

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. - The USGA, PGA of America and the Masters Tournament announced that qualifying registration for Drive, Chip and Putt is now officially open on DriveChipandPutt.com.

This fun, free and nationwide youth golf development initiative invites boys and girls, ages 7-15, to participate in local qualifying opportunities in all 50 states throughout the months of May, June, July and August. Entrants will play in girls' and boys' divisions in four age categories, with scoring centered around golf's three fundamental skills - driving, chipping and putting. Top performers at the local level will advance through subregional and regional qualifiers in July/August and September/October, respectively, at several of the nation's most acclaimed venues and championship sites. From these qualifiers, 80 finalists - 40 boys and 40 girls - will earn an invitation to compete in the National Finals at Augusta National Golf Club on Sunday, April 5, the eve of the 2020 Masters Tournament.

"We are proud to be a founding partner of Drive, Chip and Putt, and are excited to bring young golfers to several USGA championship sites through our active participation in this program," said Mark Newell, president of the USGA. "One of our most important tasks in this partnership is to work with every family through the registration process - which provides an important pathway into the game for so many across our country."

"We are delighted that Drive, Chip and Putt continues to achieve our goal of engaging junior golfers of all ages and skill levels," said Fred Ridley, Chairman of Augusta National Golf Club and the Masters Tournament. "As a result of our shared partnership with the PGA of America and USGA, Drive, Chip and Putt gets better every year, helping new and returning young players across the country experience all the benefits our great game has to offer in a unique and fun way."

"We're proud that Drive, Chip and Putt serves as a welcoming environment for girls and boys to showcase their golf skills and passion for the game," said PGA President Suzy Whaley. "The PGA of America is excited to host qualifying events across each of our 41 PGA Sections nationwide, as we inspire the next generation to pursue a lifetime of fun and enjoyment through the game of golf."

Local qualifying begins Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Fla. The full breakdown and schedule of 2020 Drive, Chip and Putt qualifying is as follows:

Local (May/June/July/August):	311 host sites throughout all 50 states 3 juniors advance in each age/gender category from every venue
Subregional (July/August):	61 host sites in more than 20 states 2 juniors advance in each age/gender category from every venue
Regional (September/October):	10 host sites in 10 regions 1 junior advances in each age/gender category from every venue
National Finals (April 5, 2020):	80 total participants at Augusta National Golf Club

The regional qualifying events in September and October of this year are set to take place at 10 host sites on the following dates:

September 7 | Oakland Hills Country Club

(Site of 6 U.S. Open Championships, 3 PGA Championships and the 2004 Ryder Cup)

September 7 | Oakmont Country Club

(Site of 16 USGA Championships and 3 PGA Championships)

September 8 | Chambers Bay

(Site of 3 USGA Championships)

September 8 | Colorado Golf Club

(Site of the 2010 Senior PGA Championship and the 2019 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship)

September 8 / Atlanta Athletic Club

(Site of the 3 PGA Championships and the 2014 U.S. Amateur Championship)

September 21 | Torrey Pines

(Site of 2 U.S. Open Championships)

September 28 | Interlachen Country Club

(Site of 5 USGA Championships and the 2016 Junior Ryder Cup)

September 28 | TPC Sawgrass

(Site of The Players)

September 29 | TPC River Highlands

(Site of the Travelers Championship)

October 5 | Alotian Club

(Site of the 2013 Western Amateur Championship and 2019 Arnold Palmer Cup)

The current sixth season of Drive, Chip and Putt will conclude on the eve of the upcoming Masters Tournament, with 80 junior golfers competing in the National Finals at Augusta National on Sunday, April 7. Golf Channel will broadcast the event live across North America and South America.

For more information about Drive, Chip and Putt, including official rules and a full listing of qualifying sites, please visit DriveChipandPutt.com.

About Drive, Chip and Putt

A joint initiative founded in 2013 by the Masters Tournament, United States Golf Association and the PGA of America, Drive, Chip and Putt is a free, nationwide junior golf development competition aimed at growing the game by focusing on the three fundamental skills employed in golf. By tapping the creative and competitive spirit of girls and boys ages 7-15, Drive, Chip and Putt provides aspiring junior golfers an opportunity to play with their peers in qualifiers around the country. Participants who advance through local, subregional and regional qualifying in each age/gender category earn a place in the National Finals, which is conducted at Augusta National Golf Club the Sunday before the Masters Tournament and is broadcast live by Golf Channel. For more information, visit DriveChipandPutt.com.

About the USGA

The USGA celebrates, serves and advances the game of golf worldwide. Founded in 1894, we conduct golf's premier professional and amateur championships, including the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open. With The R&A, we govern the sport via a global set of playing, equipment and amateur status rules. Our operating jurisdiction for these governance functions includes the United States, its territories and Mexico.

The USGA Handicap System is utilized in more than 40 countries and our Course Rating System covers 95 percent of the world's golf courses, enabling all golfers to play on an equitable basis. The USGA campus in Liberty Corner, New Jersey, is home to the Association's Research and Test Center, where science and innovation are fueling a healthy and sustainable game for the future. The campus is also home to the USGA Golf Museum, where we honor the game by curating the world's most comprehensive archive of golf artifacts. To learn more, visit usga.org.

About the Masters Tournament

The Masters Tournament, inspired by the enduring philosophies of Masters Tournament founders Bobby Jones and Clifford Roberts, is committed to promoting golf's domestic and international development through financial investment and active participation in initiatives aimed at preserving the traditions of the game and sharing its many virtues.

The Masters Tournament – since its very beginning – strives to provide added exposure to the game of golf and inspire interest in the sport worldwide. For more information about the Masters, visit masters.com.

About the PGA of America

The PGA of America is one of the world's largest sports organizations, composed of PGA Professionals who daily work to grow interest and participation in the game of golf. For more information about the PGA of America, visit PGA.org, follow @PGA on Twitter and find us on Facebook.

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