

51st PBKC County Amateur

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS — 2026 REGISTRATION PROCESS

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

Q Who is eligible to play in the 2026 County Amateur?

A The event is open to current PBCGA members and any amateur golfer residing in the state of Florida. Players must have an active BlueGolf account and maintain current amateur status as defined by the USGA. There is no handicap index restriction for 2026.

Q Do I need to be a PBCGA member to enter?

A No - but membership is strongly encouraged. Non-members may enter but pay higher fees: \$325 for the Bobby Bryant qualifier (vs. \$250 for members) and \$525 for the County Am entry (vs. \$400 for members). Activating a free PBCGA account is required for all players.

Q Is there a handicap requirement?

A No. There is no maximum handicap index requirement for the 2026 County Amateur. Any eligible amateur may compete.

Q I was a past champion but turned professional. Can I play?

A No. Amateur status is required. Players listed in the exemption categories marked 'Pro Not Eligible' do not qualify for an exemption and may not enter the event.

EXEMPTIONS

Q How do I know if I have an exemption?

A Review the 2026 Exemption Categories at pbcga.bluegolf.com (51st County Amateur >> Exemption Categories tab). If your name appears in any of the 11 categories and you meet all eligibility requirements, you are eligible. PBCGA will also send invitations directly.

Q I think I qualify for an exemption but have not received an invitation - what do I do?

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Email info@pbcga.org or call (561) 625-0400 immediately. Do not wait. The exemption deadline is May 15, 2026 at 6:19 PM. Include your name, the category you believe you qualify under, and your BlueGolf account email.

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What happens if I don't accept my exemption by May 15?

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Your exemption invitation expires and your spot is released into the qualifier pool. There are no exceptions to this deadline. If you miss May 15, you must earn your entry through the Bobby Bryant qualifier on June 6.

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Can I decline my exemption and just qualify instead?

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Yes. You are not required to accept an exemption. If you prefer to compete in the qualifier, simply do not accept your invitation and register for the Bobby Bryant by May 30.

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I qualified for a USGA Championship in 2025 - how do I claim my exemption?

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Category J covers USGA Championship qualifiers. Contact PBCGA directly at info@pbcga.org with your name and the USGA event you qualified for. PBCGA will review and approve your exemption prior to sending an invitation.

THE QUALIFIER - BOBBY BRYANT

Q What is the Bobby Bryant Stroke Play Championship?

A The 20th Bobby Bryant Stroke Play Championship is a standalone 36-hole individual stroke play event held June 6-7, 2026 at PGA Golf Club in Port St Lucie (Round 1: Dye Course, Round 2: Wanamaker). It serves two purposes: (1) a standalone competitive event with Player of the Year points and its own divisions, and (2) the official County Am qualifier. Round 1 on June 6 determines who advances.

Q Do I have to play both rounds of the Bobby Bryant?

A Entering the Bobby Bryant registers you for both rounds (36 holes). However, only Round 1 (June 6) is used as the County Am qualifier. You may complete Round 2 regardless of whether you qualify for the County Am.

Q How many qualifier spots are available?

A The number of qualifier spots is not yet confirmed. It is determined by subtracting the number of accepted exempt players from the 84-player field maximum. Spots are announced after the May 15 exemption deadline. Fewer exemptions accepted = more qualifier spots available.

Q How are qualifying spots awarded? Is there a cut score?

A Qualifier spots go to the lowest scorers in Round 1 of the Bobby Bryant. There is no pre-set cut score - it is based on the number of available spots confirmed after May 15. Ties for the final qualifier spot are handled per PBCGA playoff and tiebreaker procedures.

Q Can non-members qualify through the Bobby Bryant?

A Yes. Non-members who are Florida amateur golfers may register for the Bobby Bryant and compete for qualifier spots. Fees: \$325 Bobby Bryant entry + \$25 qualifier fee day-of + \$525 if they advance to the County Am.

Q What if I register for the Bobby Bryant but don't qualify for the County Am?

A You still compete in the full 36-hole Bobby Bryant Championship and are eligible for all Bobby Bryant prizes and Player of the Year points. The Bobby Bryant is a quality standalone event regardless of County Am qualification outcome.

FEES & PAYMENT

Q Why are there three separate fees for the qualifier pathway?

A The three fees cover three distinct components: (1) Bobby Bryant entry fee - paid upfront to secure your spot in the event; (2) \$25 qualifier fee - paid on-site June 6, the day of the qualifying round; (3) County Am

entry fee - paid only if you successfully qualify and are accepted into the championship. This structure ensures you only pay for each step as you advance.

Q What is the total cost if I qualify through the Bobby Bryant?

A Members: \$250 (Bobby Bryant) + \$25 (qualifier fee) + \$400 (County Am) = \$675 total. Non-Members: \$325 + \$25 + \$525 = \$875 total. Juniors: \$225 + \$25 + \$400 = \$650 total.

Q If I don't qualify, do I get a refund of my Bobby Bryant fee?

A No. The Bobby Bryant entry fee covers your participation in the full 36-hole championship regardless of County Am qualifier outcome. Bobby Bryant cancellation fees apply if you withdraw before the event - see the Bobby Bryant event page for its specific cancellation policy.

Q What is the County Am cancellation and refund policy?

A 20% fee forfeited if cancelled by June 19. 50% forfeited if cancelled by July 4. 100% forfeited (no refund) for cancellations after July 9 at 12:01 AM. The stated cancellation fee is deducted from your entry fee and the remainder is refunded.

REGISTRATION & PROCESS

Q Where do I register?

A All registration is handled through the PBCGA BlueGolf platform at pbcga.bluegolf.com. You must have an active account to register. County Am page: event pbcga2615. Bobby Bryant page: event pbcga2614. Links are available at PBCGA.org.

Q When does County Am registration open to qualifier players?

A General registration for the County Am opens May 16, 2026 at 12:01 AM - the day after the exempt player deadline. The registration deadline is June 23, 2026 at 12:00 PM. Registration is open only to players who have qualified through the Bobby Bryant or hold an accepted exemption.

Q Are there other qualifier sites besides the Bobby Bryant?

A PBCGA is working on adding a second qualifier site for 2026. Any additional qualifier information will be announced through PBCGA email, website, and social media. Check PBCGA.org for updates.

Q I am on the alternate list - how does that work?

A If a spot opens due to a withdrawal, PBCGA contacts alternates in order. If you are on the alternate list, ensure your contact information in BlueGolf is current and that you are monitoring your email and phone.

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

Q What format is the County Amateur?

A 54-hole Individual Stroke Play. The field is cut to the low 60 players plus ties after Round 2 (36 holes). All three rounds are played at The Park in West Palm Beach (7,076 yards, Par 71, Yellow 23 Tees).

Q Are carts required? Can I have a caddie?

A Yes - golf carts are REQUIRED for all players in 2026. This is a new policy for the 51st County Amateur. Caddies are NOT permitted.

Q What are the PBCGA App and electronic scoring?

A PBCGA encourages electronic scoring via the PBCGA App (available in your phone's app store). Paper scorecards remain the official scorecard. One player per group volunteers to enter scores hole-by-hole. Check-in codes appear in the upper right corner of your individual scorecard.

Q What is at stake at the County Amateur?

A The title of Palm Beach County Amateur Champion. Full Player of the Year and Season Points. Qualification for the PBCGA Tour Championship presented by Tiger Woods. Daily Skins Game. SMIDT Cup Team Invitation. Senior and Super Senior division points.