



**VOLVO CHINA OPEN**  
**沃尔沃中国公开赛**  
**QUALIFYING 资格赛**

**2018 VOLVO CHINA OPEN QUALIFYING**  
**INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS**

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## I. QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

### 1. ELIGIBILITY

The Guangzhou Nansha, Fujian Ocean West and Kunming Jialize Qualifying Tournaments are open to all male and female golfers, who are mainland Chinese passport holders and the Guangzhou Nansha International Qualifying Tournament hosted in Guangzhou Nansha GC is open to all golfers worldwide who do not hold a mainland Chinese passport AND WHO

- 1) Are not otherwise qualified for the Volvo China Open from the 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018, AND
- 2) Are professional golfers or teaching pros, who are qualified as such through the China Golf Association or who are members of another recognized PGA, OR
- 3) Are the amateur golfers or teaching pros without PGA membership card, who have a USGA Men's Handicap Index of 3.0 or less (or a USGA Ladies Handicap Index of 1.0 or less) as issued by any recognized Golf Association, recognized provincial or city golf association or recognized golf club.

Or who

- 4) Are sponsor exemptions (domestic qualifying only).

### 2. FORMAT

Gross stroke play over 36 holes.

### 3. VENUE AND SCHEDULE

Players from mainland China, who are the mainland Chinese passport holders, can enter for Domestic Qualifying events on the understanding that they must pay an entry fee for each event that they play. Players from countries and regions other than mainland China, who do not hold a mainland Chinese passport, can only participate at the Guangzhou Nansha International Qualifying. These are:

1) Guangzhou Nansha International Qualifying: Guangzhou Nansha Golf Club

- Monday 5 February: Practice Day
- Tuesday 6 February: 1<sup>st</sup> Round
- Wednesday 7 February: 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

2) Guangzhou Nansha Qualifying: Guangzhou Nansha Golf Club

- Thursday 8 February: Practice Day
- Friday 9 February: 1<sup>st</sup> Round
- Saturday 10 February: 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

3) Fujian Ocean West Qualifying: Zhangzhou Ocean West International Golf Club

- Thursday 15 March: Practice Day
- Friday 16 March: 1<sup>st</sup> Round
- Saturday 17 March: 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

4) Kunming Jialize Qualifying: Kunming Jialize Sport Club

- Monday 26 March: Practice Day
- Tuesday 27 March: 1<sup>st</sup> Round
- Wednesday 28 March: 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

#### 4. FIELD

Maximum field in each domestic qualifying is 125; Maximum field in international qualifying is 120.

#### 5. FIELD COMPOSITION

120 Professional and Amateurs

5 Sponsor Exemptions (4 from Volvo and 1 from host venue, for the three domestic qualifying events only.)

#### 6. CUT AFTER 1st ROUND

If the player field is 50 or more, then only the leading 50 scores plus ties will go forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

If the player field is less than 50, then players who finish the 1<sup>st</sup> round 10 strokes or more than the leading 1<sup>st</sup> round score will not compete in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

#### 7. TEES

All competitors (male and female) will play from the same tees assigned at each venue.

#### 8. RULES OF GOLF

Play will be governed by the latest Rules of Golf of the R&A Rules Limited, as well the latest Chinese version published by China Golf Association, and the Local Rules of the host Club as set by the Tournament Committee. These Local Rules will be made available to players at the starting tee or tees of each course.

#### 9. QUALIFICATION TO THE VOLVO CHINA OPEN 2018

Twelve players will qualify for the Volvo China Open. They will consist of the three leading gross scores from each venue.

#### 10. DECISION ON TIES

In the case of a tie at a venue for a place in the Volvo China Open, this will be decided by sudden death play-off immediately after the 36 holes. If there is a tie for the best amateur prize, the winner will be decided on a count back the last 18 holes of the final round. If there is still a tie then the count back will be decided over the last 9 holes and then last 6 holes, if deemed necessary, last 3 holes then last hole.

#### 11. PRIZE

We will allocate RMB136,000 to prize money for each qualifying except the Guangzhou Nansha International qualifying which will have US\$10,000 prize money.

##### Domestic Qualifying Professionals:

1st RMB 32,500-	5th RMB 8,500-	9th RMB 5,500-	13th RMB 4,100-
2nd RMB 21,000-	6th RMB 7,000-	10th RMB 5,000-	14th RMB 3,800-
3rd RMB 13,500-	7th RMB 6,500-	11th RMB 4,700-	15th RMB 3,500-
4th RMB 10,000-	8th RMB 6,000-	12th RMB 4,400-	

Guangzhou Nansha International Qualifying Professionals:

1st	US\$2,500–	6th	US\$700–
2nd	US\$1,750–	7th	US\$600–
3rd	US\$1,300–	8th	US\$500–
4th	US\$1,000–	9th	US\$450–
5th	US\$800–	10th	US\$400–

The leading amateur at each qualifying event will receive a Prize of “The Best Amateur” .

**12. CADDIES**

The rules of each qualifying are that caddies are mandatory. They are available for hire from each qualifying but players may also bring their own caddie. No buggies are permitted but caddies may use pull trolleys if they are available for the qualifying.

**13. SPECTATORS**

Walking alongside with the players is allowed. Spectator should be walking in buggies path only. Tournament committees, referees shall have the rights to send spectator out of the golf course if the following behaviors are considered to disturb the tournament, including without limited, walking on the Tee, fairway and greens, etc.

**14. SUSPENSION OF PLAY**

If it is not possible to achieve 18 holes during the 1st day at any of the Qualifying Tournaments, play may continue the following day. If play is not possible on the following day then that particular Qualifying Tournament will be rescheduled.

