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World Golf Hall of Fame members Pádraig Harrington and Ernie Els, together with PGA TOUR Champions rookie Henrik Stenson announced as latest commitments at The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren

PAST CHAMPIONS VIJAY SINGH, STEVE STRICKER,
JERRY KELLY, AND JOE DURANT JOIN FIELD

***Good Sports Field Day joins tournament week
in collaboration with Ally Financial***

GRAND BLANC, Mich. – Tournament officials announced today that The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren has accepted the commitments of World Golf Hall of Fame members Pádraig Harrington and Ernie Els and PGA TOUR Champions rookie Henrik Stenson to compete in the ninth edition of the event taking place next week, August 24–30, at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Joining Els and Stenson in this year's field are several past champions of The Ally Challenge, including fellow Hall of Famer Vijay Singh (2023), Steve Stricker (2022), Joe Durant (2021), and Jerry Kelly (2019). Together with previously announced two-time defending winner Stewart Cink, the field now boasts five past champions.

The 2026 final field for The Ally Challenge will be released following the Monday qualifier on August 24.

Tickets for The Ally Challenge can be purchased by visiting the tournament website (theallychallenge.com). The Ally Challenge is open to spectators from Thursday (August 27) to Sunday (August 30) and ticket prices start at \$15. Youth 17 and under receive free grounds access with a ticketed adult. For a complete listing of ticket options please [CLICK HERE](#).

Harrington, 54, made his PGA TOUR Champions debut in 2021 at the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS and won his first senior title eight starts later at the 2022 U.S. Senior Open Championship. The native of Dublin, Ireland now boasts 12 career PGA TOUR Champions wins. His latest victory boosted his senior major win total to four after successfully defending his U.S. Senior Open title last month to capture a record-tying third (Miller Barber) Francis D. Ouimet Memorial Trophy. Harrington won the 2025 ISPS HANDA Senior Open title at the Old Course at Sunningdale in Berkshire, England. His 2025 campaign also marked Harrington's fourth straight PGA TOUR Champions multi-win season and fourth consecutive finish inside the top 10 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. He is currently ranked No. 3 in the Schwab Cup standings on the strength of six top-10 finishes and will make his fourth appearance at The Ally

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Challenge presented by McLaren next week. He finished T4 in 2022 for his best outing at Warwick Hills and his scoring average is 70.89. On the PGA TOUR, Harrington has captured six wins, most notably The Open Championship in 2007 and 2008 and the PGA Championship in 2008. He has been a member of seven European Ryder Cup teams, six as a player (1999, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010) and once as Captain in 2021.

Els, 56, made his PGA TOUR Champions debut in January of 2020 with a T2 finish at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. He grabbed his first senior victory two starts later at the Hoag Classic. A win at the 2020 SAS Championship gave Els two titles in his first 10 starts. The South African enjoyed a career PGA TOUR Champions season in 2024 that included three wins, his first senior major (Kaulig Companies Championship) counted among them, and a second-place finish in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. He added another victory last season to bring his win total to seven and completed 2025 ranked No. 4 on the money list for his fifth consecutive top-10 finish in the race for the Charles Schwab Cup. Els has not finished outside the top 27 over 15 starts this season, including seven inside the top 10 with two runner-up efforts, and sits at No. 6 in the current Charles Schwab Cup standings. Els is the owner of 42 international victories and 19 PGA TOUR titles, including four major championships—two U.S. Open wins in 1994 and 1997, along with two The Open Championship titles in 2002 and 2012. In 2015 the “Big Easy” was named the recipient of the Payne Stewart Award by the PGA TOUR in recognition of character, sportsmanship, and dedication to charitable giving. Els is making his sixth appearance at The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren. He has recorded three top-10 finishes, with his best result coming in 2025 when he lost in a playoff to Stewart Cink. His tournament scoring average is 68.93 and his earnings total \$339,085.

Stenson is set to make his official debut as a member of PGA TOUR Champions at The Ally Challenge after being reinstated on August 25. The Swede turned 50 in April and has competed in three senior majors this season, the Senior PGA Championship (T47), U.S. Senior Open Championship (T11), and ISPS HANDA Senior Open (T14). Stenson’s resume includes 22 worldwide victories, six coming on the PGA TOUR highlighted by The Open Championship in 2016 at Royal Troon, The Players Championship in 2009, and the 2013 Tour Championship at East Lake to claim the FedExCup title. He also posted 11 European Tour (now DP World Tour) victories, including consecutive DP World Tour Championships in Dubai and has represented Europe in five Ryder Cups.

In additional news, The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren announced today the details surrounding **Good Sports Field Day**. In collaboration with Ally Financial, the tournament will host this new private event on Monday, August 24 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Fan Zone located on Hole No. 17. Good Sports mission is to ensure every kid can play sports by donating new sports equipment to high-need schools and youth programs nationwide. Field Day participants will enjoy multiple sports activity stations, including mini golf, flag football, soccer, and volleyball. Thanks to Ally, Good Sports Field Day will donate new sports equipment valued at \$45,000 to three local youth organizations.

The Ally Challenge is a Regular Season PGA TOUR Champions event in 2026, which will give way to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs—a season-ending, three-tournament series that concludes with the Charles Schwab Cup Championship in Phoenix, Arizona, used to determine the TOUR’s season-long champion. The 2026 PGA TOUR Champions schedule features 28 events, with players competing for more than \$70 million in total prize money, the highest in PGA TOUR Champions’ 46-season history.

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

Since its inception in 2018, The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren has donated nearly \$9.7 million to support charity.

For more information about The Ally Challenge, please visit 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](https://www.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 \$2.2 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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About Good Sports

Good Sports drives equitable access in youth sports and physical activity, by supporting children in high-need communities to achieve their greatest potential, on the field and in life. Since 2003, the national nonprofit has delivered over \$137 million in brand-new sports equipment to kids who might otherwise be on the sidelines, reaching more than 11 million kids across more than 7,000 youth programs nationwide. Good Sports has earned a coveted 4-star rating 13 consecutive times from Charity Navigator, the nation's largest charity evaluator, for sound fiscal management, transparency, and accountability. Good Sports also holds the top-level Platinum seal from GuideStar and is a Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance accredited charity. To learn more or to get involved, visit www.goodsports.org and follow Good Sports on Facebook ([@GSportsInc](https://www.facebook.com/GSportsInc)), X ([@goodsportsinc](https://twitter.com/goodsportsinc)), Instagram ([@goodsportsinc](https://www.instagram.com/goodsportsinc)), and LinkedIn ([@Good Sports, Inc](https://www.linkedin.com/company/good-sports-inc)).

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