. \$70.00
18. \$70.00

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2024 PPA Southern Tour Championship

Congratulations to Edgar Hollifield on his victory in the 2023 PPA Southern Tour Championship. The 2024 Tour Championship will be held in White Lake, NC. The entry fee is \$100. There is a minimum of \$675 in entry fees paid to be eligible to participate; there is a buy in to make up the difference if you are short of the minimum. One VA major will count \$50 towards the minimum. The prize money breakdown in the PPA Division will be determined at the Southern Tour Championship. All players will be paid in the Southern Tour Championship, with last place receiving no less than \$100.

2024 APA Southern Tour Championship

Congratulations to Todd Trent on his victory in the 2023 APA Tour Championship. The 2024 Southern Tour Championship will be in White Lake, NC. The entry is \$50. There is a 9-tournament minimum. There is a buy-in of \$10 for each tournament missed to make up the difference if you are short of the minimum. One VA major counts as one tournament towards the minimum. Prize money to be determined at the Southern Tour Championship.

2024 PPA Southern Tour Schedule Changes & Official Notifications

Please note that locations for state tour events are subject to change. Players are encouraged to verify sites by visiting the proputters.org website. All PPA State tour event sites and dates posted 2 weeks prior to the scheduled playing dates on proputters.org are to be considered final site locations. Please review the enclosed schedule and make plans to be at as many PPA Southern Tour events as possible this year. If there are any questions or comments regarding this letter or anything regarding the tour, feel free to contact any member of the SPT committee. We all look forward to seeing you again this year.

2024 PPA Southern Putting Tour Governing Body

The 2024 Southern Putting Tour members are Bill Kirby, tour director; Thomas Rawles, chairman/treasurer; Frank Warren, vice chairman/statistician; Jeff Spainhour, Gary English, Darrell Britt and APA rep. Todd Trent. These individuals will handle all rulings and problems encountered within any PPA Southern Tour event, under the purview of the PPA Commissioner and the PPA National Board of Directors. Either pull one of us aside and talk with us about any issue or issues of concerns or submit it in writing and the matter in question will be dealt with promptly. The committee may be reached via email at:

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2024 PPA Southern Tour Epilogue

The 2024 PPA Southern Tour Committee always will keep an open mind and a receptive ear to its membership, be it professional, amateur or novice competitors. The organization belongs to the membership, with the committee established to govern in accordance with rules and regulations under the auspices of Putt-Putt Golf & Games LLC, the Professional Putters Association and the Amateur Putters Association. While we are competitors, let us remember we first are friends, with each playing for the love of the game. Best wishes for a healthy, safe and prosperous season to all. The PPA Southern Tour Committee reserves the right to correct errors and omissions to the aforementioned document.