**15. REMARKS**

Should a player who qualifies for the Volvo China Open notify the Tournament Committee that he or she is unable to participate then the place will be offered to the next in line (first alternate) of the leading scores from that qualifying. Should there have been a tie among those scores designated as first alternate, then the leading score to qualify will be decided on a count back the last 18 holes of the final round. If there is still a tie then the count back will be decided over the last 9 holes and then last 6 holes, if deemed necessary, last 3 holes then last hole. Should the first alternate not be able to participate further then the spot will be offered to the second alternate on the same basis or until an alternate is found who can participate in the Volvo China Open.

THE DECISION OF THE VOLVO CHINA OPEN COMMITTEE IN ALL MATTERS WILL BE FINAL.

**II. ENTRIES**

**1. SUBMISSION OF ENTRY FORMS**

- 1) Professionals and teaching pros with PGA membership card should submit entry application with a proof of recognition by his/her affiliated PGA along with a proof of 2017 OOM (Official Order of Merit) or ranking through the entry link ([International Qualifying](#) | [Domestic Qualifying](#)).

- 2) Amateurs and teaching pros without PGA membership card should submit entry application through the entry link ([International Qualifying](#) | [Domestic Qualifying](#)), along with a proof of USGA Handicap Index and/or a handicap index verification from recognized golf association or golf club.
- 3) All entries start with immediate effect. Applicants should submit entry application through the entry link of official website [www.volvochinaopen.com](http://www.volvochinaopen.com) no later than 9 days before the start of tournaments. After the tournament office has received an entry, the applicant's name will be [posted on the official website](#) to confirm receipt of entry. The tournament office will post the qualified applicants information on the Volvo China Open official website 3 days after entries close.

**ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD CHECK IF THEIR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL.**

## 2. ENTRY FEE

- 1) Entry Fee (Guangzhou Nansha International Qualifying): US\$160 / RMB 1000  
Entry Fee (Domestic Qualifying): RMB 1000
- 2) Applicants shall pay the entry fee when register at the venue (by cash or WeChat Pay ) .
- 3) This payment covers entry for Qualifying tournaments and the Volvo China Open for those successful qualifiers.
- 4) The player' s entry is confirmed as final only after the entry fee has been received.

## 3. REMARKS

- 1) All entries are subject to the approval of the Tournament Committee which reserves the right to accept or refuse, or having accepted, subsequently reject any entry without giving reason for its decision.
- 2) The Tournament Committee may disqualify any player giving false information on his or her entry form or on accompanying credentials, and will report to CGA.
- 3) For mainland Chinese players only who are mainland Chinese passport holders - A player can enter for more than one event (not including Guangzhou Nansha International Qualifying). If a player has qualified in the qualifying event, then he/she cannot play the existing qualifying events.
- 4) If entries are oversubscribed for a venue (and no spots are available in other venues), then those amateurs and teaching pros who haven't PGA membership card with the highest handicap index will be withdrawn from the Qualifying Tournament and so on until all players are determined. Where players have the same handicap index, withdrawal shall be based on date of entry. Regarding decisions on withdrawal, the committee classify women on USGA handicap index 1.0 the same as men on USGA handicap index 3.0.
- 5) Should entries remain oversubscribed after the withdrawal of all amateur and teaching pro who haven't PGA membership card entries, then teaching professionals with PGA membership card will be withdrawn based on date of entry (for the avoidance of doubt CLPGA professionals are classified as professionals not teaching professionals without PGA membership card).
- 6) Should entries still remain oversubscribed then:
  - a) For Domestic Qualifying Tournaments - the entry which has the lowest ranking in the CGA Rankings in force at the date of close of entries will be withdrawn first, then second lowest, third lowest and so on until all players are determined. For the 5 invite spots, if there are vacant spots, then these spots can go back to the highest ranked player on the waiting list. If

those players are equal ranking (for example amateurs with the same handicap) then the spot should go to the one who entered first.

- b) For the Guangzhou International Qualifying Tournament – the entry is based on the following sequence categories until 120 players are determined.

- Category 1 European Tour Order–Of–Merit 2017
- Category 2 Other Tours/PGA’ s – Players who do not fall under the European will be based on level of earnings in US\$ equivalent on their respective Tours/PGA’ s in 2017

A letter from the Tour/PGA must be submitted before close of entry. Of these Tours, consideration will be given first to Asian Tour, then Japan PGA, then Korean Tour, then Chinese Taipei PGA, then HK PGA. Thereafter entries will be based on date of entry.

- 7) No refund will be made to any successful applicants.

#### 4. TOURNAMENT OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS

Promoter – Volvo Car Event Management.

Enquiry Hotline: ( 86 ) 138 2037 2653

Email: [vcoq@teamfirst.com.cn](mailto:vcoq@teamfirst.com.cn)

Entry Link: International Qualifying: [www.teamfirst.com.hk/2018VCOQ\\_International](http://www.teamfirst.com.hk/2018VCOQ_International)

Domestic Qualifying: [www.teamfirst.com.hk/2018VCOQ\\_Domestic](http://www.teamfirst.com.hk/2018VCOQ_Domestic)

#### 5. ENTRIES CLOSING DATE

All Qualifying Entries will close 9 days prior to the tournament.

#### III. REGISTRATION

For each tournament players are required to register in person by 3 pm. on the day prior to the tournament (that is the practice day).

#### IV. AMENDMENTS/CANCELLATION

The Volvo China Open committee reserves the right to amend or cancel any or all of the above, even after its publication.