

A New Chapter: Our Unwavering Commitment to Northeast Ohio

AKRON, OHIO — For more than 73 years, Northern Ohio Golf Charities Foundation (NOGCF) has been synonymous with the rich tradition of professional golf at the iconic Firestone Country Club. Today, as we look toward 2027 and beyond, we are announcing a transition in our operational focus. While the PGA TOUR Champions event will be moving away from Firestone Country Club in 2027, the mission of NOGCF remains more vital and energized than ever.

A Legacy of Impact

Since our inception, NOGCF has served as the heartbeat of tournament operations, powered by a dedicated volunteer force that has transformed professional golf into over \$34 million in local charitable impact. Our work has always been about more than the leaderboard; it is about the organizations throughout Northeast Ohio that benefit from the proceeds of these events.

Our Partnership with Firestone Country Club

We wish to express our deepest gratitude and respect for Firestone Country Club. Our relationship with the club and its leadership is built on decades of mutual success and a shared love for the game of golf. Firestone remains a cornerstone of the global golf community, and we are proud to call it our home. While the tournament schedule is evolving, our bond with the club remains steadfast as we explore new ways to celebrate golf's heritage in Akron.

Looking Ahead to 2027

The absence of a PGA TOUR Champions event in 2027 marks a change in scenery, but not a change in purpose. NOGCF will continue its existence as a robust philanthropic engine by:

- Continuing the Ambassador of Golf Tradition: Honoring those who have made significant contributions to the sport.
- Empowering Our Volunteer Force: Transitioning our incredible network of volunteers to support other impactful community initiatives and charity outings.
- Sustaining Grant Programs: Ensuring that our support for local non-profits remains a priority through diversified fundraising efforts.

"Northern Ohio Golf Charities & Foundation was built on the spirit of service," said Danielle Robertson Thompson, NOGCF Executive Director. "While the PGA TOUR Champions golfers may not tee off at Firestone in 2027, our volunteers and donors will still be working to uplift our neighbors. We are excited to innovate and find new avenues to keep the spirit of Akron golf alive. We invite our partners, volunteers, and the Northeast Ohio community to join us in this next chapter. Together, we will ensure that the legacy of golf in our region continues to be measured by the lives we change."

A town hall has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, at 6:00 pm at the Media Center (440 East Warner Road, Akron, OH 44319) for anyone interested in additional information.

About Northern Ohio Golf Charities Foundation

Northern Ohio Golf Charities Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to uplifting the community by cultivating a strong, reliable volunteer force that serves as an engine to empower northeast Ohio non-profit organizations serving the needs of the community.

For more information on our mission and how to get involved, please visit www.nogcf.org.