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# National Capital Open Partners with PJGT

### - PGA TOUR CANADA event to grant exemption spot to PJGT member -

Prescott, Ont. (March 7th, 2016) - The PLAY Junior Golf Tour (PJGT) is proud to announce that a PJGT Jr. male member will receive a sponsor exemption for the National Capital Open to Support Our Troops tournament at Hylands Golf Club in Ottawa from August 15- 21st, 2016. The National Capital Open to Support Our Troops is one of twelve tournament stops on the 2016 Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada schedule. The 2016 edition will be the 2<sup>rd</sup> tournament organized by the Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services at an exclusive military base course.

“It is all about giving junior golfers opportunities to develop, and through this partnership, some of the tour’s competitive players are able to experience what it takes to play and compete at the highest level”, said PJGT Founder/Director Chris Veltkamp. “There are many young players in this area looking to follow in the footsteps of Brad Fritsch or Brooke Henderson; this opportunity will give them the motivation and knowledge on what it takes. This is just another example of the PGA giving back to communities and supporting the growth of the game.”

The National Capital Open to Support Our Troops will also support the community by raising funds throughout the tournament to help eradicate homeless veterans. The 2016 tournament has two key objectives - to raise \$100,000 for charity and to grow the game of golf in Ottawa. “The intent of this exemption for the National Capital Open to Support Our Troops is to help grow junior golf in the National Capital Region. We are eager to issue the exemption during the PLAY Jr season to the most deserving junior player and are excited to see this player develop their skills during our tournament” said Commodore Watson, Director General Morale and Welfare Services.

#### **About the National Capital Open To Support Our Troops**

The National Capital Open to Support Our Troops is a partnership between Canadian Forces Morale and Welfare Services and Mackenzie Tour - PGA TOUR Canada; a week-long celebration of professional golf, entertainment and informative activities, raising funds and highlighting the challenges faced by Canadian Armed Forces serving members, veterans and their families.

#### **About the PLAY Junior Golf Tour**

The PLAY Junior Golf Tour (PJGT) is a grass roots development tour and golf program available to junior boys and girls ages four to eighteen. Tour members enjoy a variety of events, including stroke play tournaments, charity events, development camps, and coaching programs. The PLAY Junior Golf Tour is based in Eastern Ontario, and is an excellent opportunity for all young golfers to discover, develop, and compete in golf!

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