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## Major champions Jim Furyk, Justin Leonard and David Toms join PGA TOUR Champions rookie Tim O'Neal at The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren

**GRAND BLANC, Mich.** – Tournament officials of The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren announced today the addition of major championship winners Jim Furyk, Justin Leonard and David Toms to the tournament's stellar field scheduled for the week of August 21-27 at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc, Mich.

The field will be further strengthened by PGA TOUR Champions rookie and career golf professional Tim O'Neal.

Tickets for the 2023 Ally Challenge presented by McLaren are on sale. The tournament is open to spectators from Thursday (August 24) to Sunday (August 27) and ticket prices start at \$10. For a complete listing of ticket options please visit the tournament website at [theallychallenge.com](http://theallychallenge.com).

**Furyk**, 53, burst onto the senior scene after becoming the 19<sup>th</sup> player in PGA TOUR Champions history to win his debut with his victory at the 2020 Ally Challenge. He continued the record-setting streak by joining Bruce Fleisher as the only players to win their first two PGA TOUR Champions starts after Furyk won the PURE Insurance Championship that September. The Pennsylvania native claimed his third PGA TOUR Champions title, and first senior major, at the 2021 U.S. Senior Open Championship. In his 56 PGA TOUR Champions starts, the Ally Ambassador has three runner-up finishes, two second-place efforts and 23 top-10 finishes to go with his three wins. The 2020 PGA TOUR Champions Rookie of the Year is the owner of 17 titles on the PGA TOUR, including the 2003 U.S. Open Championship, and is the 2010 FedExCup Champion. Furyk was also the 2016 recipient of the Payne Stewart award, presented annually to a player sharing Stewart's respect for the traditions of the game, his commitment to uphold the game's heritage of charitable support and his professional and meticulous presentation of himself and the sport through his conduct.

**Leonard's** 2023 season so far includes eight top-25 finishes, with four in the top 10, over 11 starts. The 51-year-old had his best PGA TOUR Champions result last month at the American Family Insurance Championship finishing T4 after carding an opening round 62. Leonard is currently ranked No. 22 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. The Dallas native was inducted into the Texas Golf Hall of Fame in 2012 at San Antonio Country Club. This will be Leonard's first appearance at The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren. On the PGA TOUR, Leonard has collected 12 victories, most notably the 1997 Open Championship, in addition to being a member of five U.S. Presidents Cup teams and three U.S. Ryder Cup teams.

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**Toms**, 56, will be making his sixth start at The Ally Challenge and is in the midst of his best season on PGA TOUR Champions to date. Toms is currently ranked No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings and has collected five top-10 finishes, including two victories at The Galleri Classic and Cologuard Classic, both in March, making him the first two-time winner in 2023. Toms' resume includes four PGA TOUR Champions titles, with his other two victories coming at the 2018 U.S. Senior Open Championship and the 2021 Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson. The Louisiana native's best The Ally Challenge finish was T3 in 2019 and his tournament scoring average is 68.87. Since turning pro in 1989, Toms has recorded 13 victories on the PGA TOUR, including the 2001 PGA Championship, in addition to being a member of three U.S. Ryder Cup teams and three U.S. Presidents Cup teams.

**O'Neal**, 50, will be making his The Ally Challenge debut this year in his rookie season on PGA TOUR Champions. O'Neal's professional golf journey has included multiple tours over recent decades, racking up nine PGA TOUR starts, 75-plus Korn Ferry Tour starts and scores of titles, including three victories on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica. Nine of his championships came on the Advocates Professional Golf Association (APGA) Tour, the newly-prominent circuit that has become a force in driving greater diversity in the sport by providing opportunities to African Americans from HBCUs and other underrepresented golfers to compete and win at the highest level of professional golf, career development and mentoring sessions. The Georgia native earned his PGA TOUR Champions membership with a T-3 finish at the final stage of the 2023 PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament last December. Since then, O'Neal has earned four top-25 finishes, including his first top-10 outing at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic in May after carding rounds of 69-68-71. O'Neal is currently ranked No. 46 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

The Ally Challenge will be one of the premier Regular Season events on the PGA TOUR Champions in 2023, which will give way to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs—a season-ending, three-tournament series used to determine the TOUR's season-long champion.

All three rounds of The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren will be broadcast on Golf Channel.

For more information about The Ally Challenge, please visit [www.theallychallenge.com](http://www.theallychallenge.com). For the latest Ally Challenge news and updates on social media follow the tournament on Twitter and Instagram at @AllyChallenge and on Facebook at Facebook.com/AllyChallenge.

#### **About The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren**

The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren is an official event on the PGA TOUR Champions owned and operated by Tournaments for Charity, a Michigan non-profit corporation. This 54-hole stroke play golf tournament features 78 PGA TOUR Champions professionals competing for a \$2 million purse at the historic Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc, MI. The event is designed to showcase the best golf on the PGA TOUR Champions for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit local charities in the greater Flint area. All three official rounds will be internationally televised on the Golf Channel.

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